

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Adele Adjetei, Senior Policy and Partnership Officer**

**Subject: Chair of the Programme Challenger Executive Board**

**Type of decision:**

**Deputy Mayor's  
decision**

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**Chief Officer's  
decision**

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

**The decision is that:**

The Programme Challenger Executive Board is seeking to recruit an independent chair.

It is proposed that the Chair will dedicate 12 days a year for a term of 2 years, at a cost of £850 per day.

Recruitment costs will be approximately £2000 for targeted advertising to maximise reach.

Total over the 2-year term = £20,400 plus VAT, plus £2,000 recruitment contingency.

**The reasons for the decision are:**

The Programme Challenger Board is the executive function of the Programme Challenger partnership in Greater Manchester. Membership of the Challenger Board comprises senior managers from key partners from the public and third sectors. The Challenger Board scrutinises partnership progress against the implementation of the Greater Manchester Serious and Organised Crime strategy and provides strategic assistance to the Programme Challenger partnership in respect of delivery of the Challenger action plan.

The Board directs the activity of its working groups and monitors activity of other governance groups that report into the Board. Members commit to ensuring that the work of Challenger features on other strategic and executive partnership boards across Greater Manchester, including

safeguarding boards and community safety partnerships across the ten districts.

In the last 6 months, the Board has undergone a review and one of the recommendations is to recruit a dedicated chair to drive its agenda. The current Chair has resigned due to a change of employment but was very vocal in advocating for an independent chair due to the work involved in making this role a success.

The role has now been advertised and expressions of interest requested by 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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

This programme of work will impact Programme Challenger's Serious and Organised Crime Strategy and Greater Manchester's Police and Crime Plan.

The work will also contribute towards the priorities of the [Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan](#)

**Procurement Comments:**

As the level of spend in relation to this requirement is low and an Expression of Interest process has been undertaken, there are no procurement concerns.

Should any proposal arise to expand the scope or value of the requirement beyond those detailed in this document, please revert to Commercial Services for additional advice and support.

**Financial comments:**

Funding will be coming out of the Challenger 23/24 project budget that currently amounts to £150k and the 24/25 budget.

**Legal comments:**

**Risk Assessment:**

The work of the Board needs leadership, focus and drive and expecting someone to have it as part of their day-to-day job does not adequately resource it. A dedicated chair will provide the focus needed and engage partners to ensure priorities are realised.

As this is a contractor post there will be no employment rights accrued at the end of the term.

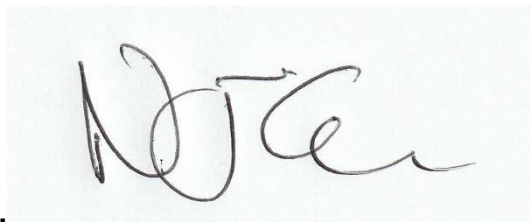
**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**

The work of the board will drive our strategies and policies which deliver the safeguarding of children. The role of the Chair will not involve any one-to-one work with children or vulnerable adults.

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

As above

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



Signed...

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Date...19<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: .....