

DECISION NOTICE

**Decision author and proposer:
James Carrick, Project & Policy Officer, VRU GMCA
Damian Dallimore, VRU Director**

Subject/ Title:
SHiFT delivery – VRU intervention in Manchester

Type of decision: Financial			
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: £150,000 be provided to Manchester City Council as a contribution to deliver targeted interventions to prevent vulnerable young people from being drawn into risky behaviours that could impact negatively on them and their communities, to cover delivery for 2023/24.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>SHiFT is a national charity that works with vulnerable children and young people caught up in, or at risk of cycles of harm where things are getting worse, not better. SHiFT will collaborate with the Violence Reduction Unit and Manchester City Council to establish trusting professional relationships between practitioners and young people to give them the support they need to improve their lives.</p> <p>A private donor has provided 50% of total programme cost for 18 months of delivery of the programme to children and young people in Manchester and Manchester City Council are providing the remaining 25%.</p>
<p>This decision will contribute to priorities of the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways: This programme of work will support delivery of the GMS, in particular ‘The Wellbeing of our People’ shared outcome, but more specifically supporting the place priorities shared commitment to enable the delivery of resilient, safe and vibrant communities.</p> <p>Priority One of the Standing Together Police and Crime Plan will be delivered through this decision, by providing not only direct support to</p>

address the complex needs of vulnerable victims, but also providing advice and guidance to GMP and partners who themselves are supporting victims.

Procurement comments:

This decision relates to a Grant Funding Agreement with a transfer of funds from GMCA to Manchester City Council which has been drafted with the support of the Manchester City Council Legal and GMCA Commercial Services teams, to grant £150,000.

This requirement relates to an agreement to grant funds, so there are no Procurement concerns. It should be noted that Manchester City Council then becomes Contracting Authority for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations (2015), should those regulations be deemed to apply.

If any expansion or extension of the arrangement is proposed at any point, please revert to Commercial Services for further support.

Financial comments:

This will be funded through the Home Office Serious Violence Grant 2023/24 allocation (SHiFT Budget Line).

Legal comments:

Grants are excluded from the definition of a Contract in the Contract Procurement Rules, and therefore are not subject to the same requirements.

Legal advice has been sought from the Shared Legal Service on the preparation of the Grant Agreement and the Agreement is being drafted currently by the Commercial Legal team. The GM VRU/GMCA will need to seek further Legal and Procurement advice for any future funding to Manchester City Council.

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Risk Assessment:

Any underspend will need to be returned to the GM VRU and will be lost to implementing effective interventions and activity within Greater Manchester. The GM VRU will be seeking to ensure that key outcomes and outputs are achieved as part of this funding.

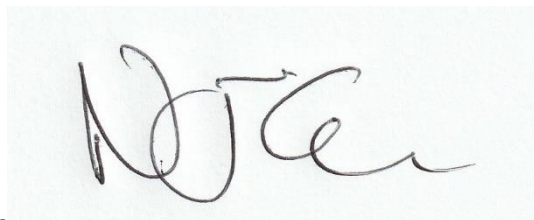
Under the new Subsidy Control Act, GMCA will need to demonstrate that they have considered whether this grant funding is considered a subsidy. To assist, in view of the nature of the project, it could be said that the recipient is not an enterprise, they do not offer goods and services on a market, funding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

projects, 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.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:
The programme delivered by SHiFT has safeguarding children at it's heart, not only in the nature of the intervention being delivered, but also in the sustainable approach to tackling vulnerability in children and young people it will be supporting in professionals across Manchester.

Is safeguarding of vulnerable adults relevant and has this been considered:
The project is not targeted at vulnerable adults, but there is the potential of an indirect impact. This is about reducing the risk that children and young people are exposed to and supporting them to exit cycles of harm. This may have an indirect impact of preventing activity that might otherwise affect vulnerable adults.

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



Signed.....
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Date...25th May 2023.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



Signed:
Date: 02/06/2023

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

Signed: ... 

Date: ...5th June 2023.....

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