

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Oliver Collins, Senior Policy & Partnerships Officer – Safer & Stronger Communities

Subject/ Title:
Night Time Economy Welfare Scheme – Manchester Gay Village

Type of decision:			
Deputy Mayor’s decision	X	Chief Officer’s decision	

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

<p>The decision is that: The Deputy Mayor commissions the LGBT Foundation to provide a Night Time Economy Welfare Scheme to operate in Manchester’s Gay Village.</p> <p>The contract is for 2024/25 and 2025/26, with two option years for 2026/27 and 2027/28.</p> <p>The two-year confirmed value of this contract is £280,160. The potential total value of this contract is £574,434.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Greater Manchester has one of the best nightlife scenes in the UK, and the Deputy Mayor is determined to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy it in a safe way.</p> <p>This service will be focussed on providing support to vulnerable individuals in and around the Gay Village area of Manchester on a Friday and Saturday evening and will work in partnership with licensed premises and emergency services to provide a non-emergency support to those that are most vulnerable, and therefore at greatest risk of becoming the victim of a crime.</p> <p>This service has previously been funded via grant agreement on a year by year rolling basis.</p> <p>This decision moves the commissioning of the service to a formal arrangement that provides greater scope for the GMCA and the Deputy Mayor to ensure the service is meeting the welfare need presented in Manchester’s Gay Village.</p>

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

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The funding will be used to deliver the following outcomes.
A quarterly monitoring report will be provided by the LGBT Foundation to show delivery against these objectives and other outcomes.

Primary

- Delivery of a night-time welfare provision in and around the Gay Village area of Manchester on a Friday and Saturday night.
 - The service must aim to support those who are most vulnerable and therefore at greatest risk of becoming the victim of a crime.
- Provide strategic and operational support, where necessary, to Greater Manchester Police, North-West Ambulance Service, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Services and Manchester City Council to mitigate and reduce demand for the emergency/statutory services during the service delivery times in the Gay Village, and work together towards ensuring it is a safe and welcoming night-time location.

This includes:

- attendance and active participation at night-time safety co-ordination meetings.
- identify trends in vulnerabilities of those requiring support through the service and identify additional resources that may be needed.
- Working collaboratively with partners to deliver schemes and interventions aimed at reducing crime and vulnerability in the Gay Village area both during and outside of service delivery times.
- Work with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to support the delivery of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's strategic priorities.
- Work collaboratively with other partners to maintain high levels of night-time safety across the Village area (e.g. working other voluntary sector providers and licensed premises).
- Engage with licensed premises and the public in pushing out core safety and prevention measures.
- Be able to signpost and refer vulnerable individuals to other appropriate support services (both statutory and voluntary) as and when appropriate.

Procurement comments:

An open tender was undertaken for this requirement, which was fully compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations (2015) and with the relevant provisions of the GMCA Constitution.

Commercial Services File Ref: GMCA 851

Financial comments:

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Risk Assessment:

The LGBT Foundation are a national charity with significant experience of delivering the Village Angels and Safe Haven hub scheme in the Gay Village. Delivery of the service commenced 1st April 2024 and was a smooth transition from grant agreement to contract, thanks to existing staffing and resources.

Quarterly contract management meetings between the lead officers for the LGBT Foundation and GMCA are held where delivery and outcomes are discussed, and a risk log is provided by the LGBT Foundation for review.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

There are no child safeguarding issues to be considered as part of this funding decision.

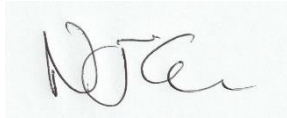
Is safeguarding of vulnerable adults relevant and has this been considered:

The scheme by its nature will provide support to individuals who are vulnerable and may require safeguarding arrangements to be made.

The LGBT Foundation's Village Angels shift leads are highly experienced in identifying and managing immediate safeguarding risks and have well established multi-agency working relationships with licenced premises and Greater Manchester Police to ensure risks and needs are addressed as quickly as possible.

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

Signed



Date 19th September 2024

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed



Date 24th September 2024.....

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Signed:



Date: 30 September 2024

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