

## **DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer:**

Oliver Collins, Senior Policy & Partnerships Officer - Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire Team

<b>Subject/ Title:</b>
Nighttime Economy Welfare Scheme – Manchester Gay Village – Grant Agreement

<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 Assistant Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.**

<p><b>The decision is that:</b></p> <p>The Deputy Mayor commissions the LGBT Foundation to provide a Nighttime Economy Welfare Scheme to operate in Manchester's Gay Village.</p> <p>The grant agreement is for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</p> <p>The value of the grant agreement is £35,020.</p>
<p><b>The reasons for the decision are:</b></p> <p>Greater Manchester has one of the best nightlife scenes in the UK, and the Deputy Mayor is determined to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy it in a safe way.</p> <p>This service focuses on providing support to vulnerable individuals in and around the Gay Village area of Manchester on a Friday and Saturday evening and will work in partnership with licensed premises and emergency services to provide a non-emergency service support to those that are most vulnerable, and therefore at greatest risk of becoming the victim of a crime.</p>

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

The grant provision for the delivery of this service contributes to the aims and ambitions of the Standing Together Plan 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 deliver the following outcomes. A quarterly monitoring report will be provided by the LGBT Foundation to show deliver against these objectives and other outcomes.

**Primary objectives of the service**

- Delivery of night-time welfare provision in and around Gay Village area of Manchester on a Friday and Saturday night.
  - The service must aim to support and ensure that those who are most vulnerable, and therefore at greatest risk of becoming the victim of a crime, are able to get home without coming to harm.
- Provide strategic and operational support, where necessary, to Greater Manchester Police, North-West Ambulance Service, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Services and Manchester City Council to mitigate and reduce demand for the emergency/statutory services during the service delivery times in the Gay Village, and work together towards ensuring it is a safe and welcoming night-time location.

This includes:

- attendance and active participation at night-time safety co-ordination meetings (need to check what these meetings are called).
  - identify trends in vulnerabilities of those requiring support through the service and identify additional resources that may be needed.
  - Working collaboratively with partners to deliver schemes and interventions aimed at reducing crime and vulnerabilities in the Gay Village both during and outside of service delivery times.
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- Work with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to support with delivery of the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's strategic priorities.
  - Work collaboratively with other partners who keep people safe during the night-time and help to coordinate night-time safety across the city (e.g. other voluntary sector providers and licensed premises).
  - Engage licensed premises and the public in pushing out core safety and prevention measures.

- Be able to signpost and refer vulnerable individuals to other appropriate support services (both statutory and voluntary) as and when appropriate.

**Procurement comments:**

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

This three month grant award is to fund the delivery period prior to the commencing of the two year contract awarded to the LGBT Foundation through GMCA Tender 851.

That contract will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and run through to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, with two option years thereafter.

**Financial comments:**

The grant is for the total of £35,020

This will be funded from the Police & Crime Community Safety Budget

**Risk Assessment:**

Under the Subsidy Control Act, GMCA will need to demonstrate that they have considered whether this grant funding is considered a subsidy.

This grant funding is not considered to be a subsidy on the grounds that this is ring-fenced funding provided to a registered charity for the provision of free at the point support within Manchester's Gay Village.

Further, risk will be managed through quarterly monitoring and reporting of performance and delivery of outcomes against the specification set out in the Grant Agreement. This will include monitoring of a risk log to be developed and managed by the successful provider.

Without the GMCA funding, the offer that the LGBT Foundation provides for vulnerable individuals would be significantly reduced. The reduction in this funding is also likely result in an increase in more demand being placed on to police, A&E and local authority services and this funding is aimed at reducing that demand.

**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**

The LGBT Foundation have policies for safeguarding children and young people.

It is not expected that child safeguarding issues will be identified through the service provided via this grant agreement.

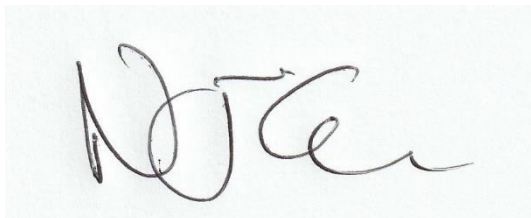
**Is safeguarding of vulnerable adults relevant and has this been considered:**

The scheme by its nature will provide support to individuals who are vulnerable and may require safeguarding arrangements to be made.

The LGBT Foundation's Village Angels shift leads are highly experienced in identifying and managing immediate safeguarding risk and have well established multi-agency working relationships with licenced premises and Greater Manchester Police to ensure risks and needs are addressed as quickly as possible.

The LGBT Foundation have policies for safeguarding vulnerable adults and can be obtained and discussed if required.

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



**Signed...**

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**Date...21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.....**

**Agreed by GMCA Treasurer**

**Signed.....**

**Date.....**

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