

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 29 MAY 2015 AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

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 Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith (in the Chair)

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd
GMP	Sir Peter Fahy
TfGMC	Councillor Guy Harkin
GMFRS	Councillor David Acton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Howard Bernstein	GMCA Head of Paid Service
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Paul Najsarek	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Sandra Stewart	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Andrew Lightfoot	GM Director of Public Service Reform
Adam Allen	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Simon Nokes	New Economy
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Company
Jon Lamonte	TfGM
Peter O'Reilly	GMFRS
Julie Connor) Greater Manchester

Sylvia Welsh
Kerry Bond

) Integrated Support Team
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65/15 APOLOGIES

Steve Rumbelow, Steven Pleasant and Councillor Andrew Fender.

66/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors Richard Leese, Richard Farnell, Kieran Quinn, Sean Anstee and Mayor Ian Stewart as members of the Manchester Growth Company Board, in relation to Item 9 - Greater Manchester Growth Deal Skills Capital Business Case Recommendation report.

67/15 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING ON 24 APRIL 2015

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 24 April 2015 as a correct record, with the inclusion of Cllr David Acton, GMFRS as an attendee.

68/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

69/15 FUTURE FUNDING OF THE BUSINESS GROWTH HUB AND BUSINESS GROWTH SERVICES

The Combined Authority considered a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, and Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, detailing funding issues over the 2015-18 period for business growth support in Greater Manchester, and proposing that Combined Authority funding forms part of the funding of business growth and in doing so provides and underwrites associated European Regional Development Fund match funding.

The Chair of the GMCA requested that longer term view of funding requirements going forward needs to be established.

RESOLVED/-

To agree that the Combined Authority provides for three years £5.8M and underwrites (for ERDF bidding purposes) £5.8M of funding for the Business Growth Hub.

70/15 MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD 18 May 2015

The Combined Authority received the minutes from the GM LEP Board held on 18 May 2015 and were asked to approve the decision at minute 15/43 - European Structural and Investment Funds for 2014/20 to provide funding of £5m of GM's Local Growth Funding to ensure that the Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre project can be brought forward without delay.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the minutes of the GM LEP meeting held on 18 May 2015.
2. To approve the GM LEP recommendation to provide £5m of Local Growth Funding to support the Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre.

71/15 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.

72/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL-SKILLS CAPITAL BUSINESS CASE RECOMMENDATION

The Combined Authority considered a report presented by Theresa Grant, Chief Executive, Trafford Council, seeking approval to make an offer of grant to Manchester Growth Company for the refurbishment of various training centres across Greater Manchester. The scheme was identified in the Growth Deal announced by Government in 2015, and the grant will be funded from Skills Capital funding included within Greater Manchester's Local Growth Fund and is in line with the recommendation of the sub-group of the GM Chief Executives Investment Group.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve an offer of grant of £215,744, subject to the following conditions:
 - o satisfactory outcome to financial and state-aid due diligence;
 - o lease with a minimum of 5 years unexpired term is to be in place for each training centre prior to the drawdown of grant for works to that training centre;
 - o a detailed schedule of works and equipment to be funded with the grant is to be agreed for each training centre prior to the drawdown of the grant against those works and equipment.
2. To approve the submission of the proposed grant offer to the GM LEP for endorsement.
3. To delegate authority to Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, to review further due diligence information and to complete funding agreement documentation in relation to the grant.

Chair

