BOLTON COUNCIL  Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL  Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC  Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL  Councillor Jim McMahon
ROCHDALE MBC  Councillor Colin Lambert
SALFORD CC  Mayor Ian Stewart
STOCKPORT MBC  Councillor Sue Derbyshire
TAMESIDE MBC  Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL  Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL  Councillor Peter Smith (in the Chair)

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

TfGMC  Councillor Andrew Fender
GMFRA  Councillor David Acton
GMWDA  Councillor Neil Swannick
Police and Interim Chief Executive  Tony Lloyd
Crime Commissioner Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  Steve Mycio

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Paver  GMCA Treasurer
Liz Treacy  GMCA Monitoring Officer
Sean Harriss  Bolton Council
Mike Kelly  Bury Council
Geoff Little  Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins  Oldham Council
Jim Taylor  Rochdale MBC
Ben Dolan  Salford CC
Chris Findley  Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan  Stockport MBC
57/14 APOLOGIES

Sir Howard Bernstein and Nick Page.

58/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

59/14 MINUTES OF GMCA MEETING ON 28 MARCH 2014

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2014 as a correct record.

60/14 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

61/14 GMCA NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS 2014/15

Members were advised that letters will be sent to all Chief Executives in early May requesting nominations from their Local Authority, to the GMCA, Statutory Bodies, Committees and outside bodies for 2014/15. Nominations are required to be submitted to the Secretary no later than 15 days (Monday 9th June) before the GMCA Annual Meeting to ensure the information can be included in the reports to be circulated for consideration by members at its Annual Meeting on 27 June 2014.

RESOLVED/-

To note the nomination process for 2014/15.
The Combined Authority noted the latest Manchester Monitor Quarterly presented by Simon Nokes, New Economy.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report
2. To request officers ensure the methodology and analysis included in the reports is accurate and up to date and to note that consultants are currently producing profiles of each local authority.

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the TfGMC meeting held on 11 April 2014.

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 11 April 2014.

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee meeting held on 11 April 2014.

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 item of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED/-

1. To the proposed two stage work to develop a Super Connected Cities Plan and to get common agreement to a single vision across the North.
2. To continue to bring forward suitable sites for Regional Distribution Centre’s with demonstrable market potential based on existing requirements and at the same time identify those sites which can benefit from rail connectivity and potential UDC’s.

3. To the proposed approach in relation to responding to the BIS Consultation on the HS2 Skills College, and to delegate the final decision on GM’s response, including the preferred location for the HS2 college, to the Chair of the Combined Authority, working with the portfolio holders for Skills and Employment, and Economic Strategy with a request that the full site appraisal information is considered.

4. To note the work on GM Logistics and the importance of identifying appropriate rail/water connected sites. The specific implications of this report will be taken forward via the work to produce a GM Spatial Framework and the Super Connected Cities Plan. In this context officers requested to consider all sites with market potential including those with motorway connections and where there are sites with existing vacant infrastructure alongside new sites.

Chair