

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer:

Sian Payne, Senior Policy and Partnership Officer, GMCA

Subject/ Title:
Programme Challenger Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Place of Safety

Type of decision: Financial			
Deputy Mayor's decision		Chief Officer's decision	X

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>£5,000 will be provided to GMP to cover the costs of providing the Greater Manchester place of safety for victims of modern slavery from April 2023 to March 2024.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Greater Manchester is one of the few areas in the country who provide immediate accommodation for potential victims of modern slavery at point of identification. This allows individuals to be placed into the place of safety where they can have their immediate needs met and be allowed the time to be empowered and decide what is the next best course of action for them.</p> <p>The funding covers the cost of providing utilities to the accommodation, as well as toiletries, clothes and food for all victims who use the accommodation for a 12-month period.</p> <p>It enables immediate hygiene and nutrition needs to be met, and provides a safe, warm and comfortable environment for what may be the first time in years. Clean clothes are provided, and each victim is able to leave with a bag of possessions, which again they may not have had for a number of years.</p> <p>In 2022/23, safe and immediate accommodation was provided to 18 victims, and from 1st April 2023 to 12th March 2024, by 27 victims.</p>

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

Programme Challenger is recognised in the Standing Together strategy as Greater Manchester's partnership approach to tackling all forms of serious and organised crime. This funding directly provides support to victims of modern slavery covered by Priority 2.

Procurement comments:

There are no procurement considerations

Financial comments:

This will be funded from budget code 3011, from the 23/24 allocation.

Legal comments:

There are no known legal risks.

Risk Assessment:

The funding has been allocated according to existing procurement rules. There are no known wider risks been identified.

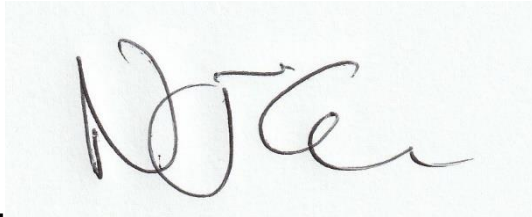
Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The Place of Safety is not used for under 18-year-olds.

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

The Place of Safety directly provides a safeguarding response to vulnerable adults who are victims

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



Signed.....

Date...13th 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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