

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY  
HELD ON FRIDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 2020**

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bolton	Councillor David Greenhalgh
Bury	Councillor David Jones
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 Keith Cunliffe

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tameside	Councillor Leanne Feeley
Wigan	Councillor Jenny Bullen
GM Transport Cttee	Councillor Mark Aldred

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

GMCA & TfGM – Chief Executive Officer	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA - Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	Carol Culley
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Steven 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
GMCA	Lindsay Dunn
TfGM	Simon Warburton
TfGM	Kate Brown

## **1. APOLOGIES**

That the apologies be received and noted from Councillor David Molyneux (Wigan), Councillor Keith Cunliffe attending, Councillors Sara Rowbotham & Janet Emsley (Rochdale) and Joanne Roney (Manchester), Carol Culley attending.

## **2. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

1. That the condolences of the GM Mayor and all members of the GMCA be extended to the family of Councillor Guy Harkin, who had recently passed away. Councillor Harkin had been a passionate local councillor for Bolton, being honoured as an Alderman of Bolton in December 2019 and long standing advocate for an improved public transport network.
2. That the Government announcement on 29 January 2020 that the Northern rail franchise agreement would be terminated on the 1 March, 2020, and placed in the hands of the Government's 'Operator of last resort' be noted. It was also noted that a dramatic improvement in delivery would not be seen overnight, but rather a steady improvement and consistency over a short period.
3. That it be noted that discussions regarding the potential split in the franchise and establishment of a North West franchise would be progressed with Government.
4. That it be agreed that the GMCA message to Government was that the successful delivery of rail services was predicated on the need to improve infrastructure. In particular the improvement of the Castlefield Corridor and the business case for the development of platforms 15 & 16 at Manchester Piccadilly Train Station had been made and was 'shovel ready, delivering improvements not just to Greater Manchester but the whole of the North of England.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

That it be noted that Councillor Allen Brett declared a personal interest in relation to item 15 (GM Housing Investment Loans Fund) as an associate of loan applicant, Qumar Zaman.

- a) MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD 7 JANUARY 2020

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 7 January 2020 be approved.

- b) MINUTES OF THE WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2020

That the minutes of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 16 January 2020 be noted.

- c) MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2020

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 21 January 2020 be noted.

d) MINUTES OF THE GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2020

That the minutes of the GM Transport Committee held on 17 January 2020 be noted.

e) MINUTES OF THE GM LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2020

That the minutes of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board held on 21 January 2020 be noted.

a) APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE GM LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the appointment of Mo Isap and Lou Cordwell as Co-Chairs of the GM LEP Board be approved.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to the outgoing Chair, Mike Blackburn for his years of strategic leadership of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership.

b) GM CULTURE & SOCIAL IMPACT FUND COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT

That the appointment of Cllr Liz Patel to replace Cllr Jane Baugh (Trafford) be agreed.

#### **4. MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET & PRECEPT PROPOSALS**

1. That the proposals to set an overall Mayoral General Precept of £90.95 (Band D) comprising of £66.20 for functions previously covered by the Fire and Rescue Authority precept and £24.75 for other Mayoral General functions be noted.
2. That it be noted that the proposal for the Mayoral General Precept for 2020/21 was part of a multi-year strategy for setting the Mayoral precept baseline which will be adjusted in future years as further Mayoral functions are covered by the funding raised.
3. That the following be noted:
  - i. the overall budget proposed for the Fire and Rescue Service, noting that it was proposed to defer a number of operational changes in relation to Programme for Change
  - 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 2021 were adequate
  - iii. the proposed Fire Service capital programme and proposals for funding
  - iv. the medium term financial position for the Fire and Rescue Service covered by the Mayoral precept
4. That the detailed budget proposals for other Mayoral Functions be noted.
5. That the proposal to allow £0.5 million of Earnback grant to be used to support GMCA costs relating to bus related activity, including bus reform be agreed.

6. That it be noted that if a decision was made to introduce bus franchising a further report would be submitted to GMCA to increase the statutory charge by £17.8 million for the year 2020/21.
7. That the use of reserves, as set out in section 3 of the report, be noted.
8. That members be requested to submit any written comments to the Mayor in line with the legal process and timetable described in this report.
9. That it be noted that at the GMCA meeting on 14 February, a revised budget would be submitted, consistent with the precept proposals, reflecting final tax base and collection fund calculations and the final Revenue Support Grant settlement.
10. That it be noted that the GM Mayor was proposing to undertake a National lobby of Parliament on Tuesday 25 February 2020 at 1.00pm, in relation to the removal of cladding from high rise buildings and the financial burden being laid with residents, inviting all GM Leaders and Metro Mayors to support the lobby.

## **5. GM DIGITAL STRATEGY REFRESH**

1. That the progress on GM Digital be noted and that the refreshed GM Digital Blueprint be approved.
2. That it be agreed that the GM Digital Blueprint be reviewed annually to reflect the dynamic environment in which it was embedded.
3. That it be noted that on the 7 February, Greater Manchester would be hosting its first Digital Skills Day, and Greater Manchester Local Authorities, community group, schools , colleges, residents and businesses be encouraged to participate in #dosomethingdigital.
4. That it also be noted that GMACs would be launched next week, providing a single portal access point, whereby young people can view all employment opportunities, including digital, and information on qualification and training required in preparation of pursuing a career.
5. That the GMCA record its thanks to Cllr Elise Wilson for the work undertaken in progressing GM Digital.

## **6. BREXIT UPDATE & ECONOMY DASHBOARD**

1. That the Brexit update and the work underway to ensure Greater Manchester was prepared for EU exit and future trading arrangements be noted.
2. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard be noted.

3. That it be noted that the Brexit transition period would be 11 months, and that the Brexit Act confirms that there would be no extension, with a risk that there could still be 'no deal' at the end of the period.
4. That it be noted that the Growth Company has developed a long term proposal for how Northern Powerhouse performance overall could be improved overall on trade and investment, supported by the NP11 group of Local Enterprise Partnerships across the North, which has been submitted to Government as part of budget proposals from the North.
3. That the GM Mayor be requested to relay a clear message to the Chancellor of the Exchequer that the consultation on the Shared Prosperity Fund was a priority to be addressed, and that the allocation and governance should be devolved from Central Government.

## **7. HOMELESSNESS UPDATE**

1. That the report be noted and very recent count figures showing a further reduction in rough sleeping be welcomed.
  2. That the GMCA record its thanks to all partners, specifically Local Authorities and the voluntary sector for their contributions towards the homelessness projects across Greater Manchester.
  3. That Local Authorities be encouraged to look for further ways that the Housing First scheme could support residents who were homeless.
  4. That Local Authorities be further encouraged to identify whether the Street Engagement Project (formerly ARC) could be rolled out in other areas where street begging was an issue.
  5. That it be noted that the GM Mayor would provide further information on the Ethical Lettings Agency to Councillor Brenda Warrington.
  6. That future proposals be submitted to the GMCA in relation to linking the Good Employment Charter to all future commissioning and procurement activities.
  7. That the GM Mayor be requested to consider young homeless people, and in particular care leavers in future discussions with Government.
- a) **CLIMATE CHANGE & TRANSPORT**
1. That the report be noted.
  2. That the GMCA recognised the scale of the challenge to reduce carbon emissions from transport for GM to meet its ambition to be a Carbon neutral city-region by 2038.

b) GM CLEAN AIR PLAN UPDATE

1. That the progress made to date be noted.
2. That it be noted that the ministerial direction under the Environment Act 1995 (Greater Manchester) Air Quality Direction 2019 which requires all ten of the Greater Manchester local authorities to implement a charging Clean Air Zone Class C across the region.
3. That the need to continue to proceed towards developing the implementation and contract arrangements of a charging Clean Air Zone in Greater Manchester utilising the initial tranche of £36m of funding as required by the ministerial direction / feedback be noted.
4. That it be noted that the report to determine the timings for commencing the consultation would be received in the Spring of 2020.
5. That the outstanding need to secure a clear response from the Government on clean vehicles funding asks be noted.
6. That it be noted that Highways England have not been directed to act in relation to tackling NO<sub>2</sub> exceedances in the same way as the Greater Manchester local authorities, and that this will leave some publicly accessible areas of GM adjacent to trunk roads managed by Highways England, with NO<sub>2</sub> exceedances that are not being addressed by the Highways England plan.
7. That it be noted that the GM Authorities would co-sign a letter to the Transport Secretary asking them to bring forward the launch of a statutory consultation to strengthen rules on vehicle idling.
8. That a further report be submitted to the GMCA following further Government discussions on the Clean Air Plan.

**8. GM LOCAL ENERGY MARKET: DESIGN DETAILS**

1. That the report be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and the GMCA Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead, to finalise the collaboration agreement, commencing with the Detailed Design project in February 2020 and to agree the terms of the grant from the funding provider (Innovate UK) to deliver this opportunity.

**9. GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED HEALTH & JUSTICE STRATEGY**

1. That the Greater Manchester Integrated Health and Justice Strategy be approved.
2. That the GMCA record its thanks to the Jon Rouse and the GM Team for developing

the GM Integrated Health and Justice Strategy, in particular for their advanced thinking to enable the first strategy of its kind within the UK.

3. That it be recognised that the role of the Local Authorities was key to the delivery of the strategy’s ambitions, and that further detail of the Implementation Plan would be submitted to the GMCA in due course.

## 10 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK FOR THE GM INVESTMENT FUND

1. That the Social Enterprise Investment Framework be approved and utilised during consideration of applications for funding from Social Enterprises from the GM Investment Fund.
2. That in implementing the scheme, officers be requested to engage with GMCVO and the Voluntary Sector on how it is taken forward.
3. That the loan criteria considers the principles of Greater Manchester’s Good Employment Charter.

## 11 STOCKPORT INTERCHANGE MIXED USE SCHEME UPDATE REPORT

That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer in consultation with the Head of Procurement to approve the recommended Development Partner and sign the necessary Interim Collaboration agreement.

## 12 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - APPROVALS

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans be approved as follows:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Qumar Zaman	Hillside Avenue	Oldham	£0.525m
Rise Homes SPV	Stagecoach Phase 2	Manchester	£5.132m
Mulbury Homes Ltd	Simpsons Grove	Salford	£2.671m

2. That the following loans, which were approved under delegated authority, be noted:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Terah Ltd.	Withington Bank	Manchester	£2.043m
Watch This Space (Constantine) Ltd.	Richmond Street	Manchester	£2.541m
AH2 Developments Ltd.	The Green, Urmston	Trafford	£1.621m

3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

### **13 EXCLUSION OF 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.

### **14 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND UPDATE**

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=2838&Ver=4>

This decision notice was issued 3 February 2020 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 8 February 2020.

#### **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.