

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY, 26 JUNE 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA – Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA - Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Carolyn Wilkins
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Jim Taylor
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
TfGM	Steve Warrener
	Mike Renshaw
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward

GMCA 80/20 APOLOGIES

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor Jenny Bullen (Wigan).

GMCA 81/20 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR – 2020/21

RESOLVED /-

That it be noted that Andy Burnham, as the GM Mayor, under part 5A, Section 4 of the GMCA Constitution is the Chair of the GMCA (ex-officio).

GMCA 82/20 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRS – 2020/21

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair of the GMCA under part 5A, Section 4 of the GMCA Constitution.
2. That is be noted that Councillor David Greenhalgh is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair of the GMCA under part 5A, Section 4 of the GMCA Constitution.
3. That the appointment of Councillor Brenda Warrington as a Vice Chair of the GMCA, under part 5A, Section 4 of the GMCA Constitution be agreed.

GMCA 82/20 GM APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

RESOLVED /-

1. That the appointment of Julie Connor, Assistant Director, Governance & Scrutiny as the Secretary of the GMCA be noted.
2. That the following appointments by GM Local Authorities to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for 2020/21 be noted as follow:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	David Greenhalgh (Con)	Martyn Cox Con)
Bury	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)	Tamoor Tariq (Lab)
Manchester	Richard Leese (Lab)	Bev Craig (Lab)
Oldham	Sean Fielding (Lab)	Arooj Shah (Lab)
Rochdale	Allen Brett (Lab)	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	Elise Wilson (Lab)	Tom McGee (Lab)
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Bill FairFoull (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	Catherine Hynes (Lab)
Wigan	David Molyneux (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

3. That the appointment of the following 5 GMCA members of the GMCA (**4 Labour & 1 Conservative**) to the GMCA Standards Committee for 2020/21 be approved:

David Greenhalgh (Bolton) (Con)
Paul Dennett (Salford) (Lab)

Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab)
 Andrew Western (Trafford) (Lab)
 Brenda Warrington (Tameside) (Lab)

4. That it be noted that the GMCA, in December 2015 appointed 1 Co-opted Independent Member, Geoff Linnell, to act as the Chair of the Standards Committee and 1 Independent Person, Nicole Jackson, to assist the Monitoring Officer and Hearing Panel in dealing with allegations that members of the GMCA have acted in breach of the GMCA's Code of Conduct. The term of office of these appointments was extended up to the Annual Meeting in June 2021 by the GMCA on 29 November 2019.
5. That the appointment of 5 members (4 Labour and 1 Conservative) to the Board of Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Limited to the Greater Manchester Transport Committee for 2020/21 be delegated to the GM Transport Committee
7. That the appointment of the following GMCA members (**6 Labour & 1 Conservative**) to the GMCA Resources Committee for 2020/21 report be approved:

Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham (Lab)
 David Greenhalgh (Bolton) (Con)
 Richard Leese (Manchester) (Lab)
 Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab)
 Paul Dennett (Salford) (Lab)
 Brenda Warrington (Tameside) (Lab)
 David Molyneux (Wigan) (Lab)

8. That the appointment to the Greater Manchester Waste & Recycling Committee (11 Labour, 3 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat), from the nominations received from the GM Local Authorities, for 2020/21 up to June 2021 Annual Meeting be approved:

District	Member
Bolton	Adele Warren (Con)
Bury	Allan Quinn (Lab)
Manchester	Rabnawaz Akbar (Lab) Shaukat Ali (Lab)
Oldham	Ateeque Ur-Rehman (Lab) Yasmin Toor (Lab)
Rochdale	Tom Besford (Lab) Susan Emmott (Lab)
Salford	David Lancaster (Lab) Robin Garrido(Con)
Stockport	Roy Driver (Lab) Helen Foster-Grime (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Alison Gwynne (Lab)

Trafford	Judith Lloyd (Lab) To be confirmed (Con)
Wigan	NA

9. That it be noted that the appointment of the Chair of the GM Waste & Recycling Committee will be made at the GMCA meeting in July, on the recommendation of the GM Waste & Recycling Committee.
10. That it be agreed to extend the appointment of Gwyn Griffiths and Catherine Scivier as Independent members of the GMCA's Audit Committee for a further 3-year term of office, effective from the date of this meeting, and terminating on 30th June 2023.
11. That the final appointments to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committees for 2020/21, up to June 2021 Annual Meeting be agreed as follow:

CORPORATE ISSUES & REFORM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY		
1	Bolton	Bev Fletcher (Con)
2	Bury	To be confirmed (Lab)
3		Tim Pickstone (Lib Dem)
4	Manchester	Paula Appleby (Lab)
5	Oldham	Colin McClaren (Lab)
6		Chris Goodwin (Lab)
7	Rochdale	Kallum Nolan (Lab)
8	Salford	Dave Jolley (Lab)
9		Tanya Burch (Lab)
10	Stockport	Dena Ryness (Lab)
11		John McGahan (Con)
12	Tameside	Teresa Smith (Lab)
13	Trafford	Anne Duffield (Lab)
14		Dave Morgan (Cons)
15	Wigan	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH & SKILLS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY		
1	Bolton	Samantha Connor (Con)
2		Susan Howarth (Lab)
3	Bury	Mary Whitby (Lab)
4	Manchester	Basat Sheikh (Lab)
5		Greg Stanton (Lab)
6	Oldham	George Hulme (Lab)
7	Rochdale	Daniel Meredith (Lab)
8		Mike Holly (Con)
9	Salford	Jim King (Lab)
10	Stockport	Kerry Waters (Lab)
11		Becky Senior (Lib Dem)
12	Tameside	Stephen Homer (Lab)
13	Trafford	Barry Brotherton (Lab)
14	Wigan	Charles Rigby (Lab)
15		Michael Winstanley (Con)

HOUSING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY		
1	Bolton	John Walsh (Con)
2	Bury	Martin Hayes (Lab)
3		Paul Cropper (Con)
4	Manchester	Mandie Shilton-Godwin (Lab)
5		Jill Lovecy (Lab)
6	Oldham	To be confirmed (Lab)
7	Rochdale	Linda Robinson (Lab)
8	Salford	Sharmina August (Lab)
9	Stockport	Janet Mobbs (Lab)
10		Charles Gibson (Lib Dem)

11	Tameside	Mike Glover (Lab)
12		Liam Billington (Con)
13	Trafford	Kevin Procter (Lab)
14		Amy Whyte (Lab)
15	Wigan	Fred Walker (Lab)

Substitute Members

	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Bolton	Akhtar Zaman	Diane Parkinson	n/a
Bury	TBC	Roy Walker	n/a
Manchester	n/a	n/a	To be confirmed
Oldham	TBC	n/a	Hazel Gloster Sam Al-Hamdani
Rochdale	Ray Dutton	Pat Sullivan	n/a
Salford	n/a	Ali Leitner Karen Garrido	n/a
Stockport	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tameside	Adrian Pearce	Ruth Welsh	n/a
Trafford	n/a	Sean Anstee	n/a

12. That the appointments to the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee for 2020/21, up to 30 June 2021 be agreed as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Martyn Cox (Con)	To be confirmed
Bury	Jane Black (Lab)	David Jones (Lab)
Manchester	Luthfur Rahman	To be confirmed
Oldham	Norman Briggs (Lab)	Mohammed Alyas (Lab)
Rochdale	Janet Emsley (Lab)	Susan Smith (Lab)
Salford	Stephen Coen (Lab)	David Lancaster (Lab)
Stockport	Kate Butler (Lab)	Tom McGee (Lab)
Tameside	Leanne Feeley (Lab)	Mike Smith (Lab)
Trafford	Liz Patel (Lab)	Mike Freeman (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

13. That the appointments by the GM Local Authorities to the Health and Care Board for 2020/21 be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Susan Baines (Con)	Andrew Morgan (Con)

Bury	Andrea Simpson (Lab)	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)
Manchester	Richard Leese (Lab)	Bev Craig (Lab)
Oldham	Zahid Chauhan (Lab)	To be confirmed
Rochdale	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)	Wendy Cocks (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	Gina Reynolds (Lab)
Stockport	Jude Wells (Lab)	Elise Wilson (Lab)
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Bill Fairfoull (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	Jane Slater (Lab)
Wigan	Peter Smith (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

14. That the appointments by the GM Local Authorities to the Joint Health Commissioning Board for 2020/21 and those appointed to be requested to appoint their own substitute be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Susan Baines (Con)	Andrew Morgan (Con)
Bury	Andrea Simpson (Lab)	To be confirmed
Manchester	Bev Craig (Lab)	To be confirmed
Oldham	Zahid Chauhan (Lab)	To be confirmed
Rochdale	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Gina Reynolds (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	Jude Wells (Lab)	Elise Wilson (Lab)
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	To be confirmed
Trafford	Jane Slater (Lab)	Andrew Western (Lab)
Wigan	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)	David Molyneux (Lab)

15. That the appointments to the GM Transport Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2020/21 be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Stuart Haslam (Con)	To be confirmed
Bury	Richard Gold (Lab)	Lucy Smith (Lab)
Manchester	Angeliki Stogia (Lab) Naeem Hassan (Lab)	Eddy Newman (Lab) Basat Shiekh (Lab)
Oldham	Ateeque Ur-Rehman (Lab)	Barbara Brownridge (Lab)
Rochdale	Phil Burke (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Roger Jones (Lab)	Mike McCusker (Lab)
Stockport	David Meller (Lab)	Matt Wynne (Lab)
Tameside	Warren Bray (Lab)	To be confirmed
Trafford	Steve Adshead (Lab)	James Wright (Lab)
Wigan	Joanne Marshall (Lab)	Clr Paul Prescott (Lab)

16. That it be noted that the GM Mayor is a member of the GM Transport Committee.

17. That the appointment of Allen Brett to act as a substitute member for the GM Mayor to attend meetings of the GM Transport Committee be noted.

18. That the appointment of Sean Fielding as the GMCA member of the GM Transport

Committee and Eamonn O'Brien to act as a substitute to the GM Transport Committee be approved.

19. That the GM Mayor's appointments to the Transport Committee be noted as follows:

Labour Appointments (5):

Dzidra Noor, Barry Warner, Mark Aldred, Peter Robinson, and Shah Wazir

Substitute Labour Appointments:

To be confirmed

Nominations received from GM Groups for 2020/21

Conservative Appointments (3):

Doreen Dickinson, Roy Walker, Nathan Evans

Substitute Conservative Members (2):

John Hudson, Linda Holt

Liberal Democrat Members (2):

Howard Sykes, John Leech

Substitute Liberal Democrat Members (2):

Angie Clark, David Wilkinson

20. That it be noted that the GM Transport Committee shall select and recommend the appointment of a Chair to the GMCA for approval.

21. That the appointment of the following councillors to the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership for 2020/21 be approved:

Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham

Richard Leese (Manchester) (Lab)

Brenda Warrington (Tameside) (Lab)

Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab)

22. That the appointment of the following councillors the Manchester Growth Company Board for 2020/21 be approved:

Elise Wilson (Stockport)

Paul Dennett (Salford)

Martyn Cox (Bolton)

Arooj Shah (Oldham)

Leanne Feeley (Tameside)

23. That the Portfolio Lead for Skills, Employment & Apprenticeships be appointed to the Skills and Employment Partnership for 2020/21, subject to the appointment of Councillor Luthfur Rahman for Manchester City Council.

24. That the appointment of the members to the Skill and Employment Executive be agreed.

District	Member
Bolton	Martyn Cox (Con)
Bury	Tamoor Tariq (Lab)
Manchester	Bev Craig (Lab)
Oldham	Sean Fielding (Lab)
Rochdale	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)
Salford	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	Amanda Peers (Lab)
Tameside	Gerald Cooney (Lab)
Trafford	James Wright (Lab)
Wigan	To be confirmed

25. That the GMCA Green-City Region Portfolio Lead be appointed to the GM Green City Region Partnership Board for 2020/21.

26. That the appointment of the GM Mayor to the Transport for the North Board for 2020/21 be noted.

27. That the appointment of Allen Brett as a substitute member of the TfN Board for 2020/21 be approved.

28. That the appointment of Roger Jones and Elsie Wraighte as the member and substitute members respectively on the TfN Scrutiny Committee for 2020/21 as agreed by the GMCA on 31 May 2020 be noted.

29. That the appointment of the following councillors to the Greater Manchester European Structural Fund (European Programmes) Local Management Committee for 2020/21 be approved.

Sean Fielding, (Skills & Employment),
David Molyneux (Resource & Investment) Finance)
Elise Wilson (Economy)
Keith Cunliffe (Wigan)
To be confirmed (Manchester)

30. That it be noted that the Planning & Housing Commission will appoint to the North West Flood and Coastal Committee for 2020/21 from its membership.

GMCA 83/20 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS – 2020/21

That the planned cycle of meetings as outlined below be approved –

Friday 31 July 2020
August – to be confirmed
Friday 25 September 2020
Friday 30 October 2020

Friday 27 November 2020
Friday 11 December 2020
Friday 29 January 2021
*Friday 12 February 2021 (budget meeting)
Friday 26 March 2021
April - Recess
Friday 28 May 2021
Friday 25 June 2021

GMCA 84/20 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor welcomed attendees and gave an update on the current GM position in relation to Covid-19. In particular he reminded the Combined Authority, that behind every number, there was a person, and many of which had sadly been affected or lost their lives whilst working on front line services. In order to express our condolences to their families, plans for a service of memorial, and an online digital book of remembrance had been made.

RESOLVED/-

That there will be a service of memorial on Thursday 16 July and a digital book of remembrance for all those people in Greater Manchester who have sadly lost their lives to Covid-19.

GMCA 85/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

That Councillor Elise Wilson, declared a personal interest in relation to item 18 on the agenda, Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation.

GMCA 86/20 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD 24 JUNE 2020

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA held 24 June 2020 be approved.

GMCA 87/20 GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES – JUNE 2020

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meetings as detailed below, be approved.

- Housing, Planning & Infrastructure – 11 June 2020
- Economy, Business Growth & Skills – 12 June 2020
- Corporate Issues & Reform – 16 June 2020

GMCA 88/20 ESTABLISHING WOMEN & GIRLS, FAITH AND RACE EQUALITY PANELS

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Portfolio Lead for Equalities introduced a report on the establishment of three new panels for the GMCA, to demonstrate the desire and determination to address inequalities which have been clear for some time but further exposed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

These panels will form an integral part to the Greater Manchester structures, and should be truly representative of the relevant communities. The Women and Girls and Race Equality Panels would be established as soon as possible, details of proposed membership were contained within the report. Following which, the establishment of the Faith Equality Panel would be undertaken.

Members of the Combined Authority recognised that the recent Public Health England report had identified that some communities had experienced a disproportional impact as a result of Covid-19, especially in respect of the Bangladeshi community.

There was some discussion as to the use of BAME (Black & Asian Minority Ethnic) as this term did not reflect the numbers and complexity of the varied communities across Greater Manchester, and that the Listening Panel established for the creation of the Race Equality Panel could help to identify terminology which was more reflective of individual communities. Furthermore, the Listening Panel could be instrumental in ensuring that an acceptable representation from a range of groups could be found for each Equality Panel.

The GMCA recognised that the diversity of its residents was part of its strength and that through working to encourage cohesion across all communities, a stronger Greater Manchester could be achieved as no inequality group sits in isolation. Looking to different representation would also ensure that all generations and the widest engagement across communities was found.

The GMCA fully supported these proposals, as these mechanisms were essential to create space for the voices of those who have been disproportionately affected by Covid, and whose engagement would be crucial to building a better GM.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the work to date, informing the further development of the panel propositions be noted.
2. That the approaches and principles set out to enable the immediate establishment of the Women & Girls Equality Panel, and a Race Equality Panel be agreed.
3. That a true representation be sought from amongst all community groups facing any inequality for the relevant panels.
4. That the Public Health England report detailing the disproportional impact of Covid-19 to some black and minority ethnic communities be noted.

GMCA 89/20 DEVELOPING A ONE YEAR GREATER MANCHESTER LIVING WITH COVID PLAN

The GM Mayor introduced a report which set out the process for the development of an initial one year 'Living with Covid' recovery plan, focused on those things that were fundamental to Greater Manchester's success and enabling GM to reduce risks, increase resilience and ultimately build back better. The report specifically set out the criteria and filter that has been applied to determine areas for inclusion in the plan, and as to how those filters would continue to be applied during the development of detailed delivery actions.

Each of the identified phases would be overlapping, and would prepare elements for the phase to come, for example, the current Test and Trace activity was already laying some foundations for the recovery phase. He explained how this report gave the GMCA a moment to reflect on the experience of Covid to date, and capture the benefits it had realised, whilst also reflecting as to how previous approaches may not work in this new climate.

The report specifically detailed proposals for how our Public Sector Reform ambitions could be furthered such as through the continued support of the Community Hub, supporting young people to catch up from missed education, the continuation of homelessness support, the introduction of a digital integrated care record and online services for mental health.

Public procurement had a key role in achieving some of these ambitions, with strong links to the Greater Manchester Employment Charter, supporting our own economy to grow whilst accelerating towards the ambitions of the Greater Manchester Strategy. Members of the GMCA felt that 'Living with Covid' phase needed to have a title that was uplifting and encouraging for residents as they take steps towards recovery, however with the understanding that the threat of the virus still remained and Government guidelines should still be followed.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the work to date to develop a GM one year Living with Covid Plan be noted.
2. That the stresses identified to be responded to in the development of detailed actions be endorsed.
3. That it be agreed that the Living with Covid plan be submitted to a future GMCA meeting.

GMCA 90/20 MONTHLY ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

Councillor Elise Wilson, Portfolio Lead for Economy & Business, introduced a report which monitored a suite of economic measures related to the impact on the Greater Manchester economy of the UK's exit from the European Union. Following the outbreak of Covid-19, the dashboard had also been used to aid in the monitoring of the impact of the pandemic on the GM economy as well as continuing to provide an assessment of the impact of Brexit and other economic developments. Cllr Wilson added that the GMCA wanted to recover GM healthy and safely, working closely with the Local Enterprise Partnership to use their expertise to aid a successful recovery phase.

Members of the GMCA recognised that the economy is everyone's issue, and stretches across all portfolios. The information contained within the report was really helpful in terms of offering an early warning of the projected economic trajectory and re-iterates the role of each member of the GM family in ensuring any negative impacts are mitigated.

To support this, it was imperative that Government brought forward the necessary infrastructure and investment. Members raised specific concerns that the furlough scheme has impacted some sectors more significantly, specifically the cultural, leisure and hospitality industries. If a blanket approach was given to the next stage of the furlough scheme then there would be serious disproportionate impacts, and therefore a sectoral approach would be crucial.

There remained a number of other large national challenges, including the need for minimum wage standard and social care reform that had been clearly highlighted through the pandemic, and there must be further support from Government to address these inequalities.

The GM Mayor reported that he, and the other eight Metro Mayors had met with the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding the potential issues with the furlough scheme, including the need for a sector based approach to the next stages, incidents of abuse of the scheme, and issues in relation to redundancy and termination of apprenticeships outside of normal processes and relevant legislation.

Greater Manchester had a strong track record of supporting people, through schemes such as Working Well, and it was felt that there should be further devolution to allow people to be effectively supported through this next stage of the pandemic. The GM Mayor had made the case to Government that these coming 12 months would be economically turbulent, and that GM were best placed to offer the most tailored support to its residents.

Members of the GMCA further added that there remained no light for some industry sectors, and that a 'one size fits all' approach to next stage of furlough could be significantly detrimental. A call for some additional discretionary funding was made, to allow GM to support specific struggling sectors as they were identified.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard be noted.
2. That the potential disproportionate affect to some sectors through a blanket approach to ending furlough be recognised, and that continual lobbying be undertaken by the GM Mayor on this issue.
3. That it agreed that Greater Manchester would benefit from some discretionary funding from Government to support particularly struggling sectors as they are identified.

GMCA 91/20 BUS REFORM CONSULTATION UPDATE

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM took Members through a report which offered full details of the consultation findings in relation to bus reform. A market assessment had been undertaken pre-covid but would have to be undertaken again to reflect the change in market conditions.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the contents of this report and the report attached at Appendix 2 ('Bus Franchising in Greater Manchester June 2020 – Consultation Report') be noted.
2. That it be noted that a further report will be submitted to members in due course which will consider the potential impact and effects of COVID-19 on the bus market and make recommendations about appropriate next steps.

GMCA 92/20 GMCA CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION UPDATE & 5 YEAR ENVIRONMENT PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for the Green City Region introduced a report that updated progress following the climate emergency declaration made by the GMCA in July 2019, and the actions subsequently agreed to deliver on the declaration including opportunities to further reduce CO2 emissions from the GMCA's operations.

There had been significant work in assessing the emissions from the public estate, and ensuring that the Covid 1 Year Plan reflects ambitions from a green city region perspective. Stakeholders had continued to engage online to ensure that projects were still being delivered where possible during the pandemic. Carbon Dioxide and Nitrogen Oxide emissions had noticeably fallen over the past three months, with strong public awareness of the improved air quality. In fact, there had been a 5-10% decrease in emissions world-wide, with potentially more from the UK. Increased use of green space and the sudden increase of remote working had been just two clear environmental positives to be recognised from the lock down period. Greater Manchester remains ambitious, but also on track to deliver on its carbon emissions target by 2028, ahead of the 2030 national target.

GMCA Members were informed that the next Green Summit was planned to take place as an online event at the end of 2020.

Members raised some concern that as lock down was eased, emission levels would quickly increase again to original levels, and that this would require fine balancing. Although not all determinants were in GMs control, influence was being sought where possible and evidence of the impact of behaviour change had been observed. GM plans such as the Transport Strategy 2040 would support the GMCA to continue this momentum, and keep Greater Manchester moving in the right direction, however officers were keeping a watching brief over the potential environmental impact of increased car usage over this next phase of recovery.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report on the progress against the GMCA Climate Emergency Plan be noted.
2. That the Annual Report for the GM 5 Year Environment Plan for the first 12 months, April 2019-April 2020 be noted.

GMCA 93/20 EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND 2014-20 PROGRAMME UPDATE

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Digital, Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships introduced a report which provided Members with an update on Greater Manchester's European Social Fund (ESF) allocation within the ESIF 2014–2020 programme and detailed how delivery activity, where possible, was being shaped to respond to challenges presented by COVID-19.

Members of the GMCA felt that engagement with the business community had further strengthened over recent years, and they could have a significant role to play as part of GM's recovery if they were able to offer training and/or support to local education providers to meet the skills gaps. Their intelligence and understanding of their required skills markets was more essential than ever and therefore members recognised the importance of strong and effective partnership working with shared ambitions to ensure there were as many opportunities as possible for people to develop the most relevant and sought after skills. Schemes such as GMAX would give the required infrastructure, but it was further recognised that they must be business sector driven.

RESOLVED/-

1. That progress in committing Greater Manchester's European Social Fund (ESF) allocation and attempts to repurpose and apply flexibilities in response to challenges presented by COVID-19 be noted.
2. That it be agreed that GMCA can proceed with its GM Skills for Growth ESF programme and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Treasurer to enter into contract with the ESF Managing Authority (DWP).
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Treasurer to proceed with the procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills for Growth programme in conjunction with the Portfolio Lead.
5. That the status of the final Co-Financing Programmes application for Youth Opportunity Programme be noted and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Treasurer for design sign off following development in conjunction with areas/partners.

GMCA 94/20 MAYORS CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND (MCF) (KEY DECISION)

The GM Mayor took Members of the Combined Authority through a report which set out the funding requirements required to ensure the continued delivery of the Mayor's Challenge Fund programme for Walking and Cycling. He reported that the current pipeline included a further 9 schemes, which build on the aspirations of the Bee Network.

The report specifically highlighted £3.25m required for improvements to the Princess Road / Mancunian Way junction which currently caused significant difficulties for cyclists and pedestrians.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress made in developing a set of MCF delivery priorities across GM and the agreement of a prioritised first phase for the programme be noted.

2. That the release of up to £7 million of development cost funding for the nine MCF schemes set out in this report be approved.
3. That £3.25 million for the MCC Princess Road/Mancunian Way scheme in order to secure full approval and enable the signing of a delivery agreement be approved.

GMCA 95/20 GMCA LOCAL GROWTH DEAL AND MAYORS CHALLENGE FUND SCHEME APPROVALS – A5063 TRAFFORD ROAD (SALFORD) (KEY DECISION)

The GM Mayor introduced a report which sought approval for the A5063 Trafford Road (Salford) Scheme and specific approval of the associated release to Salford City Council of £9.518 million Local Growth Deal funding and £4.832 million Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund resources to enable the delivery of the scheme.

In support of this scheme, Members agreed that it would be able to contribute to GM's active travel ambitions, and would also encourage more people to enjoy the outdoors.

RESOLVED/-

That Full Approval be granted for the A5063 Trafford Road (Salford) Scheme and that the associated funding release to Salford City Council of the remaining £9.518 million of the total £10.5 million Local Growth Deal funding and £4.832 million of Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund resources to enable the delivery of the scheme be further approved.

GMCA 96/20 STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DELIVERY PLAN 2020-2025

The GM Mayor updated the GMCA on Stockport's proposals for a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) for the Stockport Town Centre West area. This would include 3,500 new homes, the re-development of Stockport Interchange and the introduction of new green space in the town centre. The scheme was the first ever MDC for a town centre in the UK, and could become a blueprint for further brownfield site developments that help places to be in a strong position for recovery and reinvestment.

Councillor Elise Wilson, Leader of Stockport Council further added that the establishment of the MDC was a significant team effort and would be setting the bar for urban regeneration in town centres across the country.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan May 2020 – March 2025 be approved.
2. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Action Plan May 2020 – March 2021 be approved.

3. That it be noted that The Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation model has the potential to be replicated in other GM areas, and all Local Authorities were invited to share in further the details of the scheme if they so wish.

GMCA 97/20 BUDGET OUTTURN REPORTS 2019/20

Note: This item was deferred to the July meeting of the GMCA.

GMCA 98/20 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (KEY DECISION)

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources took Members through a report which sought approval for a loan to Private White VC Limited "Private White" who would be producing PPE, supporting local jobs and local investment and had also signed up to Greater Manchester's Good Employment Charter.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the funding application for Private White (loan of up to £1,400,000) be approved in order to progress to due diligence.
2. That authority be delegated to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority 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 1 above.

GMCA 99/20 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 items on business on the grounds that this 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 100/20 STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DELIVERY PLAN 2020-25

This item was considered in support of the Part A – Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Delivery Plan 2020-25 (minutes reference GMCA 96/20)

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 101/20 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

This item was considered in support of the Part A – GM Investment Framework and Conditional Project Approval (minutes reference GMCA 98/20)

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.