

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Matt Berry, Senior Partnership and Policy Officer / Alison Connelly, Principal, Criminal Justice and Devolution**

<b>Subject/ Title:</b>
Venue Hire and Catering for RASSO away day 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023

<b>Type of decision:</b>			
<b>Deputy Mayor's decision</b>		<b>Chief Officer's decision</b>	<b>X</b>

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

<p><b>The decision is that:</b></p> <p>£931.75 be allocated from the Victims budget to fund the GM Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) away day at the Mechanics Institute on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Room Hire</li> <li>• Refreshments (Tea and Coffee)</li> <li>• Lunch Buffet</li> <li>• Equipment Hire</li> </ul> <p><b>TOTAL £931.75</b></p>
<p><b>The reasons for the decision are:</b></p> <p>A key element of the ongoing programme of Sexual Violence Harm reduction work, has been establishing best working practices between CVS support services for sexual violence and GMP/ GMCA.</p> <p>There has been an added emphasis and requirement for this work following Operation Soteria, which was launched as a response to the government End-to-End Rape Review, and the Home Office pledge to increase the number of rape cases making it to court. It was designed to test a series of tools (such as improved approaches for digital capture) and techniques (such as those associated with offender management) to engender justice outcomes.</p>

Following Op Soteria in Greater Manchester, a number of recommendations were produced, which were agreed to be used to inform partner plans and RASSO strategy going forwards.

An away day for partners was agreed to be the most suitable method to identify best working practices, recognise issues, challenges, and action plans.

Due to limited availability of key officers to facilitate on the day, the 18<sup>th</sup> May was the only day that would attain the required attendance. Unfortunately, GMCA, GMP and other partners did not have availability within internal meeting room space to accommodate for the required numbers, and a central Manchester located private venue was required. A number of options were explored and the Mechanics Institute was deemed to be fit for purpose and offer the most value.

**This decision will contribute to priorities of the ‘The Greater Manchester Strategy’ in the following ways:**

Developing the work of sexual violence harm reduction contributes to the delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy. The core purpose of this work is to support individuals to help them cope and recover from being a victim of crime, specifically rape and sexual assault, and to feel safe and secure in their homes and communities they live in.

Specific Key priorities include:

- **Safer and Stronger Communities** – this work outlines some of the support that rape and serious sexual assault victims of crime in GM receive
- **Young people** – ensuring young victims of crime have access to support to help the cope, recover and move on from the crimes committed.
- **Healthy lives** – improving pathways to health for those who have been a victim of crime.

**Financial comments:**

Victims budget 3011  
Room hire 4303

**Procurement comments:**

Below thresholds. N/A

**Legal comments:**

N/A

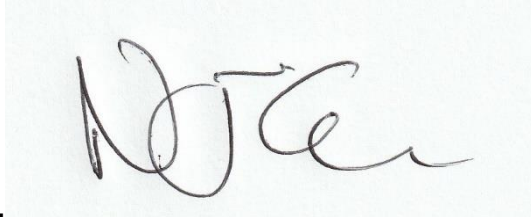
**Risk Assessment:**

- N/A

**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**  
Whilst subject matter of the discussion of the RASSO away day may briefly include reference to vulnerable children, there is no direct impact.

**Is safeguarding of vulnerable adults relevant and has this been considered:**  
Whilst subject matter of the discussion of the RASSO away day will include vulnerable adults, there is no direct impact.

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



Signed.....  
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Date.....08/06.....

**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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