

**NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS AGREED AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2016 AT GUARDSMAN TONY DOWNES HOUSE, DROYLSDEN**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	Councillor David Lancaster
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Iain Roberts
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

**JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

GMFRA	Councillor David Acton
GMFRA	Councillor John Bell
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Howard Bernstein	Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Andrew Lightfoot	GM Director of Public Service Reform
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Company
Simon Nokes	New Economy
Adam Allen	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Clare Regan	Office of the GM Interim Mayor

Pete O'Reilly	GM Fire & Rescue Service
David Taylor	GM Fire & Rescue Service
Andrea Hefferan	GM Fire & Rescue Service
Jon Lamonte	TfGM
Steve Warrener	TfGM
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Julie Connor	) Greater Manchester
Sylvia Welsh	) Integrated Support Team
Bridget Aherne	) Integrated Support Team
Ben Pugh	)
Nicola Ward	)
Rebecca Heron	)

**01/16 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Ian Stewart (Salford) and Sue Derbyshire (Stockport)

**02/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None received.

**03/16 MEMBERSHIP OF AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD – OLDHAM COUNCIL**

Donna Hall, Secretary informed the meeting of the resignation of Councillor Jim McMahon from the AGMA Executive Board and the appointment of Councillor Jean Stretton and substitute members, Councillors Abdul Jabbar and David Hibbert, representing Oldham Council on the AGMA Executive Board.

**04/16 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meeting held on 18 December 2015 were submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board held on 18 December 2015.

**05/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Consideration was given to a report of Julie Connor, Head of the Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team, which set out the Forward Plan of those strategic decisions to be considered over the next four months.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions as set out in the report.

**06/16 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE DEVOLUTION – THE OUTCOMES OF THE SPENDING REVIEW PROCESS AND FUNDING ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

Councillor Peter Smith introduced a report summarising the emerging work to develop a Greater Manchester commissioning approach for social care that is aligned to the delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategic Plan and Locality Plan and the outcomes of the Spending Review and the impact that these outcomes will have on the development of the financial framework required to underpin that commissioning approach.

Members were made aware of the increased hardship for those tenants who will be impacted by the proposal to cap housing benefit for social housing tenants at the Local Housing Allowance Rate, especially the elderly, albeit that Government have deferred the introduction of the cap for a period of twelve months. Support was requested from the GMCA to lobby Government to change their position, as outlined in the Autumn Statement, in regards to the allocation of local housing allowances for social housing tenants.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note that Greater Manchester Local Authorities support the 2% council tax increase.
2. To agree that the question of whether there should be a common approach to a four year financial settlement, including the production of an Efficiency Plan, be deferred until more information becomes available.
3. To agree to the development of a Commissioning Strategy for approval by all 10 local authorities via the joint Commissioning Board no later than 31 March 2016.
4. To agree that the GMCA Section 151 Officer be requested to consult GM Treasurers on the development of proposals for resourcing a "smoothing mechanism" for social care funding should this be required by local authorities for 2017/18.
5. To agree that Government be lobbied to reconsider and change their position to remove the proposed restrictions on those in most need to be eligible for local housing allowance.

**07/16 GREATER MANCHESTER CONNECT – GREATER MANCHESTER'S STRATEGIC DATA SHARING INITIATIVE**

The Greater Manchester Interim Mayor presented a report detailing the strategic outline case for the establishment of a Greater Manchester Data-Sharing Authority (GM-Connect). The report highlighted the transformational impact that could be achieved through a new approach to managing and using data across public services.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree to the establishment of Greater Manchester-Connect and the release of up to £500k of the Transformation Challenge Award grant to support organisation set-up costs.

2. To agree to the Greater Manchester -Connect governance proposals, as outlined in section 3 of the report, which includes the creation of a new Greater Manchester function (led by a Greater Manchester Chief Information Officer), noting the implications for individual organisational information governance and data standards policies.

**08/16 MINUTES OF THE GMCA AND AGMA AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2016**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the minutes of the GMCA and AGMA Audit Committee meeting held on 22 January 2016.

**09/16 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA SCRUTINY POOL MEETINGS HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2015 AND 15 JANUARY 2016**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool meetings held on 11 December 2015 and 15 January 2016.

**10/16 GMCA AND AGMA BUDGET FOR NON TRANSPORT FUNCTIONS 2016/17**

Councillor Kieran Quinn presented a report setting out the revenue budget for both the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Non Transport functions for 2016/17; the report also details the forecast outturn position for 2015/16.

The proposed charges in respect of both the AGMA and GMCA functions (excluding transport) to be approved for 2016/17 are included within the report together with the recommended allocations to the Local Authorities of Greater Manchester.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the report and the current AGMA revenue outturn forecast for 2015/16 which is projecting an under spend of £428,000 after contributions to earmarked reserves.
2. To approve the revisions to the AGMA revenue budget plan 2015/16 as identified in paragraph 2.2 of the report.
3. To approve the utilisation of the Public Service Reform Development Fund for the review of services to children as detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the report, noting that the spend will be across 2015/16 and 2016/17. The spend in 2016/17 will form part of the draw down from the earmarked reserve.
4. To approve the utilisation of the Transforming Challenge Award (TCA) for the establishment of GM-Connect as detailed in paragraph 2.9 of the report, noting that the spend will be across 2015/16 and 2016/17. The TCA spend in

2016/17 will form part of the drawn down from the earmarked reserve.

5. To note that TCA funds are one-off and there are recurring implications from the establishment of GM-Connect. A detailed business case and strategy will be required to identify recurring revenue funding to support the GM-Connect team from April 2017.
6. To note the current GMCA revenue outturn forecast for 2015/16 which is projecting an underspend of £900,000 after contributions to earmarked reserves.
7. To approve the revisions to the GMCA revenue budget plan 2015/16 as identified in paragraphs 3.3 to 3.5 of the report.
8. To approve the budget relating to the AGMA and GMCA functions (non transport) in 2016/17 as set out in section 5 of this report.
9. To approve the adjustment to the district charge and transport levy to meet the costs of the financial assistance to the business growth hub in 2016/17 of £3.900 million and to reinstate the GMCA reserves used to fund assistance of £1.900 million in 2015/16 as detailed in paragraphs 5.3 to 5.5 of the report.
10. To approve that in consultation with the LEP Board, and assuming that the grant is received as anticipated, approve the allocation of £400,000 of grant as detailed in paragraph 5.18 of the report, which proposes £250,000 towards costs associated with the devolution agreement relating primarily to research, intelligence and policy development and £150,000 to support the Land and Property Programme.
11. To approve the charges to the Greater Manchester Local Authorities in support of the AGMA functions for 2016/17 of £6.263 million as set out in Appendix 3 to this report, noting that this excludes items billed directly from lead Local Authorities.
12. To approve the charges on the GM District Councils in support of the GMCA functions (non transport) in 2016/17 of £9.820 million as set out in Appendix 4 to this report.
13. To note the position on reserves as identified in section 8 of the report.
14. To approve the use of reserves in 2016/17 as detailed in the report, most notably section 8 of the report.
15. To delegate authority to the Treasurer to transfer funding between AGMA and the GMCA to be met from approved budgets or reserves as required in support of approved activities.

**11/16 GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE AND RESCUE BUDGET 2016/17 & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

Councillor David Acton presented a report providing an updated budget paper outlining information on Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority's current budget position. There is also a high level forward forecast for the three subsequent years using the indicative four year financial forecasting which sets out the scale of the future financial

challenge. The report also highlights some of the key service delivery changes that will be needed to meet the financial challenge and which will be the subject of a 12 week public consultation process from February 2016.

A Member expressed some concerns regarding the motion currently under consideration by Greater Manchester Local Authorities and the financial and other assumptions drawn upon to underpin the motion.

Members acknowledged the budget challenges facing the Fire Authority and also across all of the emergency and public services. However there was some concern expressed regarding the proposals of the Fire Authority to increase the precept with a further analysis of the Authority's budget, use of reserves and potential efficiencies to be gained from public sector reform.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the range of strategic issues and risks set out in the report which will influence the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Authority budgetary requirements.
2. To note the proposed precept increase of 2% for 2016/17.
3. To note the proposal of the Authority to increase at £4.99 for Band D rates if any approval is provided from DCLG as part of the Final Local Government Finance Settlement. In noting this proposal the Combined Authority is not necessarily minded to support it without a further analysis of the Authority's budget position.
4. To note the public consultation process which will commence this year.

**12/16 GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY BUDGET 2016/17 & BEYOND**

Councillor Nigel Murphy presented a report providing an update to the AGMA Executive Board on the GMWDA's budget proposals for 2016/17 to 2020/21, and to seek support for a zero percent (average) increase in levy for 2016/17.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree to support a zero percent levy increase in 2016/17.
2. To note the work being overseen by the Leader's Waste Task Group to reduce the levy burden from 2017/18 onwards.

**13/16 REVIEW OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN GREATER MANCHESTER**

Councillor Cliff Morris presented a report and Jim Taylor providing members with an update on the review of Services for Children which forms part of the Greater Manchester Devolution Agreement.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the progress made on the Greater Manchester Services for Children Review since it was announced by Government as part of the Devolution Agreement.
2. To note the workstreams identified as priorities for the review and to note the positive response from Government in relation to the scoping.
3. To note the immediate next steps for the review.