

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER  
AUTHORITIES EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**PRESENT:**

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Sara Rowbotham
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 - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA - Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	Fiona Worrall
Oldham	Rebekah Sutcliffe
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Jayne Traverse
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward

**AGMA 17/20 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the apologies be received and noted from Cllr Allen Brett (Cllr Sara Rowbotham attending) Cllr Richard Leese and Cllr David Greenhalgh.

<b>BOLTON</b>	<b>MANCHESTER</b>	<b>ROCHDALE</b>	<b>STOCKPORT</b>	<b>TRAFFORD</b>
<b>BURY</b>	<b>OLDHAM</b>	<b>SALFORD</b>	<b>TAMESIDE</b>	<b>WIGAN</b>

**AGMA 18/20 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED /-**

There were no Chairs announcements or urgent business.

**AGMA 19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda.

**AGMA 20/20 MINUTES OF THE AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 31 JULY 2020**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the AGMA Executive Board meeting held 31 July 2020 be approved.

**AGMA 21/20 GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK - TIMETABLE**

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, explained how the Plan for Homes, Jobs and the Environment (GMSF) was a statutory Joint Development Plan which sought to contribute to the sustainable development of Greater Manchester. The Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination following a detailed consultation period and would also require formal sign off by each GM Local Authority.

The GMSF does not sit in isolation and was part of a suite of policy documents that would be key to supporting the recovery and long term growth of Greater Manchester. It also supported the ambitions of a number of portfolio areas through its potential for reducing inequalities, contributing to economic growth and helping to reduce carbon emissions.

In the context of living with Covid, it was important to recognise the even greater need for clarity and vision for GM's future, and therefore that the GMSF needs to remain on track to help tackle the wider issues that people will now be facing.

Greater Manchester has a target to deliver 50,000 affordable homes, 30,000 of which to be available for affordable rent. The GMSF is key tool to ensuring that this target was deliverable to determine where development could take place, protecting the land of greatest utility and avoiding the additional future resource cost of going through the planning by appeal process.

Government have already demonstrated their commitment to supporting future building and regeneration schemes through the creation of the Brownfield Land Fund and Getting Building Fund, both of which Greater Manchester had been successful in applying for and being awarded. These resources and commitments were vital to help

Greater Manchester to begin to level up.

Members welcomed the proposed timetable, and sought further clarity on the consultation process given social distancing restrictions, with a view to ensuring that all residents had the ability to participate. It was confirmed that there were a number of approaches being reviewed to ensure maximum engagement, including virtual conferences, telephony consultations, and advocates for vulnerable users in addition to the use of online consultation tools.

The GM Mayor noted these additional measures, and reiterated the importance for a voice to be given to all residents through a creative consultation approach.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That Greater Manchester's Plan for Homes, Jobs and the Environment (GMSF) be considered in the context of other GM Strategies such as the Local Industrial Strategy and Housing Strategy as all seek to contribute to the sustainable development of Greater Manchester.
2. That the proposed timeline for the GMSF as outlined in Section 6 of the report be approved. Specifically that it is proposed that an 8 week consultation will begin in early November 2020, and that all evidence base documents will be available for public viewing 4 weeks prior to the formal consultation starting.