

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD TUESDAY, 7TH JANUARY 2020 AT BOARDROOM, CHURCHGATE HOUSE, OXFORD STREET,
MANCHESTER, M1 6EU**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bolton	Councillor David Greenhalgh
Bury	Councillor David Jones
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Elise Wilson
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA – Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA - Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bury	Geoff Little
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Stockport	Kathryn Rees
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Phil Swan
TfGM	Steve Warrener

GMCA/1/20 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED/-

That apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor Councillor Andrea Simpson (Bury), Councillors Sue Murphy and Bev Craig (Manchester), Councillor Janet Emsley & Sara Rowbotham (Rochdale), Councillor Tom McGee (Stockport), Councillor Leanne Feeley (Tameside) and Councillor Mark Aldred & Councillor Jenny Bullen (Wigan) and Tony Oakman

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
WIGAN

(Bolton), Joanne Roney (Manchester), Jim Taylor (Salford), Pam Smith (Stockport) and Steven Pleasant (Tameside).

GMCA/2/20 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no Chairs announcements or items of urgent business

GMCA/3/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

GMCA/4/20 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 29 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

GMCA/5/20 TFGM EXECUTIVE BOARD - RECRUITMENT OUTCOMES

The GM Mayor introduced a report which provided an update on the recruitment process for the appointment of new Non-Executive Directors of Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) and confirming the outcome of the recruitment process, whereby two candidates were recommended for appointment.

RESOLVED

1. That the appointment of Jo Kaye and Tracey Matthews as Non-Executive Directors of TfGM be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, to formalise the terms of the appointments.

GMCA/6/20 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillor David Molyneux introduced a report which requested GMCA approval of the appointment of the two proposed individuals as independent members to the GMCA's Audit Committee.

RESOLVED/-

That the appointment of Mr Grenville Page and Ms Susan Webster, as Independent Members of the Audit Committee, be approved subject to completion of required pre-employment checks, with immediate effect.

GMCA/7/20 GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED/-

1. That the appointment of Councillor Shah Wasir to replace Councillor Liam O'Rourke (Rochdale) as a member of the Committee by the GM Mayor be noted.

2. That the appointment of Councillor Paul Prescott to replace Councillor Carl Sweeney (Wigan), as a substitute member of the Committee, be noted.

GMCA/8/20 GMCA ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH & SKILLS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED/-

That the appointment of Councillor John Walsh to replace Councillor Mudasir Dean (Bolton) be approved.

GMCA/9/20 GMCA CULTURAL & SOCIAL IMPACT FUND COMMITTEE/STATUTORY FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED/-

That the appointment of Councillor Paul Prescott to replace Councillor Carl Sweeney (Wigan) be approved

GMCA/10/20 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK PROGRAMME

Councillor Elise Wilson introduced a report which summarised the outcome of the tender process for the Greater Manchester Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) programme.

Members were advised that a preferred provider had been identified for each GM Arc (North and South) to deliver the Public Sector Anchor Tenancy (PSAT) element of this programme following a PCR2015 compliant procurement process.

The report also confirmed partner capital investment and sought agreement on a simplified and consistent approach across all GM Local Authorities for the way in which digital infrastructure is delivered (see GM Prospectus at Appendix A of the report).

Members were reminded that investing in digital infrastructure was a key priority in the GM Digital Strategy as an important enabler for the delivery of GM Strategic priorities.

From a public perspective, the investment will enable GM to provide better services across the City region, connecting community libraries children's and early years centres, council buildings, transport facilities, underpinning the ambition to be a smarter City Region.

There was a strong social value component alongside investment in apprenticeships, digital skills, free broadband services to arrange of homeless hostels and shelters and professional support to help projects.

Members were assured that there had been a coordinated approach to discussions with GM Local Authorities with a view to minimising potential disruptions to transport and the impact on highways. A key element of the appraisal process focussed on a partner who could work alongside GM Local Authorities, with people at the heart of the process.

The GM Mayor thanked Councillor Wilson and the GM wider Digital Team for the work undertaken to meet Government timescales.

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be agreed to enter into a grant funding agreement with DCMS to secure the grant element from DCMS for the GM LFFN programme for up to £21.3M (this may be up to £1.7m lower to reflect Salford City Council moving to a Public Sector Building Upgrade model – para 2.6).
2. That the allocation of £835,000 from the DCMS LFFN grant, to Manchester City Council for the purposes of Public Sector Building Upgrade be approved.
3. That the allocation of £90,000 from the DCMS LFFN grant, to Salford City Council for the purposes of Public Sector Building Upgrade be approved.
4. That Manchester City Council and Salford City Council be commended to follow a Public Sector Buildings Upgrade model under a separate Grant Funding Agreement direct with DCMS.
5. That it be noted that the decision of the GMCA (1st March 2019) to select up to two providers under single supplier framework contracts was delegated to the GMCA Treasurer.
6. That it be noted that providers will be used by the GMCA, and also each participating Local Authority to enter into a contract in their own right for each locality, in accordance with the recommendations in the Tender Outcome Report (Part B report).
7. That it be agreed that the GMCA enter the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) with Local Authority partners.
8. That the publication of the GM Prospectus be welcomed and agreed as the agreed basis for all Authorities to work consistently across GM for working with any provider looking to install fibre to minimise disruption to residents, minimise cost of installation and maximise private fibre investment. This prospectus will form an integral part of the IAA and is approved as the basis to work with the successful bidders.
9. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to review and complete all necessary legal documentation and award and enter into contracts.

GMCA/11/20 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED/-

That, under section 100 (a)(4) of the local government act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in the relevant paragraphs of part 1, schedule 12a of the local government act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

GMCA/12/20 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK PROGRAMME

Councillor Brenda Warrington left the meeting during the discussion of this item.

Councillor Elise Wilson introduced a report which set out the details of the financial and commercial aspects of the process.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor Elise Wilson and the GM Digital Team for the progress of work over the last 2 years.
2. That the recommendations in the report be approved, including the arrangements to enter into grant agreements with DCMS as detailed within the report.
3. That the DCMS grant funding distribution as detailed in the report be approved and that the decision to enter into grant agreements to allocate funding to the GM public sector partners for the anchor tenancy element of the GM LFFN programme be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer.
4. That the allocation from the DCMS LFFN grant, to the GMCA for connecting Fire & Rescue sites for the purposes of Anchor Tenancy across Greater Manchester be approved.
5. That the allocation from the DCMS LFFN grant to the GMCA for connecting Urban Traffic Management Control sites and TfGM assets for the purposes of Anchor Tenancy across Greater Manchester be approved.
6. That an increase to the GMCA capital programme of £19.7M, of which £7.1m was agreed by GMCA in March 2019, be approved, subject to final design to support investment in GMCA/TfGM UTMC assets and sites.
7. That an increase in the GMCA capital programme of £1.55M be approved to reflect the GMCA investment in GMFRS sites.
8. That it be noted that the GM led procurement has secured substantially improved value for money than originally anticipated in the GMCA report of 1st March 2019.
9. That Bolton, Bury, Wigan, Rochdale and Oldham Councils be commended to sign their respective contracts in the Northern Arc, in accordance with the recommendations in the Tender Outcome Report.
10. That Trafford and Stockport Councils be commended to sign their respective contracts in the Southern Arc, in accordance with the recommendations in the Tender Outcome Report.

11. That it be agreed that GMCA enters into contracts to connect F&RS and TfGM assets for both the Northern Arc and the Southern Arc, in accordance with the recommendations in the Tender Outcome Report.