

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bolton	Councillor David Greenhalgh
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Elise Wilson
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
Rochdale	Councillor Sara Rowbotham
Tameside	Councillor Leanne Feeley
GM Transport Cttee	Councillor Roger Jones

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA – Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA - Treasurer	Richard Paver
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Stephen Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward
TfGM	Simon Warburton
TfGM	Kate Brown

1. APOLOGIES

That apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor David Jones and Councillor Andrea Simpson (Bury), Councillors Sue Murphy and Bev Craig (Manchester), Councillor Tom McGee (Stockport), Councillor Mark Aldred and Councillor Jenny Bullen (Wigan) and Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham).

2. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

a) Fire - Bolton Cube

1. That the GMCA record it's thanks to GM Fire & Rescue colleagues for the professionalism of the response to the fire at the Cube in Bolton.
2. That the GMCA recognised and praised the response of Bolton MBC officers, local residents, students and the business community in responding to the fire.
3. That the actions of the fire officers in implementing the learning from the Grenfell Tower tragedy be noted.
4. That the GMCA record it's thanks to the City Mayor, Paul Dennett, for the work of the High Rise Task Force in raising the profile of this issue and providing greater opportunities to respond to and lobby Central Government.
5. That the GMCA submit a joint submission to Government requesting a review of the criteria for replacing cladding and the establishment of a hardship fund to remove non-compliant cladding materials, irrespective of the height of the building, and application of legislation following the Grenfell Tower Enquiry.

b) 'Dippy on tour North West' – Natural History Adventure

1. That the GMCA record its support to the National History Adventure Tour, and where possible, promote the events being held in Rochdale between the 10 February and 28 June 2020.
2. That it be noted that the GM Mayor, GM Leaders and GM Chief Executives would be invited to the official launch on 10 February 2020

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

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

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 25 October 2019 be approved.

5. GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2019

That the minutes of the GM Transport Committee held on 8 November 2019 be noted.

6. MINUTES OF THE GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES HELD IN NOVEMBER 2019

a) ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH & SKILLS - 8 NOVEMBER 2019

That the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 8 November 2019.

b) HOUSING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT - 14 NOVEMBER 2019

That the minutes of the Housing, Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 14 November 2019.

c) CORPORATE ISSUES & REFORM - 19 NOVEMBER 2019

That the minutes of the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 19 November 2019.

7. MINUTES OF THE GMCA WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2019

That the minutes of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 14 November 2019 be noted.

8. MINUTES OF THE GM LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2019

That the minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership Board held on 11 November 2019 be noted.

9. GMCA APPOINTMENTS

a) EXTENSION OF THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND INDEPENDENT PERSON FOR STANDARDS

1. That the extension of the term of office of Geoff Linnell (the Independent Co-opted Member and Chair of the GMCA Standards Committee) until the date of the Annual Meeting of the GMCA in 2021 be approved.
2. That the extension of the term of office of Nicolë Jackson (the Independent Person for Standards) until the date of the Annual Meeting of the GMCA in 2021 be approved.

b) **APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

That it be noted that the report on the appointment of additional Independent members to the Audit Committee would be submitted to the GMCA in January 2020 following the conclusion of the interview process.

10. MOTION TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF REMEMBERING SREBRENICA

1. That the GMCA pass the following motion to support the work of Remembering Srebrenica:

- That it be noted that 2019 is the twenty-fourth anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed by Serbian nationalist forces.
- That it be noted that in 2009 the European Parliament passed a resolution that 11 July should be recognised as the day of commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide all over the EU; and in 2015 urged the development of educational and cultural programmes that promote an understanding of the causes of such atrocities and raise awareness about the need to nurture peace and to promote human rights and interreligious tolerance. All UK political parties have supported the work of Remembering Srebrenica in this regard.
- That the work of those involved in the pursuit of justice for the victims and their surviving relatives, including the International Commission of Missing People (ICMP) and the Mothers of Srebrenica, whose courage and humility in the face of unthinkable horror is an inspiration to us all be applauded.
- That the work of the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, in raising awareness of this tragic and preventable genocide and working in communities across Britain to help them learn the lessons of Srebrenica be commended.

2. That it be agreed to:

- To offer support to Remembering Srebrenica delegates from Greater Manchester who visited Bosnia on the 'Lessons from Srebrenica' education programme and have been working tirelessly in the community to raise awareness of the genocide and learn the lessons of Srebrenica.
- To support Srebrenica memorial events in July each year throughout Greater Manchester as part of the UK-wide Remembering Srebrenica Memorial Week.
- To support the work of Remembering Srebrenica in communities across Greater Manchester to learn the lessons from Srebrenica to tackle hatred and intolerance to help build a better, safer and more cohesive society for everyone.
- To support the work of schools and education providers to bring the lessons of Srebrenica to young people across Greater Manchester.

11. GM SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. That the school readiness performance update for the academic year 2018/19 be noted.
2. That the recommendation of the Reform Investment Fund Panel to allocate £250,000 from the Reform Investment Fund, as set out in paragraph 4.1, to obtain a digital platform providing universal and targeted advice and resources to parents in relation to supporting good early year's outcomes, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to obtain through an appropriate commercial arrangement the digital platform outlined in the report.

12. METROLINK FARES AND TICKETING

1. That the implementation of a weighted average fare increase of 2.2% in early 2020 be approved.
2. That it be agreed that a further report be submitted to the GMCA in early 2020.
3. That the introduction of an Early Bird product for Metrolink customers be approved.
4. That it be noted that the GM Mayor had requested TfGM to review the potential for the Early Bird products being made available to cash customers in addition to those using contactless cards.
5. That the introduction of a 'carnet' style Metrolink ticket be approved and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor, to agree the pricing of this product.
6. That authority be delegated to the to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor to agree the decision on the precise implementation dates of both the fare increase and the introduction of the Early Bird product and the 'carnet' style tickets.
7. That the update on the additional Police Officers present on the transport network across GM be noted.

13. GREATER MANCHESTER ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING TARIFF PROPOSAL

1. That the comments made by the Housing, Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee be noted, confirming that all the comments had been considered and addressed within the report, in particular:
 - Confirmed that proposals were in line with other schemes introduced in other areas across the country
 - Confirmed that the introduction of the scheme would be rolled out as planned to ensure the network was expanded and available as quickly as possible

2. That the introduction of the proposed electric vehicle charging tariff on the publicly owned GMEV charging network, subject to the development of a satisfactory Membership Scheme, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor, to approve the Membership Scheme and to implement the proposed electric vehicle charging tariff.
4. That the market research undertaken and used to develop the tariff structure be noted.
5. That the potential financial impact of introducing a tariff, and the uncertainty surrounding electric vehicle charging demand be noted.
6. That it be noted that the electric vehicle charging market was a developing market, and a review of the tariff's performance may be required in response to changing demand and supply conditions.

14. THE MAYOR'S CYCLING & WALKING CHALLENGE FUND

1. That the progress on the first five tranches previously granted Programme Entry for inclusion in the MCF be noted.
2. That the sixth tranche of cycling and walking schemes be approved for Programme Entry for inclusion in the MCF.
3. That the progress made in developing a prioritised list of schemes for development and delivery through the Mayor's Challenge Fund, as the first phase of the Bee Network, be noted.
4. That it be noted that a pipeline of schemes was being develop, to strengthen further funding requests of Government.

15. GM GROWTH DEAL - SALFORD BOLTON NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME: SALFORD DP3 - (A666/A6) AND BOLTON DP 5 (MANCHESTER ROAD GATEWAY) REQUEST FOR FULL APPROVAL AND FUNDING RELEASE

That the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Salford Delivery Package 3 (A666/A6) and Bolton Delivery Package 5 (Manchester Road Gateway) and the associated release of funding of £3.984m from the Local Growth Deal (£3.708m and MCF (£0.276m) to enable the delivery of Salford DP 3 (A666/A6) and the Bolton DP 5 Bury Road/Crompton Way schemes be granted full approval.

16. GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - ROCHDALE RIVERSIDE PHASE 2 - MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

1. That the current position in relation to Rochdale Riverside Phase 2, a Mixed Use Development in Rochdale Town Centre, be noted.
2. That the request to invest up to £4m for the Rochdale Riverside Phase 2 Mixed Use Development be approved, in principle, subject to a further request for the full approval of the investment being submitted to the GMCA in due course.
3. That it be agreed that a proposal for the introduction of a pilot scheme which will measure the impact of an integrated ticketing offer for Rail and Metrolink Services in Rochdale to support Town Centre living, be submitted to the GMCA in early 2020.
4. That an update on the Town Centre Challenge be brought back to the GMCA in early 2020.

17. GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECT UPDATES/GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND

1. That the funding applications for Swim Sports Company Limited (loan facility of £500,000), Salford Evolution (loan facility of £5,800,000), Intehcnica Limited (convertible loan of £150,000) and Erlson Precision Holdings Limited (loan facility of £700,000) be approved and progressed to due diligence.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the companies, 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 investments.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Leads for the period 30 November 2019 to 30 January 2020 to approve funding from the GM Investment Framework and GM Housing Investment Loans Fund. Recommendations approved under the delegation will be subject to the usual due diligence processes and will be reported to the GMCA at the next available meeting.
4. That any future loans made through the Housing Investment Loans Fund would be subject to the Company having signed up to the Good Employment Charter (once it is approved).
5. That it be noted that the membership criteria of Good Employer Charter was still under development, however as a point of principle discussions should have been held with the applicants and that the GM Mayor would confirm whether discussions had been held with Swim Sports Company Limited, Salford Evolution, Intexhnica Limited and Erison Precision Holdings.

18. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

19. GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

That the report be noted.

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

<https://democracy.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=266&Ver=4>

This decision notice was issued **2 December 2019** on behalf of Julie Connor, 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 **7 December 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.