

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Jamie Lee Fallon, Senior Partnership and Policy Officer

Subject/ Title:
Police Property Act funding proposal – Programme Challenger’s We Move Mentoring project

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

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

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>That the Deputy Mayor agrees to the funding allocation of £80,000 (period 2023-2024) from the Police Property Act to be awarded to the VCSE organisations involved in the delivery of Programme Challenger’s We Move Mentoring Project to enable them to support a further 56 young people who are at risk of school exclusion and involvement in serious and organised crime and serious youth violence.</p> <p>The VCSE organisations delivering We Move on behalf of GMP, are currently Diane Modahl Sports Foundation and Oldham Boxing and Personal Development Club.</p> <p>For an investment of around 1.3k per mentee we think that there is evidence to suggest that We Move could result in system savings of up to approximately £29,000 for some individuals (just based on those engaged in Youth Justice provision). In some extreme cases we think We Move could prevent school exclusions resulting in system savings of 370k per individual.</p> <p>As part of We Move, mentees (aged 12-18 years) are matched with a dedicated mentor who will provide them with tailored one to one support, and work with them to design a pathway to their personal goal.</p> <p>We Move offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ financial support to enable young people on the programme to access positive activities (e.g., sport, theatre and musical opportunities);

- ❖ Support to access other services which address personal challenges (including wellbeing, therapeutic behavioural support, addiction and mental health support), and we have partnered with Early Break and 42nd Street; and
- ❖ Support to access employment and education opportunities that are right for them.

The reasons for the decision are:

We Move complements local policing and crime reduction priorities, and since going live in Autumn 2022, the project has gone from strength to strength, with over 50 young people on the programme, 14 of which are girls, who are all successfully engaging in an extensive range of positive activities. To date, the mentees have also collectively achieved over 23 qualifications, with many working towards achieving qualifications in subjects from life skills, peer mentoring, to construction. We also have 6 mentees who have re engaged in education and 2 who have gained employment.

This funding will enable us to support 56 more vulnerable young people to believe better is possible, accepting referrals from a wide range of statutory and non statutory agencies including the Police, Youth Justice Teams, Children's Services, and education settings (incl PRU's). 'We Move' adopts an 'invest to save delivery model', in recognition that the costs involved in delivery of the project are minimal compared to the community safety impact and potential individual harm (e.g., cost of a YP in the Youth Justice Service can be more than £29,000 per year based on the GMCA's Unit Cost Database).

The programme is currently being evaluated by the Open University with a report expected in late 2023. This will include an analysis of the impact of the programme on a sample of mentees, which will enable us to consider the potential system savings of We Move. Furthermore, we collate performance information on a quarterly basis to ensure that we are successfully achieving our aims and outcomes:

Aims

- Deliver timely and tailored one to one and group mentoring to mentees with a view to building a trusted relationship, offering swift and tangible opportunities which support the mentee to believe better is possible.
- Mentees are supported to design a pathway to their personal goal, whatever that may be.
- Mentees are empowered to develop, meaningful and positive connections within their communities by engaging them in locally available activities.

- The mentees journey throughout the programme is captured to evidence distance travelled. The projects seeks to achieve the following aims and outcomes for our mentees:

Soft outcomes (as applicable to individual mentee)

- Improved health / mental wellbeing
- Improved confidence / self-esteem / resilience
- Reduction in anxiety levels (identification of strategies to help them reduce their anxiety)
- Reduced feelings of loneliness.
- Improvement in behaviour
- Improved pro social engagement.
- Improved feelings of safety

Tangible outcomes (as applicable to individual mentee)

- Mentees are engaging in positive activities.
- Mentees are engaging / re engaging in education.
- Mentees are achieving qualifications.
- Mentees schools attendance has improved.
- Mentees who are at risk of exclusion have remained in school.
- Mentees are no longer committing criminal offences (e.g., violent incidents, anti social behaviour, robbery, drug dealing)
- Mentees have secured employment opportunities (work placements, apprenticeships, employment)

Supporting our mentees to remain in school alone could save the system at a minimum £13,000 per young person, and we have seen huge interest from secondary schools. In recognition of this, and our ambitions to share the We Move ethos with as many vulnerable young people as possible, we are currently trialling two peer mentoring groups within a secondary school in Tameside (girls and boys group), which are going really well. As part of the groups participants will gain valuable knowledge and skills in a variety of areas and achieve an accredited Peer Mentoring qualification. If successful, we will be exploring opportunities to offer this approach to more schools.

Through We Move we are also seeking to support the VCSE organisations involved in the delivery of the project by improving their capacity and capability to deliver sports plus provision, which includes providing access to a comprehensive mentor training package which seeks to ensure that they are pro-social in their approach and embed trauma informed principles.

YEF reports that Mentoring is effective in both reducing crime and the behaviours associated with crime and violence with research suggesting that, on average, mentoring reduces violence by 21%, all offending by 14%, and reoffending by 19%. This approach is therefore supportive of GMP's

ambitions to reduce crime and offending, with prevention and problem solving at the forefront, along with their ambitions to keep children and young people safe within their families and communities. We Move is a truly asset based, and child led approach, and the learning from the project will be shared within GMP and partners to inform future community led projects.

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 three priorities in the Standing Together plan
- Planning our Future, Building a Better GMP
- Greater Manchester Serious and Organised Crime Strategy
- All priorities of the Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan.
- The GM Integrated Health And Justice Strategy

Procurement comments:

No Procurement concerns. The decision concerns a transfer of funds to a partner organisation – GMP – solely for the delivery of Programme Challenger’s We Move mentoring project. These funds will be passed to Diane Modahl Sports Foundation and Oldham Boxing and Personal Development Club to bolster their existing arrangements (to support 56 YP). As such, GMP becomes Contracting Authority for the purpose of considering the application of the Public Contracts Regulation (2015).

If any proposals arise to expand the provision beyond the scope or value described in this document, please revert to Commercial Services for further advice and support.

Financial comments:

The funding for this will be coming out of the Police Property Act Fund Reserve.

Legal comments:

Under the new Subsidy Control Act, GMCA will need to demonstrate that they have considered whether this grant funding is considered a subsidy. To assist, in view of the nature of the project, it could be said that the recipient is not an enterprise, they do not offer goods and services on a market, funding is provided for VCSE organisations to support the We Move

Mentoring project, and the financial assistance will not have an effect on competition or investment that is more than incidental or hypothetical. Accordingly the grant funding would not be considered to be a subsidy.

The GMCA will need to seek further Legal and Procurement advice for any future funding related to We Move Mentoring Project.

Risk Assessment:

The VCSE organisations involved in the delivery of We Move have demonstrated an ability to deliver excellence and work well with the GMCA, GMP, and all stakeholders. No perceived risk.

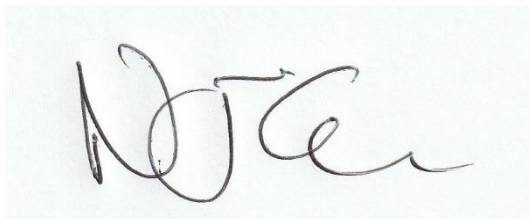
Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The service engages with ages 12-18. Safeguarding is at the heart of this service. The service specification required that all aspects of safeguarding are in place and will be maintained throughout the delivery period. All mentors be DBS checked and received comprehensive safeguarding training.

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



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Date...1st June 2023.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



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Date: 02/06/2023

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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



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Date: 5th June 2023.....

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