

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GMCA MEETING
HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2019**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Bolton	Councillor Linda Thomas
Bury	Councillor Rishi Shori
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Alex Ganotis
Tameside	Councillor Leanne Feeley
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bury	Councillor Sharon Brigg
Bolton	Councillor Ebrahim Adia
Manchester	Councillor Angeliki Stogia
Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
TfGMC	Councillor Mark Aldred

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA – Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA – Treasurer	Richard Paver
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee

Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Steve Kenyon
Oldham	Carolyn Wilkins
Manchester	Fiona Fedden
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Ben Dolan
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Wigan	Donna Hall
TfGM	Simon Warburton
TfGM	Steve Warrener
GMFRS	Jim Wallace
GMFRS	Leon Parkes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

That apologies be received and noted from Deputy Mayor Bev Hughes, Cllr Brenda Warrington (Tameside), Cllr Andrea Simson (Bury), Cllr Jenny Bullen (Wigan) and Cllr Sara Rowbotham (Rochdale). Apologies were also received from Geoff Little (Steve Kenyon in attendance), Jim Taylor (Ben Dolan in attendance), and Joanne Roney (Fiona Fedden in attendance).

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no Chair's announcements or urgent business items.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in relation to any item on the agenda.

4. MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA held on 25 January 2019 be approved as a correct record, subject to the amendment of minute 20/19 – to reflect:

'That the GMCA agree the funding application for the total project cost of £139,200,000 with a skills capital funding request of £25,000,000 by the LTE Group be given conditional approval and progressed to due diligence.

5. GMCA WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE - MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee held on 24 January be noted.

6. GMCA CORPORATE ISSUES & REFORM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 22 January 2019 be noted.

7. BUDGETS 2019

a) GMCA Mayoral General Budget – Budget Overview

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be noted that the Mayor had submitted a Mayoral General Budget and precept and Fire capital programme report, which would be considered later on the agenda.
2. That it be noted that a report on the Transport budget, to be funded by a levy on District Councils would be considered later on the agenda.
3. That it be noted that the level of the Waste Disposal budget, to be funded by a levy on District Councils and the allocation between the 9 authorities would be considered later on the agenda.
4. That it be noted that the level of the GMCA General budget to be funded through contributions from District Councils and a share of the retained Business Rates would be considered later on the agenda.
5. That it be noted that the projected outturn for the Mayoral General, GMCA and Transport budgets for 2018/19 and the proposed refund of £25m of Retained Business Rates to District Councils would be considered later on the agenda.
6. That it be noted that the draft capital programme relating to Transport, Waste disposal and other GMCA, non- Mayoral functions would be considered later on the agenda.
7. That the intention for GM to make a submission to the Fairer Funding Review of Local Authority Finances requesting a fairer and improved funding settlement be agreed.
8. That the intention to submit a report on the next phase of the Fire Service Programme for Change to a forthcoming meeting of the GMCA be noted.

b) Mayoral General Budget And Precept Proposals (KEY DECISION)

Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor took the Chair for this item of business, given the GMCA was considering the budget proposal from the GM Mayor.

The meeting was advised that a named vote was required to approve the revised proposals for the Mayoral General Budget. Members voted on the recommendations as follows:

	GMCA Member	
Bolton	Cllr Linda Thomas	Agreed

Bury	Cllr Rishi Shori	Agreed
Manchester	Cllr Richard Leese	Agreed
Oldham	Cllr Sean Fielding	Agreed
Rochdale	Cllr Allen Brett	Agreed
Salford	Mayor Paul Dennett	Agreed
Stockport	Cllr Alex Ganotis	Agreed
Tameside	Cllr Brenda Warrington	Not in attendance
Trafford	Cllr Andrew Western	Agreed
Wigan	Cllr David Molyneux	Agreed

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Mayor of GM's General budget for 2019/20, as set out in this report now submitted, together with the calculation of the precepts and Council Tax rates set out in Appendices 3 to 6, be approved.
2. That the overall Mayoral General Precept of £76.95 (Band D) comprising of £59.95 for functions previously covered by the Fire and Rescue Authority precept (no change) and £17 (an additional £9 for 2019/20 on the current £8) for other Mayoral General functions, specifically bus reform, be approved.
3. That it be noted that the proposal for the Mayoral General Precept for 2019/20 was the 2nd year of a 2-3 year strategy for setting the Mayoral precept baseline, which would be adjusted in future years, as further Mayoral functions were covered by the funding raised and that Government has again provided flexibility on the level of the Mayoral (General) precept.
4. That the use of £5.75 million of Earnback grant to support GMCA costs relating to bus-related activity, including bus reform, be approved.
5. That the following recommendations be approved:
 - i. the overall budget for the Fire and Rescue Service, recognising that detailed proposals in relation to Programme for Change would be considered in the near future

- ii. the use of the reserves to support the revenue and capital budgets, and the assessment by the GMCA Treasurer that the reserves as at March 2020 were adequate
 - iii. the Fire Service capital programme and proposals for funding
 - iv. the medium term financial position for all functions covered by the Mayoral precept
6. That the use of grants totalling £8.3m to District Councils to support their increased levy costs in relation to Bus Reform, be approved as follows:

District	2019/20 £000
Bolton	845
Bury	562
Manchester	1,618
Oldham	693
Rochdale	648
Salford	745
Stockport	863
Tameside	665
Trafford	698
Wigan	963
Total	8,300

c) GMCA Transport Revenue Budget 2019/20 (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED /-

1. That the issues, which affected the 2019/20 transport budgets, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.
2. That the GMCA budget relating to transport functions funded through the levy, as set out in this report now submitted, be approved.
3. That a Transport Levy on the district councils in 2019/20 of £192.473 million, plus an increase of £8.3 million relating to Bus Reform, less a one-off reduction of £5 million, as set on in paragraphs 3.4 – 3.5 of the report, taking the total Levy proposed to £195.773 million, apportioned on the basis of mid-year population as at June 2017, be approved.
4. That it be noted that as the Transport Order was due to be in place for the 2019/20 financial year, then some £86.7m of monies raised through the levy would be treated as being due as a 'statutory charge' as specified in Part 4 of the draft Order.

5. That it be noted that the GM Mayor had proposed to make grants to districts totalling £8.3 million to offset the levy increase relating to Bus Reform.
6. That the use of £13.067 million of Earnback revenue grant for use on GMCA transport functions be approved.
7. That the use of reserves in 2019/20, as detailed in section 5 of the report now submitted, be approved.
8. That the position on reserves, as identified in the report, be noted and approved.

d) GMCA Revenue General Budget 2019/20 (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED/-

1. That the budget relating to the GMCA functions, excluding transport in 2019/20, as set out in section 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the District Contributions of £8.848 million, as set out in section 3 of the report now submitted, be approved.
3. That the increases to the level of funding to MIDAS £0.2 million and Marketing Manchester £0.35 million, subject to confirmation that these additional sums would be matched by private sector contributions be approved.
4. That the overall funding to MIDAS and Marketing Manchester of £1.223 million and £0.727 million respectively be approved.

e) Outturn 2018/19 And Budget And Levy 2019/20 – Waste Services (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED/-

1. That the base budget and levy totalling £174.634m for 2019/20, with the allocation to Districts as set out in paragraph 4.2.4 of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the planned levy refunds to Districts for 2018/19, as set at section 3.3 of the report now submitted be noted and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to approve the final sums once actual tonnage information has been received.
3. That the 2020/21 Trade Waste rate at £99.50, to allow forward planning by Districts, as set out in paragraph 4.2.5 of the report now submitted, be approved.

f) GMCA Revenue Update 2018/19 (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED/-

1. That the increase to the Mayoral General Budget of £13.1 million, as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the Mayoral General revenue outturn position for 2018/19, in line with budget after transfer of £1 million to earmarked reserves, be noted.
3. That the Mayoral General Budget – Fire revenue outturn position for 2018/19 which showed a budgeted underspend of £0.275 million after allowing for a reduction of £8.114m of reserves to support the Capital Programme, as at paragraph 3.3 of the report now submitted, be noted.
4. That the Economic Development and Regeneration revenue outturn position for 2018/19, which showed a balanced budget after transfers to earmarked reserves of £3.982 million, be noted.
5. That the transport revenue outturn position for 2018/19, which showed a balanced budget after transfer to/from earmarked reserves of £12.286 million be noted.
6. That the TfGM revenue outturn position for 2018/19, as at paragraph 4.1 of the report now submitted, be noted.
7. That the amendments to the GMCA General budget of £0.6 million, as detailed in paragraph 3.8 to 3.11, including allocations of ELENA grants, of the report now submitted be approved.
8. That the return of £25 million of Business Rates to GM Districts, as set out in the table detailed in paragraph 3.12 of the report now submitted, be approved.
9. That it be noted that confirmation from Government in relation to the financial support in response to the Moorland fires response was still awaited.

g) GMCA Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2021/22 (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED/-

1. That the revisions to the capital budget as set out in appendix A of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the updated 2018/19 capital forecast compared to the previous 2018/19 capital forecast be noted.
3. That the capital programme budget for 2019/20 and the forward commitments as detailed in the report and Appendix A now submitted, be approved.
4. That it be noted that the capital programme was financed from a mixture of grants, external contributions and long-term borrowings.

5. That it be noted that provision had been made in the revenue budget for the associated financing costs of borrowing.
6. That the addition to the 2019/20 Capital Programme of the Local Full Fibre Network (LLFN), to be funded from the £21.3 million grant award by Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DDCMS) and £3.384 million from long term borrowings, be noted.
7. That it be noted that the capital programme would continue to be reviewed, noting that any new schemes, which have not yet received specific approval but were included within the programme would be the subject of future reports.
8. That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources and the GMCA Treasurer, Richard Paver, for all their work to date on the GMCA budget proposals.

8. TROUBLED FAMILIES FUNDING ALLOCATION (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress that had been made by GM Districts in moving to more sustainable early help models, following the first set of Troubled Families investment plans produced in January 2018, be noted.
2. That the allocation of Troubled Families funding for 2018/19 to all GM districts, in line with the agreed process and as detailed in the table in section 1.5 of the report now submitted, be approved.
3. That it be noted that there would be similar process for the release 2019/20 funding, including a requirement for GM Districts to refresh the investment/implementation plans.
4. That there be further dialogue to consider the extension of the programme of funding in recognition of the continuing issues being faced by families.
5. That the GMCA note the GM Mayor's proposal, subject to the necessary approvals required, to extend the 'a bed every night' scheme until the end of April 2019, and the planned discussions with partner organisations seeking a longer term funding arrangement beyond April 2019.
6. That it be noted that Dame Louise Casey would attending the GMCA meeting on 1 March 2019 to report her findings on the work of the GMCA and partner organisations to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping.

9. GREATER MANCHESTER DISABLED PEOPLE'S PANEL

RESOLVED/-

1. That the recommended remit and key principles of the GM Disabled People's Panel be approved.
2. That the proposed funding to support the GM Disabled People's Panel of £80,000 from February 2019 until March 2020, subject to final approval of the GMCA budgets, be agreed.
3. That the GMCA records its thanks Caron Blake and the Coalition of Disabled People for the work undertaken in the lead up to the establishment of a permanent GM Disabled People's Panel.

10. GREATER MANCHESTER BREXIT PREPAREDNESS

RESOLVED/-

That the verbal report and the issues raised in relation to the impact on employment, specifically in the health and social care sector and security issues be noted.

11. GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY UPDATE

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be noted that the Independent Prosperity Review had released its final report.
2. That it be noted that officers were in the process of developing a paper setting out the proposed response to each of the Panel's recommendations, for submission to the GMCA meeting in June.
3. That the results and key messages from the stakeholder consultation, to be fed into the draft Local Industrial Strategy, be noted.
4. That the overall framework for the GM Local Industrial Strategy, developed in response to the evidence-base and consultation, be agreed.
5. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive of the GMCA and the GM Portfolio lead officer for Economy/Business, working with the Deputy Mayor for Business/Economy, the GM Mayor, and the Chair of the GM LEP – to agree the full Local Industrial Strategy with Government.
6. That the GMCA record its thanks to the members of the Independent Prosperity Review Panel for their thorough and challenging work.
7. That it be noted that a number of the Review Panel's research papers were due to be published on the 5 March 2019.

8. That it be noted that the 5 Year Environment Plan was aligned with the Local Industrial Strategy and would be submitted to the GMCA on 1 March 2019.
9. That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor Richard Leese for seeking the establishment of the Independent Prosperity Review to highlight the strengths and weaknesses of GM in advance of the development of the GM Local Industrial Strategy and other key strategies.

12. GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITY PERMIT SCHEME

RESOLVED/-

1. That the financial review and forecasts, as set out in Section 2 now submitted, be noted.
2. That it be agreed that, based upon the financial update, actions would be required to ensure the scheme continued to break even on an ongoing basis. Any proposals in this regard would be incorporated within a review of the scheme operation and permit charges to be carried out as part of the comprehensive sixth year performance update in Summer 2019.

13. GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FORWARD FUND SCHEME

RESOLVED/-

1. That the co-development process undertaken by the GM Districts and GMCA to prepare the GM Housing Infrastructure Forward Fund business cases be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer, to agree any detail on funding agreements, and to the GMCA Treasurer, to make appropriate transfers of the Homes England business case support grant to the GM Districts, in line with the agreed support plans, upon successful draw down of the grant from Homes England.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive in consultation with Portfolio Leader for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure to work with the Housing Infrastructure Fund GM District leads to finalise business cases and submit by the 22nd March 2019 deadline.
4. To note that a further report would be submitted to the GMCA once the HIF Forward Funding amounts awarded for each scheme were known.
5. That the GMCA record its thanks to Homes England for their grant to support GM Districts to put forward schemes.

14A. GREATER MANCHESTER SKILLS CAPITAL 2017 – 2020: WIGAN & LEIGH STRAND 3B (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED/-

1. That that the funding application by Wigan & Leigh College (strand 3b) of total project cost of £805,000 with a skills capital grant funding of £225,000 be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA 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 transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the grant at a) above

14B. GREATER MANCHESTER SKILLS CAPITAL 2017 – 2020: BOLTON COLLEGE (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED/-

1. That the funding application by Bolton College of the total project cost £30,000,000 of which a Skills Capital funding request of £10,000,000 be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA 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 transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the grant at a) above

15. PROCUREMENT OF WASTE AND RESOURCE SERVICES (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted and that the GMCA record its thanks to Members and officers from the GMCA and GM Districts for their work on the procurement of the waste contract.

15A DONNA HALLE – RETIREMENT

RESOLVED /-

That the GMCA record its thanks to Donna Hall, who would be retiring as the Chief Executive of Wigan MBC at the end of February. Donna's proactive role in the leadership of the Reform Programme, championing Place Based working, and as the Secretary to AGMA and the GMCA, amongst the many roles she has undertaken on behalf of GM was acknowledged.

16. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED/-

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items on business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

17. OUTTURN 2018/19 AND BUDGET AND LEVY 2019/20 – WASTE SERVICES COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED/-

1. That the budget assumptions for 2019/20 and the associated critical judgements be endorsed.
2. That the capital programme, as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted, be approved.
3. That the commercial risk assessment and forecast General Balances position be noted.

18. PROCUREMENT OF WASTE AND RESOURCE SERVICES (KEY DECISION)

RESOLVED /-

1. That the appointment of Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd as the preferred bidder in respect of the LOT 1 contract for waste services be approved.
2. That the appointment of Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd as the preferred bidder in respect of the LOT 2 contract for waste services be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Head of Paid Service in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer and the Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, to finalise the commercial and contractual arrangements for the LOT 1 and LOT 2 contracts for waste services.
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Head of Paid Service in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer and the Chair of the Waste and Recycling Committee to conclude the procurement and finalise the contractual arrangements for the Bio-waste framework.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to complete all necessary legal agreements for the LOT 1 contract, LOT 2 contract and Bio-waste framework agreement.

19A. GREATER MANCHESTER SKILLS CAPITAL 2017 – 2020: WIGAN & LEIGH STRAND 3B

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 14A above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

19B. GREATER MANCHESTER SKILLS CAPITAL 2017 – 2020: BOLTON COLLEGE

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 14B above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here:

https://www.gmcameetings.co.uk/meetings/meeting/658/greater_manchester_combined_authority

This decision notice was issued Tuesday 19 February 2019 on behalf of Eamonn Boylan, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is 4.00pm on Tuesday 26 February 2019.

Call-In Process

In accordance with the scrutiny procedure rules, these decisions would come into effect five days after the publication of this notice unless before that time any three members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee decides to call-in a decision.

Members must give notice in writing to the Chief Executive that they wish to call-in a decision, stating their reason(s) why the decision should be scrutinised. The period between the publication of this decision notice and the time a decision may be implemented is the 'call-in' period.

Decisions which have already been considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and where the GMCA's decision agrees with the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may not be called in.