

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: James Carrick, GM VRU Project & Policy Officer**

<b>Subject: VRU Experts by Experience Community Led Evaluation</b>
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<b>Type of decision: Funding Agreement</b>
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<b>Deputy Mayor's decision</b>		<b>Chief Officer's decision</b>	<b>X</b>
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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 Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit are seeking to make a payment of £2600 to Big Life Group for:

- £1200 for provision of a Community Worker to support the VRU's Experts by Experience Community Led Evaluation programme
- £1400 for funding of x4 individuals with lived experience of serious violence to support the programme

**The reasons for the decision are:**

The Experts by Experience programme is designed to appoint people with lived experience of serious violence to be trained in the skill of Appreciative Inquiry, and to use Appreciative Inquiry to carry out a critical appraisal of the GM VRU's Community Led Pilots programme and more generally appraise the GM VRU's Community Led approach. Big Life Group's provision of a community worker will provide a vital link between those appointed to lead the evaluation and members of the community the VRU serves.

**Big Life Group**

A payment to be made of £2400 to Big Life Group to provide a Community Worker & x4 individuals with lived experience of serious violence who will support the VRU's Experts by Experience programme, a qualitative evaluation of the VRU led by individuals with lived experience of serious violence. The Community Worker will provide ongoing advice and support to the Experts by Experience appointees who will be conducting the community led evaluation. They will also support workshops between January and May 2023, culminating in a final joint event in May 2023 to include senior Decision Makers from the GMCA, including the Mayor of Greater Manchester.

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

The Experts by Experience Programme will impact all priorities in the [Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan](#).

**Procurement Comments:**

No procurement issues raised due to low value. Due to this value, only a single quotation was required to satisfy GMCA Procurement rules per the constitution.

The GM VRU will need to seek further procurement advice should they wish to procure Big Life Group for any further activity

**Financial comments:**

One off Payments will be made to Big Life Group upon receipt of an invoice and will be funded out of the 2022/23 Serious Violence funding.

**Legal comments:**

No legal concerns were raised due to the above payments being a low funding amount

**Risk Assessment:**

No risks identified - Both organisations are known suppliers to the GMCA and are known for providing reliable and quality services.

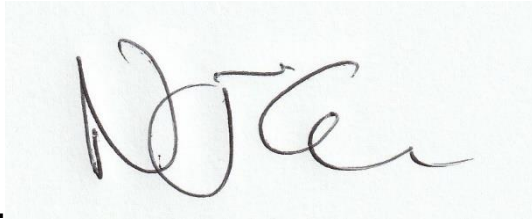
**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**

Safeguarding of children and young adults is paramount to the violence reduction work, both as potential victims and perpetrators of serious violence. The workshops supported by Big Life Group will welcome new external appointees ranging from diverse communities across GM, with the intentions of discussing how the VRU's Community Led programmes of work can to tackle serious violence can be improved.

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

Noted above

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



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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: .....