

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer:

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Subject/ Title:
Home Office Grant: Serious and Organised Crime Community Coordinator (Western Balkans)

Type of decision: Financial			
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>GMCA transfers to GMP £130,000 to deliver on 2023/24 requirements for the Home Office funded Western Balkans Serious and Organised Crime Community Coordinator programme in Greater Manchester. This is split as per the below:</p> <p>Staff costs: £76,000 to pay for Community Coordinator costs.</p> <p>Project costs: £44,000 to deliver projects to prevent and minimise the impact of western Balkan related criminality.</p> <p>Evaluation costs: £10,000 to evaluate the project delivery over the year</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>The Home Office provided funding to GMP via GMCA to undertake community-based work to prevent and safeguard against Western Balkan led criminality across Greater Manchester, implementing Prepare, Prevent and Protect objectives to tackle serious and organised crime. For 2023/24, this totals £130,000.</p> <p>This project is part of two wider Home Office programmes – Serious and Organised Crime Community Coordinators, and the Western Balkans programme, which delivers both UK and origin country-based interventions</p>

to reduce offending, build community resilience and safeguard individuals and communities at risk of being drawn into or affected by serious and organised crime.

The total spend is split between three key budget lines, with the community coordinator staff allocating project spend to the most appropriate activity locally to meet the stated project objectives.

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

This programme of work will impact all priorities in the Standing Together Plan, and all priorities of the Greater Manchester Serious Organised Crime Strategy.

Procurement comments:

Procurement processes are undertaken by GMP as lead organisation in delivery of this programme

Financial comments:

The total allocated funding for 2023/2024 will be spent in full.

Legal comments:

The funding has been allocated according to existing procurement rules.

There are no known legal risks.

Risk Assessment:

The funding has been allocated according to existing procurement rules, with support from legal and finance. There are no known wider risks been identified.

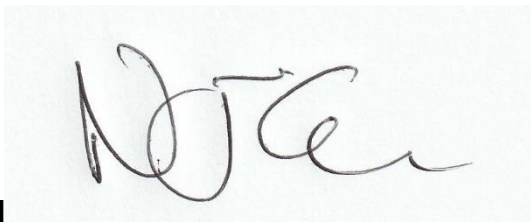
Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The safeguarding of Children and Young People is paramount for the services being delivered through this funding, as a key objective is to reduce the exposure to and risk of entering into serious and organised crime by children and young people.

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

The safeguarding of vulnerable adults is a key consideration of the delivery of this work. Currently, there is less known regarding the involvement of vulnerable adults, or effect on them, from Western Balkan led serious and organised crime, and part of the community engagement work being undertaken will support identification of relevant issues, threats and concerns.

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

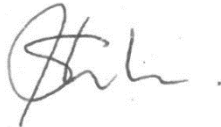


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Date...13th March 2024.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

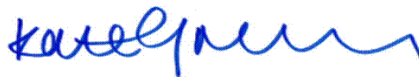


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Date 23/05/2024

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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



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Date:28th May 2024.....

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