

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Janette Cross, Business Support Officer**

<b>Subject:</b>
<b>SOCEX Annual Conference – 9-11<sup>th</sup> October 2023</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.**

<p><b>The decision is that:</b></p> <p>The GMCA are seeking to pay Think Different Events <b>£742.80</b> to cover the registration fees for Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit Director and Assistant Director (Police, Crime, Fire and Criminal Justice), to attend the Serious and Organised Crime Exchange’s (SOCEX) annual conference on 9<sup>th</sup> - 11 October 2023. This fee will cover the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ All Conference materials</li> <li>▼ Lunches and refreshments on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>▼ Conference Dinner, 10<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>▼ Overnight Accommodation on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>
<p><b>The reasons for the decision are:</b></p> <p>Established in 2015, the SOCEX welcomes over 250 attendees and 20+ guest speakers from various roles linked with addressing Serious and Organised Crime. This year’s conference titled ‘Delivering an agile response to SOC in an increasingly unstable global context’ will be hosted over three days (9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023) in Stratford-Upon-Avon.</p> <p>This event provides attendees with the opportunity to listen to a series of guest speakers linked with the Serious and Organised Crime agenda as well as a chance to network and find out what programmes of work are being carried out across the UK.</p>

**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:**

A one-off funding will be made to Think Different for attendance at the event out of the Programme Challenger cost centre (3015)

**Legal comments:**

No issues raised due to the one-off payment being of low value

**Procurement comments:**

No issues raised due to the one-off payment being of low value

**Risk Assessment:**

The SOCEX is an established annual conference and Think Different (Organisation Hosting the event) is a known to the GMCA as a reputable organisation. Damian has previously attended a SOCEX annual conference

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

N/A

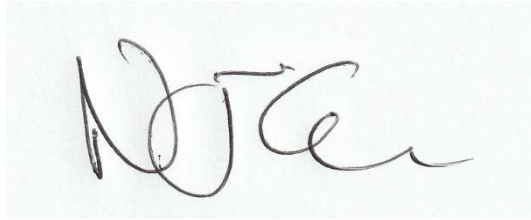
However, the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults are in the forefront of the Serious and Organised Crime Agenda, which is the focus of the conference.

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

N/A

Noted above

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

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**Signed:**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> May 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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