

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND THE  
AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 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  
Eamonn Boylan  
Steven Pleasant  
Theresa Grant  
Donna Hall

Salford CC  
Stockport MBC  
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 THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTVE BOARD MEETING – 19 DECEMBER 2014**

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meeting held on 19 December 2014 as a correct record.

**04/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the Forward Plan.

**05/15 BUDGETS**

**a. AGMA AND GMCA BUDGET FOR NON TRANSPORT FUNCTIONS 2015/16 AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE 2014/15**

Members received a report from Richard Paver, AGMA and GMCA Treasurer, setting out the revenue budget for both the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority non transport functions for 2015/16. It also includes the forecast outturn position for 2014/15.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the report and the current AGMA revenue outturn forecast for 2014/15 which is projecting an underspend of £617,000 after contributions to earmarked reserves.
2. To note and approve the planned change in usage relating to the carry forward approved for the GM Energy Advice Service and totalling £236,000 as detailed in paragraphs 2.8 and 2.10 of the report.
3. To note and approve the revisions to the AGMA revenue budget plan 2014/15 as identified in paragraphs 2.11 to 2.14 of the report.
4. To note the report and the current GMCA revenue outturn forecast for 2014/15 which is projecting an underspend of £48,000 after contributions to earmarked reserves.
5. To approve the budget relating to the AGMA and GMCA functions (non transport) in 2015/16 as set out in section 4 of the report.
6. To note and approve, in consultation with the LEP Board, the allocation of the LEP grant for 2015/16 totalling £500,000, as detailed in paragraph 4.15 of the report, which proposes £250,000 towards costs associated with the devolution agreement relating primarily to research, intelligence and policy development and £250,000 to support the Spatial Framework and Housing Investment Fund (TopCo).
7. To approve the charges on the GM District Councils to support the GMCA functions (non transport) in 2015/16 of £4.019 million as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
8. To approve the charges to the GM District Councils in support of AGMA functions for 2015/16 of £6.264 million as set out in Appendix 4 of the report, noting that this excludes items billed directly from lead districts.
9. To delegate authority to Richard Paver, Treasurer, to determine the budget allocation between AGMA and GMCA within the overall approved budget following the finalisation of the statutory order as noted in paragraph 4.18 - 4.19 of the report.
10. To note and approve the position on reserves as identified in section 6 of the report.
11. To approve the use of reserves in 2015/16, as detailed in section 6 of the report.
12. To delegate authority to Richard Paver, Treasurer, to transfer funding between AGMA and the GMCA, to be met from approved budgets or reserves as required in support of approved activities.

**b. PSR DEVELOPMENT FUND : DOMESTIC ABUSE FUNDING**

Members received a report presented by Richard Paver, AGMA and GMCA Treasurer, updating Members on the proposals for the use of the funding within the GM

Development Fund allocated to support Domestic Abuse and seeking formal sign off for use of the fund in this way.

This element of the fund was contributed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and was specifically to support Domestic Abuse where Complex Dependency was a factor.

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree the proposed use of the Domestic Abuse funding as outlined in the report.

**c. GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY (GMFRS)  
REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

Members received a report presented by Councillor David Action, Chair of the GMFRS, outlining information on Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority's current budget position.

The report included a high level forward forecast for the two subsequent years using indicative Treasury data which sets out the scale of the future financial challenge.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the range of strategic issues and risks set out in the report which will influence the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Authority budgetary requirements.
2. To support the proposed precept of £57.64 (subject to roundings) at Band D based on freezing the council tax 2015/2016 by accepting the Council tax freeze grant.

**d. GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY (GMWDA)  
BUDGET 2015/16 AND BEYOND**

Members received a report presented by Councillor Cath Biddington, Chair of the GMWDA, providing proposals for 2015/16 to deliver a GMWDA minus 3% levy increase (as per the three year funding arrangement approved by the Board in January 2014), and to advising that whilst the detail of the numbers has evolved, plans remain on track to deliver the further 0% levy increase in 2016/17.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the additional £10.5m cost pressures, over the extended budget period to 2019/20, caused by the impact of the Government's decision to annually inflate Landfill Tax (from April 2015) and the Authority's proposals to fully absorb that increase over the period to 2016/17.
2. To note that the 2015/16 and 2016/17 levy agreement numbers of minus 3% and 0% increase remain deliverable.

3. To note the impact of unwinding of higher support from balances on the percentage levy increase in 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years (8.1% and 9.9% respectively).
4. To note the ongoing work, on improving recycling rates, being undertaken jointly by the GMWDA and district councils and that if successful there is some potential to reduce the burden of the Levy upon districts in future years, as outlined in section 3 of the report.

Chair

