

DECISION NOTICE


Decision author and proposer:

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Subject/ Title:
Home Office Safer Streets Fund – GMP Op Student Safe Vehicle

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

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

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor, through the use of the Home Office Safer Streets Fund, will fund the use of a dedicated vehicle for GMP's University Engagement Team and Operation Student Safe.</p> <p>The value of this is £5,504.20</p> <p>The Home Office Safer Streets Fund 22/23 has a total budget of £453,080 and a grant agreement exists between the GMCA and the Home Office.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Grant Agreement SSF Round 4 - 41 Greater</p> </div>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Operation Student Safe, active from September to April, has shown promising results, particularly in the reduction of burglary and violent crimes in the Fallowfield/Withington area, a region historically plagued by high student-related crimes.</p> <p>The creation of the University Engagement Team (UET) has been instrumental in this process, enabling proactive student engagement and enhancing overall safety. The UET's objectives include reducing serious acquisitive crime (SAC) and violent crimes, increasing student engagement, addressing underreporting, and minimizing Violence Against Women and</p>

Girls (VAWG). The Team works closely with university and council partners to address anti-social behaviour (ASB).

The operation has been particularly successful in and around the Fallowfield Loop (the designated area for the Safer Streets Bid). This is often seen as a challenging location due to its concealed nature and accessibility for offenders. However, the lack of a dedicated vehicle for the University Engagement Team has posed challenges, limiting operational efficiency. The provision of a dedicated vehicle will significantly improve the UET's efficiency, allowing for the team to build upon this year's achievements and further enhance student safety in the locality.

The funding decision aligns with the Safer Streets Fund Round Four's focus on reducing neighbourhood crimes and VAWG.

	2022/23 vs previous	% Change
Burglary	-131	-52%
Robbery	-34	-52%
TFP	-8	-14%
Other Sexual Offences	18	53%
Rape	-6	-26%
Violence W/I	-93	-39%

This funding is to be provided through the Home Office Safer Streets Fund Round 4 fund which has a total budget of £453,080.

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

The provision of a vehicle contributes to the aims and ambitions of the Standing Together Plan and GM Gender Based Violence Strategy, and more widely the achievement of one of the key priorities within the GM Strategy.

8. Safer and Stronger communities

The funding will be used to ensure key local stakeholders such as schools and community groups are aware of and engaged in the wider programme of work on the FLOOP, with the ultimate aim of improving the levels of use and perceptions of safety on the Fallowfield Loop.

Procurement comments:

The grant award must comply with the Subsidy Control Act 2023.

Financial comments:

The total cost for the hiring of the vehicle is £5,504.20

This is to be funded by the Home Office Safer Streets Round 4 fund.

A grant agreement has been signed by the GMCA and Station South for this purpose.

Risk Assessment:

There is very little risk associated with this decision.

GMP are a key delivery partner of this Home Office Safer Streets Fund and are working with the GMCA and other partners to deliver the proposed outcomes of the fund.

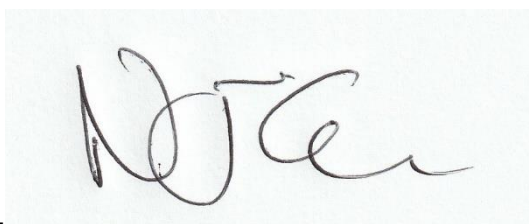
Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

There are no safeguarding issues to be considered as part of this funding decision.

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

There are no safeguarding issues to be considered as part of this funding decision.

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



Signed...

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Date...20th March 2024.....

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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