

**GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**

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**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING  
HELD ON FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2015 AT THE AJ BELL STADIUM, SALFORD**

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese (in the Chair)
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 David Molyneux

**JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

**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	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Peter Fahy	GM Police
Jayne Stephenson	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Steve Warrener	TfGM
Mike Emmerich	New Economy
Simon Nokes	New Economy

Mark Hughes  
Andrew Lightfoot  
Ian Williamson  
GMIT  
Julie Connor  
Kerry Bond  
Julie Gaskell

Manchester Growth Company  
GM Public Service Reform Team  
GM Clinical Commissioning Group  
Bill Enevoldson  
) Greater Manchester  
) Integrated Support Team  
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**18/15 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Peter Smith and Jon Lamonte, TfGM.

**19/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**20/15 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING ON 30 JANUARY 2015**

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meetings on 30 January 2015 as a correct record.

**21/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the Forward Plan.

**22/15 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP:  
MEMBERSHIP 2015-2017**

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service seeking GMCA endorsement of the recommendations regarding the future private sector membership of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership for the period April 2015 until March 2017.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree that the eight existing private sector members' terms of office are renewed for another two year term (these members are Mike Blackburn, David Birch, Lou Cordwell, Scott Fletcher, Keith Johnston, Wayne Jones, Jeurgen Maier, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell).
2. To agree that Mike Blackburn is invited to continue as Chair of the GM LEP for a further two years.
3. To agree that the Chair of the Manchester Growth Company, Richard Topliss, is invited to join the LEP as a full board member.
4. To agree that a full review for the GM LEP's private sector membership is undertaken in 2017.

## **23/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL: ROUND 2**

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service, setting out details of the Greater Manchester's second Local Growth Fund allocation, awarded through the second round of Growth Deals, and announced by Government on 29 January 2015.

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To welcome the additional funding, which will support GM's broader programme of investment, designed to support the transport and connectivity requirements of GM, and to further develop business support and skills capacity to meet the needs of employers.

## **24/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL - SKILLS CAPITAL**

The Combined Authority received a report from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy, seeking conditional GMCA approval to make five offers of grant funding against the Skills Capital funding announced by government in July 2014 as part of Greater Manchester's Growth Deal.

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To conditionally approve:
  - (a) the five grant offers in line with the detailed recommendations set out in the accompanying Part B report, subject to the conditions identified in those recommendations and including the satisfactory completion of further due diligence.
  - (b) the use of up to a further £300,000 of funds allocated in the Growth Deal to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects.  
(with the GMCA's approval being subject to the terms of the legal agreement for the GM Growth Deal funds which is to be entered into with government).
2. To approve the submission of the proposed grant offers and use of funds to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the LEP for endorsement.
3. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to finalise the five grant offers upon government's confirmation of Growth Deal funds and associated terms and conditions.
4. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer to determine an appropriate financial structure and accounting treatment for the funding of the due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects.
5. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review further due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review, to sign off any outstanding conditions, and complete grant funding agreement documentation in respect of the five grant offers.

**25/15 HIGHWAYS REFORM - PROPOSED KEY ROUTE NETWORK**

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Steve Warrener, Finance and Corporate Services Director, TfGM, setting out a strategic case for the establishment of a Key Route Network in Greater Manchester, including the unique opportunity that it offers to secure influence over the Highways Agency's operations and spending priorities on the Greater Manchester motorway network. The report also included an initial proposal for the definition and management of the Key Route Network that has been developed with local authority highway leads through the Highways Reform Group and reported to Wider Leadership Team.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To approve the strategic case for the Key Route Network proposition, as proposed in the report.
2. To approve the shared responsibilities as set out in the proposed governance arrangements and outline operating model summarised in the report.

**26/15 MINUTES OF SCRUTINY POOL – 13 FEBRUARY 2015**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the minutes of the Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 13 February 2015.

**27/15 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.

**28/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND: PROJECTS SUMMARY**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC summarising the Regional Growth Fund projects approved by himself in consultation with Councillor Kieran Quinn, in line with the delegation agreed at the meeting of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the report.

**29/15 MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROJECT APPROVALS**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking approval for a project funding application.

## **RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree that the project funding application as detailed in the report be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence. The funding is subject to Trafford MBC agreeing a loan for the balance of the required funding.
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 transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan at 1) above.

## **30/15 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND**

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, detailing progress made in establishing the GM Housing Fund and in particular the underwriting arrangements that will need to be put in place with DCLG to underpin the agreement to set up the Housing Fund and the GMCA cost implications.

## **RESOLVED/-**

1. To endorse the underwriting arrangements for the Housing Fund and request that each GM local authority approves through their appropriate procedures their element of the Guarantee.
2. To endorse the proposal for Manchester City Council to enter into the legal agreement with DCLG to take the funds on behalf of Greater Manchester, in view of restrictions on the Combined Authority's borrowing powers.
3. To note that officers will bring back proposals on staffing and recruitment arrangements for the GM Investment Team and any other costs for administering the Fund, following consultation with appropriate Leaders, for approval by the Combined Authority.
4. To agree that officers will bring back a report on the overall pipeline and the status of projects under development which may come forward as early applications to the Housing Fund, to be considered at the Combined Authority's meeting in April 2015.
5. To agree that officers will bring back a report on the proposed Investment Strategy for the Housing Fund, to be developed in close consultation with Leaders and following further discussion with government, for endorsement by the Combined Authority.

## **31/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL - SKILLS CAPITAL**

The Combined Authority received a report from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy, setting out recommendations for the conditional approval of five conditional offers of grant funding against the Skills Capital funding announced by government in July 2014 as part of Greater Manchester's Growth Deal.

## **RESOLVED/-**

1. To conditionally approve the five grant offers as set out in the appendix to the report.
2. To agree to use the funds allocated in the Growth Deal to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects. The GMCA's approval being subject to the terms of the legal agreement for the GM Growth Deal funds which is to be entered into with government.
3. To approve the submission of the proposed grant offers and use of funds to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the LEP for endorsement.
4. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to finalise the five grant offers upon government's confirmation of Growth Deal funds and associated terms and conditions.
5. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer to determine an appropriate financial structure and accounting treatment for the funding of the due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects.
6. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review further due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review, to sign off any outstanding conditions, and complete grant funding agreement documentation in respect of the five grant offers.

Chair