

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: James Carrick, GM VRU Project & Policy Officer

Subject: Venue Booking and Catering – GM Hosted Hope Hack Event

Type of decision: Funding Agreement

Deputy Mayor's decision		Chief Officer's decision	X
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In all case this will need to be approved by the Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.

The decision is that: The Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit are seeking to make the following payments for a VRU hosted GM-wide Hope Hack event:

Lancashire County Cricket Club (Emirates Old Trafford):

A payment to be made of £953.00 to book event space at Lancashire County Cricket Club (Emirates Old Trafford) covering event space for between 35 and 150 attendees well as refreshments (Teas, Coffees, and Water) as well as standard lunch buffet provision covering all participants. The remaining balance of £3,722.00 has been match funded by GMP (paid directly to the venue).

The reasons for the decision are:

The Hope Collective is a powerful partnership of cross-sector organisations with aligned values and a shared vision; to work together in a spirit of unity to create real change for young people and communities across the UK. Formed originally to support the 20th anniversary legacy campaign for Damilola Taylor, the Hope Collective is driven by a shared purpose - to establish real change that enables UK's most vulnerable communities to be free from poverty, violence and discrimination. Through activity led by the Hope Collective, young people can discuss their thoughts and solutions on issues that affect them, their lives and their communities. The goal of the Hope Collective is to 'change the narrative' for young people and focus on solutions, not symptoms, and most importantly to focus on their hopes for the future.

The Greater Manchester VRU has organised its second Hope Hack event in collaboration with Programme Challenger, to provide a platform for young people across the ten districts, to explore their thoughts on how to make the city region a safer and fairer place for all.

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

The event hosted by the VRU will satisfy GM's obligations under the Serious Violence Duty, and impact all priorities in the [Greater Than Violence Strategy](#).

Procurement Comments:

No procurement issues raised due to the low funding amount for the above payments.

Financial comments:

A one off Payment of £953.00 will be made to Lancashire County Cricket Club (Emirates Old Trafford) upon receipt of an invoice and will be funded out of the VRU's 24/25 Education Budget. The remaining figure of £3,722.00 has been match funded by GMP and paid directly to the venue by GMP.

Legal comments:

No legal concerns were raised due to the above payments being a low funding amount .

Risk Assessment:

No risks identified - this organisation is a known supplier to the GMCA and is known for providing reliable and quality services.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Safeguarding of children and young adults is paramount to the violence reduction work, both as potential victims and perpetrators of serious violence. All participants of the above event are DBS checked and subject to additional organisational safeguarding checks e.g. local authority/police.

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

Noted above. Lancashire County Cricket Club (Emirates Old Trafford) has its own safeguarding policy and modern slavery statement.

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

Signed



Date 4th July 2024

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

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Date.....

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

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Date: