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**MANCHESTER**

Chief Exec of LA  
Chair(s) of CSP

Our Ref:

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Sandra, Phil and Emma

**SUBJECT: TAMESIDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING 2023/24 – 2025/26**

- 1. COMMUNITY SAFETY, VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR, HATE CRIME GRANTS - 2023/24 – 2025/26**
- 2. SERIOUS VIOLENCE FUNDING & SERIOUS VIOLENCE DUTY FUNDING – 2023/24 & 2024/25**

I hope everyone in your community safety partnership is well, I would like to ask you to pass on my thanks for all the work that your partnership has been doing to tackle crime and disorder in your district and also in their contributions to my work at a Greater Manchester level.

I held a Community Safety Partnership event on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and was extremely encouraged by the strong attendance and the quality of the discussion that took place on matters ranging from how we overcome the challenges we are facing to integrating multi-agency problem solving approaches into our day to day work.

The event also provided me with an opportunity to respond to the feedback from the meetings that have taken place with each CSP Chair and Place Director over the last 12 months, particularly in relation to funding. I was able to share my decisions that will come into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and I have set out below:

1. Community Safety, VCS and Hate Crime grant allocation will be for a three year period, subject to current levels of Police grant.
2. Serious Violence Grant will be for a 2 year period in line with the Home Office approval to the GMCA.
3. Serious Violence Duty Grant will be for a 2 year period in line with the Home Office approval to the GMCA and subject to the GMCA VRU delivery plan approval.
4. Pooling of Community Safety grants balanced with the district provision of impact and outcome information.

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5. For the Community Safety, VCS and Hate Crime grant allocation, and subject to a 5% cap, districts will be able to submit a separate business case to request to use grant for a post. Each will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
6. Monitoring requirements – these are already ‘light touch’, and whilst I don’t feel this can be reduced further, I would like an increased focus on the impact of the funding with more frequent progress reporting to the Police, Fire and Crime team. Whilst Home Office reporting requirements for the Serious Violence core grants are unchanged, the reporting for the Serious Violence Duty is quarterly. We have incorporated the reporting of both core grant and SVD into one template in order to reduce duplication and minimise administration.
7. Community Safety Partnerships have full responsibility for Governance and Oversight in regard to the approval of spending plans and quarterly progress reporting on activity and spend.

To this end, I have set out below your Community Safety and Serious Violence funding allocations and also enclose the combined grants agreement.

## **1. COMMUNITY SAFETY, VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR, HATE CRIME GRANTS 2023/24 – 2025/26**

Recognising the capacity pressures faced by Community Safety Partnerships, I am continuing to pay the Community Safety, Voluntary and Community Sector and Hate Crime grants as advance payments, and, following approval at your CSP, I would like you to share copies of your spending plans and quarterly monitoring reports.

I will continue with the annual February 2024 monitoring arrangement that is already in place, requiring a financial report for all three grants to show actual spend to January 2024, projected spend to March 2024 and the reasons for any carry forward on committed schemes. This should ensure the February GMCA report is a natural continuation of what is already in place locally.

Your grant up to March 2026 is set out below:

<b>Grant name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Community Safety Grant	2023/24 2024/25 2025/26	£243,900	Carry forward only in exceptional circumstances
Voluntary and Community Sector Grant	2023/24 2024/25 2025/26	£100,000	
Hate Crime Grant	2023/24 2024/25 2025/26	£10,000	

Your February 2023 report identified that you are intending to carry forward £2,816 to continue committed projects, but would ask that should this change to total in excess of £5,000, that you make me aware.

## **2. SERIOUS VIOLENCE CORE FUNDING 2023/24 & 2024/25**

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I am pleased to advise that the Home Office have confirmed two further years of funding and subject to this remaining at the current level, I can confirm you will receive an allocation of **£150,000** in each of the next two years.

Note – where districts allocate the SV grant and are able to attract match funding, please can the VRU be informed so that this can be demonstrated in the Home Office return.

Serious Violence Grant	2023/24 2024/25	£150,000	Carry forward not permitted
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### 3. SERIOUS VIOLENCE DUTY FUNDING 2023/24 & 2024/25

This funding has a year on year taper, dictated by the Home Office.

Serious Violence Duty – Labour costs	2023/24	£11,182	
	2024/25	£9,858	
Serious Violence Duty – Non - Labour costs	2023/24	£15,966	
	2024/25	£8,098	

I know you will understand that the Home Office requires the submission of an annual spending plan and in order to do this, please can you submit your spending plan to us by the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

The Plan must clearly articulate how you intend to spend the funding in year, with a particular focus on the following areas of need which continue to feature within the VRU Strategic Needs Assessment. The Serious Violence Duty also now included Domestic and Sexual offences.

- Child and adolescent mental health and wellbeing.
- Children and young people in Alternative Provision, at risk of exclusion or not accessing education, particularly where violence has been identified as a cause for concern.
- Adverse childhood experiences and trauma-responsive activity.
- Adolescent early help services, including drugs and alcohol services.
- Youth engagement and provision, including community sports.
- Support for parents who are concerned about their child becoming a victim or perpetrator of violent crime.
- Transition for children and young people between primary schools, secondary schools and further education.
- Targeted Summer Suppression activity (although no specific funding on this occasion)

Additionally, we also expect that you apply the following principles:

- Be data led by making full use of the GMCA VRU Violence Dashboard and Strategic Needs Assessment.

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- Ensure that a minimum of **30%** of funding is spent on 'high impact' interventions as defined by the Youth Endowment Fund Tool- Kit.
- Employ the principles of community-led approaches where opportunity presents, including co-designing and planning. Where community-led programmes already exist, we would encourage you to consider investing in successful community-led initiatives which are also being delivered by grass root organisations within your area.
- Maintain positive and aspirational language in young person campaigns and avoid deterrent-based approaches (such as 'scared straight')
- Plans must be developed and approved by the CSP Chair's, CSP Manager, Director of Public Health, and Director of Children Services. Moreover, your Chief Executive, Leader, and Lead Members for CSP, and Children and Young People, should be made aware of the district plans prior to their final submission.

The VRU are happy to support you in the formation of your local action plans so please do not hesitate to contact [james.carrick@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:james.carrick@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk) should you like to discuss this further.

Finally, I would like to stress the value of ensuring that there is a robust engagement process with local Community Safety Partners, Directors of Children's and Adults services and key local strategic partnerships in the development of your spending plans. The importance of working in Partnership is a key strand of my refreshed Police and Crime Plan and I want to make sure that the way we work together is reflected at all levels of planning and delivery.

If you are in agreement, please can you arrange to sign the attached combined grants agreement and return to Lisa Lees on [lisa.lees@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.lees@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk) who will arrange payment. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa who I know will be happy to assist.

Kind regards



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