

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Matt Berry – Senior Partnership Officer / Alison Connelly – Criminal Justice and Victims Principal

Subject/ Title:
Extension of the Victim Service Coordinator service 1 st April 2024 – 31 st March 2025

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:</p> <p>To extend the funding of the GMP Victim Services Transformation Lead role and 11 Victim Services Coordinators posts, for a further 12 months from 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025</p> <p>Total funding to be approved is for the Victim Services Transformation Lead role and the 11 Victim Services Coordinators is £582,000. The cost of extending the Victim Services Coordinators and Lead role from 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim Services Coordinators x 11 = £520,000 • Victim Services Lead - £ 62,000 <p>TOTAL: £582,00 (12 months)</p> <p>The extension of the posts will be funded via the annual MOJ Victims Budget allocation for 24/25.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>The Victim Service Coordinators and Lead role were introduced in Sept 2017, as a pivotal element of the victims of crime assessment and referral Model. They are employed by GMP and fully funded by GMCA. The team are led by the GMP Victim Services Strategic Lead and are responsible for the leadership and oversight of the victim services work at a divisional level, to improve partnership working and align services more effectively to improve pathways for victims.</p>

Following the ongoing review of victim services across Greater Manchester, a number of key successes and key challenges / opportunities for the Victims Service Coordinators have been identified. This is currently being used to scope options for a redesign of the service, which can be worked into a practical delivery model.

It was agreed at the Justice Rehabilitation Executive Board on 18.03.24 to extend the GMP Victim Service Coordinators existing roles for 12 months subject to a review plan being submitted to the Deputy Mayor and ACC McFarlane. This is subject to an initial plan in April 2024 and completion and implementation the review in financial year 2024/25.

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

The Victim Service Coordinators and Lead role play a significant and instrumental role in delivery the priorities of the Greater Manchester Strategy at a divisional and regional level. Key priorities include:

- **Safer and Stronger Communities** – the team support the delivery of the police and crime plan at a district level.
- **Young people** – ensuring young victims of crime have access to support to help the cope, recover and move on from the crimes committed.
- **Healthy lives** – improving pathways to health for those who have been a victim of crime.

Financial comments:

The funding for the above posts will be provided via the annual MOJ victims budget (cost code 3011), GMCA have had confirmation of core grant from the MoJ for 2024/25, there is sufficient funds to cover this.

Procurement comments:

Procurement have been consulted on the extension of the service and have advised that this arrangement falls outside of scope of procurement regulations.

Legal comments:

Legal consultation not required.

Risk Assessment:

- The current funding for the above posts ends in March 2024; a delay to the extension of the team will result in GMP serving notice to their

employees. Any such temporary interruption in the continuity of the posts may result in a degree of uncertainty for individuals and significantly disrupt ongoing activity and projects.

- There is limited risk involved in delivery, as all of the Victim Services Coordinators and Transformation Lead are already in post.
- A journal transfer is between GMCA and GMP takes place to release the funds and is monitored in line with the MOJ requirements.

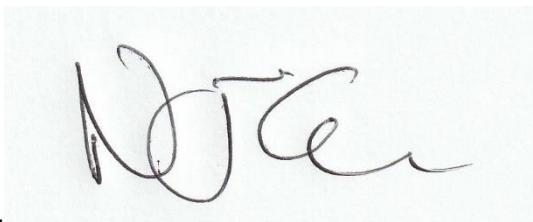
Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Safeguarding is a core aspect of the Victim Service Coordinator and Lead role and will continue to be so, as a result of the extension of funding

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

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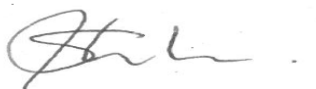
Agreed by Director – Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire



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Date...17th April 2024.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



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

Signed: ... 

Date: ...19th April 2024.....

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