

DECISION NOTICE

**Decision author and proposer: Dan Diamond, VRU Programme Principal
James Carrick, VRU Project & Policy Officer**

Subject: Grant Funding to Mother On A Mission to fund Youth Provision in Fallowfield			
Type of decision: Budget/financial			
Deputy Mayor's decision		Chief Officer's decision	x

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

<p>The decision is that: The programme director agrees a VRU budget allocation of £17,700 via grant funding to Mother On A Mission to deliver a 12-month programme of youth provision in the Fallowfield area.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Kelly Brown, the owner of Mother On A Mission, has been campaigning against violence since the death of her son Rhamero West in September 2021. Whilst Kelly has spent much of her energy raising funds for 'bleed box' kits, she now wishes to use her experiences to engage local young people in a preventative context. Kelly has reached out to the VRU for both financial and administrative support to enable her to establish a sustainable support offer in Fallowfield.</p> <p>Proposed Interventions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice weekly youth club including premises hire and hot food. • Local educational trips for young people (Museums / libraries) • Local outreach work • School Holiday activity <p>Mother On A Mission has provided a fully costed 12-month plan for this funding.</p> <p>Further activity surrounding the funding is outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester Community Central (MACC) will be providing Mother On A Mission with advice and support to enable them to establish to develop as an organisation.

- The GM 'Parent & Carer' team will be offering Mother On A Mission the opportunity to contribute to peer support design.
- The VRU will arrange transfer of VRU funds (2024/25) and assist Mother On A Mission with appropriate reporting. Mother On A Mission will submit quarterly returns to the VRU.
- The GMCA Research team have been tasked with working with Mother On A Mission to evaluate delivery arising from this grant funding.

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

This programme of work will impact the following GM Strategies

- All four priorities in the [Standing Together plan](#)
- All 5 strategic principles of the [Greater Than Violence Strategy](#).
- The [GM Integrated Health And Justice Strategy](#)

Financial comments:

The award will be funded from the PCC's commissioning reserves.

Legal comments:

As noted above, a GFA between Mother On A Mission and the GMCA/GMVRU has been drafted with the support of the Manchester City Council Legal service to award the £17,700.

Grants are excluded from the definition of a Contract in the Contract Procurement Rules, and therefore are not subject to the same requirements, but are now affected by the Subsidy Control Act and as such, a subsidy analysis has been undertaken by the VRU Team.

Legal advice has been sought from the Shared Legal Service on the preparation of the Grant Agreement and the Agreement is being drafted currently by the Commercial Legal team.

The GM VRU/GMCA will need to seek further Legal and Procurement advice for any future funding to Mother On A Mission.

Procurement comments:

As this process relates to a grant funding arrangement and the process is consistent with earlier phases of the same project, there are no specific procurement concerns.

Commissioners should ensure that relevant Subsidy Control processes are followed.

It is recommended that officers revert to Commercial Services for further advice and support, should any further extension to these arrangements be proposed.

Commercial Services file ref: **GMCA 1144**

Risk Assessment:

Any amount not spent under this allocation will be returned to the GM VRU and will be lost to implementing effective interventions and activity within the pilot areas. The GM VRU will be seeking to ensure that key outcomes and outputs are achieved as part of this funding. The VRU will work closely with Mother On A Mission ensuring she is subject to the appropriate grant monitoring arrangements.

Under the Subsidy Control Act, GMCA will need to demonstrate that they have considered whether this grant funding is considered a subsidy. To assist, in view of the nature of the project, it could be said that the recipient is not an enterprise, they do not offer goods and services on a market, funding is provided for Mother On A Mission to provide youth provision in Fallowfield via her unique lived experience of losing her son through serious violence, and the financial assistance will not have an effect on competition or investment that is more than incidental or hypothetical. Accordingly, the grant funding would not be considered to be a subsidy.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Safeguarding of children is paramount to all violence reduction work, both as potential victims and perpetrators of serious violence. Many of the strands of work that Mother On A Mission will provide through her youth provision in Fallowfield will directly address this. Kelly Brown and any other Mother On A Mission staff are subject to all appropriate children's safeguarding checks for the life of the grant funding agreement.

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

Whilst this programme is aimed at children and young people, and it is not anticipated that vulnerable adults will engage with this project, we will ensure that Mother On A Mission staff are subject to all relevant safeguarding checks and procedures regarding adult safeguarding.

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

Signed:



Date: 20th June 2024

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed:

Date:

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

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Date:

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