

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Damian Dallimore, Assistant Director, Police, Crime & Fire  
James Carrick, VRU Project & Policy Officer, GMCA**

**Subject: Civic Leadership Youth Engagement Project (Economy, Strategy & Research project funded by Safer Stronger Communities)**

**Type of decision: Funding Agreement**

**Deputy Mayor's decision**

**Chief Officer's decision**

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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:**

GMCA Safer & Stronger Communities Team (cost centre 3002) are seeking authorisation to transfer £25,000 to the Economy, Strategy and Research team to fund the next 12 months of the Civic Leadership Youth Engagement Project provided by Youth Leads UK.

**The reasons for the decision are:**

The Greater Manchester Civic Leadership Youth Engagement Project aims to tackle the under representation of racially minoritised people in areas of civic and public life, by encouraging more young people from racially minoritised communities to become active in their community and aspire to be future civic leaders.

Outcomes include:

- Racially minoritised young people are engaged in the core values of political education, participation and representation
- The views of racially minoritised young people are recognised and valued by public sector policy and decision-makers, enabling young people to have greater influence over things that impact their lives
- Future participation in civic leadership is encouraged, creating a pipeline for the Civic Leadership Core Programme
- Whilst the Youth Outreach focuses on race, this will also broaden involvement across demographics, protected characteristics and background, recognising intersectionality and multiple disadvantages.

Economy, Strategy and Research have secured a procurement exemption for Youth Leads UK be commissioned for a further year, to enable them to continue working with the cohort of young people they have built a relationship with, supporting them to deliver the resource themselves in settings such as youth clubs, schools, colleges etc. In addition, Youth Leads UK will provide:

Mentorship and Workshops:

- Regular follow-up sessions to continue personal development and ensure ongoing engagement.
- Monthly workshops focusing on leadership, civic engagement, and public speaking.

Progress Tracking:

- Continued use of STAR check-ins to monitor personal development and address any emerging issues.
- Explicit support with moving into Civic Roles
- Identifying and matchmaking civic roles to participants

Authorisation of this Decision will allow the Safer and Stronger Communities team to transfer £25,000 to an Economy, Strategy and Research cost centre. An exemption for the Economy team has already been signed by procurement allowing them to award the new contract directly to Youth Leads UK.

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

This will fulfil a variety of commitments and principles from the following strategies:

- Greater Manchester Strategy
- Greater Than Violence Strategy
- GM Health & Justice Strategy

**Procurement Comments:**

As this decision notice relates to a budgetary decision to transfer funds to ES&R, there are no Procurement concerns. An Exemption is in place to ensure compliant procurement.

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**Financial comments:**

£25,000 to be transferred from Safer Stronger Communities cost centre 3002 to an Economy, Strategy and Research cost centre.

**Legal comments:**

The funding will be allocated according to existing procurement rules. There are no known legal risks. A contract between GMCA & Youth Leads UK for the next phase of the programme is currently being finalised with support from legal services.

**Risk Assessment:**

Minimal risks identified. Due diligence in awarding the contract to Youth Leads UK was carried out in the first phase of procurement in which they were appointed via a competitive process, and Youth Leads UK have successfully delivered the first year of the programme. GMCA Procurement have already signed an exemption to state that Economy, Strategy and Research can directly award the next 12 month contract for this programme to Youth Leads UK using the funding contribution from Safer & Stronger Communities.

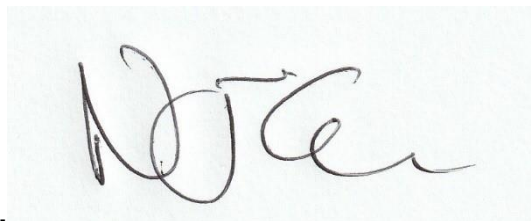
**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**

Safeguarding of children and young adults forms a core tenet of the programme specification of this project. Youth Leads UK staff will be DBS checked and subject to any further appropriate safeguarding procedures and policies required to work with young people both under and over 18.

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

As above. Youth Leads UK has a Modern Slavery Statement.

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



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Date...10<sup>th</sup> October 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: .....**