

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2014
AT NUMBER ONE RIVERSIDE, ROCHDALE**

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jim McMahon
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	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
GMFRSA	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	Adam Allen

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Hall	GMCA Secretary
Howard Bernstein	GMCA Head of Paid Service
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Sean Harriss	Bolton Council
Mike Kelly	Bury Council
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Linda Fisher	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Helen Jones	Trafford Council

Jon Lamonte	TfGM
Mike Emmerich	New Economy
James Farr	New Economy
Mark Hughes	The Manchester Growth Company
Julie Connor)
Sylvia Welsh) Greater Manchester
Kerry Bond) Integrated Support Team

132/14 APOLOGIES

Theresa Grant.

133/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As a Governor of Stockport College, Councillor Derbyshire declared a personal interest in agenda item 7, Greater Manchester Skills Capital - Proposed Process and Next Steps, as the college is shortlisted for Capital Funding.

134/14 MINUTES OF GMCA MEETING ON 29 AUGUST 2014

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 25th July 2014 as a correct record.

135/14 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

136/14 GMCA CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer presenting the revised Combined Authority Risk Register following the annual review and consideration by Audit Committee.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the Risk Register.

137/14 GREATER MANCHESTER SKILLS CAPITAL - PROPOSED PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS

The Combined Authority received a report from Theresa Grant, Chief Executive, Trafford Council, presented by James Farr, outlining from the proposed process and next steps to deliver the Skills Capital Funding announced in the Greater Manchester Local Growth Deal in July 2014. The report set out the work that is underway to ensure that Greater Manchester is best placed to deploy skills capital in a strategic and cost efficient way which contributes to the GM Growth and Reform Plan.

The Chair informed members that James Farr would be leaving New Economy at the end of the month, and on behalf of the GMCA he thanked James for his work and commitment to Greater Manchester and wished him well for the future.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To approve the proposed Greater Manchester process and timescale.
3. To agree that the GM Skills and Employment Partnership lead the process under the direction of Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Leader, and that a progress report be submitted to the GMCA in due course.
4. To note that New Economy will support the process and where required, expertise will be drawn from the Skills Funding Agency and the Greater Manchester Core Investment Team.

138/14 NORTH WEST EVERGREEN FUND - ADDITIONAL ERDF

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, setting out proposals to potentially enhance the investment capacity of the North West Evergreen Fund should additional funding become available within the European Regional Development Fund 2007-13 Programme.

RESOLVED/-

To endorse the enhancement of the Evergreen Fund's capacity by up to £11m.

139/14 GREATER MANCHESTER CITY DEAL: HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY UPDATE

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, providing an update following further dialogue with the Homes and Communities Agency regarding the terms for the investment and repayment of those funds, since the Combined Authority approved key principles for the treatment of Homes and Communities Agency funds in line with commitments set out in the GM City Deal in March 2014.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note that the GMCA will be the principal body for overseeing the governance of City Deal receipts, the investment of which will continue to adhere to the key principles agreed by GMCA in March 2014.
2. To approve the proposals for Manchester City Council to receive and administer City Deal receipts on the GMCA's behalf.
3. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer, in consultation with Eamonn Boylan, lead Chief Executive for Investment, to negotiate and agree the detailed terms of the legal agreement the GMCA will enter into with Manchester City Council and the HCA to give effect to the proposals.

140/14 MINUTES OF TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE MEETING – 12 SEPTEMBER 2014

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee meeting held on 12 September 2014.

141/14 MINUTES OF GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP – 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership meeting held on 18 September 2014.

142/14 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 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.

143/14 UPDATE ON LOGISTICS REPORT

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing an update on the logistics study.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the consultant's logistics report as an important contribution to the evidence base on the longer term future of the logistics industry in Greater Manchester, but not formally adopted as a Greater Manchester position by the GMCA.
2. To agree that Transport for Greater Manchester establishes a focal point for freight and logistics issues for Greater Manchester, recognising the important part this plays in overall Greater Manchester strategic development.
3. To agree that Transport for Greater Manchester undertakes a wider piece of work, supported by District and New Economy colleagues, in the light of the One North study, to look at the full implications of freight movement from Liverpool Superport, the east coast Humber and Tees ports, and Manchester Airport's World Freight Terminal, to develop an overall logistics strategy for the region.

**131/14 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND
 CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking conditional approval to projects.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the project funding applications detailed in the report be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority 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 loans/grants.

Chair

