

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer:

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Subject/ Title:
Commonplace – Safer Spaces Greater Manchester

Type of decision:			
Deputy Mayor’s decision		Chief Officer’s decision	x

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

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor will directly fund the purchase of a GM Safer Spaces Licence for the Commonplace Safer Spaces Hub, including the Community heatmap, for a 12 month period at a cost of £7,500</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>The Commonplace Safer Spaces Hub helps the GMCA, and Local Authority Partners, to know what people think about crime and perceptions of safety in a specific location.</p> <p>It also allows for a virtual conversation to take place between residents and the local Community Safety Partnership in regards to what residents would you like public services to focus on and what more we could do to keep communities and neighbourhoods safe.</p> <p>Use of this Hub builds on the quarterly GM Police and Crime survey, allowing us to understand better where there are areas of concern in respect of public safety. It also will support the work of the GMCA and partners outlined in the Gender Based Violence strategy, as we build our understand of where acts of anti-social behaviour, intimidation, misogyny and harassment take place and the severity of these incidents.</p>
<p>This decision will contribute to priorities of the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways:</p>

The purchasing of the Common Place Safer Spaces Hub contributes to the aims and ambitions of the recently published Gender Based Violence Strategy, and more widely the achievement of one of the key priorities within the GM Strategy.

8. Safer and Stronger communities

By understanding where people do or do not feel safe in public spaces, we can better understand possible demand on public services, such as the Police. Furthermore, the data captured can help in the design and implementation of interventions that can help improve perception of safety in a particular area.

Financial comments:

The total budget for the 12 month licence is £7,500 and will be funded through the Home Office's Safer Streets Fund Round 4 budget (Community Partnership Group budget line). The GMCA was awarded £453,080 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.

A contract will be signed between the GMCA (Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire Team) and Commonplace for the duration of the licence.

Procurement comments:

Low value, single quote only required. If any additional extension to the contract period is proposed, please revert to Commercial Services for further support.

Risk Assessment:

There is very little risk associated with this decision. Commonplace are an established provider working with a number of other Local Government organisations across the country.

The data captured through the Safer Spaces hub will be controlled as per the GMCA's Information Governance Policies.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The Commonplace Safer Spaces Hub, whilst providing a tool for individuals to express where they may or may not feel safe in public places, is not a tool for reporting safeguarding concerns. Where safeguarding concerns may exist, it will be encouraged that these are reported through existing, established channels.

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

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



Signed..... ..

Date.....20th Jan 2023.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed.....

Date.....

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