

FOR INFORMATION
GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL

Date: 22nd September 2025

Subject: Deputy Mayor Decision Notices in the period June to August 2025

Report of: Kate Green – Deputy Mayor for Police, Crime, Criminal Justice services and Fire

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to highlight decisions made by the Deputy Mayor in the period from June to August 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Panel is requested to note the decisions made and whether any further information is requested in relation to decisions made.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under Section 28(6) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Panel is obliged to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Deputy Mayor in connection with the discharge of the police and crime functions and, where necessary make reports or recommendations to the Deputy Mayor with respect to the discharge of those functions.
- 1.2 The Deputy Mayor is under a statutory obligation under the terms of the Specified Information Order to publish details of decisions of significant public interest. In more general terms under Section 13 of the 2011 Act, the Deputy Mayor is obliged to ensure that she provides the Panel with any information that it might reasonably require to allow it to carry out its functions. This would include the provision of information regarding decisions and actions, irrespective of whether they were to be of “significant public interest”.
- 1.3 In this respect, the GMCA publishes decisions made.

2.0 DECISIONS MADE IN THE PERIOD JUNE TO AUGUST 2025.

- 2.1 Drawing on the information published on the GMCA website, a number of decisions have been made in the period June to August 2025.
- 2.2 Decisions made are set out below:

25 th June 2025	VRU Grant Funding to Bolton CVS 2025-26 for Violence Reduction Alliance Facilitators & VRU VCSE Strategic Lead The GM VRU are seeking to award to Bolton Community Voluntary Sector (CVS) £375,000 in financial year 2025-26, via grant funding, to support in the delivery and administration of the VRU’s Community-Led Pilots Programme on behalf of 10 GM. The grant agreement will cover the period 1 st April 2025- 31 st March 2026.	PCC
8 th July 2025	A1179 Back Office Telephony Approval is given to tender, and subsequently award, a 3-year contract for the migration and ongoing licencing of back-office telephony systems to Microsoft Teams Direct Calling, with the option to extend for a further 2 years. The tender will use the Crown Commercial Services’ Network Services 3 Framework. The likely value of 5 years spend would be circa £940,200	GMP
8 th July 2025	Scoping the building of datasets to support the GM Whole System Approach to Diversion and Justice Devolution Deals. A funding envelope of up to £100,000.00 be awarded to Phase 2 – Building datasets to support:	PCC

	<p>a) The Cost Impact Analysis and Intervention Benefits for the revolving door cohort of prolific but lower risk offenders with high levels of unmet need in Greater Manchester by Newton and Xantura.</p> <p>b) Scoping the join-up of data sets to identify and track cohorts to deliver demand reduction initiatives.</p> <p>c) Scoping the potential for data sharing to enable a Youth Justice case management and performance framework.</p> <p>Phase 2 will consist of building datasets to develop Justice Devolution conversations with Government.</p>	
11 th July 2025	<p>VRU Action Network Launch 14th July 2025.</p> <p>The Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit make the following payments for the VRU Action Network Launch event on 14th July 2025:</p> <p>HOME Theatre:</p> <p>A payment to be made of £400.00 to book space at HOME Theatre covering event space for between all attendees.</p> <p>Wardley Ltd:</p> <p>A payment to be made of £650.00 to cover catering (standard lunch package) for all attendees to the above event. Wardley Ltd are the catering provider of HOME Theatre and must be paid separately to the HOME event costs.</p> <p>This replaces a previous Decision signed in June 2025 which quotes a lower catering figure of £150.00.</p>	PCC
11 th July 2025	<p>Grant Funding for GM ACE's Survey- Liverpool John Moores University. GMCA (Violence Reduction Unit) awards Liverpool John Moores University (JMU Services Ltd) £25,000 via a grant funding agreement to fund an Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Population Prevalence Study in Greater Manchester. The grant period will be 12 months, beginning 1st August 2025.</p>	PCC
11 th July 2025	<p>Involvement of The Reign Collective in GM Peer Review Programme – Part 2.</p> <p>GMCA Complex Safeguarding will pay £3,000 from the Complex Safeguarding Budget for The Reign Collective to take part in the second part of our revised GM Peer Review Programme.</p>	PCC
17 th July 2025	<p>SHiFT programme delivery – VRU intervention in Manchester (2nd phase). The VRU awards £150,000 to Manchester City Council in grant funding, acting as a contribution to continuing delivery of the existing SHiFT programme in Manchester which works to bring about positive outcomes for children across the borough. This grant funding award is intended to fund delivery over an 18-month period, beginning July/August 2025</p>	PCC

17 th July 2025	Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC) funding to each Community Safety Partnership in Greater Manchester 25/26. The Deputy Mayor agrees to award each Greater Manchester Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's) the below funding to continue the development and rollout of a MATAC model approach. Manchester CSP to receive £50,000 and all other CSPs to receive £25,000, 2025/26 total funding amount to be devolved to CSPs: £275,000	PCC
17 th July 2025	VRU website Hosting and VRU Domain Transfer 2025/26. The GM VRU awards Bauer Media £31.83 to cover ongoing hosting and domain costs for the VRU website. This has previous been a yearly commitment, however this cost will cover the transfer of VRU website domain costs back to the VRU from Bauer and will be managed in house by the GMCA comms team going forwards.	PCC
22 nd July 2025	Domestic Abuse Crisis Worker Pilots – Salford and Bolton 2025/26. The Deputy Mayor approves funding for the continuation of two Domestic Abuse Crisis Worker Pilots in Bolton and Salford. The funding required to deliver the third year of the pilots is £78,000 to be distributed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortalice (Bolton) £39,000 • Salford Council (for Safe in Salford Partnership) £39,000 • Evaluation – In House Contribution The total funding required for the second year of this pilot is £78,000 to be funded form the Victims Budget.	PCC
22 nd July 2025	Provision of a Specialist Older Person's GBV Support Worker. The Deputy Mayor approves funding for the delivery of a specialist support worker for Older People affected by GBV. Older People are a key priority highlighted within the GBV delivery plan for 2024-2026. The funding required to deliver the projects is £40,000 per year for two years. The total funding required for the project is £80,000 and will be funded from the GBV Budget.	PCC
22 nd July 2025	Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Interventions 2025/26. GMCA have been granted a further 12 months Home Office funding, to support the continuation of perpetrator-focused domestic abuse interventions, with the aim of reducing re-offending and protecting victims and survivors of domestic abuse. Funding will be provided to PCCs as the lead partner, but the expectation is that PCCs will deliver interventions in collaboration with partner	PCC

	<p>organisations. In GM it is agreed that this will be the 10 local authorities, Greater Manchester Police and The Hampton Trust.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor, in partnership with the Home Office has agreed that funding be split into two parts as outlined below: -</p> <p>Part 1: Funding to deliver adult focussed domestic abuse interventions. The Home Office have agreed that the 10 GM Local Authorities would be the partner organisation to deliver adult focused domestic abuse perpetrator interventions.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor agrees to award each GM Local Authority the funding outlined below in 2025/2026 to commission their own interventions. Manchester £145,000 All other GM CSPs £95,000</p> <p>Part 2: Project CARA Project CARA is an early 'awareness raising diversionary' intervention targeting domestic abuse offenders who have received a Diversionary Caution. Offenders attend two workshops which are designed to help them understand what domestic abuse is, the impact it has, and its consequences. It also signposts offenders to other specialist services. This will be done in partnership with the Hampton Trust and GMP.</p> <p>The Hampton Trust will have a grant agreement with GMCA, as the specialist organisation they will continue to support the role out of CARA through GMP, ensuring that the service is to a correct standard and that the delivery of the programme is continually monitored. The Hampton Trust also holds the licence to deliver CARA.</p> <p>GMP have commissioned a specialist organisation to deliver CARA and will be provided funding through the Home Office Grant.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor agrees to award GMP £162,500 and the Hampton Trust £44,800; The funding will be used from the Home Office Fund.</p>	
24 th July 2025	<p>Extension of Greater Manchester Victims' Service (GMVS) - Victims Gateway website/portal Managed Service.</p> <p>A funding envelope of £41,400 ex VAT is approved to extend the current digital managed service of the GMVS website/portal, which is live to the public.</p>	PCC

24 th July 2025	<p>The Suzy Lamplugh Trust to provide consultancy to develop a Multi-Agency Stalking Intervention Partnership (MASIP) model in Greater Manchester.</p> <p>A funding envelope of up to £30,000.00 is awarded to The Suzy Lamplugh Trust to provide advice and consultancy on the current GM Stalking Triage model in Greater Manchester and assist in developing a multi-agency decision making partnership between different organisations including GMP, Probation, Health professionals and specialist stalking advocates to provide a comprehensive approach to reduce the risk of stalking and its impact on victims.</p>	PCC
24 th July 2025	<p>External Microsoft licences packs for GMVS (Victims Gateway) website/portal.</p> <p>A funding envelope of £49,999 is approved for purchasing external Microsoft licences (authenticated and anonymous) through GMCA's contracted licencing supplier, Phoenix Software.</p>	PCC
24 th July 2025	<p>Ethics Committee Annual Report Publication.</p> <p>To fund the cost of printing and publishing of the Ethics Committee annual report. To the value of £1,150.</p>	PCC
24 th July 2025	<p>VRU Community-Led Network for Violence Reduction – Independent Chair.</p> <p>To fund the costs of the Chair as set out below:</p> <p>Per Annum:</p> <p>6 attendance x 211.50 = £1,269</p> <p>Annual fee = £1,500</p> <p>Projected expenses of maximum £100 per meeting (x6) to include preparation of agenda and reading fee = £600</p> <p>Total = £3,369</p>	PCC
29 th July 2025	<p>Youth Endowment Fund – Whole Area Model Pilot.</p> <p>Greater Manchester has been successful in securing £60,000 funding from the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) to be one of four pilot sites exploring a Whole Area Model which aims to improve the use and consistency of out of court resolutions for children.</p>	PCC
29 th July 2025	<p>The Greater Manchester Restorative (RJ) Service –12 months extension.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor agrees to extend the Remedi contract to provide the GM RJ Service from 4th July 2025 for a further 12 months.</p> <p>Value £250,000 per annum.</p>	PCC

29 th July 2025	<p>VRU Parent & Carer Support (PACS) Programme: Extension of Existing Contract by 12 Months for the Financial Year 2025-26 (Amendment). The Deputy Mayor approves the extension of the VRU's PACS programme to the 31st March 2026 at a cost of £249,962.74. The extension will be awarded to the existing programme provider, who are Oasis UK.</p> <p>The total amount of the existing contract, including any previous variations, is £780,000. The total value once this extension has been completed will be £1,029,962.74.</p> <p>This replaces a Decision previously signed on 3rd July 25 which gave an incorrect amount for the previous contract amount, and an incorrect end date for the previous contract.</p> <p>This new Decision also includes an amended procurement comment. The amount the VRU seeks permission to add to the contract remains unchanged, though the amount is quoted more specifically on this Decision as £249,962.74 versus the £250,000 quoted on the previous Decision.</p>	PCC
29 th July 2025	<p>Provision of Complex Safeguarding Trusted Relationships Psychologists by Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor authorises the direct award to Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust, a contract to cover provision of a Psychologist for the GM Resilience Hub Trusted Relationships programme covering the delivery period 1st April 2025- 31st March 2028.</p> <p>The total value of the contract will be £1,570,002, part funded by GMCA over the 3-year life of the contract to the value of £185,001.</p> <p>This is to replace an earlier Decision Notice signed on 9th Feb 2025 which gave the total value as £523,334.</p>	PCC
29 th July 2025	<p>Greater Manchester Emerging Drug Trends and Drug Testing (GM TRENDS).</p> <p>It is agreed that the terminal date of the current agreement with Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) for the delivery of the GM TRENDS research and laboratory testing be extended to 28th February 2026 with no additional funds allocated to the project.</p> <p>This Decision was authorised by the Chief Executive of the GMCA. The Deputy Mayor is a Governor at Manchester Metropolitan University and was not involved in the procurement of the GM TRENDS contract. The decision to extend the terminal date does not involve any additional funding.</p>	PCC

29 th July 2025	<p>Operation Soteria - Visually Recorded Interviews (VRI) Quality Assurance audit.</p> <p>To fund the costs of an audit of VRIs requiring a one-off cost to cover officer overtime. This will provide capacity to undertake 272 interviews. In addition, GMP has committed to undertake a further 84 audits from existing resources making a total of 356 audits to be completed in 2025/26.</p> <p>Total cost to GMCA £67,695.</p>	PCC
5 th August 2025	<p>Amendment to the Airport Police Services Agreement: Manchester Airport PLC pursuant to Section 24 AE (1) and Section 25B of the Aviation Security Act 1982.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor authorises GMCA to sign the amended agreement as set out below:</p> <p>In January 2024, The Deputy Mayor authorised entering into the Airport Police Services Agreement with Manchester Airport PLC pursuant to Section 24 AE (1) and Section 25B of the Aviation Security Act 1982.</p> <p>Subsequently, the agreement has been amended as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agreement has been extended by 1 year to March 2026 • The agreement reflects the increased 2025/26 costs that will be claimed by GMP from Manchester Airport PLC. The agreed sum for 2025/26 totals £10,935,537 for the financial year 2025/26. <p>There are no other changes to the Agreement.</p>	PCC
5 th August 2025	<p>Supporting the development of a plan and approach to ensuring that the Safer and Stronger Communities Business Plan and workstreams are addressing the needs of those who are neurodivergent.</p> <p>Approval is given to grant fund the Greater Manchester Autism Consortium to work with the Safer and Stronger Communities team to produce a delivery plan for how the needs of neurodivergent people are considered through the delivery of the GM Police and Crime Plan and relevant sub strategies.</p> <p>Total cost £9000</p>	PCC
7 th August 2025	<p>PhD Studentship – Reconciling the needs of victims of stalking with effective interventions for perpetrators.</p> <p>It is approved that a contribution of £10,500.00 will be made to Manchester University over a 3.5-year period to support the PhD Studentship to carry out a research project and produce a thesis for examination in accordance with the University's regulations covering</p>	PCC

	postgraduate study and to lead to academic publications relating to the results of the project.	
7 th August 2025	Grant Funding: Creating a Trauma-Responsive Environment in HMP Styal. Approval is given to award HMPPS (HMP Styal) £20,000 in grant funding to co-fund the implementation of a series of trauma-responsive improvements within the prison, with the overarching aim of reducing reoffending by addressing the root causes of trauma and its intergenerational impact. This will be co-funded with Merseyside VRU (Merseyside Police) and Lancashire VRU (Lancashire Police) who are each providing £20,000 in grant funding (via separate, standalone grant agreements between their own organisations and HMPPS) for the same purpose. The grant period will be 15/08/2025-14/08/2026.	PCC
7 th August 2025	GM Magistrates Association: Virtual Reality Programme in x 2 Schools. Approval is given to award the Greater Manchester Magistrates Association (GMMA) £3,000 in funding to support their virtual reality knife crime reduction initiative, costed at £1,500 per school for delivery in x2 schools. The Deputy Mayor is a life member of the Magistrates' Association, however, was not involved in the commissioning or financial approval for this funding. The amount of £3,000 requires Director approval only.	PCC
7 th August 2025	Is this OK website build. Approval is given for the allocation of £4,700 to commission the development of a new standalone website for the next phase of the #IsThisOK campaign. The new site will be designed, built, and hosted by EY3 and will include campaign resources, signposting to support services, and tailored content for our target audience.	PCC
12 th August 2025	VRU Evaluation: Extension of Existing Contract by 9 Months into Financial Year 2025-26 (Amended Value) GMCA Safer & Stronger Communities (Violence Reduction Unit) wish to extend provision of the VRU's Programme Evaluation contract by 9 months. The current contract end date is 30th June 2025. The new end date would be 31st March 2026. The value of this extension will be £202,500. The extension will be awarded to the existing programme provider, who are Manchester Metropolitan University (ManMet). The total amount of the existing contract is £877,749; the total value once this extension has been completed will be £1,080,249.	PCC

	<p>This replaces a previous Decision signed 25/06/25. The contract value under this Decision is £10,000 higher which reflects the correct, final value of the contract.</p> <p>This Decision was authorised by Group Chief Executive. The Deputy Mayor is a Governor at Manchester Metropolitan University and was not involved in the procurement of the Evaluation Programme.</p>	
12 th August 2025	<p>Reducing Reoffending Reform Lead – Wigan Pilot.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor approves Wigan Community Safety & Partnerships, within Wigan Council, to be allocated £60,000 in funding for the position of Reducing Reoffending Reform Lead. Contract Start date: 1st of July 2025 – 30th of June 2026.</p> <p>This funding will enable the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to advance the Whole System Approach to Diversion, aiming to alleviate pressure on the criminal justice system. The initiative will initially prioritise individuals categorised as the ‘revolving door’ cohort, subsequently extending support to those at risk of offending at all points of entry and exit within the system.</p>	PCC
14 th August 2025	<p>VRU Comms: Thanks to Youth Work: Showcasing the Power of Youth and Play in Greater Manchester</p> <p>Approval is given to award GM Youth Network (GMYN) £4,000 to fund their ‘Thanks to Youth Work’ comms campaign.</p>	PCC
14 th August 2025	<p>Venue and Catering – Child Exploitation Conference 2025</p> <p>Approval is given to pay £5,000 (VAT inclusive) from the Complex Safeguarding Budget to St Kentigern’s Parish Hall to pay for catering and venue for our Child Exploitation Conference 2025.</p>	PCC
14 th August 2025	<p>APCC Police Staff Council (PSC).</p> <p>Annual membership of the Police Staff Council (PSC) 2024/25</p> <p>Approval is given to pay £1,094.99 (+vat) to continue membership of the APCC PSC.</p>	PCC
15 th August 2025	<p>GMP Vehicle Purchase Strategy.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor approves the use of the CCS framework (RM6224) to procure the necessary vehicles and specialist conversions on the 2025/2026 vehicle replacement programs when BLC vehicles and pricing are not available, or vehicles are suitable to meet operational needs and timescales.</p>	GMP

21 st August 2025	Safer Summer Initiative (Safe4Summer) Campaign and Communications. It is agreed to make a £25,000 contribution from the Deputy Mayors Investment Fund towards the Greater Manchester Safe4Summer campaign to maximise the impact of the Safer Summer Initiative across the city region.	PCC
21 st August 2025	Commissioning community engagement for international care sector workers. It is agreed that up to £49,999 be allocated to seek proposals from organisations, partnerships or collaborations to undertake engagement with individuals and communities affected by visa issues in relation to international care workers.	PCC

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS.

3.1 Appear at the front of the report.