

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Melanie Garry, Communications Lead, GMVRU  
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<b>Subject: Magistrates Association, year 6 mock trials</b>

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

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

<b>The decision is that:</b>
We are seeking to award the Magistrates Association £1,500 in funding to support the running of their year 6 mock trial competition. In 2022, the event attracted 16 teams from 15 schools from 7 boroughs. Some teams took the part of the CPS and others the Defence, the charge was 'Cyber Bullying.' 150 young people took part in total with speaking and non-speaking roles – court reporter, court artist etc. GMP, BTP and GMFRS were also present to speak to the young people.
<b>The reasons for the decision are:</b>
The MA are looking to replicate the event this year with a new 'charge' and ensuring participation from a broad range of schools across GM, including those who may struggle to cover the costs of transport. The event has previously provided young people with experience of court room process, public speaking and confidence building. We are keen to give young people these experiences as well as opportunity to meet professionals and build aspirations. Which will contribute to the reduction of young people's involvement with risky behaviours associated with becoming involved with serious violence.
<b>This decision will contribute to priorities of the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways:</b>
This programme of work will impact the following GM Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All priorities in the <a href="#">Standing Together plan</a></li> <li>• The <a href="#">Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan.</a></li> <li>• The <a href="#">GM Integrated Health And Justice Strategy</a></li> </ul>

**Financial comments:**

The contract will be funded out of the GM VRU's 2022-23 Serious Violence Funding (Comms & Engagement budget line).

**Legal comments:**

The funding will be allocated according to existing procurement rules. There are no known legal risks or concerns due to low funding amount.

**Procurement comments:**

No procurement concerns due to low funding amount. The VRU will need to liaise with GMCA Procurement if they seek to award any significant further funding to Magistrates Association

**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.

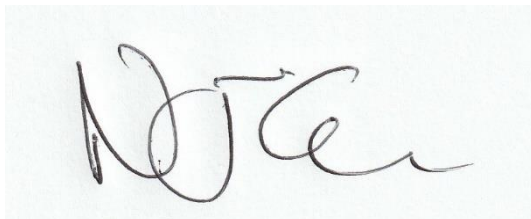
**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**

Safeguarding of children is paramount to our violence reduction work, both for potential victims and those who are perpetrators of serious violence. We will seek reassurance from organisations that their employees and volunteers are trained to the current KCSIE expectations and that they know the named person to go to if they have a safeguarding concern. There is high value if a young person knows who to go to, or speak with, if they have a safeguarding concern. For 24/7 concerns, they should know external contact details – e.g., Childline, NSPCC or the Local Authority Designated Officer, especially if their concern is about their boss. VRU staff will as make regular checks during the life of any project.

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

We will ensure that a safeguarding trained member of VRU staff advises the project staff on the protocols required as set out in government guidance about empowerment, prevention and protection.

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



**Signed:**

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed:

Date:

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Signed:

Date:

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