

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2019 AT BOLTON TOWN HALL**

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

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
WIGAN

GMFRS	Jim Wallace
GMFRS	Leon Parkes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward

APOLOGIES:

GMCA 31/19 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

That apologies be received and noted from Deputy Mayor Bev Hughes, Cllr Andrea Simson (Bury), Cllr Sara Rowbotham (Rochdale), Cllr Paula Boshell (Salford), Cllr Brenda Warrington (Tameside) and Cllr Jenny Bullen (Wigan).

Apologies were also received from Geoff Little (Steve Kenyon in attendance) Bury, Jim Taylor (Ben Dolan in attendance) Salford, and Joanne Roney (Fiona Fedden in attendance) Manchester.

GMCA 32/19 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

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

GMCA 33/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

GMCA 34/19 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.

GMCA 35/19 MINUTES OF THE GMCA WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee held 24 January 2019 be noted.

**GMCA 36/19 MINUTES OF GMCA CORPORATE ISSUES & REFORM OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2019**

RESOLVED /-

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

GMCA 37/19 MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham introduced a report setting out the background to the GMCA general budget, transport levy budget, Waste Budget and Mayoral Budget that were further set out in the accompanying papers that explained the interconnectivity of the various decisions that need to be taken.

Colleagues were reminded that in April 2018, the Mayor had called for a root and branch review of the Fire Service that was now coming towards a conclusion and a report on the next phase of the Fire Service Programme for Change would be submitted to a forthcoming meeting of the GMCA.

In conclusion, the GM Mayor also expressed his disappointment about the fact that GM was being asked to fund essential services exclusively from Council Tax, which was not acceptable given that Government has stated that austerity has ended. He also advised the meeting that a Fair Funding Review was underway, and that GM would collectively be making a submission, which would call for a better and fairer overall funding settlement.

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.

GMCA 38/19 MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET AND PRECEPT PROPOSALS

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.

Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Chair of the GMCA introduced a report setting out the Mayor’s proposals for the Mayoral General Budget (including Fire and Rescue) and seeking approval for the Mayoral General Precept for 2019/20.

The report recommended the setting of the Revenue Budget for 2019/20 as required under Section 42A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (updated in the Localism Act 2011) and the precepts and relevant levels of Council Tax required under sections 40, 42B and 47 of the Act.

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

GMCA 39/19

GMCA TRANSPORT REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham took members through a report that set out the transport related Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) budget for 2019/20. The proposed Transport Levy to be approved for 2019/20 was included within the report together with the consequent allocations to the District Councils of Greater Manchester.

The GM Mayor thanked the GMCA Treasurer for securing a one-off payment from reserves to relieve pressure on the Transport Levy. He further reported that along with the Mayoral Precept, GM is proposing to use earn-back funding to support the reform of bus services, which will help build GM's case for change.

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.

GMCA 40/19

GMCA REVENUE GENERAL BUDGET 2019/20

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, introduced a report setting out the GMCA General budget for 2019/20 that included the proposed District Council contributions to be approved for 2019/20, together with the consequent allocations to the District Councils.

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.

GMCA 41/19**OUTTURN 2018/19 AND BUDGET AND LEVY 2019/20 – WASTE SERVICES**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources introduced a report providing the GMCA with an update on the projected outturn budget for 2018/19 and proposed Budget and Levy 2019/20 for waste and resource management services.

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.

GMCA 42/19**GMCA REVENUE UPDATE**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, took members through a report that informed members of the 2018/19 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of December 2018.

The GM Mayor reminded members that Government had not yet guaranteed the funding required in response to the Moorland fires and the Arena.

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.

GMCA 43/19

GMCA CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, presented an update in relation to the GMCA capital expenditure programme.

The GM Mayor thanked Councillor David Molyneux for his work in putting forward a good set of proposals. He also advised that this would be last budget to be prepared by the current GMCA Treasurer, Richard Paver, who was due to retire later this year, and thanked the GMCA Treasurer for his long years of service to both the GMCA and Manchester City Council.

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.

GMCA 44/19 TROUBLED FAMILIES FUNDING ALLOCATION

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report providing the GMCA with an update on the progress made since agreement was reached with MHCLG to re-profile the remainder of GM's allocation of Troubled Families Funding. The report included a recommendation to release the 2018/19's funding from the Reform Investment Fund to all GM Districts in line with the previously agreed process.

Members were reminded the current programme was coming to an end, with lots of families benefitting from the support the fund had provided, demonstrating the direct link between poverty and families with specific issues. It was acknowledged that there was a need to build a strong case to submit to Government with a view to extending the current programme of investment or alternatively to provide additional resources to maintain support to GM residents.

The GM Mayor acknowledged that a lack of funding had seen a considerable increase in the number of homeless people and families that were in temporary accommodation. Despite these challenges, the Bed Every Night scheme had proved to be a success through which 1400 individuals had been assisted. It was further proposed that subject to the necessary approvals being granted that the scheme would be extended from March to the end of April 2019, pending a discussion between stakeholders on securing longer term funding. It was also reported that Dame Louise Casey would be 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.

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 be 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.

GMCA 45/19

GREATER MANCHESTER DISABLED PEOPLES PANEL

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, extended a warm welcome to Caron Blake from the GM Coalition of Disabled People and thanked the Coalition for their work done till date. He further took members through a report setting out a proposal to realise the Mayoral commitment to establish a GM Disabled People's Panel including key principles, remit and required budget.

The GM Mayor advised that there was still much work required to support disabled individuals in the community to live independent, fulfilling and satisfying lives.

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.

GMCA 46/19 GREATER MANCHESTER BREXIT PREPAREDNESS

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for the Economy gave a verbal update in relation to GM's preparedness for Brexit. It was reported that the North West was being represented regularly at meetings with MHCLG, with regular weekly bulletins in circulation to keep GM Districts abreast of ongoing developments.

In terms of Civil Contingency planning, it was reported that a co-ordinated effort by the GM Resilience Forum was underway, with GM Districts working within that framework to carry out District level planning against the known scenarios.

It was reported that Salford City Airport, Manchester Airport and Port Salford were considered as points of entry within GM, therefore measures were being considered through District arrangements. It was further highlighted that there might be severe implications on trading and health standards due to the lack or delay of goods coming into the UK and the potential loss of employment health expertise.

In terms of business support and competitiveness the Growth Company, on behalf of the GMCA were having regular dialogue with businesses and have put together an online Brexit Toolkit.

The GM Mayor further reported that a number of Spanish staff working at the Royal Bolton Hospital would be leaving the UK in response to a decision of the Professional Regulator in Spain around their professional practice and informed colleagues that other Service regulators across the EU might develop a similar approach.

Members also noted the potential impact Brexit might have on the Social Care workforce. Concerns were raised around the threshold salary of £30,000 or more given that the average wage of a Social Care Worker and nurses, who were EU citizens would not meet the threshold.

The GM Mayor also raised concerns around the lack of clarity regarding intelligence sharing and security services across GM and the EU.

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.

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economy, presented a report to the GMCA that updated members on progress with the development of the GM Local Industrial Strategy and the key next steps to ensure that a full strategy was produced by March 2019. He further went on to thank the members of the Independent Prosperity Review Panel for the analysis and evaluation undertaken.

It was reported that the findings provided a refreshed evidence base for future economic planning, whilst identifying gaps and providing ideas on how to stimulate the economy, which would allow for a more robust discussion with Government.

The dysfunction of the education system was also identified as a major obstacle for making progress. However, it was noted that there was a clear aim in the draft Local Industrial Strategy for GM to form a strategic partnership with DfES in order to attain more coherent pattern for education, skills and apprenticeships, which would assist in addressing skills shortages post Brexit.

Members welcomed the report and commented on the need to have a wholly integrated system based on a GM footprint linking to infrastructure. However, it was identified that the challenge moving forward was the delivery of infrastructure requirements.

Councillor Alex Ganotis reported that the 5-Year Environment Plan, due to be launched at the next Green Summit was aligned with the Local Industrial Strategy. The Plan would also be submitted to the GMCA on 1 March 2019 for consideration. He added that the plan aimed to make significant reductions in carbon emissions across GM alongside supporting the wider agenda for economic growth.

The GM Mayor thanked Sir Richard Leese for leading on the establishment of the Independent Prosperity Review Panel. He further thanked members of the Independent Prosperity Review Panel for their diligence on this piece of work.

He acknowledged that poor productivity was linked to poor health across the labour market and needed to be addressed through health devolution to bring forward new thinking particularly linked to an ageing population, personalised treatment and assisted living.

He added that the Panel endorsed GM's call for further devolution in the area of Education, Skills, and training alongside supporting GM's case for a more integrated transport system, which was crucial to support the economy. Therefore, in conclusion he stated that both health and regional disparity needs to be the guiding theme for GM's Local Industrial Strategy.

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.

GMCA 48/19

GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITY PERMIT SCHEME

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which provided an overview of the financial performance and operation of GM Road Activity Permit Scheme (GMRAPS) for 2017/18.

It was reported that the forthcoming periodic review of the scheme was due to be carried out during the summer this year and Districts were encouraged to use the GMRAPS scheme with a view to coordinating roadworks and reducing congestion.

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.

**GMCA 49/19 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE
FORWARD FUND SCHEME**

Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, provided an update on the GM Housing Infrastructure Forward Fund business cases that were being prepared for submission to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and Homes England.

Members welcomed the report and recognised the impact the scheme would have on improving connectivity and reducing congestion particularly around Bolton and Wigan.

It was noted that the scheme will support the objectives of the GM Spatial Framework of building on Brownfield sites first and whilst seeking to draw additional capital into GM. He further thanked Homes England for their £240,000 investment to support districts.

Members acknowledged that there would be economic impact and that there was a need to have a conversation with Government about the Green Book appraisal and the cost to benefit ratio that the treasury operates around infrastructure money to deliver housing needs rather than meeting the requirement of Government housing figures.

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.

GMCA 50/19 GM SKILLS CAPITAL 2017-2020: WIGAN AND LEIGH COLLEGE

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships, introduced a report that updated the GMCA on the outcome of the appraisal of the Leigh College Strand 3b application.

Members welcomed the report and thanked Councillor Sean Fielding for securing a grant to support education at Leigh College.

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

**GMCA 51/19 GREATER MANCHESTER SKILLS CAPITAL 2017 – 2020:
BOLTON COLLEGE**

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships, took members through a report that provided an update on the outcome of the appraisal of the Bolton College Skills Capital application.

Members welcomed the report and commented on the benefits the college would have on young people attending and recognised that this would also see a boost in the health sector particularly in Royal Bolton Hospital with a significant number of apprenticeships being created.

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be agreed 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.

GMCA 52/19

PROCUREMENT OF WASTE AND RESOURCE SERVICES

Councillor Alex Ganotis, Portfolio Lead for Green City Region introduced a report which provided an update on the procurement of waste and resource management services.

He thanked members for their support and particularly officers from the waste and finance team at the GMCA, GM District lead Members and Treasurers for their work over the past two years to deliver a model of best practice.

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 53/19

DONNA HALL - RETIREMENT

That the GMCA noted that Donna Hall will be retiring as Chief Executive of Wigan MBC at the end of February. The Mayor expressed thanks on behalf of the GMCA for her leadership of the Reform Programme, and Place Based working amongst many roles she has undertaken on behalf of GM including as Secretary to AGMA and Clerk to the Fire Authority.

David Molyneux, Leader of Wigan Council further added his thanks for all her work, in particular the coordination of the Wigan Deal model leading to a transformation of services for the residents of Wigan.

GMCA 54/19

EXCLUSION OF THE 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 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.

**GMCA 55/19 OUTTURN 2018/19 AND BUDGET AND LEVY 2019/20 –
WASTE SERVICES COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, introduced a report setting out the commercial considerations in respect of the outturn for 2018/19 and budget for 2019/20.

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.

GMCA 56/19 PROCUREMENT OF WASTE AND RESOURCE SERVICES

Councillor Alex Ganotis, Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, provided an update on procurement of waste and resource management services for GM and recommended the appointment of preferred bidders for Lots 1 and 2 based on the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT).

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.

**GMCA 57/19 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 (minute 50/19 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 58/19 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 (minute 5/19 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

