

Report to CABINET

# Acceptance of 26/27 GMCA Community Safety Partnership, Voluntary and Community Sector, Hate Crime, GM Violence Reduction and Cohesion Grants

**Portfolio Holder:**

Cllr E Taylor – Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods

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## Reason for Decision

To accept the GMCA and Violence Reduction grant payments for 26/27 to support the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership's statutory duties under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the commitment of the Council to make communities safer and stronger.

The grant monies are paid annually and the Community Safety Partnership is reliant upon acceptance of the grants to carry out its core functions.

This report is presented under Rule 13 of the Council's Constitution, with the Chair of the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board having approved it being submitted without having been on the forward plan, due to the date of receipt of funding confirmation.

## Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- Approves acceptance of the Grants from GMCA:

Grant name	Year	Amount
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Community Safety Grant	2026-27	£277,179
Voluntary, community, faith-based, and social enterprise organisations Grant	2026-27	£105,678
Hate Crime Grant (Deputy Mayor and Police and Crime Panel)	2026-27	£10,284
Cohesion Grant	2026-27	£50,000
Serious Violence Combined Grant	2026-27	£167,171

- Delegates power to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) to accept future grant allocations on behalf of the statutory Community Safety Partnership to enable timely delivery of activities and projects due to the limited period between confirmation of grants monies from GMCA and the start of the fiscal year.

## Acceptance of 26/27 GMCA Community Safety Partnership, Voluntary and Community Sector, Hate Crime, GM Violence Reduction and Cohesion Grants

### 1 Background

- 1.1 GMCA and the GM Violence Reduction Unit provide annual grants to the statutory Community Safety Partnership.
- 1.2 The grants for 26/27 are:

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Total		£610.312

- 1.3 The Community Safety Partnership consists of the 5 statutory Responsible Authorities listed below, in addition to a number of other partnership organisations from the statutory and VCFSE.
- Oldham Council
  - Greater Manchester Police
  - Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board
  - Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
  - Probation Service
- 1.4 The Community Safety Partnership is reliant upon the grant payments to support partnership activity to prevent and reduce crime and disorder in accordance with its responsibilities under s17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

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- 1.5 The funds are paid to the Council and are distributed in accordance with the decisions on allocation which are made by the Community Safety Partnership.
  - 1.6 Quarterly returns on spend (actual and forecast) and service delivery are completed by the lead for the Community Safety Partnership and provided to GMCA in accordance with the conditions of the grant agreement.

## **2. Options/Alternatives**

### **Option 1**

Accept the grant funding and continue delivery of activities and projects as allocated by the Community Safety Partnership.

### **Option 2**

Reject the grant funding and cease the delivery of project activity.

## **3 Preferred Option**

- 3.1 Option 1 is the preferred option. Accept the grant funding and continue delivery of activities and projects as allocated by the Community Safety Partnership.

## **4. Consultation**

- 4.1 The Lead Member with responsibility for Community Safety is a core member of the Community Safety Partnership and is fully sighted on the grant funding arrangements and on the proposals for spend of the grant monies by the Partnership for 26/27.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 The report seeks approval to accept several GMCA and GM Violence Reduction Unit grants for the 2026/27 financial year to support the statutory functions of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The grants are paid annually and form a key element of CSP's revenue funding, enabling delivery of activities aligned to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 responsibilities.
- 5.2 The funding totals £610,312 for 2026/27 and will be held within the Communities Directorate. Spend will be monitored in line with GMCA grant conditions, with quarterly returns submitted by the CSP lead officer.
- 5.3 Future allocations may be accepted under delegated authority by the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) to enable timely mobilisation of activity at the beginning of each financial year.
- 5.4 There are no anticipated financial risks, provided expenditure is contained within the grant envelopes and monitoring arrangements remain in place.
- 5.5 Refer to the table in Section 1.2 for a detailed breakdown of the respective grants
- 5.6 Please Note the following extracts from the embedded grant agreement

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- 5.7 Funding will apply only to the specified financial year and must be allocated and spent within that period.
  - 5.8 Any funding remaining unspent at the end of the financial year must be identified.
  - 5.9 Carry-forward of unspent funds is subject to approval by GMCA. Please be aware that any underspend exceeding £5,000 may not be approved, and future allocations may be reduced by the equivalent amount.
  - 5.10 The Serious Violence Combined Grant is not eligible for carry-forward under the Home Office terms and conditions.
  - 5.11 The Deputy Mayor may request clarification from Oldham Council regarding information submitted. Oldham Council is required to comply with any reasonable request for further information.
  - 5.12 Any portion of the grant that is not used in accordance with the approved conditions must be repaid.

Matthew Kearns (Finance Manager)

## **6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1 The Council has the legal power to accept the GMCA Community Safety, VCFSE, Hate Crime, Cohesion and Serious Violence Combined Grants under the general power of competence in the Localism Act 2011. Acceptance of the funding supports the Council's statutory responsibilities as a Responsible Authority under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work with partners to prevent and reduce crime and disorder.
- 6.2 The funding must be used in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the GMCA Grant Funding Agreement. These include requirements relating to the approved purposes of the grant, reporting and monitoring, the treatment of underspends, the prohibition on carrying forward the Serious Violence Combined Grant, and the need to repay any sums not used in compliance with the conditions.
- 6.3 Any onward allocation or commissioning activity must comply with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and procurement legislation. Where funds are distributed to voluntary, community or other external organisations, suitable grant or service agreements must be in place to ensure compliance with monitoring, safeguarding, data protection and performance requirements.
- 6.4 The proposed delegation to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) to accept future annual allocations is lawful subject to Cabinet approval and must be exercised in accordance with the Council's Constitution. Decisions made under delegated authority must be recorded appropriately.
- 6.5 Where funding is awarded to third parties, the Council must also ensure compliance with the Subsidy Control Act 2022. There are no legal barriers to the acceptance of

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the grants or the recommendations within this report, provided that grant conditions and governance requirements are followed.

Sukie Kaur (Solicitor)

## **7. Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People**

7.1 All members of the community benefit from the activities delivered from the grant funding.

## **8. Key Decision**

8.1 Yes

## **9. Key Decision Reference**

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## **10. Background Papers**

10.1 There are no background papers

## **11. Appendices**

11.1 GMCA Grant Agreement



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