

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2014
MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	Ian Stewart
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Iain Roberts
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 Thomas Judge
GMWDA	Councillor Catherine Piddington
Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd

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
Emma Alexander	Oldham Council
Linda Fisher	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Jayne Stephenson	Office of the Police and

	Crime Commissioner
Peter Fahy	GM Police
Simon Nokes	New Economy
Jon Lamonte	TfGM
John Bland	GMWDA
Julie Connor)
Sylvia Welsh) Greater Manchester
Julie Gaskell) Integrated Support Team

145/14 APOLOGIES

Councillors Jim McMahon, Sue Derbyshire and David Acton, Carolyn Wilkins and Adam Allen.

146/14 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair requested Members to agree to an additional item of urgent business to be added to the agenda in order to receive the most up to date position in relation to the devolution of powers to Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED/-

To agree the additional item on Greater Manchester Devolution be added to the agenda as urgent business.

147/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

148/14 MINUTES OF GMCA MEETING ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2014

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 26 September 2014 as a correct record.

149/14 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

150/14 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, which informed Members of the 2014/15 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of September 2014.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the contents of the report and that the latest revenue forecast for 2014/15, currently projecting a contribution to general reserves of £115,000 arising primarily from additional income.
2. To note the latest revenue forecast for TfGM currently projecting an underspend of £330,000 as detailed in section 2 of the report.

151/14 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, which provided Members with an update in relation to the GMCA 2014/15 capital expenditure programme.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the current 2014/15 forecast compared to the 2014/15 capital budget agreed by the GMCA in January 2014.
2. To approve both the budget increase in relation to 2014/15 Minor Works Capital Programme and scheme allocations, as detailed in section 6 of the report.
3. To note the current position for the Growing Places Fund and Regional Growth Fund as described in paragraphs 7.1 – 7.6 of the report.
4. To note the current position for the Empty Homes Programme as described in paragraphs 7.7 – 7.9 of the report.

152/14 METROLINK TRAFFORD PARK LINE TRAFFIC AND WORKS ACT ORDER APPLICATION

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive of TfGM, providing an update in relation to the Metrolink Trafford Park Line scheme alignment and seeking Members approval to submit the associated Transport and Works Act Order application.

A Member raised a query regarding the rationale of the proposed stops for the Trafford Park Line alignment, including number and close proximity of proposed tram stops. It was agreed that TfGM colleagues would review and provide an explanation of the rationale for the position of stops by the November meeting. In the meantime, the works to progress the Order should continue so as not to delay the scheme overall.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the result of the recent public consultation on Trafford Park Line (TPL) scheme.
2. To approve the refinement of the alignment of the Trafford Park Line scheme along a section of Trafford Wharf Road in the vicinity of the Manchester Ship Canal.
3. To approve the submission of the associated Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) application for the Trafford Park Line scheme in November 2014.

4. To note the cost and funding requirement to progress the Metrolink Trafford Park scheme through the TWAO application is included within the funds previously approved by GMCA in October 2013, with delegated authority to the Chief Executive and the Finance and Corporate Services Director of TfGM, in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer, to progress the contractual arrangements.
5. To request officers to provide an explanation of the rationale for the position of stops on the route by the November 2014 meeting of the GMCA. In the meantime the works to progress the Order should continue so not to delay the scheme overall

153/14 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, providing Members with an update on the status of the Greater Manchester Investment Fund (GMIF).

RESOLVED/-

To note the report.

154/14 MINUTES OF SCRUTINY POOL - 10 OCTOBER 2014

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 10 October 2014.

155/14 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.

156/14 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, providing Members with a summary of investments to date from the Greater Manchester Investment Fund, together with a summary of funding requests that have not been progressed.

RESOLVED/-

To note the contents of the report.

157/14 METROLINK - PORT SALFORD

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM briefing Members on the proposed approach for future Metrolink extension to Port Salford.

RESOLVED/-

To note the approach for the review of the Metrolink Port Salford extension, and that a further report will come back in early 2015.

158/14 MEETING ADJOURNED

RESOLVED/-

To agree the meeting be adjourned at this point and be reconvened to consider the report on Greater Manchester Devolution proposals on Monday 3 November at 10.30am, Manchester Town Hall.

Chair