

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Alison Connelly Bethan Dearden**

<b>Subject/ Title:</b>
<b>The Greater Manchester Restorative Justice Service continuation of the contract between the GMCA and Remedi / ROC</b>

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

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

<b>The decision is that:</b>	
<p>The Greater Manchester Restorative Justice Service will continue through exemption approval in line with the Victims Services Commission. The total cost of this extension will be - £164,706</p>	
<b>The reasons for the decision are:</b>	
<p>The Greater Manchester Restorative Justice Service is part commissioned through the Victims Service Grant.</p> <p>It had previously been agreed in the year 3 extension that the recommission needed to be brought in line with the recommission of the victims services.</p> <p>Out of the control of GMCA or the Deputy Mayor, the victim services commission has been delayed until June 23 therefore to ensure that we can recommission a GMRJ service that falls in line with the victim services commission we need to further extend the contract with Remedi, to ensure there is no break in the service.</p> <p>The funding will continue at the same payments as already allocated.</p>	
4 <sup>th</sup> October22- 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 22	£20,588.25 Payment due in November 22
4 <sup>th</sup> November 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 22	£ 20,588.25 Payment due in December 22
4th January 22 – 3rd February 23	£20,588.25 Payment due in February 23

4th February 22 – 3rd March 23	£20,588.25 Payment due in March 23
4th March 23– 4th April 23	£20,588.25 Payment Before 31st March 23
<b>Financial Year 23/24</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> April 23 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 23	£20,588.25 Payment due in May 23
4 <sup>th</sup> May 23 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 23	£20,588.25 Payment due in June 23
4 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 23	£20,588.25 Payment Due before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 23

The total cost of this extension will be - £164,706

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

The subsequent The Greater Manchester Strategy, ‘Stronger Together’, places Public Service Reform at the heart of its strategic ambition.

Growth and Reform Plan, devolution agreements, and the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan ‘Taking Charge’ restate the commitment to reshaping services and supporting as many people as possible to contribute to and benefit from the opportunities growth brings.

Remedi and ROC have aligned to the principles of Public Service Reform, providing evidence of working effectively with service users, key partners and community-based services using a ‘working with’ approach and using RJ to empower victims using a person-centred approach.

They provided a strong emphasis on empowering service users to shape and influence the process and examples of how the service has demonstrated this using co-location, joint up working, with assessment using the MoJ 8 categories of need to identify wider issues.

They evidenced an asset-based approach using an example showing how communities they have worked in were encouraged to celebrate social action projects.

**Procurement comments:**

The original contract was procured under the Light Touch Regime (LTR) and any subsequent commissions would be subject to LTR. Although the contract extension has been taken up there is a requirement to continue the service in order to align with the recommission of the GM Victims Service contract. The combined value of both exemptions is £375,588.25 (£205,882.50 £164,706) which is below the LTR threshold for the full application of the Public Contract Regulations (2015).

Commercial Services are fully engaged in the recommission of the GM Victims Service and GM Restorative Justice Service

**Financial comments:** The funding will come from the MOJ Victims Fund and the FIM, there are sufficient funds within the budget.

**Legal comments:**

**Risk Assessment:**

By choosing to fund the above project, the needs of some of Greater Manchester's most vulnerable victims will be met and ensure a greater consistency in the provision of Restorative Justice across all areas.

However, risks still exist, in particular in relation to:

- Ensuring that sufficient take up of the service can meet target number of beneficiaries.
- Ensuring quality in training.

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

Yes – Remedi and ROC have relevant safeguarding policies and procedures in place.

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

Yes – Remedi and ROC have relevant safeguarding policies and procedures in place.

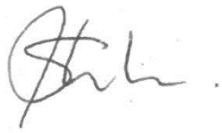
**Agreed by Director – Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire**



**Signed...** .....

**Date...1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2023.....**

**Agreed by GMCA Treasurer**



**Signed**

**Date 03/02/2023**

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



**Signed: ...** .....

**Date: ...7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.....**