

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer:** Oliver Collins, Senior Policy & Partnerships Officer

<b>Subject/ Title:</b>
Home Office Safer Streets Fund – Round 4 2022/23 and 2023/24

<b>Type of decision:</b>			
<b>Deputy Mayor’s decision</b>	X	<b>Chief Officer’s decision</b>	

**In all cases this will need to be approved by the Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.**

<p><b>The decision is that:</b></p> <p>The Deputy Mayor will use the £453,080 awarded to Greater Manchester through the Home Office’s Safer Streets Fund (Round 4) to fund a number of interventions and programmes to reduce acquisitive crime, ASB and improve perceptions of safety on the Fallowfield Loop and Yellow Brick Road cycle ways that run through South and East Manchester.</p> <p>This funding will be devolved to Manchester City Council, GMP and TfGM and Station South. Grant Agreements will be developed</p>
<p><b>The reasons for the decision are:</b></p> <p>The ‘Safer Streets’ fund is a Home Office fund that allows Police and Crime Commissioners and Local Authorities to apply for funding for crime prevention plans.</p> <p>Greater Manchester’s successful partnership bid, submitted by GMCA, GMP, Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), Manchester City Council and Sustrans will be used to deploy and test several interventions on the urban cycleway to reduce incidents of ASB, neighbourhood crime and raise perceptions of safety of users of the Fallowfield Loop and Yellow Brick Road.</p> <p>The Fallowfield Loop (FLoop) is an off-road cycle and pedestrian path built on a former railway line that runs from Chorlton-cum-Hardy through Fallowfield and Levenshulme to Gorton and Fairfield in Manchester. It is</p>

part of the National Cycle Network (maintained by Sustrans). At 8 miles long, the FLoop is thought to be the longest urban cycleway in Britain.

In February 2022 GMP undertook a Crime Impact Statement (CIS) for the FLoop, identifying the extent of crime and type of crime being committed along the length of the FLoop.

		Crime Type - Feb 1st 2021 to 31st Jan 2022								
		Domestic Burglary	Criminal Damage	Less Serious Wounding	Theft	Robbery	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Bicycle Theft	
L o c a t i o n	Gorton Cemetary	27	61	288	38	15	29	16	7	
	North Reddish	31	33	165	19		12	7		
	Levenshulme	37	36	179	24	9	32	13	7	
	Levenshulme Train Station	49	67	285	51	18	52	9	9	
	Fallowfield	142	92	385	125	23	58	20	44	
	Wilbraham Road	74	44	131	59	8	53	8	7	
	Princess Road	22	34	138	29	8	24			
	St. Weburgh's Road	18	29	115	12		22			
	Chorlton	20	43	267	87	10	41	7	28	
		420	439	1953	444	91	323	80	102	

In 2020 and 2021, Manchester City Council held two large scale consultations on the FLoop, supported by the Friends of Fallowfield Loop community group. This consultation was aimed at creating a safe, convenient, efficient, and accessible cycling and walking network that will help encourage greater and more widespread sustainable travel use by making the route safer and reduce anti-social behaviour.

The 2020 consultation received over 5200 individual responses, with respondents naming the top priority to address personal safety and anti-social behaviour on the FLoop and to revitalise the existing landscape to create a more open and less intimidating environment for users that helps to eliminate the public perception of the route being unsafe to travel along because of issues relating to crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Safer Streets Fund, in conjunction with match funding and match resourcing from Manchester City Council, TfGM and Sustrans will help towards the delivery of interventions to address the priorities identified in the consultation.

**This decision will contribute to priorities of the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways:**

The Home Office Safer Street Fund contributes to the aims and ambitions of the recently published Gender Based Violence Strategy, the Active Travel Mission and more widely the delivery of Safe and Stronger communities priority of the GM Strategy.

**Financial comments:**

The total budget for the Home Office's Safer Streets Fund Round 4 is £453,080.

The bid's deliverables and budget plan is set out below

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Total cost</b>
Community Partnership Group	£52,800
Safe Place development	£14,000
Community/School support including cycle training plus design of peer-peer comms campaign	£18,000
User / Cycle Counters	£45,000
Site clearance & landscaping	£28,845
Installation of new fences, barriers and guard rails	£90,000
Access and Signage	Access – £118,000 Signage – £86,435
<b>Total cost:</b>	<b>£453,080</b>

**Procurement comments:**

The opportunity to have sight of the Home Office Safer Streets Fund – Round 4 is appreciated. It is anticipated that individual Decision Notices relating to the separate elements will also be forwarded to commercial Services for comment, as they arise.

**Risk Assessment:**

There are no risks associated with this funding.

Home Office funding is claimed in arrears, so reducing the potential for any claimed underspend to be collected in the GMCA's account.

The GMCA is working closely with Manchester City Council, GMP, TfGM, Sustrans and Station South to deliver this programme of work. All partners are reputable organisations and the appropriate grant agreements for the use of the funding will be in place prior to delivery.

**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**

There are no issues regarding the safeguarding of children with the within the Safer Streets Fund programme and projects.

Should any safeguarding concerns be raised, these will be immediately routed through to the appropriate formal channels.

**Is safeguarding of vulnerable adults relevant and has this been considered:**

There are no issues regarding the safeguarding of vulnerable adults with the within the Safer Streets Fund programme and projects.

Should any safeguarding concerns be raised, these will be immediately routed through to the appropriate formal channels.

**Agreed by Director – Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire**



Signed... ..

Date...20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023.....

**Agreed by GMCA Treasurer**



Signed

Date: 20/01/2023

**Agreed by Deputy Mayor**

**Only required for a Deputy Mayor Decision on amounts of £50,000+**



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Date: ...20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.....

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