

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 26 JUNE AT OLDHAM CIVIC CENTRE**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
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 Iain Roberts
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

GMP	Ian Hopkins
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
DEPUTY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER	Jim Battle
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

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
Rodney Lund	Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Ben Dolan	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Jon Lamonte	TfGM
Andrew Lightfoot	GM Director of Public Service Reform
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Company

Simon Nokes
Clare Regan
Julie Connor
Sylvia Welsh
Kerry Bond

New Economy
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
) Greater Manchester
) Integrated Support Team
)

ORDINARY MEETING

79/15 APOLOGIES

Councillors Sue Derbyshire, David Acton, Cath Piddington. Jim Taylor and Peter Fahy.

80/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

81/15 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING ON 29 MAY 2015

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 29 May 2015 as a correct record.

82/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

83/15 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY POOL – 12 JUNE 2015

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 12 June 2015.

84/15 MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE – 12 JUNE 2015

To note the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee meeting held on 12 June 2015.

85/15 GMCA REVENUE OUTTURN 2014/15

The Combined Authority considered a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, informing members of the revenue outturn for 2014/15 and to note the position on reserves and asked to approve the transfer of funds to earmarked reserves and requests submitted for carry forward of underspends in to 2015/16.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the revenue outturn position for 2014/15 which is a net surplus of £0.196 million after contributions to earmarked reserves.
2. To approve the contribution of £15.042m to earmarked reserves as detailed in paragraph 2.3 of the report.
3. To note and approve the budget adjustments referred to in paragraph 2.5 of the report.
4. To note the position on reserves as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report.
5. To approve the carry forward requests as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report and to approve the carry forward requests be funded, as appropriate from the balance declared on the general reserves as at 31 March 2015.
6. To note that the statement of accounts will be completed by 30 June 2015 and signed by the GMCA Treasurer, in accordance with audit requirements.
7. To note that the final outturn position is subject to the completion of the annual external audit to be finalised by 30 September 2015 which will be reported to the GMCA and AGMA Audit Committee at its meeting on 18 September 2015.

86/15 GMCA CAPITAL OUTTURN 2014/15 (agenda item 15)

The Combined Authority considered a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, presenting the 2014/15 GMCA capital expenditure outturn.

RESOLVED/-

To note the 2014/15 actual capital expenditure compared to the forecast position agreed by GMCA in January 2015.

87/15 DIGITAL, CREATIVE AND TECHNICAL SECTOR STRATEGIC PLAN

The Combined Authority considered a report of Theresa Grant, Chief Executive, Trafford Council and Mark Hughes, Chief Executive, Manchester Growth Company, updating members on the progress towards delivering Greater Manchester's ambitions in relation to the digital, creative and technology industries.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the ambition for Greater Manchester to become a global digital city as outlined in the report.
2. To agree the outline action plan to support the ambition under the four priority themes of: profile and perception; investment finance; skills and infrastructure.
3. To agree that Manchester Growth Company should co-ordinate the implementation of this action plan, working closely with the private sector, and report progress back to the Combined Authority through the MGC Business Support Advisory Board.

88/15 GROWTH DEAL UPDATE – TRANSPORT

The Combined Authority considered a report of Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing a quarterly update on the latest position in relation to the Local Growth Deal Transport Programme.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the current position in relation to the initial Growth Deal Major Schemes programme.
2. To note the current position in relation to the initial Growth Deal Minor Works programme.
3. To approve the addition of the Growth Deal 2 transport schemes into the capital programme.
4. To approve the release of up to £6 million from the total Growth Deal grant received in 2015/16 for the Growth Deal 2 scheme promoters costs.
5. To note the current position in relation to the Growth Deal 2 Additional Priorities and minor works programmes.
6. To note the ongoing activities that are taking place in order to progress the programme generally.

89/15 GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2040

The Combined Authority considered a report of Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, updating members on progress made in developing a new long term transport strategy for Greater Manchester to replace the current Local Transport Plan, and seeking comments on the draft GM Transport Strategy 2040 'Vision' document, to act as the focus for local consultation on the revised strategy.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the need to revise the current Local Transport Plan (LTP3) to reflect the future emerging transport priorities for Greater Manchester and the transport devolution and reform programme underway.
2. To approve the GM Transport Strategy 2040 Vision as the basis for consultation.

90/15 TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER – APPOINTMENT OF NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Combined Authority considered a report of Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, confirming the outcome of the recruitment process, whereby one candidate is recommended for appointment as Non Executive Director at TfGM.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the appointment of Mr Les Mosco as a Non-Executive Director of TfGM.
2. To delegate authority to Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, to formalise the terms of his appointment.

91/15 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING FUND – INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Combined Authority considered a report of Bill Enevoldson, GMCA, Chief Investment Officer, detailing the proposed Investment Strategy that will guide the selection, structuring and management of investments made by the £300m GM Housing Fund.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the Investment Strategy at appendix 1 of the report.
2. To note that any changes to the Investment Strategy would be subject of further GMCA approval, following consideration by the GM Investment Board.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

92/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROJECT APPROVALS

The Combined Authority considered a report of Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC seeking approval for a project.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the project funding application be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To delegate authority to 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 transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan at 1) above.

93/15 NORTH WEST FUND – FUND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Combined Authority considered a report of Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, detailing the proposals to bid for an extension to the existing North West Fund programme so that it is able to continue to invest beyond 2015 whilst the new fund (NWF2) is established. Members were also asked to note the letter of support provided in respect of the extension fund which was signed by Mike Blackburn, Chair, GM LEP Chair and Councillor Kieran Quinn, the GM Portfolio Holder for Investment Strategy and Finance.

RESOLVED/-

To note that a bid for an extension to the existing North West Fund programme has been submitted to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills together with a letter of support signed by Mike Blackburn, Chair, GM LEP Chair and Councillor Kieran Quinn, the GM Portfolio Holder for Investment Strategy and Finance.

94/15 PROPOSED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORKING WELL EXPANSION

The Combined Authority considered a report of Theresa Grant, Chief Executive, Trafford Council, and Simon Nokes, Interim Chief Executive, New Economy, detailing the proposed funding model arrangements to expand the Working Well from dealing with 5,000 people to 50,000 people as a key part of the Devolution Deal signed with Government.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree to pursue Local Co-Financing Organisation status for European Social Fund (ESF) funding, to support the upscale of Working Well, subject to further discussions with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and should a direct ESF application not be possible.
2. To note that the implementation of Local Co-Financing Organisation status would be subject to a further paper to the GMCA that addresses the risks set out in this report.
3. To note the proposal for Trafford Council to act as the Local Co-Financing Organisation applicant in the short term, until the Combined Authority receives data sharing powers, and for the exchange of letters between authorities to cover any initial responsibilities/liabilities equally between the 10 authorities.

Chair