

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017 AT THE
LOWRY THEATRE, MEDIACITY**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham
Deputy Mayor (Police and Crime)	Baroness Beverley Hughes
Bolton Council	Councillor Cliff Morris
Bury Council	Councillor Rishi Shori
Manchester CC	Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor
Oldham Council	Councillor Jean Stretton
Rochdale MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
Salford CC	City Mayor, Paul Dennett
Stockport MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
Tameside MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
Trafford Council	Councillor Michael Whetton
Wigan Council	Councillor Peter Smith

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bolton Council	Councillor Linda Thomas
Stockport Council	Councillor Wendy Wild
Tameside Council	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Fire Committee Chair	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA, Chair	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGM, Chair	Councillor Andrew Fender

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA – Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA – Treasurer	Richard Paver
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
Bolton Council	Margaret Asquith
Bury Council	Julie Gonda
Manchester CC	Joanne Roney
Oldham Council	Ray Ward
Rochdale MBC	Neil Thornton
Salford CC	Jim Taylor
Stockport MBC	Michael Cullen
Tameside MBC	Steven Pleasant
Trafford Council	Theresa Grant
Wigan Council	Donna Hall
TfGM	Steve Warrener

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Mark Hughes
Dave Keelan
Julie Connor
Sylvia Welsh
Nicola Ward

172/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor Sean Anstee (Trafford Council), Councillor Michael Whetton attending) Chief Executives – Peter O'Reilly (GMFRS – Dave Keelan attending), Pat Jones-Greenhalgh (Bury Council – Julie Gonda attending), Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham Council – (Ray Ward attending), Ian Hopkins (GMP), Jon Lamonte (TfGM – Steve Warrener attending), Steve Rumbelow (Rochdale Council – Neil Thornton attending), and Pam Smith (Stockport MBC – Michael Cullen attending).

173/17 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

a) GMCA Cohesion Commission

The GM Mayor announced that the first meeting of the new Cohesion Commission, established following the attack on the Manchester Arena, would be held later in the day and jointly chaired by Councillor Rishi Shori and Councillor Jean Stretton. He confirmed the full support of the GMCA and all GM public bodies and thanked all of the commissioners, who had agreed to serve on the Commission, for their time and support to the process.

b) Kerslake Review – Emergency Services Response to the Manchester Arena Attack

The GM Mayor reminded the meeting that the Kerslake Review into the Emergency Services response to the Manchester Arena attack was now accepting submissions from those who were at the Arena or affected by the Manchester Arena Attack. Lord Bob Kerslake, Chair of the Review Panel, was inviting people to get in touch and provide any information which will help the Panel understand exactly how emergency services and others responded to the incident, as well as the actions across the city in the week afterwards. The closing date for submissions had been extended and would now close on 10 November 2017.

174/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Richard Leese declared a prejudicial interest in Items 19 and 21 as a Director of the Manchester Life Board.

175/17 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2017

The minutes of GMCA meeting held on 29 September 2017 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 29 September 2017 be approved as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Brenda Warrington (Tameside MBC) to those in attendance at the meeting.

176/17 MINUTES OF THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD 20 SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee held on the 20 September 2017 be noted.

177/17 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2017

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth and Skill Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 13 October 2017 be noted.

178/17 MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE ISSUES & REFORM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2017

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17 October 2017 be noted.
2. That the call in process and financial thresholds, as recommended by the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be approved.

179/17 MINUTES OF THE HOUSING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2017

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 18 October 2017 be noted.
2. That the resignation of Councillor Rob Chilton (Trafford) (Conservative) and the appointment of Councillor Bernard Sharpe (Trafford) (Conservative) to the Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

180/17 GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The GM Mayor introduced a report providing members with an update on the development of the Greater Manchester Strategy Implementation Plan, seeking approval for the Plan and actions contained within the Plan.

In introducing the report, the GM Mayor thanked members and officers for their contributions towards the development of the Implementation Plan, which provides a framework for the delivery of GM's vision for the next 20 years, which was already the best place to live and work in the UK. He reiterated that GM's vision was to leave no person or place behind; providing all children with the best start in life; by being school ready; helping young people to establish themselves; improving standards of work, with better paid and more secure jobs; creating a vibrant economy with decent, safe and affordable places to live, where nobody had to sleep rough on the streets and where older people were recognised for the contribution they make by promoting a positive vision of ageing and providing support throughout a longer life. He re-emphasised that this was a powerful Strategy that gave a clear direction for the City region with the power to deliver real change.

The Strategy has been developed with partners and has broad support across GM, including partners from the NHS, GM Police, fire and local employment partnership. The Strategy was formally launched following the meeting.

He also reported on the recent School Readiness Summit which was very successful in bringing together key partners to agree a shared vision to increase levels of school readiness above the national average over the next 5 years. He also thanked everybody that attended the event.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the final version of the Greater Manchester Strategy Implementation Plan be agreed.
2. That the comments and actions arising from Scrutiny Committees be noted.

3. That it be agreed that work will be undertaken with Portfolio Lead Chief Executives to determine any additional resource requirements from April 2018, to deliver the Greater Manchester Strategy in full.
4. That it be noted that the refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy and Implementation Plan would be launched following the close of the GMCA meeting on 27 October.

181/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HIGH SPEED 2 AND NORTHERN POWERHOUSE STRATEGIES

Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor for the GMCA and Portfolio Leader for Business and Economy, introduced a report providing members with an update on the HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Growth Strategy work and seeking a delegation to approve the Growth Strategy Summary Document.

He added that a key objective was to capitalise on the regeneration opportunity provided by HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail at Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport by proposing a series of complementary investments in order to maximise benefits to residents, local business and to the wider economy.

The work associated with Piccadilly Rail Station had the potential to create over 40,000 jobs and 13,000 homes and around Manchester Airport 20,000 additional jobs would also be created over the next 10 years, making a significant contribution to the economic growth of the region.

The Northern Powerhouse Business Plan was due to be completed before the end of 2018. Work was already underway on indicative routing, proposing a new line from Liverpool, joining HS2 just south of Manchester Airport, on to Piccadilly and then out via Bradford to Leeds. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced funding for 5 of the 6 touch points between HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail, however this did not include funding for the most important touch point at Piccadilly Rail Station. The importance of developing a strong case around Piccadilly Station was stressed, with 2 options currently being evaluated, including a basic Northern Powerhouse Station comprising a two platform station sitting alongside the High Speed 2 Station, sitting alongside the station at Piccadilly. This option would limit the number of services that could operate, with no growth potential for the future and would take a larger proportion of jobs away given it would be built on land which would otherwise be used for commercial purposes. The preferred option of MCC, GMCA and Transport for the North was for an underground station through station, with capacity for all proposed services up to and beyond 2023, with potential for a case to be developed for a new line to Leeds and Sheffield by 2033. This option had a less favourable cost benefit analysis but it would be short sighted not to future proof the capacity at Piccadilly Rail Station. A strong argument will need to be made to Government to progress this option.

Members were also reminded that Transport for the North was a planning and development agency, established to specifically to develop and lobby for a pan northern infrastructure transport and digital infrastructure plan and to develop smart ticketing across the North of England and develop particular schemes, including the Northern Powerhouse Rail and did not duplicate the work of any other agency.

Members were reminded that there were three HS2 stations in GM, including Golborne Station in Wigan, with benefits also to be maximised for Wigan; highlighting links from the west of the conurbation to Scotland via links to the West Coast Main Line, which need to be considered in the developing strategies.

Councillor Michael Whetton added that transport links to these stations need to be supported by other infrastructure, highlighting Metrolink and road infrastructure to Manchester Airport, in particular, with designs where were efficiently and effective. There had been some concerns raised at the Manchester Airport Consultative Committee regarding linkages to the Rail Station.

He further commented that Trafford Council remain in opposition to the Golborne Spur. Councillor Richard Leese clarified that the Golborne Spur had been removed from the current plans for HS2, albeit that GM will continue to lobby for the spur to support the ambition for services to Glasgow and Edinburgh. It was strategically important to ensure that separate funding was identified for the Golborne spur to ensure the touch point was included for the future expansion of HS2.

The GM Mayor commented that the decisions taken in the next year would be critical for the future of rail in GM, and the investment in the west of conurbation and Manchester Piccadilly Station would be the hub of the revitalisation of the economy, therefore an underground rail station would increase the ability for additional housing and supporting infrastructure to support economic regeneration.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That it be noted that the Growth Strategy Summary document had been approved at Manchester City Council Executive on 18 October 2017.
3. That the draft Growth Strategy Summary at Appendix 1, subject to the comments that may be received from Trafford MBC's Executive meeting on 30 October 2017, be agreed.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive of GMCA, TfGM, Manchester City Council and Trafford Council, in consultation with the

GM Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Economic Growth and Business, to finalise the Summary Document.

182/17 WOMEN AFFECTED BY PENSION AGE – TRAVEL CONCESSION PROPOSAL

The GM Mayor introduced a report seeking approval from GMCA to introduce a local travel concession for women in Greater Manchester most affected by the 2011 Pensions Act to accelerate the State Pension age increase.

He prefaced the report by reminding the meeting the proposition was developed in response to a national issue following the equalisation of pensionable age and the further acceleration which has caused serious hardship. A commitment was given in the Mayoral Election Campaign to do what we could to support those individuals affected. The meeting was advised that there wasn't the funds available to help all those affected in GM. However, there was a commitment to help those most affected by the changes in 2011 by providing a free travel concession to those women on the date they would have expected to retire rather than the date they would now retire, to be funded from Earnback revenue. In recognition of the impact on equality for others it was proposed that a consultation exercise be undertaken on the proposition to introduce the concession from April 2018.

The GMCA was prepared to do whatever possible to assist those most affected, recognising that Government needed to listen to those women and to recognise the growing support of Parliament for there to be fair transitional arrangements. A solution to this at national level would negate the need for the GMCA to take action alone.

Councillor Linda Thomas welcomed the report, and recognised the small but important gesture of GMCA support to this group of women who could be facing financial difficulties as a result of this policy change, would send a message to Government and highlight those women living in poverty.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the proposition be approved, in principle, noting the liaison to be carried out with operators, the introduction from April 2018 of a local travel concession for women in GM born between October 1953 and November 1954. This group of women are those most affected by the 2011 Pensions Act which accelerated the increase in the State Pension age.
3. That a consultation exercise will be undertaken on the proposition to introduce the concession from April 2018.

4. That the use of Earnback Revenue of up to £2.8 million to fund the forecast costs of these proposals be approved.
3. That a broader national campaign to support all women who are affected, including calling for a national government compensation scheme be supported.

183/17 GM EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK: IMPLEMENTATION

Councillor Michael Whetton introduced a report, on behalf of Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Leader for Skills, Employment and Apprenticeships, which provided an update on the implementation of the GM Employer Engagement Framework and outlined the detailed priorities and immediate actions which would be the focus for the next six months.

The GM Mayor thanked Councillor Sean Anstee for the work undertaken, acknowledging that the proposals complemented the priorities within the GM Strategy and strengthened the relationships with businesses by engaging them as partners to deliver the objectives of developing the workforce and communities.

Councillor Richard Leese supported the recommendations and commented on Priority 4 and the co-design of GM Employers Charter, reiterating the importance of a real understanding of what co-design of policy means and how it was undertaken. Co-design had to be far more engaging, with partner involvement in writing and developing policy, which may be a longer process but would guarantee buy-in from employers. Given development of the partnership was a relatively new way of working for the GMCA, it may be necessary to undertake an internal piece of work to develop the approach to co-design going forward.

City Mayor, Paul Dennett welcomed the report and supported the comments around the development of co-design. He specifically raised Priority 2 and ensuring skills meet the needs of business but pointed out that it was also about meeting the needs of the GM economy and aligning that work to the economic strategy for GM; ensuring we build on the deep dives already undertaken, and taking an industrial sectoral and place based approach to the work.

In addition, there needs to be a focus on social value to encourage employers to pay the accredited living wage, where they can afford to do so and the issue of employment standards was at the heart of the work in terms of tackling some of the practices within the labour market and organisations across GM. Recognising there were some real challenges in terms of market pay, zero hour contracts and individuals needing to hold down a series of jobs to be able to make ends meet. The work needs to be resourced adequately, ensuring that there was joint work across the GM local authorities with a co-

ordinated approach developed across the relevant GMCA activities and not seen in isolation.

Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime, Beverly Hughes, highlighted the role of employers across GM in both the public and private sector, in recognising the importance of promoting flexible hours for working families and shared care arrangements to support parents back to work. Alternatively the provision of high quality work place or other child care provision to support flexibility, which currently was not available in public sector child care, does need to be embedded and promoted in the conversation with employers. The public sector had the ability to lead the way to demonstrate how combining work and child care can benefit business. She added that there was both a social and economic business case to be delivered.

The GM Mayor welcomed and summarised the comments made at the meeting and the principle of co-design with partners and focussed on an inclusive approach to work which was critical for GM.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the employer engagement action and implementation plan be supported, in particular the commitment to co-design of the Employers Charter, aligning the priority needs of businesses within the GM Strategy priorities to ensure a place focus; in recognition of the importance of flexible working and child care options.
2. That it be noted that Policy leads for each of the five key priorities have been appointed and will monitor and feedback on progress against the actions within their priorities.

184/17 GREATER MANCHESTER WORK AND HEALTH PROGRAMME

Councillor Michael Whetton presented a report to members, on behalf of Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Leader for Skills, Employment and Apprenticeships, providing an update on the GM Working Well (Work and Health Programme) and seeking a delegation for the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with Chief Executive Portfolio Lead for Skills, Employment and Apprenticeships to award the contract for the delivery of the GM Working Well and for the GMCA Monitoring Officer to finalise documentation with the provider.

The GM Mayor reminded members that this was work in progress and thanked Councillor Sean Anstee for the work undertaken to progress.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that Department for Works & Pensions had now granted the Data Order which enabled the GMCA to contract directly with a provider for the delivery of the Greater Manchester Working Well (Work and Health Programme).
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Chief Executive Portfolio Lead for Skills, Employment & Apprenticeships (Theresa Grant), to award the contract for the delivery of the Greater Manchester Working Well (Work and Health Programme).
3. That the delegated authority to the GMCA's Monitoring Officer to finalise and execute the legal documentation to be entered into between the GMCA and the provider, who will deliver the Manchester Working Well (Work and Health Programme), and to finalise and execute ancillary legal documentation between the GMCA and the DWP (including a Data Sharing Agreement to be entered into between the GMCA and the DWP), which is required for the delivery of the Greater Manchester Working Well (Work and Health Programme) Contract be confirmed.

185/17 LIVING WAGE ACCREDITATION

The GM Mayor introduced a report which outlined the process, benefits and challenges of the Living Wage Accreditation and sought approval for the submission of an application for the GMCA to become an accredited Living Wage employer.

Week commencing 6 November would be Living Wage Week, with the GMCA leading the way and that the GMCA, in terms of its direct employees was largely, if not fully compliant. Further work was to be undertaken with suppliers, although this could be completed once accreditation has been secured.

The Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime, Beverley Hughes welcomed this move and reported that she would be taking steps to ensure that the Greater Manchester Police becomes accredited as soon as possible.

The GM Mayor acknowledged that the process for local authorities was more difficult, albeit that a number of GM local authorities were already accredited.

Councillor Michael Whetton commented that the concept was valid albeit that individual authorities should not be pressured to comply, given some of the complexities involved. Trafford for instance would face issues with specific contract compliance, which may face a number of authorities across GM and was a target to work towards over a period of time.

The GM Mayor recognised that it would be more difficult for some organisations, in the current funding environment. He also acknowledged that

this was a voluntary initiative and does need to point to recognise the pay issue; suggesting there could be more restraint at the top of organisations to ensure affordable wages at the lower end of structures given the differential in the growth of pay over the previous 20 years. There was a strong body of evidence to support the case for greater productivity once there was higher morale in the workforce.

City Mayor, Paul Dennett reported that Salford Council had already taken this decision some time ago. There was a direct relationship between pay and employment standards and the health and wellbeing of the workforce and people who delivery of services across GM. He added that there were workers across the country having to use food banks because they don't earn enough. Pressure should be put on Government especially in terms of the regional pay negotiations and the relationship between the revenue support grant settlement. The future for local authorities was difficult and being a Living Wage employer does create budget pressures. Government does need to recognise that investing in the workforce would enable them to earn enough money and is about addressing low pay and poor employment standards.

Councillor Richard Leese, advised that Manchester City Council does pay the Living Wage, introduced before the Living Wage principle was established as part of a Manchester Minimum Wage initiative, which was slightly above the minimum wage. However, Manchester City Council has chosen not to go down the accreditation route, but to pay the living wage and it was also factored into procuring services.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the benefits and challenges of becoming a Living Wage accredited organisation be noted.
2. That the process for becoming a Living Wage accredited organisation be noted.
3. That the submission of an application for accreditation to the Living Wage Foundation be approved and endorsed.

186/17 UPDATE ON SKILLS CAPITAL 2017 – 2020 PROGRAMME

Councillor Michael Whetton introduced a report, on behalf of Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Leader for Skills, Employment and Apprenticeships, which updated members on the progress of the Skills Capital 2017-2020 funding programme.

Members were advised that the requests received were substantially more than funding available, and allocations must support the Area Based Review outcome. Leaders may wish to consider single pot funding in and the amount

allocated for skills capital in the future. The timetable for the process was to reach conclusion by March 2018.

Councillor Richard Leese suggested that the Growth Fund be reviewed to ascertain if it was possible to divert more funds into meeting the GM skills requirements. The outcomes of the Area Based Review do need to be adequately funded in order to be delivered. The submissions could be used to evidence the case to Government for additional allocation in order to deliver GM's priorities.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report be noted, including reference to paragraph 3.2 of the report that the amount of funding requested exceeds the total funding available. Acknowledged that the GMCA may need to look at the Growth Fund or request for additional funding.
2. That the use of up to £3m for contingency, including some costs for programme management (this will include digital skills), be approved.

187/17 TOWN CENTRE CHALLENGE

The GM Mayor introduced a report which provided members proposing to launch a Town Centre Challenge, consistent with the principles of the GM Strategy of developing a City Region capable of helping all places to move forward and share in the growth of GM.

The objective was to have a focussed look at some of the outlying towns in GM and assess whether we can bring forward transformational development, particularly housing growth, linked to the transport interchanges, recognising that outlying areas do not always benefit. Over the next 20 years there needed to be a focus on all ten GM local authorities and their individual towns developing a strong forward plan and revitalising those places.

The process was as set out in the report and would involve all 10 GM local authorities would be invited to nominate a town for a focussed process of regeneration potential, drawing together both public and private land owners, considering Mayoral discretionary powers for development assistance.

City Mayor, Paul Dennett, welcomed this work and recalled that the GMSF had begun to highlight the need for creative town centre regeneration where place making was central, and transport infrastructure development and housing provision were crucial elements. In addition to addressing housing need in more than numerical terms, in terms of different types of and tenure to ensure good housing quality sits at the heart of the agenda.

Councillor Alex Ganotis reported that Stockport were making significant investment in their town centre but there have been some challenges engaging with landowners and owners of property, particularly in prime

locations which were appropriate for regeneration and issues relating to high costs of remediation, which make some town centre locations less attractive to developers than more outlying areas, especially greenbelt areas. GM does need to ensure there was minimal encroachment into greenbelt areas. There does need to work with communities in urban areas is an opportunity to use the Mayor's Compulsory Purchase powers to effect transformation of town centres and to bring national focus and attention to the behaviours of some land owners and developers who don't embrace GM's ambition.

Councillor Michael Whetton advised that the improvements to Altrincham Town Centre have seen a continuing improvement in the area, including an increase planning applications to convert properties into residential properties. The next area of focus would be Stretford aligned to the new UA92 University project, with lessons learned from the regeneration of Altrincham.

Councillor Kieran Quinn endorsed the approach and felt it was important that as the work develops over the forthcoming weeks, that priorities were honed down with clear deliverable. He also asked that resource was not spread too thinly but has the ability to deliver real outcomes.

The Greater Manchester Mayor added that if the scheme was successful that it was hoped that the principle could be taken further. In terms of the wider regeneration and bringing sites forward, the Prime Minister had recently visited GM and confirmed proposals for a Housing Deal in early 2018 which would further support bringing forward brownfield and industrial sites which have been difficult. This would further support the place making approach GM wants to deliver.

Resolved /-

That the plans to develop and launch a Town Centre Challenge be welcomed and supported, including endorsement of the next steps in the report.

188/17 BREXIT MONITOR – MONTHLY REPORT

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Leader for Business and Economy, introduced a report which updated members on the key economic and policy developments in relation to the UK's decision to leave the EU, adding that there is no real progress in transition.

The GM Mayor drew members attention to paragraph 2.8 whereby Northern Combined Authority Mayors met with the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, David Davies, the first time there had been formal engagement. A commitment was given that a Working Group would be established comprising Combined Authorities and Government officials to understand the impact and differential regional impact of Brexit deals on the regional economy. It was pointed out at the meeting that 58% of GM's exports were to the EU, significantly above the UK figure of 44% and talk of no deal was not necessarily good news for GM.

RESOLVED /-

That the October Brexit Monitor be noted.

189/17 TRAVEL DIARY SURVEY RESULTS

The GM Mayor introduced a report which provided members with a high level summary analysis of the GM Travel Diary Survey results 2015-16 and comparison with TFL London Travel Demand Surveys. He added that the information provided a crucial evidence base for decisions around public transport. Portfolio holders were encouraged to use the statics to inform their specific portfolio work.

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted and that a further update of travel trends as part of the 2040 Strategy delivery plan report be submitted to the GMCA.

190/17 GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY REVENUE UPDATE

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Leader for Finance and Investment, introduced a report which informed members of the 2017/18 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of September 2017. He highlighted cost pressures associated with the GM Spatial Framework and the Mayoral Election.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Economic Development and Regeneration revenue outturn position for 2017/18 which showing an underspend of £0.331 million against budget be noted.
2. That the Economic Development and Regeneration budget adjustments as detailed in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 be noted.
3. That the transport revenue outturn position for 2017/18 which was in line with budget after transfers to earmarked reserves be noted.
4. That the Transport for Greater Manchester outturn position for 2017/18 which was in line with budget be noted.

191/17 GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY CAPITAL UPDATE

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Leader for Finance and Investment, introduced a report which provided an update in relation to the capital expenditure programme. Going forward Capital budgets would need to be aligned to the GM Strategy priorities agreed earlier on the agenda.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the current 2017/18 forecast compared to the 2017/18 capital budget be noted.
2. That the addition of the Horwich Parkway scheme to the Park and Ride programme to be funded within the existing programme be approved.
3. That the funding of £0.4 million for the Salford Bolton Network Improvement (SBNI) to fund activities associated with the enabling, development and delivery of the Bolton and Salford packages be approved.
4. That the addition to the programme of £0.5 million of borrowings for the purchase of nine replacement vehicles by GMATL for its Ring and Ride fleet be approved. The repayment and costs associated with these borrowings will be repaid from future GMATL budgets.

192/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION

Councillor Richard Leese declared a prejudicial interest in this report, as a Director of the Manchester Life Board and left the room during the discussion of the report.

City Mayor. Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Planning & Homelessness, introduced a report which sought the approval of the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans. He further added that GM were in negotiations with Government regarding a Housing Deal which was anticipated for announcement in early 2018. He advised that issues of affordable housing and section 106 agreements were to be dealt with locally in line with local plans and policies. Work was also underway to revise the GM Housing Investment Strategy to better meet housing need in GM within the context of residential growth. Further details of Government's Housing Deal for GM should be available in the New Year. The Conservative Party conference included an announcement in relation to an additional £2bn for local authorities and housing associations to build affordable housing.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report be approved.

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Lampwick Developments Ltd.	Lampwick Street, New Islington	Manchester	£24,500,000
Brecksides Estates	Clarkesville Farm, Crumpsall	Manchester	£4,154,000
RP2 Developments Ltd.	Radclyffe Primary School, Ordsall	Salford	£2,661,000
Mulbury Homes Ltd.	Willows Road, Weaste	Salford	£1,741,000
Hurstfield Developments Ltd.	Hurstfield Road, Worsley	Salford	£1,355,000
Square One Homes (NW) Ltd.	Bridgewater Road, Altrincham	Trafford	£1,146,000

2. That Manchester City Council be recommended to approve the above and prepares and effects the necessary legal agreements in accordance with its approved internal processes.
3. That the revised GM Housing Investment Strategy be submitted to a future meeting of the GMCA.

193/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members noted that the commercially sensitive information contained in Item 21 Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loans Fund – Investment Approval Recommendation was taken as read during consideration of the Part A - Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update (minute ref 190/17 refers) and for this reason the exclusion resolution was not moved.

194/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION

CLERK’S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update at minute 192/17 above.