

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Martin Nugent

Subject/ Title:
Funding to support the provision of the Greater Manchester Women’s Support Service

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

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

<p>The decision is that: As part of mobilisation GMCA have agreed to reimburse the Greater Manchester Women’s Support Alliance (GMWSA) the cost of the IASME, BPSS Vetting and Cyber essentials to the amount of £20,792</p>									
<p>The reasons for the decision are: GMWSA is a registered charity whose vision is to see an approach to women facing multiple unmet needs which emphasises early intervention and prevention, diverting women away from statutory intervention. The GMWSA was awarded the contract to deliver the Women’s Support Service as part of the GMIRS commissioning process. As part of the mobilisation and to support the service meeting prescribed vetting and cyber security standards required by HMPPS, it was agreed that the cost of Cyber essential, IASME and BPSS would be borne through GMCA. In a Decision Notice dated 27th May 2022 (see attached) the Deputy Mayor agreed to the spending plan of £1,071,267.97 from the grant received from HMPPS of £1,400,000. The remaining funds will be allocated via a separate decision notice. This Decision Notice is to account for an additional £20,792 of the unallocated funds to cover the following vetting and IT security costs:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BPSS</td> <td>Staff vetting</td> <td>£3,672</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IASME essential</td> <td>Minimum cyber essentials required for all providers</td> <td>£11,760</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Description	Cost	BPSS	Staff vetting	£3,672	IASME essential	Minimum cyber essentials required for all providers	£11,760
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IASME enhanced	Enhanced standard for main data holders	£5,360
Total		£20,792

The award of this funding will enable the GMWSA to meet the required HMPPS standards regarding cyber security and vetting while not having to divert any additional resources away from front line key worker support.

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

The vision for the Strategy is to make Greater Manchester one of the best places in the world ‘to grow up, get on and grow old’. A key element of delivering this vision is that every community and person in Greater Manchester feels safe and secure in their daily lives.

Services will provide a strong emphasis on empowering service users by investing in capital and provision to reduce the likelihood of re-offending. The services will demonstrate this through complying with HMPPS vetting and information security standards and maintaining as much resource as possible on front-line service delivery and support, joined-up working and assessment of need to identify and meet wider issues.

Links to Police and Crime Plan:

Priority 1 – Contributing to reducing victims of violence, increasing feelings of safety and increasing confidence in community safety.

Priority 2 – Preventing violence, and the precursors to violence such as ASB. Intervening early to reduce the harm caused by violence.

Priority 3 – Supporting community resilience by investing in local services and people

Procurement comments:

Procurement have been engaged in the process and has advised that grant agreements can issued to each individual organisation.

Financial comments:

The funding is provided from a one-off grant payment totalling £1,400,000. The HMPPS Memorandum of Understanding and addendum are in place for this funding.

Legal comments:

Legal advice has been sought and any services or products procured through this programme will adhere to GMCA commissioning policy and EU rules on procurement.

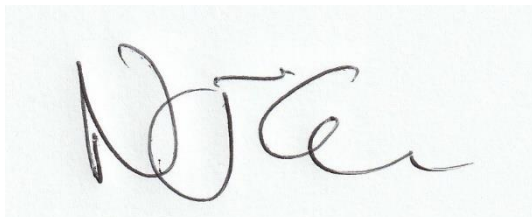
Risk Assessment:

An asset register and risk log will be developed, with oversight from GMCA & HMPPS via the Contract Management Meetings to ensure the capital spend is undertaken within the terms and conditions of the Addendum and within the limitations of GMCA procurement protocols.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:
The GMIRS commissioned services, including the Women’s support Alliance, will not work directly with children, however the relevant safeguarding checks were completed during the tendering process for those services.

Is safeguarding of vulnerable adults relevant and has this been considered:
The Commissioned GMIRS providers including the Women’s Support Alliance have vast experience of working with people who have been a part of the criminal justice system, they fully understand the complexity and vulnerability of some of the adults that they work with, relevant safeguarding checks were completed during the tendering process and will continue to be monitored through the lifetime of the contract.

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



Signed...
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Date...24th 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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