

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON 29 MARCH 2019 AT STOCKPORT COUNCIL**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Bolton	Councillor Linda Thomas
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	Councillor John Merry
Stockport	Councillor Alex Ganotis
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Manchester	Councillor Angeliki Stogia
Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
Tameside	Councillor Leanne Feeley
Wigan	Councillor Peter Smith
TfGMC	Councillor Mark Aldred

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	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Oldham	Carolyn Wilkins
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Rochdale	Neil Thornton
Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
TfGM	Steve Warrener

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
WIGAN

GM HSCP	Jon Rouse
Growth Company	Mark Hughes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Claire Norman
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward

GMCA 59/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Bev Hughes, Deputy Mayor GMCA, City Mayor Paul Dennett (Councillor John Merry attending – Salford), Councillor Rishi Shori – Bury, Steve Rumbelow (Neil Thornton attending– Rochdale), Councillor Paula Boshell – Salford, Councillor Andrea Simpson – Bury and Councillor Jenny Bullen – Wigan.

GMCA 60/19 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor reported that following the attack on the mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, he had visited the Muslim Heritage community in Manchester where he sought to re-assure the community of both his and the Combined Authority’s support and determination to root out all forms of hate including ‘Islamophobia’.

Therefore, in view of the recent events, it was proposed that the Combined Authority adopt the All Party Parliamentary Group’s definition of ‘Islamophobia’ as follows: “Islamophobia is rooted in racism, and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.”

RESOLVED/-

That the GMCA adopt the All Party Parliamentary Group’s definition of ‘Islamophobia’ as follows: “Islamophobia is rooted in racism, and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.”

GMCA 61/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Richard Leese declared a personal interest as a Director of the Growth Company in relation to items 28 and 35 – Growth Company Business Plan.

GMCA 62/19 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2019 be approved.

GMCA 63/19 MINUTES OF THE GMCA STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON

12 FEBRUARY 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA Standards Committee held on 12 February 2019 be noted.

**GMCA 64/19 MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE & RECYCLING
COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 MARCH 2019**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GM Waste & Recycling Committee held on 14 March 2019 be noted.

**GMCA 65/19 MINUTES OF THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21
MARCH 2019**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 21 March 2019 be noted.

**GMCA 66/19 MINUTES OF THE GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES –
MARCH 2019**

Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee: In reference to *Minute CI104/18/02 Programme for Change – OBC* members were updated on the proposals brought forward for the GMFRS Programme for Change. It was reported that the proposals were focused on developing a frontline first approach, therefore with that in mind; it was proposed that one of the significant proposals would be the introduction of a new shift system, which respects colleagues working conditions whilst providing further stability and work-life balance.

This Programme for Change will focus on frontline equipment being up-to-date and up to the standard, modernising station facilities and ensuring adequate training is provided to firefighters without affecting performance or response time. The Mayor added that there would be a public consultation on any potential fire station mergers, and although the situation was challenging any proposals would have minimal impact on response times.

Andrew Western, Leader of Trafford Council expressed his discomfort with the proposals, however also recognised that the Programme for Change was a necessary outcome of continual Government cuts to frontline services. He commented that such proposals would put residents of GM at risk, as levels of firefighters would become too low and the removal of preventative services would result in poorer relationships with communities and an increase in fire related incidents. Suggestions regarding four firefighters on appliances would remove the fifth person from the

appliance who currently plays a critical role in monitoring the safety of their colleagues.

Members suggested that in support of this view, the Combined Authority ask Government to carry out an urgent re-assessment of funding.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 15 March 2019 be noted.
2. That the minutes of the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 19 March 2019 be noted.
3. That the progress with the GM Programme for Change be noted and that the GMCA, in conjunction with other Metropolitan Fire Services write to Government to request an urgent reassessment of funding for frontline fire and rescue services.

GMCA 67/19

**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER
COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 MARCH 2019**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 15 March 2019 be noted.

GMCA 68/19

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE
PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 18 MARCH 2019**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership Board held on 18 March 2019 be noted.

GMCA 69/19

GREATER MANCHESTER CARE LEAVERS TRUST

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham gave an update on the progress in establishing a GM Care Leavers Trust Board to deliver improvements for young people leaving care, which has been funded through a grant received by DfE in support of Government's Care Leavers Covenant.

It was reported that a common core offer would be launched simultaneously with the DfE Care Leavers Covenant. This initiative is aimed at providing support for young people particularly when leaving institutional care and stepping into adult life.

He also went on to thank Paul Marshall, Strategic Director for Children and Education Services, Manchester City Council for his work on this agenda.

Members welcomed the report and noted the importance of appointing individuals to the Board who have lived-in experience, to provide further insight and guidance into the issues faced by Care Leavers.

It was reported that young people are regularly represented at Oldham's full Council meeting and as of recently Children in Care have been given an opportunity to bring an item forward on the agenda. A key area of concern highlighted was around the cost of prescription charges. On the other hand, it was reported that a significant number of Care Leavers in Salford had signed up to higher education.

In discussing the utilisation of Project Management support – Circa £200K, it was further clarified that a portion of the amount had been spent to commission a team to shape this offer and that the remaining funds were available for the GMCA or individual Local Authorities to commission for further work.

In conclusion, the Mayor commended councillors for the work being done at a district level in support of this initiative and added that GM is a forerunner that has gained Government recognition in this particular area of work.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the principles of the GM Care Leavers Covenant and content of the GM Common Core Offer for Care Leavers across GM be approved.
2. That the Terms of Reference for the GM Care Leavers' Trust Board be agreed.
3. That the development of the 5 work streams for all GM Care Leavers and that the project funding proposals be endorsed.
4. To approve the release of £517k of the DfE Innovation funding allocated to the delivery of a GM Care Leaver Trust, to enable successful implementation and in accordance with the financial plan be agreed for future commitments summarised as follows:
 - Project Management support – Circa £200K
 - Development of a GM mentoring scheme – Circa £50K
 - Accreditation and Training for Personal Assistants (statutory role to provide advice and support) – Circa £150K
 - Launch of the GM Covenant and Common Core Offer – Circa £10k
 - Marketing and Promotion – Circa £10k
 - Award a grant to Manchester City Council of £97k to cover costs incurred to date that has led to a development of a project/delivery plan, baseline data to

enable the GMCA progress to the 'delivery phase' of the GM Care Leavers Trust.

5. That the GMCA records its thanks to Paul Marshall, Strategic Director of Children and Education Services at Manchester City Council for his work on progressing the Care Leavers Trust work.
6. That consideration be given the addition of a young person with experience of living in the care system to the join the Care Leavers Trust Board.
7. That it be noted that there is potential for GM Local Authorities to access funds from the Project Management Support for their local initiatives.

GMCA 70/19 OPPORTUNITY PASS, INCLUDING 16-18 FREE BUS TRAVEL

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham introduced a report that updated members on the implementation of a pilot scheme to introduce an Opportunity Pass including free bus travel for eligible young people residing within Greater Manchester.

He went on to welcome and introduce Rose Marley, CEO of Sharp Futures, to the Combined Authority who had been invited to take on the role of Programme Manager on the Opportunity Pass scheme. Her expertise was anticipated to assist GM in enhancing the value of the offer by linking with the commercial world thus making it more attractive for young people to use.

In developing this pass, the Combined Authority has been working closely with GM's FE providers who have agreed in principle to also support the scheme. He added that further plans were in place to draw on the support from schools and sixth form colleges.

Rose Marley acknowledged that this was a much need investment for young people and reported that the Business Community has significantly embraced this initiative. She added that the scheme aimed to give young people reasons to use the bus thus supporting bus patronage. However, the main aim of the scheme was to link young people with career opportunities across the conurbation and furthermore to link them with other GM wide initiatives such as GM Bridge.

In conclusion, the Mayor added that there were a number of opportunities being made available to young people through apprenticeships and work shadowing opportunities, which they would now be able to access by means of the Opportunity Pass.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the key features of the proposal, including, in particular, the duration of the Pilot; the eligibility criteria for 16-18 year olds; and the proposed delivery model be noted.

2. That the outline scope of the Opportunity Pass and progress to date, including, in particular, the engagement with businesses and other stakeholders to explore opportunities to extend the scope of the Pilot beyond the provision of free bus travel be noted.
3. That Officers be requested to submit a progress update on the delivery of the Opportunity Pass to the GMCA in June 2019.
4. That the strategic and economic case for the provision of free bus travel for eligible young people be noted.
5. That it be noted that the financial case and funding sources for the provision of free bus travel for eligible young people, including, the financial information, has been included in the report to be considered in Part B of this agenda.
6. That the legal advice and EQIA undertaken in regard to the delivery of free bus travel for eligible young people be noted.
7. That the key risks relating to the delivery of free bus travel for eligible young people and the mitigating actions be noted.
8. That the proposal to implement the Pilot for a period of two years from 1 September 2019 be approved.
9. That delegated authority be given to the GMCA Chief Executive and TfGM Interim Chief Executive to take necessary decisions to ensure the delivery of the Opportunity Pass Pilot.
10. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to approve the decisions required to develop the budget and identify funding to deliver and operate the Opportunity Pass Pilot, as per paragraph 3.5 of this report.
11. That the GMCA record its thanks to Rose Marley, Programme Manager for the Opportunity Pass, and Chief Executive Officer for Sharp Futures for leading the work.

GMCA 71/19

**THE GREATER MANCHESTER MODEL - WHITE PAPER ON UNIFIED
PUBLIC SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GREATER MANCHESTER**

The Mayor introduced a report that provided an overview of the White Paper on Unified Public Services for the people of Greater Manchester. This White Paper represents a significant step forward in our reform ambitions in Greater Manchester, setting out a 21st century vision for public services and putting forward GM as an international leader in this field. As well as aiming to improve outcomes for people across Greater Manchester, the White Paper also sought to influence the future direction of Central Government policy and spending.

In discussing the paper, it was requested that it be amended to reflect that the 1st devolution deal was signed in 2009, as a result of which, the Combined Authority was formed and the subsequent devolution deal was signed in 2014. Through this second devolution deal GM was able to begin the process of re-regulating bus services and re-designing public services to deliver improved services despite cuts in Government funding.

The White Paper also provided a framework for Local Authorities to work within in reforming public services. Members were assured that the paper was not intended to be a compliance monitoring or a rigid performance management framework. However, the aim of the model was to create effective and efficient public services across GM, which would enhance the wider place-based service agenda. Therefore, it was recognised that in order to ensure a successful delivery of the model it was crucial that all 10 districts work together to have a greater influence particularly post Brexit.

The Mayor informed the Combined Authority of Carolyn Wilkins' recent appointment to the new NHS assembly and wished her success in her role. He also went on to thank colleagues within the NHS for bringing this piece together and for their work on it to date.

In conclusion, he commented on the need for place-based teams to be integrated and added that this approach would see improved service demand management.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the intent of the White Paper be endorsed and that the consultation phase set out with all relevant stakeholders be actively supported.
2. That the intent of the White Paper and support the direction of travel set out within it with all their relevant partners be endorsed at a local level.
3. That it be noted that implementing the GM Model, as described in the White Paper does not require, and was not intended for, any transfer of statutory responsibilities from public bodies up to the GMCA.

4. That it be noted that publication of the White Paper is aligned with the GM Industrial Strategy and the GM Health & Social Care Prospectus, with a view to informing the 2019 spending review.
5. That the GMCA congratulate Carolyn Wilkins on her recent appointment to the NHS Assembly.

GMCA 72/19

GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economy introduced a paper that updated the GMCA on the latest position with the development of the GM Industrial Strategy. It was reported that the full strategy is expected to be launched following the local government elections in May 2019. He added that the work of the Independent Prosperity Review Panel has been crucial to establish a robust and independently verified evidence base.

In conclusion, he thanked Simon Nokes, John Holden and the team at GMCA for their work on the development of the Local Industrial Strategy and to Councillor Richard Leese for his leadership on this agenda.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress to date with the development of the GM Industrial Strategy be noted and that the draft strategic priorities, which will form the basis of the full strategy be agreed.
2. That it be noted that negotiations with Government were at an advanced stage and it was expected that the strategy would be agreed imminently and launched following the Local Government elections in May.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to Simon Nokes, Executive Director of Strategy & Policy and officers at the GMCA for the work undertaken with Government to progress the development of the Local Industrial Strategy.
4. That the GMCA recognised the work of the Independent Prosperity Review had been fundamental in underpinning the development of the Local Industrial Strategy.
5. That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor Richard Leese for his leadership on this agenda.

GMCA 73/19

FIVE YEAR ENVIRONMENT PLAN

Cllr Alex Ganotis, Portfolio Leader for the Green City Region introduced a report that sought approval to the final version of the 5 Year Environment Plan.

He thanked the BBC, Environment Agency, Carbon Co-op, Manchester Education Network, Creative Concerns, North West Business Leadership team and GM Growth

Company for their support in organising and for the successful delivery of the Green Summit held on the 25 March 2019.

The event was aimed at seeking feedback on the Plan and defining the work ahead particularly in implementing the Plan. It also highlighted the scale of challenges ahead along with the immediate actions that GM were required to implement over the next 5 years.

He also went on to thank the Health & Social Partnership and the GM Planning & Housing Scrutiny Committee for their feedback, which has been reflected in the final draft. He further went on to assure members that the GMCA would continue to receive regular updates as the Plan develops.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Alex Ganotis for his contributions to the Combined Authority and for his leadership on the Green-City Region Agenda during his term in office as Leader for Stockport Council.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the updates on any views/issues raised at the Green Summit be noted.
2. That the Executive Summary (Annex 01) and Environment Plan (Annex 02) be agreed.
3. That it be noted that the Plan now reflected the feedback from the GM Health & Social Care Partnership and the GMCA Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. That the GMCA recorded its thanks to all the partnership organisations who were involved in the organisation of the recent Green Summit.
5. That the GMCA acknowledge that this is likely to be Councillor Alex Ganotis' last meeting as a member of the GMCA as the Leader of Stockport Council and records its thanks to him for all his work and in particular for his leadership on the Green City Region portfolio which has significantly contributed to the progress to date.
6. That it be noted that regular updates on the Five Year Environment Plan will be submitted to the GMCA.

GMCA 74/19

GMCA CULTURAL STRATEGY

Councillor Linda Thomas, Portfolio Leader for Culture introduced a report that outlined the process undertaken to develop a Greater Manchester Cultural Strategy.

Following feedback from stakeholders, a revised draft of the Greater Manchester Culture Strategy had been developed seeking GMCA approval.

It was further reported that subject to GMCA agreement, the GM Cultural Strategy would be launched, alongside a detailed Implementation Plan. She added that progress would be reported on a quarterly basis to the GM Culture and Heritage Steering Group and at least annually to the GMCA.

The GMCA recognised the work put into developing the Strategy and thanked the GMCA Cultural Team for their work and Donna Hall for leading on this piece of work over the last 12 months.

In support of the Strategy, Councillor Sean Fielding re-affirmed his commitment to developing the cultural offer in Oldham and informed Members of the Council's intentions to continue the development of the Colosseum Theatre.

Members acknowledged that there was a need to strengthen Greater Manchester's cultural international recognition and develop existing relationship as this would build GM's economy.

The Mayor commented on the need for culture to lift initiatives taking place within Town Centres and link it with other ongoing strategies. It was reported that the 'Town of Culture' had been incorporated into the Strategy, in line with the Mayor's Town Centre Challenge. He further informed the Combined Authority that the GMCA had received its first bid from Oldham in respect of the 'Town of Culture' initiative and encouraged other Local Authorities to do the same.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the process undertaken in development of the Strategy be noted.
2. That the Greater Manchester Culture Strategy be approved.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to the GMCA Cultural Team, under the leadership of Donna Hall for the development of the Cultural Strategy over the last 12 months.

GMCA 75/19 DRAFT DRUG & ALCOHOL STRATEGY (2019-2021)

Jon Rouse, Health & Social Care Partnership introduced a report that sought approval on the GM Drug and Alcohol Strategy and outlined the governance process and extensive consultation undertaken in developing the strategy to date.

It was reported that where programmes required additional investment, such as around Public Engagement and Alcohol Exposed Pregnancies, this was met through the allocation of GM Health and Social Care Partnership Transformation Funding, which has been agreed and was in place.

Members welcomed the report and supported the priorities as outlined in the Strategy. It was further recognised that there was a need to treat social attitudes to combat the roots of the issue alongside enforcing or regulating drug and alcohol misuse. Therefore, it was suggested that the application of the Strategy be promoted as a framework for localities and partners to use within their own localities.

It was highlighted that the use of new psychoactive substances has continued despite changes in the law, with synthetic cannabinoids (Spice) in particular causing increased problems for public services. The GMCA therefore recognised that there was a need to look at the wider issues associated with the use of Spice, both on a local and national level.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the broad objectives of the draft Greater Manchester Drug and Alcohol Strategy be approved.
2. That it be agreed to promote the application of the Strategy as a framework for localities and partners.
3. That the Strategy be approved for the period up to March 2021.
4. That the GMCA record its thanks to colleagues who have been involved in the development of the Strategy.
5. That it be noted that there needs to be a further debate specifically around the wider issues associated with the use of Spice, both at a local and national level.

GMCA 76/19 TURBO CHARGING EQUALITY FOR WOMEN & GIRLS IN GREATER MANCHESTER

Cllr Brenda Warrington, Portfolio Leader for Age-Friendly and Equalities introduced a report that updated Members on the plan to accelerate gender equality in Greater Manchester and sought agreement of the areas of activity identified to take this work forward.

It was reported that Cllr Brenda Warrington chaired the first meeting of the Women's Voice group on 5 March 2019, attended by representatives from across Greater Manchester.

Members welcomed the report and recognised that there was a need to drive gender equality through each of the GMCA portfolio areas.

In support of the agenda, Oldham Council were in engagement with Fawcett Society who have delivered a number of recommendations in support of gender equality. It was also reported that Councillor Ruji Surjan's had been selected as Labour Party

Candidate was the first Bangladeshi female to stand for election in Oldham Council's history.

Members were encouraged to provide an update on their work to improve gender equality to future meetings of the GMCA and were advised that further updates would be provided at subsequent meetings.

The Mayor acknowledged that much work was needed to be done in closing the gender pay gap and welcomed the work being done under the gender equality agenda. He reported that through the Good Employment Charter important provisions were being made to improve the quality of work and adopt flexible working, particularly in relation to part-time work and zero hour contracts which were predominately occupied by women. He further added that a GM work-shadowing scheme would open further opportunities for young women.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the proposed areas of activity - to be further developed into a delivery plan - to turbo charge gender equality in GM be agreed.
2. That the principle of identifying resources to drive forward this agenda, working in partnership across GM and national agencies as appropriate be approved.
3. That Officers be requested to submit further updates of the work programme to future meetings of the GMCA.
4. That the GMCA recognise that gender equality needs to be addressed and driven through each of the GMCA portfolio areas.
5. That each of the GM Local Authorities be invited to provide an update on their work to improve gender equality to the Portfolio holder which can be shared at future CA meetings and link to the GM level work.

GMCA 77/19

MAYOR'S WALKING & CYCLING CHALLENGE FUND

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, provided an update on progress and sought approval on the fourth tranche of schemes for programme entry to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF); and the associated delivery budgets.

He reported that this investment would see the development of the Bee-lines Network that will cut through the city region, and help to deliver a more, integrated and reformed transport system.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress of the first three tranches previously granted programme entry for inclusion in the MCF, as set out in section 2 of the report be noted.

2. That the fourth tranche of cycling and walking schemes, as set out in section 3 of the report, be approved for inclusion in Programme Entry in the MCF.
3. That it be noted that the schemes will be further developed; and would be submitted to the GMCA for approval, as appropriate, as set out in section 3 of the report.
4. That the GMCA Treasurer be authorised to make appropriate grants to cover forecast Tranche 4 development costs incurred by scheme promoters in 2019/20 up to a value of £5.4 million (as currently forecast).
5. That the release of up to £1.5 million funding to fund programme management and associated costs in 2019/20 be approved and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to make the necessary capital-revenue 'switch' as set out in section 4 of this report.
6. That the £0.26 million for the GM side-road zebra research commission, as set out in section 4.3 of this report, be approved and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to make the necessary capital-revenue 'switch' as set out in section 4 of this report.
7. That it be noted that schemes requiring a GMCA contribution of over £0.5 million would be submitted to the GMCA for individual approvals.
8. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive of the GMCA, in consultation with the Mayor, to approve schemes where the GMCA contribution is less than £0.5 million, to approve consequent grant awards (including for development costs) and to agree variations to funding provided the total funding remains below £0.5 million.

GMCA 78/19 TOWN CENTRE CHALLENGE UPDATE – MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, provided an update on the recent public consultation on the establishment of a Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) for the Town Centre West area of Stockport Town centre.

He reported that the outcome of the consultation was favourable and received a significant degree of support for the establishment of a vehicle that will take the Town Centre West area forward in terms of residential development alongside improving public realm facilities.

Councillor Alex Ganotis reported that once the Secretary of State has received notification of the designation, he must establish a Mayoral Development Corporation for the area and give it the name as notified by the Mayor. Following discussions with MHCLG it is anticipated that the Order could be in place as early as

summer 2019. In the meantime a shadow board would be established, the Strategic Regeneration Framework would be published for public consultation and a detailed delivery plan would be produced.

The Mayor thanked the GMCA Planning & Housing Team and colleagues at Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council for their work on the proposals for a Mayoral Development Corporation in Stockport Town Centre West. He further went on to notify the Combined Authority that he would welcome bids from other towns also wishing to become Mayoral Development Corporations.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the outcome and responses to the consultation undertaken by the Mayor on the proposed designation of an area of land in Stockport as a Mayoral Development Area be noted.
2. To note the requirement to give due consideration to the proposal by the Mayor to designate an area as a Mayoral Development Area and to notify the Mayor within the consideration period if this CA proposes to reject the proposal.
3. That it be noted that the Mayor may designate the area of land as a Mayoral Development Area following the expiration of the consideration period where the GMCA has not rejected the proposal, and the consent of the member of the GMCA appointed by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council has been given.
4. That it be noted that subject to approval at recommendation 2 above, the Mayor shall publicise the designation, notify the secretary of state of the designation and the name to be given to the Mayoral Development Corporation, as follows: "Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation."
5. That it be noted that the Mayor, in consultation with Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, would establish a shadow board in advance of the designation of the area to set the strategic direction for the area.
6. That it be agreed to mandate GMCA officers to work with MHCLG and Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council on the development of the necessary legislation, and to assist with the drafting of the constitutional and financial arrangements for the proposed Mayoral Development Corporation, in consultation with the Mayor.
7. That the GMCA record its thanks to the GMCA Housing & Planning Team and colleagues at Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council for their work on the proposals for a Mayoral Development Corporation in Stockport Town Centre West.
8. That it be noted that the Mayor would welcome bids for Mayoral Development Corporations from other GM Local Authorities.

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Leader for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships, provided an update on the progress made relating to devolution of the Adult Education Budget to the GMCA for the 2019/20 academic year onwards and sought the GMCA's approval on indicative grant values and subsequent expenditure totalling c.£65m.

Investment in adult education aims to give people the skills they need for life and work, for entering and sustaining employment, supporting up-skilling and re-training, and ultimately boosts productivity and inclusive growth as set out in GM's Local Industrial Strategy.

With systemic improvements across the education landscape GM will deliver higher attainment from compulsory education, whilst making a long term shift in emphasis away from 'second chance' essential skills towards ensuring residents and businesses can keep pace with changes in the labour market and in the global economy.

The key changes planned for 2019/20 would be around working closely with providers to develop improved analysis of learner journeys with the view to improve an individual's employability and quality of life and improve Greater Manchester's productivity. With this in mind, it has been made clear to all providers that GMCA places particular importance on the quality of the initial assessment of learners' needs and goals and robust individual learning plans. These changes would help respond to local skills priorities and build packages of high quality wrap-around support for residents with more complex needs and equally support employment sectors/types with particular skills requirements.

In addition to those funding policy changes, the other key modifications planned for 2019/20 would be around working more closely with providers on proactive performance management and improving the analysis of learner 'journeys' to focus on positive outcomes for individuals and learner progression rather than simply measuring delivery and achievement of learning aims.

GM will work with grant-funded providers to ensure they are meeting the objectives and monitor performance. Over time, this may lead to further changes to the way in which they are funded. However, it has been agreed that each provider would have the potential to receive the same level of funding in 2020/21 to ease transition, subject to performance.

The GM Mayor thanked Councillor Sean Fielding for the work undertaken in relation to the devolution of the Adult Education Budget and acknowledged that it was crucial to link the work being done on the Local Industrial Strategy as this will develop a pipeline of talent to support the local economy.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the update be noted and that the proposed management fee be agreed.
2. That the proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded further education institutions identified be approved and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise in the course of discussions between each institution and GMCA.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader and Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeships (and subject to considerations around any conflicts of interest which might arise), to take forward AEB commissioning, including the procured element, to contract award.
4. That it be noted that the Mayor has approved the proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded local authorities identified.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise in the course of discussions between each authority and GMCA.
6. That the GMCA record it's thanks to Councillor Sean Fielding for the work undertaken in relation to the devolution of the Adult Education Budget.

GMCA 80/19

GREATER MANCHESTER HM TREASURY SKILLS PILOT UPDATE

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Leader for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships introduced a report that provided an update to the GMCA on the progress of the three HM Treasury Skills Pilots and outlined the next steps to follow.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report be noted and that the scope of proposed activity for each Pilot programme be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships, to agree:
 - a. Section 31 Grant conditions, including use and purpose of the management fee
 - b. The proposed commissioning route (for the Self-Employment Pilot); and Contract award as well as the proposal to grant-fund local authorities to develop 'Work Hubs' in their areas for self-employed individuals to access, responding to recommendations in the reports/reviews listed in section 3.2 (This will include a Mayoral Key Decision)

- c. The proposed granted route via The Princes Trust for the Future Workforce Fund
- d. The proposed development & co-design of training courses by employer / provider, facilitated by a grant scheme for the Digital Skills Pilot.

GMCA 81/19 GREATER MANCHESTER CAREERS APPLICATION PLATFORM

Cllr Sean Fielding, GMCA Portfolio Leader for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships introduced a report that provided an update on the progress of the GM Mayor's manifesto commitment to developing and implementing a UCAS-style application system (the GM Careers Application Platform).

The overarching aim of the Platform was to create a single, digital space that help GM's young people to make appropriate and informed decisions about their future careers in a way that makes it simple for them and their parents / families to choose between and apply for an academic or technical pathway.

The Mayor acknowledged that this would provide a clear line of sight to other opportunities across GM such as Work Shadowing and that the opportunity pass would further strengthen the offer.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report be noted and that the GMCA request approval from each GM Local Authority to act as Joint Data Controller for the Platform on behalf of the 10 GM Local Authorities to utilise concurrent statutory powers and legislative duties held mainly by them (Education and Skills Act 2008 / Education Act 2007).
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships, to approve the contract award following the procurement process.

GMCA 82/19 BREXIT MONITORING

Sir Richard Leese, Portfolio Leader for Business and Economy introduced a report that provided Members with an update on the latest edition of the Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor, including an update from the Government's Spring Statement. This report further outlined work underway across Greater Manchester to prepare for exiting the European Union.

In discussing the potential impacts of Brexit, the GMCA acknowledged that uncertainty over the customs union continued to pose a risk to businesses; and therefore it was important that appropriate contingency plans were put in place by Local Authorities and Partners to be able to withstand and respond to any changes that may arise.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the contents of the March Brexit Monitor (Appendix A) be noted.
2. That the contents of the Spring Statement Briefing (Appendix B) be noted.
3. That the update on Brexit preparatory work underway across Greater Manchester be noted.

GMCA 83/19 GMCA TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND GMCA CAPITAL STRATEGY FUND

Councillor David Moylneux, Portfolio Leader for Resources & Investment introduced a report, which sets out the Capital Strategy for 2019/20 for adoption by the GMCA, as required under the CIPFA Prudential Order. It built on the various capital programmes approved by the GMCA in February, but also the PCC draft capital programme, which was shortly to be considered by the Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime.

Also attached was the annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement, which would be considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 21 March 2019. This strategy was consistent with the borrowing needs of the Combined Authority, including the Mayor's PCC functions, identified in the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Capital Strategy as presented be approved.
2. That the recommendations of the GMCA Audit Committee in relation to the Annual Treasury Management Strategy be approved.

GMCA 84/19 GMCA BUSINESS INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Sir Richard Leese, Portfolio Leader for Economy and Business, introduced a report that updated Members on the details of the Investment Strategy for the non-housing funds that were directly managed by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

It was highlighted that it was crucial to develop the Local Industrial Strategy to re-align the way GM uses existing funding available through the Regional Growth Fund and Growing Places Fund to support the Strategy.

RESOLVED/-

That the Investment Strategy, as detailed in the report, be approved.

GMCA 85/19 GROWTH COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN

Councillor Richard Leese declared a personal interest as a Director of the Growth Company in relation to items 28 and 35 – Growth Company Business Plan.

Sir Richard Leese, Portfolio Leader for Business and Economy, introduced a report that updated the GMCA on the Growth Company Business Plan for the 2019-20 financial year, which had been approved by the GC Board. Included in the Plan was an agreed performance reporting framework to allow oversight on core GC deliverables throughout the year, which would be reported to GMCA and the LEP.

RESOLVED/-

That the report and the priorities for 2019/20 included in the Business Plan be endorsed.

GMCA 86/19 GMCA LOCAL GROWTH DEAL (1,2&3) – SIX MONTHLY TRANSPORT PROGRESS REPORT

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, introduced a report that updated Members on the latest position in relation to the Local Growth Deal Transport Programme (Tranches 1,2 and 3) following on from the last update in September 2018.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the current position in relation to the Growth Deal Major Schemes programme be noted.
2. That the proposed governance approach for SBNI and Oldham Town Centre Regeneration schemes be noted.
3. That the current position in relation to the Growth Deal Minor Works and Additional Priorities programmes be noted.
4. That the funding of up to £1 million advance utility works for the Gt Ancoats Street Major Scheme, by way of grant to Manchester City Council, under the arrangements as set out in paragraph 3.9 be approved.

GMCA 87/19 ACQUISITION OF LOAN TO PROTOS FINANCE LIMITED FROM EVERGREEN FUND TO GMCA

David Molyneux, Portfolio Leader for Investment and Resources introduced a report, which sets out a proposal to acquire a £9.8m loan from the Evergreen Fund (“Evergreen”) to the GMCA in order to create investment capacity within the Evergreen Fund. This would also provide a financial return directly to GMCA over the term of the loan.

Members were requested to note the following amendment:

That the GMCA has proposed to acquire a £12.1m loan with the view to generate additional revenue which will allow Evergreen Funding to be invested in other developments.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the purchase of the existing loan and provision of the remainder of the £12.1m facility (excluding interest) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the loan, 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 a) above;
3. That the proposed amendment to the capital programme be approved.
4. That it be noted that the GMCA Treasury Strategy, would incorporate provision for such investments.

GMCA 88/19

GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK APPROVALS

David Molyneux, Portfolio Leader for Investment and Resources introduced a report that sought GMCA approval for a loan to Apadmi Limited. It was reported that this loan would be made available from recycled funds and that this investment would seek to support the economy by delivering additional jobs.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the funding application for Apadmi Limited (loan of £200k) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the company, 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 investment at a) above.
3. That authority be delegated for the period 30 March 2019 to 31 May 2019 to the GMCA Chief Executive and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the GMCA Mayor and the Portfolio Lead for Investment to approve funding requests for projects in the absence of a Combined Authority meeting in April and approve any urgent variations on amounts and terms for already approved loans.

- That it be noted that recommendations approved under the delegation would be subject to the usual due diligence processes and will be reported to the Combined Authority at the next available meeting.

GMCA 89/19 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive of the GMCA introduced a report that sought Members’ approval on the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund as detailed in the recommendations

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Harrison Hunt (Vicarage Gardens) Ltd.	St George’s Vicarage, Heaviley	Stockport	£1.277m
Citybranch SPV	Chapel Square, Regent Road, Altrincham	Trafford	£12.931m

in the report.

The proposals outlined in the report were welcomed and

Councillor Alex Ganotis went on to assure the GMCA that planning approval for the development of St George’s vicarage was in place. **RESOLVED/-**

- That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loan as outlined in the table below be approved:

- That the use of £570,000 City Deal Receipts to provide additional lending to the St George’s Vicarage scheme be approved.
- That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

4. That authority be delegated, for the period 30 March 2019 to 31 May 2019, to the GMCA Chief Executive and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the GMCA Mayor and the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure to approve funding requests for projects in the absence of a Combined Authority meeting in April and approve any urgent variations on amounts and terms for already approved loans. Note that recommendations approved under the delegation will be subject to the usual due diligence processes and will be reported to the Combined Authority at the next available meeting.

GMCA 90/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 items on business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

PART B

GMCA 91/19 OPPORTUNITY PASS, INCLUDING 16-18 FREE BUS TRAVEL

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute 70/19 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

1. That the financial information, including, in particular, the 'base case' cost and affordability range of the provision free bus travel for eligible young people be noted.
2. That it be noted that the future year costs, above those approved as part of the GMCA Transport Revenue Budget for 2019/20, that will need to be funded by new funding sources and / or an additional precept (as set out in paragraphs 6.8 and 6.10 of the Part A report).

GMCA 92/19 GROWTH COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute 85/19 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 93/19

GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK APPROVALS

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute 88/19 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 94/19

**ACQUISITION OF LOAN TO PROTOS FINANCE LIMITED FROM
EVERGREEN FUND TO GMCA**

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute 87/19 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 95/19

**GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND –
INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute 89/19 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.