

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee – 7 December 2021

**Subject:** Community Safety Partnership Spend

**Report of:** Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

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**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the Community Safety Partnership spend. This will include details of the members, strategic priorities, and funding sources. The report will also provide details of how the partnership allocates funding and the approved spending plans for 2021/22, and some of the activity and outcomes of previously funded projects.

**Recommendations**

To consider the content of the report and make comment.

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**Wards Affected:** All

<b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b> - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city
The Manchester Community Safety Partnership does not directly fund work to achieve the zero-carbon target for the city.

<b>Our Manchester Strategy outcomes</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS</b>
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	A number of the services provided or commissioned by the CSP and its members are designed to: improve access to education, training, and employment; provide positive opportunities for young people; and improving school attendance.

A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	The Community Safety Partnership contributes towards this outcome by striving to ensure that neighbourhoods are clean, safe, attractive and cohesive and therefore a destination of choice for people to live, visit and work
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	

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**Background documents (available for public inspection):**

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy, please contact one of the contact officers above.

Community Safety Strategy 2018-21

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 Manchester's Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has been invited by the Committee to provide an overview of the partnership's funding and spending priorities.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Manchester CSP is a statutory body established in 1999 following the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. This act places a duty on the police and local authorities to work in partnership with key partners and agencies to formulate and implement local crime reduction strategies following crime and disorder audits and consultation.
- 2.2 Manchester's CSP comprises Manchester City Council, Greater Manchester Police (GMP), offender management services, Population Health, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, Housing Providers, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Universities, and Voluntary and Community organisations. These partners work together to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour, protect people with vulnerabilities, and change offending behaviour.
- 2.3 The current [Community Safety Strategy](#) 2018-2021 was developed following public consultation and crime and antisocial behaviour audits and contains the following five priorities:
- To tackle crime and antisocial behaviour.
  - To keep children, young people and adults with vulnerabilities safe.
  - To protect people from serious harm.
  - To reduce the crime impact caused by alcohol and drugs.
  - To change and prevent adult offender behaviour.
- 2.4 Each priority is overseen by theme leads who are responsible for developing the Partnership's response with regards to their priority. This includes commissioning activity and analysis, monitoring activity and performance, identifying sources of funding, and working with other theme leads on cross cutting areas of work.
- 2.5 Underlying themes run throughout these priorities including community cohesion, early intervention, and tackling serious crime. The CSP is currently reviewing and refreshing the strategy and consultation is taking place that includes an online survey, online events, focus groups, and street engagement. The new Community Safety Strategy 2022/25 will be launched in early 2022.

## **3.0 Overall Community Safety Partnership Funding**

- 3.1 The 2021/22 CSP annual grant funding award is £1.13m. The grant funding is provided through GMCA and is made up of four main grants, they are: -
- Community Safety Partnership Grant - £0.695m

- Community Safety; Hate Crime - £15k
- Voluntary and Community Sector - £200k
- Serious Violent Crime - £220k

These grants are one-year funding and activity and spend should take place during the financial year. Funding cannot be used to provide mainstream services within any of the agencies, including police overtime. Further details on each of these grant streams is provided below and the spending plans do require the approval of GMCA prior to any allocation of funding.

#### Community Safety Partnership Grant

- 3.2 The CSP received £0.695m Community Safety Grant from GMCA for 2021/22 and the CSP Board is responsible for developing the spending plan for this grant, based on plans submitted by strategic theme leads. As part of developing the annual spending plan and in order to ensure maximisation of resources there is an element of “overprogramming” applied each year. This is when the total allocated resources is greater than the approved funding, but makes an allowance for projects slipping in year. The table below sets out total spending plans of £0.825m, against total allocated funding of £0.695m, this is around 18% over programmed. In the event that the annual spend is greater than the annual grant allocation then any shortfall will be funded by CSP reserves. The table below summarises how this grant was allocated by strategic priority:

<b>Community Safety Grant - Strategic Priority</b>	<b>Annual Allocation £000's</b>
<b>Tackling Crime and ASB</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Keeping children, young people and adults with vulnerabilities safe</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Protecting people from serious harm</b>	<b>309</b>
<b>Reducing the crime impact caused by alcohol and drugs</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Changing and preventing adult offender behaviour</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Cross cutting</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>825</b>

#### Community Safety Hate Crime

- 3.3 The CSP 2021/22 Hate Crime Grant allocation was £10k, and this was to address hate crime and there was a further allocation of £5k for hate crime branded merchandise and £30k is allocated from the Community Safety Grant.
- 3.4 The CSP published its first Hate Crime Strategy in January 2013 at the beginning of its inaugural Hate Crime Awareness Week (HCAW). Manchester now runs an annual Summer/Autumn programme in addition to the original HCAW.

- 3.5 Small grants are available for voluntary, community, social enterprise, and public sector bodies to fund activity during HCAW and/or the Summer/Autumn programme that raise awareness of hate crime and how to report it and celebrates diversity.
- 3.6 A panel comprising representatives from voluntary and statutory organisations from the Hate Crime Steering Group oversee the small grants process including scrutinising bids and awarding funding.

#### Voluntary and Community Sector Grant

- 3.7 This is the fourth year that the CSP has received a £200k VCS grant from GMCA. This grant must be allocated to VCSE organisations to enable them to support local priorities and the Police and Crime Plan priorities of:
- Keeping people safe.
  - Reducing harm and offending.
  - Strengthening communities and places.

This year the funding has been allocated as follows:

#### Street Engagement Hub - £80k

- 3.8 A grant process took place in April 2021 and Riverside were identified as the lead organisation in a partnership that provides a comprehensive offer of support to those accessing the Hub. Riverside provide a triage service at 'front of house', signposting and referring people to services (accommodation, substance use, DWP, etc.) at the Mustard Tree and mobile sessions based in local communities. Riverside are supported by the Big Life Group, St. John Ambulance, and Coffee4Craig. The aims of the Hub are:
- To improve safety for people begging and/or rough sleeping in Manchester.
  - To increase access to services.
  - A reduction in begging, antisocial behaviour, and rough sleeping.
  - A reduction in harm and offending.

Further details of the Hub can be found in Appendix 1.

#### Keeping Children and Young People Safe - £100k

- 3.9 Local youth providers are commissioned through a grant process administered by Young Manchester, building upon the learning and evidence base from previous investments. They provide targeted street-based detached, 1:1, and group work with young people to support them away from crime and antisocial behaviour and help them access or remain in mainstream provision. This work draws upon the voices and experiences of young people and seeks to develop further relationships between youth providers, early help, and education establishments. This allocation from the Voluntary and Community Sector

Grant is given in conjunction with a further allocation from the Serious Violent Crime Grant.

Small grants for sex work support - £20k

- 3.10 Organisations are invited to submit bids for grants of up to £5,000 to provide support and interventions for people who sex work, focusing on safety. Funding is allocated to organisations who help support the implementation of Manchester's Sex Work Strategy 2020/22 and provide support for people who sex work and/or are sexually exploited.

**Serious Violent Crime Grant 2021/22**

- 3.11 In response to national increases of serious violence, the Home Office launched the Serious Violence Strategy in 2018. Further guidance in 2019 emphasised that a public health approach had to be adopted to tackle and prevent serious violence. This involves focusing on a defined population and generating long and short-term solutions, with and for communities, based on data and intelligence and evidence of effectiveness to tackle the problem.
- 3.12 As a part of the Government's response several Violence Reduction Units were established across the country including Greater Manchester. The Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit (GMVRU) agreed priorities are detailed in the GM Serious Violence Action Plan.
- 3.13 At a local level, Manchester's approach to tackling and preventing serious violence is directed by the Public Health Approach to Serious Violence Group. Since February 2019 it has developed a better understanding of the picture of serious violence in Manchester, identified best practice, and prioritised actions.
- 3.14 GMCA has allocated £220k Serious Violent Crime grant funding to the CSP for 2021/22 (the third year it has allocated this Home Office funding). The Public Health Approach Group is responsible for allocating this grant. The spending plan must be signed by the Chair of the CSP, Director of Population Health, and Director of Children's Services before being submitted to GMCA for scrutiny and approval. The grant for 2021/22 has been allocated as follows:

Keeping Children and Young People Safe - £80k

- 3.15 The Serious Violent Crime grant together with the Voluntary and Community Sector grant fund this initiative with local youth providers commissioned through a grant process administered by Young Manchester as detailed above.

Youth Justice - £50k

- 3.16 Remedi has been commissioned to undertake restorative work with young people in the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and to provide trauma informed support around behaviour: reducing behaviour sanctions and assisting with

maintaining attendance. This is done through 1-1 and group work, with Remedi also supporting conflict resolution.

- 3.17 Early intervention and preventative work are being funded with young people at risk of being drawn into violent crime, identified through multi-agency working. This approach has been piloted in South Manchester and will be rolled out in the North based on a model developed in Bury and Tameside with the GMVRU. This project aims to increase the number of young people accessing support and services and prevent them being drawn into crime and exploitation.

#### Education and Inclusion - £50k

- 3.18 Several initiatives are funded through Education including targeted resources for schools on issues such as exploitation, wellbeing, and knife related interventions. Work is also taking place with young people around inclusion and preventing disproportionality with resources being developed for schools.

#### Leadership - £40k

- 3.19 A manager role within the Community Safety Team is being funded to lead and coordinate the approach to serious violence across Manchester. They will also be a point of contact for the GMVRU and will share the good practice being developed across Greater Manchester.

### **4.0 Funded Activity and Outcomes**

- 4.1 The short-term nature of funding (one year) means that it can be challenging to guarantee long term funding for interventions and projects and therefore develop evidence bases. In addition, financial regulations and funding procedures mean that new projects are often not able to commence activity until part way through the financial year. However, the CSP has sought to address this by developing spending plans in advance of funding notification. The CSP has also funded some projects for more than a year where possible to develop longer-term evaluation. In addition, while some of the funding is used to test out new approaches, some is used to fund long-term interventions such as those around hate crime, domestic abuse, and serious youth violence.

The information included in Appendix 1 highlights some of the activities and outcomes that have taken place over previous years with CSP funded initiatives.

### **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That the Committee take note of the report and make comment.