

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2015 AT TRAFFORD TOWN HALL**

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 Michael Young
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith (in the Chair)

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender
GMFRSA	Councillor David Acton Councillor Ged Murphy
GMWDA	Councillor Cath Biddington John Bland
GM Police	Peter Fahy
GM Fire	Steve McGuirk
Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Howard Bernstein	GMCA Head of Paid Service
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Mike Kelly	Bury Council
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC

Steven Pleasant
Theresa Grant
Donna Hall

Tameside MBC
Trafford Council
Wigan Council

Adam Allen
Jon Lamonte
Steve Warrener
Andrew Lightfoot
Simon Nokes
Julie Connor
Sylvia Welsh
Kerry Bond

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
TfGM
TfGM
GM PSR
New Economy
) Greater Manchester
) Integrated Support Team
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01/15 APOLOGIES

Councillor Sean Anstee.

02/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

03/15 MINUTES OF GMCA MEETINGS ON 19 DECEMBER 2014

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meetings on 19 December 2014 as correct records.

04/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

05/15 GM DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT GOVERNANCE IMPLEMENTATION

a. GMCA RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT COMBINED AUTHORITY ORDER

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, summarising the purpose and content of the draft Order and detailing a draft response on behalf of the GMCA to the specific consultation questions asked by the Secretary of State.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the draft Order and draft consultation response.
2. To authorise Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, in consultation with Councillor Peter Smith, GMCA

Chair, to confirm the Combined Authority's support for the draft Order and the final consultation response to Government by the deadline of 13th February 2015.

3. That a Joint Independent Remuneration Panel be established to consider and make recommendations in relation to appropriate remuneration for the Interim Mayor and Members of the GMCA.
4. To note that all GM local authorities, the LEP and BLC will need to formally consider the draft Order and individually confirm their support and/or provide comments to the Secretary of State by the deadline of 13th February 2015.

b. INTERIM MAYOR – SELECTION PROCESS PRINCIPLES

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service, seeking the formal approval of the selection and appointment process and role description for the GM Interim Mayor.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the proposed role description for the GM Interim Mayor as appended to the report.
2. To approve the selection and appointment key principles and process for the GM Interim Mayor as appended to the report and circulated at the meeting.
3. To agree that the Interim Mayor would formally commence his/her term of office from the GMCA AGM on 26 June 2015.
4. To agree the process will commence as soon as possible noting that the formal appointment of the Interim Mayor cannot take place until the amended CA Order has been enacted by Parliament.

06/15 BUDGETS

a. GMCA TRANSPORT REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 AND TRANSPORT REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE 2014/15

The Combined Authority considered a report from Richard Paver, Treasurer, GMCA, setting out the transport related Greater Manchester Combined Authority budget for 2015/16. It also includes the transport related forecast outturn position for 2014/15.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report and the current transport related GMCA revenue outturn forecast for 2014/15 which is projecting an underspend of £50,000 after transfers to specific earmarked reserves.
2. To note the report and the current TfGM revenue outturn forecast for 2014/15 which is projecting an underspend of £430,000.
3. To approve the GMCA budget relating to transport functions for 2015/16.
4. To note the issues which are affecting the 2015/16 transport budgets as

detailed in the report.

5. To note the consultation process which has been undertaken by officers with the Transport Levy Scrutiny Panel; and that the outcome of the consultation is a proposal that will result in a total levy for 2015/16 of £195.123m, which represents a 1.5% decrease from 2014/15.
6. To approve the proposed 1.5% decrease in the Transport Levy for 2015/16, with an increase of 1.5% with respect to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund being more than fully offset by a reduction of 3% for funding for the rest of the budgeted costs.
7. To approve a Transport Levy on the district councils in 2015/16 of £195.123m, apportioned on the basis of mid year population as at June 2013 as in paragraph 5.4 and Appendix 1 to the report.
8. To approve the use of reserves in 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 7 of the report.
9. To note and approve the position on reserves as identified in the report.
10. To note the recommendations of the report on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement Borrowing Limits and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16.

b. GMCA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 – 2017/18

The Combined Authority considered a report from Richard Paver, Treasurer, GMCA, updating members on the forecast capital outturn position for 2014/15 and to present the 2015/16 capital programme and forward commitments for approval by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note that the current forecast capital expenditure for 2014/15 is as detailed in the report and in Appendix A.
2. To approve the capital programme budget for 2015/16 and the forward commitments as detailed in the report and in Appendix A.
3. To note that the capital programme is financed from a mixture of grants (including DfT), external contributions and long term borrowings.
4. To note that provision has been made in the revenue budget for the associated financing costs of borrowing.
5. To note that the capital programme will continue to be reviewed, with any new schemes which have not yet received specific approval being added into the programme at a later date once approval has been sought, including schemes included in the Growth Deal 2 bid.
6. To note that revised Treasury Management indicators will be reported in a separate report elsewhere on the agenda to reflect the approved capital programme and updated cash flows.

c. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, BORROWING LIMITS & ANNUAL STATEMENT 2015/16

The Combined Authority considered a report from Richard Paver, Treasurer, GMCA, setting out the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Borrowing Limits for 2015/16 and Prudential Indicators for 2015/16 to 2017/18.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement, in particular:

1. The Treasury Indicators listed in Appendix A of the report.
2. The Minimum Revenue Policy Strategy outlined in Appendix B of the report.
3. The Treasury Management Policy Statement at Appendix C of the report.
4. The Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation at Appendix D of the report.
5. The Borrowing Requirements listed in Section 4 of the report.
6. The Borrowing Strategy outlined in Section 7 of the report.
7. The Annual Investment Strategy detailed in Section 8 of the report.

07/15 DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT - LOCAL HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE CHALLENGE FUND

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, updating Members on the new maintenance funding regime established by Government, including a new Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund, to which bids have been invited by 9 February 2015, and the proposed bidding approach, which has been developed on the advice of the Chief Executives Investment Group.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report and to endorse the approach set out for a Greater Manchester programme bid to the Challenge Fund, comprising locally derived schemes within prioritised categories.
2. To delegate authority to Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, in consultation with Councillor Jim McMahon, GMCA Transport Portfolio Holder, to approve the final bid documentation.

08/15 TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing an update on the establishment of Transport for the North, its interim governance arrangements, and the work plan to prepare a March interim report for the Secretary of State for Transport and the Chancellor in advance of a March 18th budget announcement.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report and to note a further report will be submitted to the GMCA in due course.

09/15 MINUTES OF GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 12 JANUARY 2015

Councillor Quinn reported that he intended to write to the Chair of the LEP expressing his concerns about the potential loss of some highly skilled jobs from Greater Manchester. He would share his letter with members of the Combined Authority.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership Board held on 12 January 2015.

10/15 MINUTES OF SCRUTINY POOL – 16 JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 16 January 2015.

11/15 GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE – 16 JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 16 January 2015.

12/15 TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER – 16 JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 16 January 2015.

13/15 REGIONAL GROWTH FUND PROJECTS

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking approval to delegate authority to Eamonn Boylan, in consultation with Councillor Kieran Quinn, GMCA Investment Portfolio Holder, to approve Regional Growth Fund projects for funding in order to meet commitment deadlines.

RESOLVED/-

1. To delegated authority to Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive of Stockport, in consultation with Councillor Kieran Quinn, GMCA Investment Portfolio Holder, to approve funding requests for projects to be funded using Regional Growth Funds during the period 2 February 2015 up to and including 26 March in order to meet the commitment deadline for the Funds of 31 March 2015.
2. To delegate authority to the Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer and Liz Treacy, 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 loans approved via the delegated authority detailed in 1. above.

3. To note that applications approved under the delegation will be subject to the usual due diligence processes and will be reported back to the Combined Authority.
4. To note the intention to over-commit the Regional Growth Fund allocation by up to £3m so as to minimise the risk of any funds being lost to Greater Manchester.

14/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

RESOLVED/-

To note the report

15/15 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.

16/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE REPORT APPENDIX

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

RESOLVED/-

To note the report and to note that a further report on the funding process going forward will be submitted to the GMCA in February.

17/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROJECT APPROVALS

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

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the project funding applications detailed in the report be given conditional approval and progressed 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 at 1) above.

Chair