

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY  
HELD ON FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 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 Eamonn O'Brien
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 – GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Helen Lockwood
Salford	Ben Dolan
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
TfGM	Steve Warrener
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Lindsay Dunn
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh

**GMCA 169/20            APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED /-**

That apologies be received and noted from Steven Pleasant, Steve Rumbelow, Pam Smith and Jim Taylor.

**GMCA 170/20            CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The GM Mayor advised that the date of the meeting of the GMCA in December would be Friday 18 December 2020.

On behalf of the GMCA, the GM Mayor provided a statement in response to the report from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission into the review of the Anti-Semitism within the Labour Party. He expressed apologies to the Jewish communities across GM for the serious failings of the Labour Party in relation to dealing with Anti-Semitism.

Communities and Jewish people across the UK had been badly let down and it would be essential that the recommendations of the Equalities and Human Rights Commission report were implemented in full and without delay. In recent years, as leaders, the GMCA has publicly spoken out on Labour Party failures in relation to Anti-Semitism and not adopting the full International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition. Until there was permanent culture change within the Labour Party, speaking out openly would continue in support of Jewish communities.

The broad structure of the oneGM campaign launched earlier in the week to bring together people and businesses with a commitment to supporting those whose livelihoods have been affected directly by the Tier 3 Covid restrictions was outlined.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the GMCA meeting in December be held on 18 December 2020.
2. That the GMCA Statement in response to the report from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission into the review of the Anti-Semitism within the Labour Party be noted.
3. That the launch of the oneGM campaign in response to the implementation of Tier 3 restrictions across GM endorsed.

**GMCA 171/20            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED /-**

There were no declarations of interests received.

**GMCA 172/20                    MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD 25 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 25 September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 173/20                    MINUTES OF THE GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD IN OCTOBER 2020**

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Housing, Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 8 October 2020 be noted.
2. That the minutes of the meeting of the Economy, Business, Skills and Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 9 October 2020 be noted.
3. That the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15 October 2020 be noted.

**GMCA 174/20                    MINUTES OF THE GMCA TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – 9 OCTOBER 2020**

**RESOLVED/-**

That the Minutes of the GM Transport Committee held on 9 October 2020 be noted.

**GMCA 175/20                    MINUTES OF THE GM LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP – 13 OCTOBER 2020**

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership meeting held on 13 October 2020 be noted.

**GMCA 176/20                    MINUTES OF THE GM WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE - 14 OCTOBER 2020**

That the minutes of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 14 October 2020 be noted.

**GMCA 177/20                    MONTHLY ECONOMIC RECOVERY UPDATE**

Councillor Elise Wilson, Portfolio Lead for Economy & Business, provided the latest version of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard which aimed to provide the GMCA with the latest intelligence on the conditions in the Greater Manchester economy following the outbreak of Covid-19.

It was confirmed that the dashboard would be a standing agenda item going forward and it was anticipated that the next update would demonstrate the economic impact of Tier 3 restrictions. It was recognised that the end of the furlough scheme was imminent, and it would be difficult to predict the immediate future given the amount of uncertainty.

Members were advised that the number of job vacancies had not returned to pre Covid levels, with vacancies not in the same industries individuals had left. The importance of investment in the provision of skills and re-training to support residents was regarded as essential to drive economic recovery in GM.

The importance and inter-relationship between skills and the economy was acknowledged along with the support which would be required for those viable businesses who had been disproportionately impacted by the crisis.

The lack of a substantial support package for airports and the aviation industry, particularly Manchester Airport, remained a concern given the contribution and importance to the GM economy.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard be noted.
2. That the importance of investment in skills and re-training to support the residents of Greater Manchester in returning to employment be acknowledged, recognising that many of the emerging job vacancies in the market had not returned to previous levels and not in the same industries as when residents had originally been furloughed or when jobs ceased to exist as a consequence of the pandemic.
3. That lack of available financial package of support to Manchester Airport remained a concern, given the contribution to the economy.

#### **GMCA 178/20            GM BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND ("BHF") TRANCHE 1 SPEND ALLOCATION (KEY DECISION)**

Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, introduced report requesting GMCA's approval to allocate grant funding to those sites recommended within the report and subsequently enter into individual Grant Agreements with the respective parties.

The Government recently announced a GM initial allocation of Brownfield Housing Fund of £81.1m over a 5-year period which would enable the mobilisation of the brownfield first approach articulated in the GMCA's plan for homes, jobs, and the environment (Greater Manchester Spatial Framework). In addition to this, a further £1.94m revenue spend would also to be allocated to the GMCA. The risks and challenges to deliverability were outlined along with agreed criteria for allocation.

In welcoming the news, the GM Mayor thanked the Salford City Mayor for his contributions and commented that the funding underpinned the GMSF ensuring a brownfield first approach to the framework.

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien acknowledged the work of the Salford City Mayor and the GMCA and welcomed the opportunity for Bury to be recommended for an allocation from tranche 1. Furthermore, the positive opportunities for delivery on regeneration projects in Radcliffe were welcomed.

In recognising of the tight timescales for identification of site allocations, Councillor Sean Fielding highlighted some of the complexities of brownfield sites, with a request for support and capacity for Oldham and other areas with similar challenges, from the allocated revenue funding to benefit from tranche 2 funding.

Councillor Elise Wilson acknowledged the significance of the work undertaken to unlock developments to enable delivery on the pledge of brownfield first. The benefits for Stockport in tranche 1 involving the Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation were highlighted.

Councillor David Molyneux welcomed the work undertaken with a suggestion that the Government be reminded of the significance impact that redevelopment has on communities.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the allocation of grant funding, to those sites set out within Appendix A of the report, be approved.
2. That the progress of the work on the development of criteria for the prioritisation for the second tranche ("Tranche 2") of funding based on a Place Based Assessment where all eligible schemes will again be considered for 2021 spend and beyond be noted.
3. That it be noted that the work was aligned to wider GM policy objectives and the 'Build Back Better' areas of focus.
4. That the proposal for the GMCA entering into individual Grant Agreements for the Brownfield Housing Fund associated with the recommended sites be approved.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer, to agree the final terms of all the necessary agreements.

#### **GMCA 179/20 MAYORS CHALLENGE FUND - WALKING AND CYCLING FINANCIAL APPROVALS (KEY DECISION)**

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, introduced a report seeking approval of funding to ensure the continued delivery of the Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF) programme for Walking and Cycling.

In doing so, he highlighted the progress being made and hard work of the Cycling and Walking Commissioner, Chris Boardman and the team. It was advised that the anticipated delivery of 55

miles of the Bee Network in 2021 reflected the significant acceleration and headway being across GM.

Five schemes were recommended for full approval:

- Manchester to Chorlton (Phase 2) – MCF funding requirement of £2,209,070
- Stockport A6 MARR Links – MCF funding requirement of £1,518,546
- Stockport Crossings Package – MCF funding requirement of £1,255,089
- Stockport to Offerton scheme - MCF funding requirement of £2,162,571
- Salford Swinton Greenway – MCF funding requirement of £4,693,110

A total MCF funding contribution of £11,838,386 was requested and approved from members of the GMCA.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the agreed MCF delivery priorities across GM and the prioritised first phase for the programme, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.
2. That the £11.9 million MCF funding for the five schemes, listed in Section 2 of the report, in order for them to secure Full Approval and enable the signing of a Delivery Agreement, be approved.

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