

**DECISIONS AGREED FROM THE MEETING OF THE GREATER  
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 29  
JULY 2016 AT BURY TOWN HALL, BURY**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	City Mayor Paul Dennett
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
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
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Geoff Little	Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Helen Jones	Trafford Council
Will Blandamer	Wigan Council
Peter O'Reilly	Chief Fire Officer, GM Fire & Rescue Service
Ian Hopkins	Chief Constable, GM Police
Jon Lamonte	Chief Executive, TfGM
Simon Nokes	New Economy

Adam Allen	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Head of the Paid Service
Julie Connor	Head of GMIST
Paul Harris	GM Integrated Support Team
Ross MacRae	GMCA Media Lead

**124/16 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Howard Bernstein, Theresa Grant, Donna Hall and Mark Hughes.

**125/16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no announcements or matters of urgent business reported.

**126/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**127/16 MINUTES**

**a. Minutes of the GMCA Annual Meeting held on 30 June 2016**

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree the minutes of the Annual meeting of the GMCA held on 30 June 2016 as a correct record.

**b. Minutes of the GMCA Ordinary Meeting held on 30 June 2016**

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 30 June 2016 as a correct record.

**128/16 ESTABLISHMENT OF A GMCA RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members considered appointments to the GMCA Resources Sub – Committee.

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree the Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor, Cllr Richard Leese, Cllr Sean Anstee, Cllr Peter Smith and Cllr Kieran Quinn be appointed to the GMCA

Resources Sub Committee and to request that the Terms of Reference be drafted and reported to the GMCA at its meeting in August.

#### **129/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS**

Consideration was given to a report which advised Members of those strategic decisions that were to be considered by the GMCA over the upcoming four months.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

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

#### **130/16 MINUTES**

##### **a. Minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 15 July 2016**

The minutes of the proceedings of TfGMC held on 15 July 2016 were submitted. Members noted that they were to consider TfGMC's decision to approve transport policy priorities for 2016/17 as per the extract below.

The report is appended to the minutes.

##### **103/16 TfGMC16/30 - 2016-2017 POLICY PRIORITIES**

*Members considered a report highlighting the policy priorities that the Committee would recommend to Greater Manchester Combined Authority to adopt for the forthcoming year. The report also provided a summary on the progress made on achieving priorities over the past year.*

*With regard to the four key aims for Greater Manchester as set out at section 3.2 to the report, a Member suggested that active travel should be promoted alongside other public transport modes.*

#### **RESOLVED/-**

- 1. To note the transport policy priorities as set out in Section 3 to the report and the request of Members to consider and promote active travel activities to help deliver the priorities.*
- 2. To agree that the transport policy priorities as set out in Section 3 to the report and as appended to these minutes, be submitted for approval to the GMCA on 29 July 2016.*

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the minutes of the meeting of TfGMC held on 15 July 2016.

2. To endorse and adopt the TfGMC Policy Priorities for 2016-17 as recommended by TfGMC.

**b. Minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership held on 14 July 2016.**

Minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership meeting held on 14 July 2016, were submitted for GMCA Members' information.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership meeting, held on 14 July 2016.

**131/16 GREATER MANCHESTER RESPONDING TO BREXIT**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Councillor Richard Leese, provided a report which presented an overview of the work underway to ensure that Greater Manchester is in a position to mitigate the worst impacts of withdrawal.

Members noted that Greater Manchester is determined to continue to drive strong growth in the economy as an internationally important city region. Although there are short term uncertainties, GM's ambition to establish the city region as a financially self-sustaining city, sitting at the heart of the Northern Powerhouse with the size, the assets, the skilled population and political and economic influence to rival any global city remains unchanged. However GM must react to the challenges created by the uncertainty and potential economic consequences. To inform that response a comprehensive programme of work will consider the actions required in eight areas:

- Implications for access to European funding;
- Implications for changing rules, regulations and terms of trade;
- Implications for key sectors;
- Implications for property investment;
- Implications for housing and planning;
- Implications for inclusion;
- monitoring economic trends and developments;
- utilising GM's relationships with key Central Government departments.

It was noted that the Greater Manchester Growth Company had established an Advisory Board to work with employers particularly in relation to foreign owned companies.

Brexit would provide an opportunity to seek greater influence on education and skill from Government, in order to develop a skills base for Greater Manchester.

The rise of hate crime and cohesion issues was highlighted. Members noted that the Home Office has developed an action plan and that this plan would be adapted to meet Greater Manchester's needs.

A Member commented that any discussions with Westminster and Brussels should include the redistribution of powers to Greater Manchester following the repatriation of the UK from the European Union.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the work programme set out in this report.
2. To request that a substantive analysis be produced for consideration at the August 2016 meeting of the GMCA that identifies both the issues that Greater Manchester will be seeking the Government to address through the Autumn Statement and the matters that Greater Manchester will want to highlight for consideration as the framework for Britain's withdrawal from the EU is established.

**132/16 GROWTH DEAL 3 – SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor provided a verbal report in relation to Growth Deal 3. Members noted that the closing date for submissions to the third round of the Government's growth deal process was 28 July and that the development of Greater Manchester's submission to that process has been overseen by GM leaders and developed in consultation with Greater Manchester's business and investor community.

Members also noted that the proposals build on the Greater Manchester Strategy and the Growth and Reform Plan and focus on securing investment to drive the growth of the conurbation, but in light of the decision to withdraw from the European Union, our proposals have also been designed to ensure that we are able to maintain momentum during the period of change and uncertainty that Brexit will bring. Given the competitive nature of the Growth Deal process and the commercial sensitivity of some of our proposals the full submission remains confidential at this stage, but negotiations will take place with Government over the summer and we are expecting an announcement regarding our Local Growth Fund settlement around the time of the Autumn Statement.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To receive and note the update.
2. To note Greater Manchester's submission to the third round of the Government's Growth Deal process was made on 28 July, in line with the proposals developed in consultation with Leaders.
3. To note an announcement regarding GM's third Local Growth Fund settlement is due around the time of the Autumn Statement.

### **133/16 TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Transport for the North, which asked Members to consider whether there should be a sub-national transport body (STB) in the North and whether it wishes to become a constituent authority of Transport for the North (TfN).

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To approve the proposal for there to be a sub-national transport body (STB) in the North to be called Transport for the North (TfN), and to agree that GMCA should be a constituent authority of TfN.
2. To approve in principle the draft proposal for TfN as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
3. To authorise the Head of Paid Service and the Chief Executive of TfGM, in consultation with the Interim Mayor and Vice-Chair with responsibility for TfN, to progress the matter with other proposed constituent authorities, including the submission of the proposal to the Secretary of State.
4. To note that before any regulations are laid before Parliament, the making of such regulations will require the further approval of each of constituent authorities.

### **134/16 TRANSPORT DEVOLUTION COSTS AND FUNDING**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport introduced a report which set out the forecast costs and the proposed funding associated with the transport related Devolution activities in 2016/17.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. to note the contents of the report; and
2. to approve the drawdown of funding required to progress the transport related Devolution activities in 2016/17, from a combination of GMCA and TfGM General Reserves.

### **135/16 AIR QUALITY CONSULTATION OUTCOME**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport presented a report which provided an update on the outcomes from the formal public consultation on the Greater Manchester Low Emissions Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan, and to seek approval for the final documents to be adopted and for delivery to commence.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the outcomes from the public consultation.
2. To review and approve the final versions of the Low Emissions Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan for adoption.
3. To authorise for delivery of the plan to commence.

**136/16 GREATER MANCHESTER FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS STRATEGY**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport provided a report which presented the draft Greater Manchester Freight and Logistics Strategy and to sought Members endorsement and approval for adoption.

A Member commented that the introduction of this Strategy should not be at the cost of other economic routes in Greater Manchester particularly in relation to road congestion.

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree to approve the draft Greater Manchester Freight and Logistics Strategy as the formal strategy for Greater Manchester.

**137/16 YEAR 3 REVIEW OF GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITY PERMIT SCHEME (GMRAPS)**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport provided a report which updated GMCA on the third year operation of the Greater Manchester Road Activity Permit Scheme (GMRAPS) and to provide a financial forecast for the fourth year of operation.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note and endorse the financial review and forecasts as set out in Section 2 to the report.
2. to endorse the view that, based upon the financial update set out in Section 2 to the report, it is not necessary to amend the scheme during year four of operation.
3. To agree to approve the publication of the year three report, attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

**138/16 THE GREATER MANCHESTER RAISING AGE PARTICPATION STRATEGY**

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Employment and Skills provided a report which presented the GM Raising of the Participation Age Strategy (RPA) and sought its full endorsement for implementation from GMCA.

The report highlighted that the purpose of the RPA Strategy was to support the ambitions for growth and reform and support the delivery of the previously agreed Work and Skills priorities. The success of the RPA will require four priorities to work synergistically. These are:

- Reducing NEET and Not Known and increasing participation.
- Improving the quality of careers education 9information advice given.
- A responsive FE curriculum based on the best labour market information.
- Driving up attainment in mathematics and English at level 2 and digital skills.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the GMCA note and discuss the information and approach set out in the RPA Strategy, in particular agree the following:

- Full launch and communication of the RPA Strategy
- Commencement of the implementation plan against a calendared reporting structure to the Skills & Employment Partnership.

**139/16 GMCA REVENUE UPDATE 2016/17**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance provided a report which informed Members of the 2016/17 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of June 2016.

**RESOLVED/-:**

1. To note the Economic Development and Regeneration revenue outturn position for 2016/17 which shows a projected underspend against budget of £0.023 million.
2. To note the contribution from AGMA towards GMCA Reserves shown within the Economic Development and Regeneration budget as detailed in paragraph 2.2 to the report.
3. To note the transport revenue outturn position for 2016/17 which is in line with budget after contributions to earmarked reserves of £0.744 million.
4. To approve the carry-forward requests from GMCA of £0.100 million for the Low Carbon Investment Team and TfGM general funds of £0.48 million to support the first phase of devolution costs as detailed in paragraphs 2.4 and 4.7 to the report.



5. To approve the budget adjustments referred to in paragraphs 2.2-2.13 to the report for Economic Development and Regeneration budgets and paragraphs 3.2-3.4 to the report for Transport budgets.

**140/16 GMCA CAPITAL UPDATE 2016/17**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance provided which presented an update in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2016/17 capital expenditure programme.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To approve the revisions to the capital budget as set out in appendix A and detailed within the report;
2. To note the current 2016/17 forecast compared to the revised 2016/17 capital budget; and
3. To approve the draw down of £2.4 million for the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Project Local which forms part of the Growth Deal to enable the delivery of Bolton Delivery Packages 1 (Raikes Lane) and 7 (Bus Stop Upgrades); and to fund key advanced activities on other Bolton and Salford Packages.

**141/16 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance provided a report which sought the approval of GMCA for investments to Kleeneze Limited, So Purple Group Limited and Optimise Hiring Limited. The loans will be made from recycled monies. This report also provides an update on the Green Energy Advisor, WEMS and FootClicks projects.

The Part B report containing the commercially sensitive elements of the GM Housing Fund Investment Strategy was taken as read with this item.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree that the project funding application by Kleeneze, (loan of £1,200,000), So Purple (loan of £800,000) and Optimise Hiring (investment of £375,000) be given conditional approval.
2. To agree to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans at a) above.

3. To agree the changes to the commercial terms of the Green Energy Advisor and WEMs funding as set out in the confidential part of the agenda.

**142/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING FUND – INVESTMENT STRATEGY UPDATE**

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning & Housing introduced a report which set out an updated Investment Strategy for the GM Housing Fund and the use of HCA receipts available to GM under the City Deal that will guide GM's approach to investment and management of financial risk at both project and portfolio level while supporting GM's housing policy objectives.

The Part B report containing the commercially sensitive elements of the GM Housing Fund Investment Strategy was taken as read with this item.

Members noted that the strategy was a loan instrument and could not be used to develop grant funding. A suggestion was made for the Housing Fund to be re-titled as Loan Fund.

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the updated Investment Strategy as set out in the report.

**143/16 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GMCA, NHS GREATER MANCHESTER AND SPORT ENGLAND**

Councillor Peter Smith, Portfolio Lead for Health and Well Being provided GMCA with an update on the emerging strategic partnership between Sport England and Greater Manchester, to be formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

It was noted that Members of GMCA had endorsed the MoU at the earlier GM Health and Social Care Strategic Partnership Board meeting.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the report and endorse the signing of the MoU between Sport England and Greater Manchester which was undertaken prior to the GMCA meeting.

**144/16 DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT – AN UPDATE ON GET DIGITAL FASTER (GM RURAL BROADBAND)**

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning & Housing introduced a report which provided an update on the progress being made on the delivery of the Get Digital Faster programme (formerly known as GM Rural Superfast

Broadband) and to highlight the need to encourage the provision and take-up of superfast broadband services in order to support economic growth.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the progress being made in rolling out superfast broadband speeds and considers how best provision and take-up can be promoted in the future in the context of the emerging GM Spatial Framework.

**145/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members noted that as the commercially sensitive information was taken as read during the consideration of Greater Manchester Investment Framework and Conditional Approval (Minute 114/16) and Greater Manchester Housing Fund – Investment Strategy Update (Minute 115/16) the recommendation to exclude members of the press and public would not be moved.

**146/16 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK –  
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework and Conditional Approval (Minute 141/16).

**147/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING FUND – INVESTMENT  
STRATEGY UPDATE**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Housing Fund – Investment Strategy Update (Minute 142/16).

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MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 26 AUGUST  
2016 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Ebrahim Adia
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	City Mayor Paul Dennett
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

**JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

GMF&RS	Councillor Tommy Judge
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Guy Harkin

**ALSO PRESENT**

Cheshire East Council	Councillor David Brown
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**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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
Ian Piling	GM Police

Paul Argyle	GM Fire & Rescue Service
Jon Lamonte	Chief Executive, TfGM
Simon Nokes	New Economy
Adam Allen	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Head of the Paid Service
Julie Connor	Head of GMIST
Rebecca Heron	GM Integrated Support Team
Sylvia Welsh	GM Integrated Support Team
Paul Harris	GM Integrated Support Team

**148/16 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cliff Morris and Margaret Asqutih (Bolton), Councillor Ebrahim Adia in attendance as a substitute. Apologies were also received from Councillor Andrew Fender.

**149/16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no announcements or matters of urgent business reported.

**150/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**151/16 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 29 JULY 2016**

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 29 July 2016 were submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 29 July 2016 as a correct record.

**152/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF THE GMCA**

Consideration was given to a report advising members of those strategic decisions that were to be considered by the GMCA over the forthcoming months.

**RESOLVED/-**

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

**153/16 DEPUTY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor provided the meeting with an update on the appointment of Deputy Portfolio Holders.

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the appointment of Deputy Portfolio holders, up to the June 2017 AGM, as set out below:-

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Deputies</b>
Health and social care	Peter Smith	Brenda Warrington Wendy Wild Linda Thomas
Planning and housing	Richard Farnell	Mark Hunter Paula Boshell
Low carbon, waste and environment	Paul Dennett	Aasim Rashid Lynn Travis
Investment and finance	Kieran Quinn	
Skills and employment	Sean Anstee	Jenny Bullen Abdul Jabbar
Children's services	Cliff Morris	Donna Martin Linda Blackburn
Economic strategy incl internationalisation and marketing and business support	Richard Leese	Dylan Butt Ebrahim Adia
Reform	Tony Lloyd	Sue Murphy John Merry
Police, crime, civil contingencies, fire	Rishi Shori	Barbara Brownridge
Transport	Tony Lloyd	Jo Platt
Fairness, Equalities and Cohesion	Jean Stretton	Angeliki Stogia Jane Black
Culture, Arts and Leisure	Alex Ganotis	Jane Lewis
Criminal Justice	Tony Lloyd	Barbara Brownridge

**154/16 GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report presenting the draft terms of Reference for the GMCA Resources Committee for approval.

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree the Terms of Reference of the Resources Committee.

## **155/16 GMCA PHASE 2 CONSULTATION OUTCOME**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report which provided details on the outcome of the formal public consultation undertaken with regard to GM Fire and Rescue Authority, Waste Disposal Authority, education and skills transport, the GM Spatial Framework, overview and scrutiny arrangements and equalities and provides an analysis of the responses received.

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the report.
2. To delegate authority to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to make final amendments including reference to final GM local Authority consultation responses received since the report was drafted.
3. To approve the report with final amendments for submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

## **156/16 GMCA TRANSITION UPDATE**

### **RESOLVED/-**

To defer consideration of this item to the next GMCA meeting on 30 September 2016.

## **157/16 GREATER MANCHESTER BREXIT MONITOR**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, introduced a report which updated Leaders on progress with the ongoing work to understand the full implications of Brexit on Greater Manchester and the development an appropriate policy response. Members noted that the first edition of the Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor was appended to the report and would be produced monthly to update GMCA and provide a real-time snap shot of the economic and policy impact of Brexit.

Members noted that clarification was needed from Government with regard to ERDF and ESF funding and financial instruments for Greater Manchester post Brexit. In addition, the provision of science funding and Greater Manchester's ability to maintain research development networks in Europe was highlighted as important.

The Chair noted that the ability to maintain international consortia also depended up on the ability to retain or attract personnel, particularly in universities and within the health service where a number of EU nationals were employed. Work was to be undertaken to identify any particular trends to this regard.

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note progress with analysis to support the GMCA in identifying the issues that Greater Manchester will be seeking that the Government address through the Autumn Statement and the matters that Greater Manchester will want to highlight for consideration as the framework for Britain's withdrawal from the EU is established.
2. To note the contents of the Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor as set out in the appendix to the report.

#### **158/16 EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL INVESTMENT FUNDS (ESIF) UPDATE**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the implications for Greater Manchester's European Structural Investment Funding (ESIF) following the EU Referendum vote and the recent announcement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the steps the Treasury is taking to address the uncertainty surrounding European funds that has been in place following the EU referendum.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree the GMCA seeks urgent assurance from Government that it will commit to fully fund all GM ESIF projects that are currently "under assessment" , recognising the limited capacity of both Department for Communities and Local Government and Department for Works and Pensions to speedily progress projects to contract by the arbitrary deadline of the Autumn Statement.
2. To agree the GMCA seeks assurance from Government that it will fully fund the total value of GM's ESIF programme to 2020 as set out in GM's ESIF Plan.
3. To agree the GMCA seeks clarification from Government regarding the timing of future calls within this programme period, in order for GM to continue to deliver the 2014-2020 ESIF Plan.

#### **159/16 ACCESS FUND FOR SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report providing details of the Department for Transport's Access Fund for Sustainable Travel 2017/18 – 2019/20 and to seek approval of the proposed programme of initiatives for submission.

A Member suggested that the potential of a proportion of funding being committed to districts to enable them to support smaller local businesses with travel planning for their employees and to promote cycling and walking initiatives, should be looked at. The Chair also added that he asked how care leavers could be supported by the Fund.

#### **RESOLVED/-**



1. To note the details of the Department for Transport's new Access Fund for Sustainable Travel.
2. To approve the proposed programme of initiatives for submission subject to the above comments being explored.
3. To agree to delegate final approval of the submission, following any comments received, to the TfGM Chief Executive, the GM Interim Mayor/GMCA Transport Portfolio Lead and the Head of Paid Service.

**160/16      PROGRESS AND FUNDING REPORT ON THE ALLIANCE PROJECT FOR UK TEXTILES**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment & Finance, introduced a report updating GMCA members on the progress by the Alliance Textile Project during 2015/2016, specifically the major activities agreed with GMCA on 17 March 2015, the proposed work programme to July 2017 to deliver the remaining key elements of the work programme and the funding position at March 2016, funding secured for the period up to the end of April 2017 and highlighting the gaps.

With regard to the proposal for the provision of gap funding, it was suggested that discussions should take place with other LEP areas and that a delegation be sought to grant authority to the GMCA Treasurer in consultation with Kieran Quinn to determine the level of gap funding once the outcome of discussions with other LEP areas was known.

Members noted that a national Textile Manufacture and Innovation Centre of Excellence was to be established in Greater Manchester.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note progress achieved by The Alliance Project in 2015/2016 and to endorse the work programme for 2016/2017 for the Alliance Project, subject to funding.
2. To note funding discussions underway with other LEP areas.
3. To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment & Finance, to determine the level of gap funding for the continuation of the Alliance Project development team to deliver the work programme as set out in 1 above, once the outcome of the ongoing discussions to with other LEP areas was known.

**161/16      LOCAL GROWTH DEAL FUNDING FOR GRAPHENE ENGINEERING INNOVATION CENTRE (GEIC)**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economic Strategy introduced a report which reminded the GMCA of the GEIC's strategic significance and seeking formal

approval to grant £5m of Local Growth funding to the University of Manchester. The grant will also secure a further £5m of investment through a £5m European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) project secured by the University. Together this funding will be used to purchase equipment to fit out GEIC's laboratories.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note progress with delivering GEIC.
2. To formally approve a grant of £5m of Local Growth Deal Funding to support the purchase of equipment to fit out GEIC's laboratories.
3. To authorise the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring officer to agree the terms of the grant agreement.

**162/16            MAXIMISING THE APPRENTICESHIP LEVY ACROSS GREATER MANCHESTER'S PUBLIC SECTOR**

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Skills and Employment introduced a report outlining the work to date setting out the opportunities and challenges for Greater Manchester's public sector in relation to maximising its investment via the Apprenticeship Levy and developing a high quality, collective approach to supporting future public sector apprenticeships through the development of bespoke programmes.

A Member suggested that the GM Public Sector apprenticeship approach should give consideration of national standards in order to avoid duplication. Any standard approach for GM should be generic enough to take in to account different local authority area requirements and that consideration should be given to whether apprentices should be drawn from school leavers, college leavers or graduates.

A Member suggested that transport issues for young people to access opportunities needed to be included in the process.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the latest developments in relation to the Apprentice Levy.
2. To note the progress to date in understanding both the supply and demand side of the Apprenticeship equation in Greater Manchester's public sector.
3. To agree that further work should be undertaken on demand side (understanding impact/potential of the apprenticeship levy on supporting upskilling/workforce development by Local Authorities) once more details of funding rates etc. is released by Skills Funding Agency.
4. To endorse further development of a GM Public Sector Apprenticeship Programme.

## **163/16 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AUDITS**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economic Strategy, introduced a report providing Leaders with a progress update on work to conduct a Science and Innovation Audit for Greater Manchester/East Cheshire

The Part B report containing commercially sensitive elements of the Audit was taken as read with this item.

Members noted that science is a key element of the economic strategy for Greater Manchester and work was taking place to develop this science base, create commercial opportunities and encourage scientists to grow as entrepreneurs.

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the progress in producing the Science and Innovation Audit.
2. To agree that any specific comments on the draft Audit report be included within the final report.
3. To authorise the Head of the Paid Service, Portfolio lead for Economic Strategy, Chair of the LEP and President of the University of Manchester to sign off the submission of the final Audit to Government on behalf of the GMCA.

## **164/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members noted that as the commercially sensitive information was taken as read during the consideration of Science and Innovation Audits report (Minute 163/16) and Greater Manchester Housing Fund – Investment Strategy Update (Minute 164/16) the recommendation to exclude members of the press and public would not be moved.

## **165/16 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AUDITS**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A Science and Innovation Audit (Minute 163/16).