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Planning

Facilitation of Greater Manchester Race Equality Panel

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

GMCA1482

Description

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority is seeking to provide contract funding for the facilitation of the Greater Manchester Race Equality Panel.

The Greater Manchester Strategy sets out a clear ambition for 'a place where all voices are heard and where, working together, we can shape our future', and this is reinforced in the principles underpinning the Greater Manchester Model; 'doing with not to'. Greater Manchester covers the ten local authority areas of Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan.

The Race Equality Panel is one of seven Equality Panels established to help tackle the structural and organisational prejudice and discrimination that causes inequality and injustice in society, through the advancement of equity and fairness in decisions, policies and services across all sectors and communities.

The Panels advise, support and challenge Greater Manchester's political leaders and policy-makers to tackle the discrimination and disadvantage that cause injustice and inequality in society, and champion Greater Manchester as an inclusive city-region.

They do this by working together with the GMCA and partners to:

- Provide insight into Greater Manchester's diverse communities, enabling political leaders and public bodies to listen and engage in a more targeted and effective way
- Communicate key messages to our diverse communities as trusted sources
- Codesign policies, programmes and strategies to ensure they work effectively for communities
- Support an asset-based approach, highlighting new opportunities (and challenges) for positive collaboration that build on the resources and strengths within our communities

Membership of the panels aims to reflect the diversity of Greater Manchester, with a broad representation across different demographics, the ten districts, and across sectors and other interests. Collectively, panel members possess strong links to the communities that they provide the voice of, through grass roots organisations and established networks. Furthermore, the Panels take an intersectional approach where appropriate, collaborating with other GM Equality Panels and networks.

Total value (estimated)

- £168,186.39 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026
- Possible extension to 31 July 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 May 2025

Engagement process description

Greater Manchester Race Equality Panel Facilitation Contract - Market Engagement Event - Friday 9th May 11.00am-12.00pm online

Greater Manchester Combined Authority is seeking to provide contract funding for the facilitation of the Greater Manchester Race Equality Panel.

The Race Equality Panel was established in December 2020. The Panel work to promote racial equality, tackle racial discrimination and foster positive relationships between ethnically diverse communities, embedding the Public Sector Equality Duty in policies, processes, procedures, practices and people development.

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decisions, policies and services across all sectors and communities. The Panels advise, support and challenge Greater Manchester's political leaders and policymakers, and champion Greater Manchester as an inclusive city-region.

The contracted party will manage the day-to-day running of the Panel, with strategic support from GMCA officers, to enable the Panel to provide insight on lived experiences, codesign with policy makers, collaborate with stakeholders and communicate with residents, contributing to Greater Manchester's strategic ambitions for Good Lives for All.

More details are in the briefing attached.

The GMCA invites interested organisations to attend an online event on Friday 9th May 11.00am-12.00pm where the tendering process and contract delivery requirements will be outlined.

To attend, please register via race.equality@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 May 2025

Contracting authority

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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