

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Natasha Calder, Communications Lead, GMVRU & James Carrick, Project & Policy Officer, VRU GMCA

Subject:
I am Greater Campaign - Mural in Wigan by Oskar With a K

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

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

<p>The decision is that: The VRU are seeking to award £2,000 to the artist Oskar With a K (a Manchester based muralist and artist) to create a public mural in Wigan using imagery (agreed with the VRU Communications Manager) relating to the fourth phase of the I am Greater Campaign.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Due to the success of the first three phases of the campaign, the VRU has recently commissioned a 4th phase that will continue to focus on taking a preventative approach to tackling violence. The campaign aims include raising awareness of positive alternatives to violence among young people aged between 10 and 25 years and reassuring young people in this age group and their communities that work is being done to reduce violent crime in Greater Manchester, building on the community cohesion element of Phase 3. In the third phase, the VRU commissioned a mural in Salford via another provider which was well received. The mural will be co-created with young people with an aim to display young people's commitment to being greater than violence and serve as a reminder of the bright future young people in Greater Manchester can go on to achieve.</p>
<p>This decision will contribute to priorities of the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways:</p> <p>This programme of work will impact the following GM Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All priorities in the Standing Together plan • The Greater Than Violence Strategy. • The GM Integrated Health And Justice Strategy

Financial comments:

The award will be funded from the GM VRU's 2024-25 Serious Violence Funding (Comms & Engagement budget line).

Legal comments:

The funding will be allocated according to existing procurement rules. There are no known legal risks.

Procurement comments:

No procurement concerns due to low funding amount. The VRU will need to consult with GMCA Commercial Services should any further funding be awarded to Oskar With a K over established GMCA procurement thresholds.

Risk Assessment:

The commissioning and funding process will be undertaken according to existing procurement rules, with support from legal and Information Governance. Wigan Council is responsible for identifying a suitable and compliant location for the mural after speaking with their internal teams. Oskar with a K will share the type of paint to be used on the wall with Wigan Council in advance to ensure the local authority's planning department are sighted and comfortable. There are no known wider risks been identified.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Safeguarding of children is paramount to our violence reduction work, both for potential victims and those who are perpetrators of serious violence. We will seek reassurance from organisations that their employees and volunteers are trained to the current KCSIE expectations and that they know the named person to go to if they have a safeguarding concern. There is high value if a young person knows who to go to, or speak with, if they have a safeguarding concern. For 24/7 concerns, they should know external contact details – e.g., Childline, NSPCC or the Local Authority Designated Officer, especially if their concern is about their boss. VRU staff will as make regular checks during the life of any project.

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

We will ensure that a safeguarding trained member of VRU staff advises the

project staff on the protocols required as set out in government guidance about empowerment, prevention and protection.

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

Signed:



Date: 22nd August 2024

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed:

Date:

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Signed:

Date:

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