

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Sushma Parmar, probation lead of the GMVRU

Subject: Children/young people and young adults who are at risk violent offending or vulnerable to serious offending

Type of decision:

Deputy Mayor’s decision	x	Chief Officer’s decision	
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In all case this will need to be approved by the Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice, and Fire.

The decision is that:

The GMCA are seeking commission a programme of support for girls and women (age 14- 21) who are identified as being at risk of serious gang related youth violence, sexual exploitation and abuse, and modern slavery. The contract value is £88k.

This service will be responsible for:

- An intervention that is trauma responsive that address the complex needs for girls,young and adult women who are at risk of serious gang related youth violence, sexual exploitation and abuse, and modern slavery.
- A programme that provides a suite of activities to support these vulnerabilities, through one-to-one mentoring and group activity, and if possible leading to nationally recognised accreditations.
- A programme that links in with local statutory services and local community providers. With a focus on relationships, sport and positive activities,

The reasons for the decision are:

The Criminal Justice delivery group workstream identified, through the multi-agency processes and structures in place, the key areas of focus and priority to deliver on the Serious Violence action plan, namely the 14-25 cohort, and specifically those who are experiencing transitions or significant impacts from experiences such adverse childhood experiences and/or societal experiences of being part of an ethnic minority community or subjected to gender based violence. The providers of this service will be selected based on their ability to deliver against these priorities.

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

This programme of work will impact the following GM Strategies

- All priorities in the [Standing Together plan](#)
- The [Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan](#).
- The [GM Integrated Health And Justice Strategy](#)

Financial comments:

The payment of 88k will be awarded to the provider selected following a full ITT commissioning process.

Legal comments:

The funding will be allocated according to existing procurement rules. There are no known legal risks.

The GM VRU have sought the support of the Manchester City Council Legal and GMCA Procurement Teams to support with the procurement process and when appropriate the drafting of the necessary Service Contracts and Grant Funding Agreements for the above services. The GM VRU will need to seek further advice from both teams should any changes be made to the contracts or GFA

Procurement comments:

Should any extension or other amendment to these arrangements be proposed in the future, we will revert to Commercial/Procurement for further advice.

Risk Assessment:

The commissioning and funding process will be undertaken according to existing procurement rules, with support from legal and Information Governance. There are no known wider risks been identified.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The safeguarding of Children and Young People is paramount for the services being delivered through this commissioning process. The work aims to provide the appropriate support to Children and Young People across the Youth Justice and Probation sector who are linked with serious violence and divert them from re-offending.

Following a successful procurement process GMCA will ensure that the successful organisation has all the correct safeguarding policies and procedures in place.

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

As noted above

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

Signed:



Date: 23rd Jan 2023

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed:



Date: 24/01/2023

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Signed:



Date: 25th Jan 2023

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