

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Carol Judge Campbell

Subject/ Title:
Funding to support Perpetrator Intervention Infrastructure in the GM VCSE

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

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

<p>The decision is that: The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime approves funding to support vital perpetrator intervention infrastructure in Greater Manchester by granting £150,000 to the Greater Manchester based charity Talk Listening Change (TLC).</p> <p>This is a one-off bridging grant to ensure that there is appropriate voluntary sector infrastructure and resilience in place in to deliver Domestic Abuse Perpetrator work in Greater Manchester .</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are: The withdrawal of Greater Manchester from the Home Office DRIVE perpetrator programme alongside much reduced funding secured from the most recent round of Home Office Perpetrator Funding has meant that Greater Manchester has faced a significant drop in potential income for perpetrator work.</p> <p>These two factors have created an income gap for TLC in the 2023/24 financial year. TLC have taken the following action to mitigate the impact of this loss of income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiating with Local Authorities to secure contributions. • Restructuring / halting recruitment to vacant posts • Applying for Trust and Grant funding • Investigating the feasibility of establishing commercial income streams in other parts of the charity.

Despite all these efforts TLC remain just over £150,000 short of filling this income gap and this will impact on their ability to retain key staff and upon their preparedness to be a key agent of delivery of planned perpetrator provision associated with the national GM pilot of Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs).

TLC are central to perpetrator provision within GM and are the only RESPECT accredited charity provider of perpetrator programmes in the City region.

- This offer of support will come with a clear proviso that this is a one-off bridging grant in recognition of the particularly difficult and unique circumstances.
- This offer is being made to strategically underpin perpetrator provision in GM and to support the successful delivery of the DAPO pilot.
- The grant will significantly reduce the risk of GM not having the infrastructure to be able to deliver on planned Home Office perpetrator programmes.
- This funding is in line with the GM Voluntary Sector Accord – to provide a bridging gap to ensure the resilience of the model.
- This grant funding should result in a return on some of the investment once the DAPO commences.

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

This decision is also in line with our Greater Manchester Voluntary, Community Sector Accord which seeks to improve the financial resilience and infrastructure for perpetrators.

This will contribute to the following Police, Crime, Criminal Justice, and Fire actions for the GBV Delivery Plan:

- Tackle gender-based violence and abuse in all its forms.
- Contribute to the Gender-based Violence Strategy perpetrator work.

This also contributes towards delivery of priorities within the Standing Together Plan:

- Keeping people safe and support victims, specifically improve services to victims of sexual and domestic violence.
- Tackling inequality and injustice in all its forms including Gender Based Violence.

Procurement comments:

No significant Procurement concerns as the proposal relates to offering a grant to TLC, in line with the GMCA's powers to grant funds. However, should any proposal arise to expand the scope of the arrangements described here, please revert to Commercial Services for further advice and support.

Please note that, when providing a grant, the relevant Subsidy Control processes should be followed.

Commercial Services File Ref: **GMCA 995**

Financial comments:

Funding will be allocated mainly from the perpetrator budget and a small contribution will be made from the GBV budget – the breakdown is as follows:

Perpetrator Budget = £135,500

GBV Budget Criminal justice element = £14,500

Legal comments:

A grant agreement will be drafted for this funding. This will outline the key requirements as set out in this decision notice.

Risk Assessment:

There is a risk that not taking this action could reduce our ability to deliver Home Office perpetrator programmes.

There is a residual risk that TLC may not receive the income from the planned perpetrator work and that we may not see a return on this investment. This is considered as low risk.

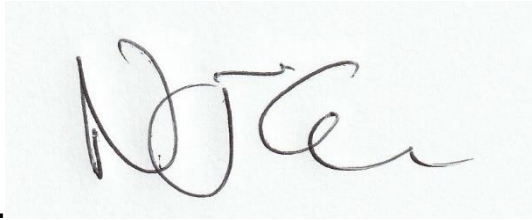
Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Yes – relevant policies and procedures in place locally.

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

Yes – relevant policies and procedures in place locally.

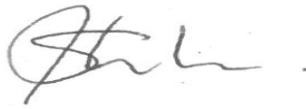
Agreed by Director – Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire



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Date...3rd April 2024.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



Signed:

Date: 4th April 2024.....

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

Only required for a Deputy Mayor Decision on amounts of £50,000+



Signed:

Date: ...5th April 2024.....

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