

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2015 AT GMP HEADQUARTERS**

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Sue Murphy
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jim McMahon
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

Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender
GMFRS	Councillor David Acton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Howard Bernstein	GMCA Head of Paid Service
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Mike Kelly	Bury Council
Helen Lockwood	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Helen Jones	Trafford Council
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Peter Fahy	Greater Manchester Police
Adam Allen	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Jon Lamonte	TfGM
Mike Emmerich	New Economy
Simon Nokes	New Economy
Lorna Fitzsimmons	New Economy
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Company
Andrew Lightfoot	GM Public Service Reform Team

Julie Connor
Sylvia Welsh
Kerry Bond

) Greater Manchester
) Integrated Support Team
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32/15 APOLOGIES

Councillor Richard Farnell, Carolyn Wilkins, Theresa Grant and Steve McGuirk.

33/15 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED/-

To It was agreed that a report on European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020 be taken as urgent business.

34/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

35/15 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING ON 27 FEBRUARY 2015

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meetings on 27 February 2015 as a correct record.

36/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

37/15 UPDATE ON GMCA STATUTORY ORDER

The Combined Authority received a verbal update from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service informing members that the GMCA Statutory Order has been confirmed and signed and comes into force on Friday 27 March 2015.

RESOLVED/-

To note the update and thanks expressed to all those involved in progressing the confirmation of the Order so efficiently.

38/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL: TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

The Combined Authority considered a report from Jon Lamonte, providing an update on the latest position in relation to the Local Growth Deal Transport Programme and to request approval of the proposed arrangements for the funding of future Major Scheme development work, in advance of securing final business case approvals.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the current position in relation to the initial Growth Deal Major Schemes programme and the recently completed Gateway Reviews.
2. To approve, subject to securing the necessary retained DfT approvals and formal confirmation of grant funding, Full Approval for the first phase of the Stockport Town Centre Accessibility Package and the associated release of the relevant funding for these works as set out in the report.
3. To approve the further cash flowing arrangements that are proposed to be put in place, in line with the agreed Growth Deal Major Schemes Capital Programme Guidance, to support the development of the individual projects within the programme.
4. To note the current position in relation to the initial Growth Deal Minor Works programme.
5. To note the outcome of the recent bid in relation to the second round of Growth Deal funding.
6. To approve the underwriting of the costs associated with scheme promoters developing their Growth Deal 2 schemes during the first quarter of 2015/16, as set out in the report.
7. To note the on-going activities that are taking place in order to progress the programme generally.

39/15 TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, seeking approval for the recruitment of a new Non-Executive Director for Transport for Greater Manchester. It is proposed to undertake a recruitment campaign to identify a suitably qualified individual, before bringing a report to the Combined Authority for approval of the appointment.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the proposal to recruit a new Non-Executive Director for TfGM as described in the report.
2. To delegate authority to Jon Lamonte to undertake the proposed recruitment process in consultation with Jim McMahon, Portfolio Holder for Transport.
3. To request a further report to GMCA with a recommendation to appoint a new Non-Executive Director following conclusion of the recruitment process.
4. The GMCA to record its appreciation of the late Ken Giles' service to TfGM and contribution to the improvements seen in the GM Transport Infrastructure over the past 10 years
5. To agree that Cllr Andrew Fender substitutes Cllr Jim McMahon on the recruitment panel if required.

40/15 CYCLE CITY AND WALKING CITY FUNDING UPDATE

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing an update on recent funding bids and awards from DfT for Cycle City and Walking City programmes.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note that the Greater Manchester Cycle City Ambition Grant programme 2015/16 – 2017/18 was awarded £22.1 million of DfT funding on 2nd March 2015.
2. To note that an additional programme of prioritised schemes was submitted to the DfT's pipeline projects portfolio in the event of further funding being made available.
3. To note that a Walking City programme, to the maximum value of £1 million, was submitted to DfT on 10th March 2015.

41/15 DEVOLUTION OF THE AGE GRANT AND GM TAX INCENTIVE SCHEME

The Combined Authority received a report from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy, seeking approval of the AGE devolution and the Growth Deal / Tax Incentives funding.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the proposed criteria for a Greater Manchester AGE incentive.
2. To agree that the administration function should be undertaken by New Economy and the Combined Authority.
3. To note that the Greater Manchester AGE Grant will be a live grant programme from 1st April 2015.

42/15 ALLIANCE TEXTILES PROJECT UPDATE

The Combined Authority received a report from Mark Hughes, Chief Executive, Manchester Growth Company, providing an update on:

- Progress by the Alliance Textile Project during 2014/2015 including highlighting major activities and investment leverage/funding secured.
- Planned activity for 2015/2016 to deliver the key elements of the work programme agreed with WLT and GMCA in October 2013.
- The funding position for 2015/2016.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the carry forward of £53,000 of GMCA funding allocated to the Alliance Project in October 2013 into 2015/2016 to support the delivery of the work programme identified within this report.
2. To endorse the next steps of the work programme for 2015/2016 for the Alliance

Project.

3. To note progress achieved by The Alliance Project in 2014/2015.

43/15 REGIONAL GROWTH FUND LEVERAGE

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC setting out the requirement to leverage the Regional Growth Fund element of the Greater Manchester Investment Fund to enable continued support of businesses beyond 31st March 2015.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To approve the approach to increase the scale of the RGF monies by providing an interest free loan and guarantee to the lead authority.

44/15 GREATER MANCHESTER FUND OF FUNDS UPDATE

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC updating members on progress in respect of the establishment of the Greater Manchester Fund of Funds as part of the 2014-20 ERDF programme and to seek their approval to either the submission of an Expression of Interest or a response to a Call for Projects as appropriate.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the proposals set out in the report to establish the new funds.
2. To endorse the findings of the ex ante report.
3. To approve that GMCA can submit an Expression of Interest to CLG setting out its intention to implement the proposals set out in this report, as either a response to a Call for Projects or as the first stage of the procurement exercise.
4. To delegate authority to Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Service, Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment, Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer to negotiate with CLG and agree the legal structure and investment strategy and to finalise the detailed legal and financial arrangements to give effect to the final agreed structure and investment strategy and to report back in the event of any significant changes to the proposed final structure and/or investment strategy.
5. To delegate authority to Liz Treacy, Monitoring Officer to complete all the necessary legal arrangements and documentation in relation to the proposed arrangements and the establishment of the funds.

45/15 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING FUND RECRUITMENT

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC and Bill Enevoldson, Chief Investment Officer seeking approval and

delegated authority to secure necessary additional capacity within GMCA's Core Investment Team to support the GM Housing Investment Fund's operation.

RESOLVED/-

1. That approval be given to the interim arrangements detailed in the report, in order to manage the risk requirements of the Housing Fund with immediate effect.
2. That a further report be brought back to the GMCA with proposals to create a permanent role of Risk Director and appropriate staff required to support the necessary operation of the Housing Fund over the longer term. This report to also detail costs and structure of the resource within the context of the organisational structure of the GM Investment Team.

46/15 EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS 2014-2020

The Combined Authority received a report as urgent business from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy providing an update on developments with the governance of the 2014-2020 European Structural and Investment Funds programmes and seeks agreement to secure Full Intermediate Body status for Greater Manchester within the next 12 months as part of the devolution deal.

In relation to lobbying, a member suggested that it would be useful if officers provided a narrative which could be used by local authorities when writing to MEP's etc.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report be received.
2. To agree that Full Intermediate Body Status be secured for Greater Manchester as part of the devolution deal, in order to give GM control of the EU Funds which will be used to match against national funding which is being devolved to GM. This should include lobbying this and future government at the highest levels and also with the European Commission through our MEP's.

47/15 MINUTES OF GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 16 MARCH 2015

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership Board held on 16 March 2015.

48/15 MINUTES OF SCRUTINY POOL – 13 MARCH 2015

RESOLVED/-

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

49/15 TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER – 13 MARCH 2015

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 13 March 2015.

50/15 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.

51/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN

The Combined Authority received a report from Mark Hughes, Chief Executive, Manchester Growth Company, presenting the Manchester Growth Company Business Plan for the 2015-16 financial year.

RESOLVED/-

To note the Manchester Growth Company Business Plan for the 2015-16.

Chair

