

FOR INFORMATION
GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME PANEL

Date: 16th March 2026

Subject: PCC/Deputy Mayor Decision Notices in the period January 2026 to February 2026

Report of: Kate Green – Deputy Mayor for Safer and Stronger Communities

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to highlight decisions made by the PCC/Deputy Mayor in the period from January 2026 to February 2026.

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 JANUARY 2026 TO FEBRUARY 2026.

- 2.1 Drawing on the information published on the GMCA website, a number of decisions have been made in the period January 2026 to February 2026.
- 2.2 Decisions made are set out below:

8 th January 2026	<p>GM student drug and alcohol partnership pilot.</p> <p>A total GMCA contribution of £10,000 will be made to support the piloting of a GM student drug and alcohol partnership pilot.</p> <p>Greater Manchester has been selected as one of five pilot sites for universities and local partners, to test and evaluate the responses to student drug use with the aim of creating a consistent, joined-up approach to drug and alcohol use among students. The Deputy Mayor is a member of the Advisory Board for the GM pilot which is being coordinated by SOS-UK, a student-led education charity focused on sustainability. The requested funding will support local partnership networks for collaboration, data sharing, and targeted activities, with SOS-UK providing additional national coordination to ensure consistency, shared evaluation, and strategic alignment across pilot sites.</p> <p>Payment will be made to Students Organising for Stability UK (SOS-UK), a student-led education charity (Charity Number: 1184011).</p> <p>The payment will be drawn from the Police Property Act Fund. The Police (Property) Act 1997 is a fund whereby allocations are received from the sale of recovered stolen goods or property that has been found.</p>	PCC
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9 th January 2026	<p>Schools protocol (knives / exclusion / social media / use of CCTV) Stakeholder engagement - Request for Quotation approval.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor approves a commercial services-led procurement request for quotation exercise in January 2026 inviting social research company quotations for stakeholder engagement and facilitation of workshops to enable the revision of the 'Schools Protocol' - first published by the VRU in 2020.</p> <p>The VRU will seek 3 quotations from research companies. The total amount of funding to be awarded not to exceed £14,000. Once a provider has been selected from the quotations, a further contract award Decision Notice will follow.</p>	PCC
9 th January 2026	<p>Event Space at Mechanics Institute and Friends Meeting House for VRU Education Events Feb & Apr 2026.</p> <p>The following payments for venue and catering in early 2026 are approved: VRU Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) Symposium- 26th Feb 2026 (Mechanics Institute) £2,200.00. Edinburgh Symposium- 24th Apr 2026 (Friends Meeting House) £700.00.</p>	PCC
14 th January 2026	<p>GM Magistrates Association: Year 6 Mock Trials in 2026 (Grant Funding).</p> <p>Approval is given to award the Magistrates Association £3,000 in grant funding to support the running of their year 6 mock trial competition. In 2024 and 2025, the event attracted 16 teams from 15 schools from 8 boroughs. Some teams took the part of the CPS and others the Defence.' 150 young people took part in total with speaking and non-speaking roles, such as court reporter, court artist etc. GMP, BTP and GMFRS were also present to speak to the young people, an approach that will be replicated in 2026. The grant period is 01/01/2026-31/07/2026.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor is a life member of the Magistrates Association. She took no part in this decision.</p>	PCC
14 th January 2026	<p>Event Space at Mechanics Institute for VRU Criminal Justice Multi-Agency Symposium 2nd March 2026.</p> <p>Approval is given for the following payments for venue and catering in early 2026: VRU Criminal Justice Symposium- 2nd March 2026 (Mechanics Institute) £1,417.58.</p>	PCC
21 st January 2026	<p>Schools protocol (knives / exclusion / social media / use of CCTV) Stakeholder engagement – Contract Award to SMSR.</p> <p>Following a commercial service led procurement process, the GMCA have commissioned SMSR Ltd to deliver stakeholder engagement and</p>	PCC

	facilitation of workshops to enable the revision of the 'Schools Protocol' - first published by the VRU in 2020. The total value of the contract will be £14,000.	
21st January 2026	<p>Animation to support Manchester Trauma & Sexual Violence Network learning product for practitioners.</p> <p>£4,999 is awarded to Manchester Rape Crisis, who are acting on behalf of the Manchester Trauma and Sexual Violence Network. This funding will be used to co-commission a training product and animation for use across Greater Manchester.</p>	PCC
27th January 2026	<p>A0383 Extension to Datacentre Managed Service.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor approves the extension of A0383 – Datacentre Stream 2 Contract for a period of up to 18 months. The likely value of the maximum 18 months extension would be circa £1.35 million. It is recommended that Regulation 72 of the 2015 Procurement Act is used for this extension.</p>	GMP
27th January 2026	<p>A1244 Forensic Acquisition and Analysis of Mobile Devices</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor approves the award of a 3 year contract for Forensic Acquisition and Analysis of Mobile Devices (CSAS Licencing) to Forensic Analytics Ltd, with the option to extend for a further 1 year. The likely value of the 4 years spend would be circa £684,000.</p>	GMP
30th January 2026	<p>Venue Hire - Transitional Safeguarding Workshop for Senior Leaders.</p> <p>Approval to pay £580 for The Alan Hotel to provide a meeting venue in Central Manchester, where a workshop for Senior Leaders (Assistant Directors and Leads Directors for Complex Safeguarding – ASC and CSC) on Transitional Safeguarding and System Leadership will be held on March 5th, 2026. The contract also includes refreshments for the delegates.</p>	PCC
3rd February 2026	<p>Alison Cope- Violence Prevention Presentations Throughout Early 2026.</p> <p>Approval to award £19,200 to commission Alison Cope, the mother of Joshua Ribeira, to deliver a series of knife crime awareness sessions in schools across GM in early 2026 (commissioning period Jan-May 2026). The VRU's intention is that schools in every borough of GM partake in this offer.</p>	PCC
3rd February 2026	<p>Venue Booking and Catering- VRU Education leaders Conference (POL ED) 4th Feb 2026 Remaining Balance.</p> <p>Approval is given to pay for an education conference for approx. 250 senior teachers and safeguarding leads, specifically to promote POL ED,</p>	PCC

	<p>the online education resource which has been funded by VRU/GMP. The venue is Lancashire County Cricket Club (Emirates Old Trafford Cricket Ground). A payment is to be made of £8,050 + VAT which follows a deposit payment of £1,000 (approved via previous Decision) to secure venue space on 4th Feb 2026.</p>	
3 rd February 2026	<p>Glyn Potts (Schola Ltd) Stakeholder Engagement for VRU Stronger Without Project: Second Phase.</p> <p>Approval given to make a payment of £6,000.00 to former Headteacher of Newman College, a high school in Oldham, to continue to co-lead stakeholder engagement for the VRU's 2025/26 'Stronger Without' programme.</p>	PCC
4 th February 2026	<p>Transfer of Funds to Greater Manchester Police for Purchase of Millimetre Wave Scanner (MWS) at Longsight Custody Suite.</p> <p>GMCA approves the transfer £126,645 to Greater Manchester Police (GMP) from the Deputy Mayor's Investment Fund to facilitate the purchase of a Millimetre Wave Scanner (MWS) for deployment at GMP Longsight Custody Suite.</p>	PCC
4 th February 2026	<p>Permission to recommission a Navigator Service for GM.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor approved commencement to advertise via a competitive tender process for the provision of a Hospital Community Navigator service to run, subject to confirmation of funding, from approximately 1/7/26 to 30/6/27 with a further 1 year plus 1 year extension option. (all extensions subject to GMCA receiving a VRU or similar grant for each of these years).</p> <p>It is envisaged that the successful bidder will begin delivery of the contract on 1/7/26, however bidders will be notified that this date is not fixed and could move further towards the end of July or August to allow for contract arrangements (such as information sharing agreements and TUPE) to be put into place depending on the successful provider. GMCA will agree a final provider as part of the procurement process once a successful provider has been selected.</p> <p>Overall costs based on existing service and with 5% year on year uplift. Year 1 £602,000 Year 2 £630,000 Year 3 £660,000.</p>	PCC
4 th February 2026	<p>Permission to recommission a Parent and Carer Service for GM.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor approved commencement to advertise a competitive tender process for the provision of a Parent & Carer service to run 1/7/26 to 30/6/27 with a further 1 year plus 1 year extension option. (extensions</p>	PCC

	<p>subject to GMCA receiving a VRU or similar grant for each of these years). It is envisaged that the successful bidder will begin delivery of the contract on 1/7/26, however bidders will be notified that this date is not fixed and could move further towards the end of July or August to allow for contract arrangements (such as information sharing agreements and TUPE) to be put into place depending on the successful provider. GMCA will agree a final provider as part of the procurement process once a successful provider has been selected.</p> <p>Overall costs based on existing service and with 5% year on year uplift. Year 1 £452,000 Year 2 £475,000 Year 3 £498,000</p>	
6 th February 2026	<p>Award of GM TRENDS contract to Manchester Metropolitan University.</p> <p>Following an open tender process, a contract for the provision of research on emerging drug trends in Greater Manchester and the laboratory testing of drug samples is awarded to Manchester Metropolitan University. The contract will last for an initial period of 3 years, with two optional extension periods of 1 year each. The total potential value of the contract is £393,726 over 5 years.</p> <p>This Decision was authorised by Group Chief Executive. The Deputy Mayor is a Governor at Manchester Metropolitan University and has had no involvement in the procurement of this contract.</p>	PCC
9 th February 2026	<p>VRU TfGM ads for Fatal Question campaign.</p> <p>Approval is given to pay TfGM £14,576 to advertise the Fatal Question campaign from February to May. The campaign was developed by StreetDoctors (national campaign) and aims to prevent young people from using knives. The Greater Manchester VRU have collaborated with StreetDoctors to bring the campaign to Greater Manchester. There are x2 documents for review- a Decision Notice & Exemption.</p>	PCC
10 th February 2026	<p>Funding for the Crimestoppers Anonymous Helpline Service.</p> <p>Approval is given for funding of £113,905 in 2026/27 to allow the continuation of the Crimestoppers 24 hour call centre and online reporting facility for the public to anonymously provide information and intelligence for policing purposes. In addition, to agree in principle, to the same level of funding in 2027/28 and 2028/29 (totalling £341,715 over the three years), subject to funding availability and annual performance reviews.</p>	PCC

13 th February 2026	<p>Programme Challenger Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Place of Safety.</p> <p>Up to £5,000 will be provided to GMP and Justice and Care to cover the costs of providing the Greater Manchester place of safety for victims of modern slavery from April 2025 to March 2026.</p>	PCC
17 th February 2026	<p>Night Time Economy Welfare Scheme – Manchester Gay Village.</p> <p>Approval is given to extend the LGBT Foundation’s commission for one year (April 2026-April 2027) to provide a Night Time Economy Welfare Scheme to operate in Manchester’s Gay Village.</p> <p>The confirmed value of this plus one extension as set out in the original contract is £147,137. The total spend by the end of the 2026/27 will be £427,297.</p>	PCC
20 th February 2026	<p>Funding for North West Crimestoppers Regional Manager.</p> <p>Approval is given to provide a total of £15,400 to fund a contribution towards the North West Crimestoppers Regional Manager post. The post will be joint funded by North West Police and Crime Commissioners for 2026/27. There are x3 documents to review for this- Decision Notice, Subsidy Control Analysis & grant award report.</p>	PCC
20 th February 2026	<p>Request for venue hire to conduct Prevention Panel workshop with practitioners.</p> <p>Venue hire (Pendulum Hotel Manchester) £1,950 to enable a Young Futures practitioner workshop facilitated by VRU and attended by Home Office.</p>	PCC
20 th February 2026	<p>Contribution to the establishment and development of a Greater Manchester wide Anti-Slavery Business Network.</p> <p>Funding totalling £5,000 will be provided to Stronger Together as a contribution to the total costs of a pilot project to re-establish and develop the Greater Manchester Anti-Slavery Business Network.</p>	PCC
25 th February 2026	<p>Request to extend Youth Navigator Service for GM (1/4/26-30/6/26).</p> <p>Approval is given for the extension of the current Youth Navigator contract from the current end date of 31/03/2026 to 30/06/2026 whilst a competitive tender is advertised on the open market to recommission the service for 1 year with options to extend for x2 years.</p> <p>The total amount of the existing contract is £2,072,541.50 The total value once this extension has been completed will be £2,223,058.50. The exact cost for the extended period of 3 months is £150,517.</p>	PCC

25 th February 2026	<p>Request to extend Parent & Carer Service for GM (1/4/26-30/6/26).</p> <p>Approval is given for the extension of the current Parent & Carer support service contract from the current end date of 31/03/2026 to 30/06/2026 whilst a competitive tender is advertised on the open market to recommission the service for 1 year with options to extend for x2 years. The total amount of the existing contract is £1,029,962.74. The total value once this extension has been completed will be £1,142,815.74. The exact cost for the extended period of 3 months is £112,853.</p>	PCC
25 th February 2026	<p>VRU Support for Young Person Engaged with Rochdale CLP- Payment to Middleton Martial Arts Club</p> <p>Approval is given for the VRU to cover costs for a young person, supported by the community-led programme, who has been selected to fight for England in a Thai Boxing competition. The total cost of £2,150.00 is to be awarded to Middleton Martial Arts Club</p>	PCC
25 th February 2026	<p>VRU Annual Report Design – Glorious Creative</p> <p>Following a request for quotation process, the VRU has appointed Glorious Creative at a cost of £880 + VAT to design the Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit Annual Report.</p>	PCC
25 th February 2026	<p>Targeted VRU Social Media Ads Around the Piccadilly Gardens Area via EY3 Media</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor approves the award of £3,000 to EY3 Media to set up, run and evaluate a series of targeted social media ads aimed at young people in Piccadilly Gardens. This is part of a piece of work commissioned by the Home Office to reduce crime in the area. The ads will be shown to young people entering Piccadilly Gardens on Wednesday and Friday evenings (evaluation periods). The ads will promote the Greater Manchester Navigator service and show young people’s opinions on the gardens and how they could be improved (produced by Unity Radio). Whilst this Decision was under £5,000, due to cumulative spend with EY3 Media, the Decision was signed by the Deputy Mayor and Treasurer alongside the Safer Stronger Communities Executive Director.</p>	PCC

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS.

3.1 Appear at the front of the report.