

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer:

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

Subject/ Title:
Home Office Safer Streets Fund Round 5 – Bolton Council

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

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

The decision is that:

The Deputy Mayor receives the Home Office Safer Streets Fund for the programme being led and delivered by Bolton Council across 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.

The total budget for this programme is £304,390

2023/24 = £129,8022024/25 = £174,588

The three Greater Manchester Home Office Safer Streets Fund Round 5 hve a total combined budget of £847,969

2023/24 = £463,1812024/25 = £384,788

A grant agreement is in place between the GMCA and the Home Office for the 2023/24 funding and we are awaiting the 2024/25 grant agreement to be provided.

The reasons for the decision are:

The Home Office require all Safer Street Fund bids and financials matters to be processed through the Deputy Mayor's office.

The Bolton programme has seven key interventions that will target the following crimes in Bolton Town Centre:



Sexual offences, sexual assaults, improving feelings of safety from VAWG, public order offences, aggressive and abusive behaviour, violent crime, carrying weapons, robbery of personal property and theft.

The proposed interventions are

- Policing Intervention
- Street Based Youth Outreach Team
- Community Engagement and Reassurance
- Travel Ambassadors
- Night Time Welfare
- Training, Marketing and crime prevention strategy
- Enhanced Target hardening

Oversight of the programme is managed by an officer within the Community Safety Service at Bolton Council and the Polcie, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire Team at the GMCA.

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

The provision of the interventions contributes to the aims and ambitions of the Standing Together plan and Gender Based Violence Strategy, and more widely the achievement of one of the key priorities within the GM Strategy (Safer and Stronger communities)

Procurement comments:

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

Financial comments:

The total cost for the work to be delivered by Bolton Council through the Safer Streets Fund is £304,390

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

A grant agreement is in place with Bolton Council (see below) and payment of the funding will be done via the grant payment process on a quarterly basis.

Risk Assessment:

The design and delivery of this workstream is being managed by Bolton Council's Community Safety Services, reporting directly into Oliver Collins at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.



Failure to deliver the proposed interventions will result in GMCA not claiming the whole of the £304,390 allocation.

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

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20th	March 2024.		•	

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed

Date 26th March 2024

Signed by Deputy Mayor

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Contact Officer:

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