

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bolton	Councillor Martin Cox
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Tom McGee
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tameside	Councillor Leanne Feeley
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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
Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	Gemma Marsh
Young Person's Guarantee, Chair	Diane Modhal

GMCA 204/20

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

1. That apologies be received and noted from Cllr Elise Wilson (Cllr Tom McGee attending), Cllr David Greenhalgh (Cllr Martin Cox attending) Joanne Roney and Pam Smith.
2. That apologies from Councillor Allen Brett and Steve Rumbelow (Rochdale), who were unable to join due to technical difficulties be noted.

GMCA 205/20 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor expressed his disappointment that all GM boroughs remained in the Government's tier 3 restrictions despite progress in all areas, and overall covid case numbers lower than the UK average. Thanks were expressed to the residents of Greater Manchester for their sacrifices that have contributed to this position, and recognition as to the added pressures that this puts onto both individuals and businesses as they face the challenges of a winter period within these restrictions. Concerns as to the impact of an ease of restrictions over the Christmas period were noted, specifically the added pressure that this would give to the enforcement action that would be required to be undertaken by Greater Manchester Police.

Sir Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Health added that the tier decision of Government was inexplicable in light of all indicators moving in the right direction. The unified position to apply these restrictions across GM was not in line with decisions taken to split other areas of the UK, such as Surrey, and the people of GM would be understandably frustrated by this. It was important that messaging continued to advise people to adhere to social distancing, in particular over the Christmas period when potentially mixing with elderly or vulnerable relatives.

Members of the GMCA expressed their concern as to the lack of clarity regarding how an area can move tiers, when all indicators were pointing to another tier, the recent push back from Government regarding GM's position was seeming to undermine the whole tiering system and could further reduce public confidence. It was clear that there would be a significant disproportionate impact on businesses, specifically those in the hospitality industry and further Government support would be essential to their survival.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GMCA express its disappointment that the Government had decided that GM will remain Tier 3, despite the Covid related data evidencing the decline in infection rates in all GM districts and overall the number of cases in GM now being below the national average.
2. That the GMCA recognise the exceptional challenges for businesses as a result of GM remaining in Tier 3, in particular those businesses in the hospitality sector, and the GMCA would continue to lobby Government for extra support for those businesses unable to open and operate in the usual way.
3. That the GMCA would continue to urge Government to provide clarity on the thresholds that would enable GM to move to Tier 2, together with a full review of tiers at the earliest opportunity.
4. That it be noted that the GM Mayor and Deputy Mayor would be making a statement later today following the recent announcement by HMIC (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of

Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services) regarding the requirement for Greater Manchester Police to enter special measures.

GMCA 206/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

That Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett and Councillor Richard Leese declared a personal, prejudicial disclosable interest in Item 18 – GM Investment Framework Approvals.

GMCA 207/20 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD 27 NOVEMBER 2020

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 27 November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

GMCA 208/20 MINUTES OF THE GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD IN DECEMBER 2020

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the Economy, Business Skills & Growth Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 4 December 2020 be noted.
2. That the minutes of the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 8 December 2020 be noted.

GMCA 209/20 GMCA APPOINTMENTS

1. That the appointment of Councillor Carter, replacing Councillor Duffield (Trafford), on the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee be approved.
2. That the appointment of Councillor Adshead, replacing Councillor Lloyd (Trafford) on the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee be approved.

GMCA 210/20 YOUNG PERSONS GUARANTEE

Diane Modhal, Chair of the Young Person’s Task Force introduced a report which provided an overview of the Young Person’s Guarantee work to date and outlined the progress from the youth consultation period undertaken in June 2020. The recommendations within the report outlined the areas that the Task Force and Youth Advisory Group felt were the current priorities that should be addressed.

Members recognised that 2020 had disproportionately affected young people, and that there was a role for the GMCA in improving the offer available to them in terms of services and support and enabling them to recover as promptly and successfully from the pandemic as possible. It was important that these recommendations had been developed from the most significant concerns of young people themselves as this furthers understanding and helps GM to get the offer right.

The leadership and passion in young person's engagement was praised, as this was contrary to the disconcerting way young people were currently being treated in society, in relation to the cost of higher education, the lack of suitable housing, zero hour contracts, and the impact of welfare reform. All of which had been further negatively impacted through the pandemic.

The under-funding of youth services and preventative engagement was highlighted as a further system concern, as this work had previously supported people not to 'fall through the net' or experience exclusion.

There was strong support for the recommendations contained within the report, and Members added that they helped to offer some real hope and optimism for young people across GM, enabling new doors to be opened to them and further inequalities to be addressed.

In response, Diane Modahl thanked the GMCA for their support, and echoed the sense of urgency in securing some traction for the highlighted priorities. A set of measures to be held accountable by would be useful in ensuring the availability of resources to support delivery throughout 2021, however the progress to date was also noted by the GMCA.

The GM Mayor added that there was already strong commitment to action across all GM authorities, supported by a recent revision of the GMCAS (Greater Manchester Apprenticeship and Careers Service) as a single portal for opportunities for young people. All partners were thanked for their commitment to the GMCAS scheme, however it was felt that it could be further populated in relation to internships and work experience opportunities.

Ensuring provision for young people within the current challenges for Local Authorities would have its difficulties, therefore innovative networks and funding streams alongside new ways of working would be imperative to its success. However, it was recognised that the work of the Youth Task Force further emphasised Greater Manchester's commitment to support young people in times of great uncertainty and an extension of the Our Pass Pilot would provide free travel to education and offer further opportunities to help to get their lives back on track.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report and final project report be noted.
2. That the further development of the Young Person's Guarantee into a set of actions with Key Performance Indicators be agreed, covering:
 - I. Staff resource capacity to develop the scope of the actions and recommendations (from the final project report attached) within the context of the city-region; across partners, business & LAs. This will sit in the GMCA (W&S Team) and work across all areas within the recommendations to act as a connector to develop the work.

- II. Exploration of additional resource requirements to deliver the recommendations in the final project report and where this is within current budgets or where there are gaps; also what can be taken forward at no cost.
 - III. Accountability process retaining Diane Modahl as Chair of the Young Persons Guarantee, including the engagement of the GM Youth Combined Authority.
 - IV. Evaluation of what has been successful: Have we reached Young People...One year on.
3. That the GMCA commit to action in localities by supporting the generation of further commitments that will be published on the GM Apprenticeships & Careers Service.
 4. That the extension of the Our Pass Pilot for further year, from 1 September 2021, be approved.
 5. That a further report be submitted to the GMCA on progress against the developed Key Performance Indicators.
 6. That it be noted that the GMCA would continue to make further representations to Government in the New Year regarding the fair allocation of examination grades for current Year 11 and Year 13 pupils in recognition of the time spent out of the classroom during the Covid 19 pandemic.

GMCA 211/20 NO CHILD GOES HUNGRY

The GM Mayor introduced a report which outlined the proposals for the 'No Child Goes Hungry' campaign over Christmas 2020 which was aimed at responding to gaps in national provision and supporting the ongoing humanitarian response being led by GM Local Authorities. The report both sought to raise awareness of the immediate intentions of the campaign as well as the long-term ambitions of future work to tackle the issue of child poverty across the city-region. It was noted that the number of families struggling financially during 2020 was continuing to rise, and thanks were expressed to local leadership who have stepped forward to plug the gaps created by Government policy for demographic groups including those recently unemployed, self-isolating and with no recourse to public funds. Over 1000 emergency food cards had been distributed across GM providing a lifeline to children and young people in crisis.

Members added that they would also be continuing to lobby for the continuation of Universal Credit post April 2021 and the end of the benefit cap. It was important not to leave people behind as we move into post pandemic recovery and to ensure minimal impact on families. However, the challenge of poverty was recognised as considerable and growing and therefore, it would be imperative for the GMCA to keep a wider focus on the underlying issues of poverty and maintain pressure on Government to improve systems that currently fail people.

Schemes such as the Northern Roots project in Oldham were recognised as flagships in relation to food poverty and should be developed as part of the long-term solution to this issue through real and sustainable Government investment.

The GMCA further recognised the vital support of the 3rd sector in supporting people with no access to other funds, such as food parcels provided to 300 students who were in GM over the Christmas period. However, this support should not have to be relied upon in the modern world and it was anticipated that demand would only increase following the end of the furlough scheme and as the pandemic continued.

The GM Mayor summarised, that as a city-region there was a need for creative service design that stopped people falling through the gaps and ensured that they were supported to access all opportunities available to them.

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be noted that the GMCA supports the immediate intentions of the No Child Should Go Hungry campaign over the Winter to fill gaps in national provision and provide further support to work being led locally.
2. That it be noted that whilst there was a crisis response element to this campaign it was intended that a more upstream approach to fulfilling the pledge 'No Child Should Go Hungry' in GM would be developed over coming months, building on learning through this phase.

GMCA 212/20 LIVING WITH COVID RESILLIENCE PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

The GM Mayor took Members through a report which provided an update on the progress of the implementation of the Living with Covid Resilience Plan and the development of mechanisms to drive system change to better respond to the environmental and equalities impacts arising.

The initial plan was approved in September 2020 and has been used as a route map for the work of the GMCA and partners over recent months. The second wave of the pandemic had further tested structures and increased the pressure on resources and it was now a timely opportunity to review the progress and determine the way forward in the current landscape. A recent survey undertaken had given further insight into the lived out experience of Covid-19 for people across Greater Manchester and had recognised the significant hardship that was being faced across the sub-region with over half of respondents also reporting a negative impact on their mental health.

The GM Tackling Inequalities Board had been established to create the infrastructure by which a focus could be maintained on these issues going forward as it was clear that inequalities as a result off the pandemic were growing.

Work so far had included progress on the 'No Child Goes Hungry' initiative, a continuation of 'A Bed Every Night' providing accommodation for 520 people over the Christmas period, and had highlighted the need for both digital exclusion and mental health provision to be prioritised as we move into 2021.

Members welcomed this update, and reported how it had further spotlighted the need to address significant inequalities across GM. The Tackling Inequalities Board would be overseeing this agenda and had already begun to advise Local Authorities as to identifying the potential inequality impact of any new policy that was coming into place. This work would be able to further support

Government's ambition to level up communities across England and keep Greater Manchester a great place to live.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress made over the first quarter delivery and the overall progress as reported in the Greater Manchester Strategy outcomes dashboards be noted.
2. That the GMCA would continue to pursue tackling the impact of inequalities, digital exclusion and improving the provision of mental health support services.
3. That the GMCA's commitment to ensuring that all new policies would be assessed against their potential impact on inequalities be reaffirmed.

GMCA 213/20 MONTHLY ECONOMIC RECOVERY DASHBOARD

Jim Taylor, Lead GM Chief Executive for the Economy introduced a report which provided the latest version of the Greater Manchester Economy Resilience Dashboard. It detailed how there had been a rapid increase in benefit claimants in April/May 2020 which had now levelled out but remained high. 8% of the GM workforce remained furloughed, equating to 103,000 people. Further unemployment was also envisaged for the next few months contributing to a forecasted reduction in GVA (gross value added) of 10% by the end of the financial year.

Members informed the GMCA that there had been recent positive news in relation to new ownership of the Trafford Centre as a major employer and retail location for Greater Manchester. It was also recognised that the recent extension of the Metrolink line to Trafford Park would contribute to making it a significant destination once the covid restrictions had been removed.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience dashboard be noted.
2. That it be noted that the online version of the Economic Recovery Dashboard was updated regularly and available online.
3. That the recent news regarding the future ownership of the Trafford Centre be welcomed given the significant role in providing employment opportunities and the wider economic impact across GM.

GMCA 214/20 GREATER MANCHESTER PREPARATIONS FOR EU EXIT AND UPDATED ANALYSIS ON THE POSSIBLE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Jim Taylor, Lead GM Chief Executive for the Economy provided an update on the coordination of activities across GM to prepare for the end of the EU transition period on the 31 December 2020. The report provided an overview of the current position regarding GM activity around the International Strategy, EU funding and a detailed analysis of possible economic impacts arising from Brexit. Greater Manchester's coordination group continued to meet to look at areas including

border control and civil contingencies and plans continued to change in the rapidly moving climate. Data within the report offered a range of forecasted scenarios built on previous reports to ensure the GMCA were as informed as much as possible on the current position. Furthermore, it was recognised how important the refreshed International Strategy would be to progressing forward as a no deal Brexit could result in a further 2% reduction in the UK's GVA.

Members were concerned that an Australian style deal would not be positive for the UK's economy, especially in a post-covid climate where public finances were in a difficult state, and therefore urged that negotiations remained open to ensure an ongoing trade relationship with the EU.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the work underway by the GM Brexit Readiness Group to understand the impacts arising from EU exit and the coordination of responses from across the city-region be noted.
2. That the work underway on the GM International Strategy and ongoing partnership working with EU nations to develop GM opportunities in the future be noted.
3. That the update provided regarding EU funding sources be noted.
4. That the refreshed economic analysis undertaken and possible implications for the GM economy be noted.
5. That it be noted that the GMCA would continue to engage with Government to pursue a deal for UK that maintains a trading relationship with the EU, given that an 'Australian Style Deal' would be detrimental to the economy.

GMCA 215/20 THE MAYORS CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND

The GM Mayor introduced a report which sought funding approvals in order to ensure the continued delivery of the Mayor's Challenge Fund programme for walking and cycling. There had been significant progress to date, and thanks were expressed to the team. This round of approvals sought to further develop the BeeNetwork which had wider benefits to health, the environment and people's overall quality of life. In the recent announcement regarding Active Travel funding from Government, Greater Manchester had been successful in being awarded £12.7m for capital costs which evidenced Government's confidence in GM's ability to deliver.

Members of the GMCA welcomed the additions to the network and recognised their role in enabling people to move about the city region. Having an interconnected public transport and active travel system would be crucial to reducing the number of cars on the road. Schemes should be ambitious, have significant capacity and create space for more investment and further funding. Government support should also influence national and local policy and allow Local Authorities to deliver on their ambitions.

Members expressed their pride for the initiative that Greater Manchester had already shown to this agenda which had enabled the programme to have already achieved so much. The support from officers at TfGM and across Local Authorities was welcomed, as were their creative ideas and solutions. In developing a BeeNetwork, school pupils had been offered safe routes to school, older

people were able to move about their neighbourhood with reduced fear of the roads and there were now areas where a number of modes had successfully been able to share a space.

There was strong support for the initiatives included within the report, and those already being delivered across the sub-region. However, there were reports of some shared space schemes not being as welcomed by all road users. Particularly a scheme in Bolton where feedback from cyclists and motorists was being collected to ensure their comments could be taken into account for further scheme adaptations or other similar future schemes.

The Covid lockdown periods had significantly encouraged residents to walk and cycle more, and all GM boroughs had been able to benefit from the growth of the BeeNetwork to offer further routes for their communities encouraging more active travel and spreading the reach of the network. Members were keen to ensure that schemes remained equitable across GM, and where possible that they connected with other routes and other areas. People had already reported that they had allowed them to better reach employment and educational sites, access retail provision safely and avoid heavy traffic areas. Ensuring people feel safe along these pathways was vital to their success, and therefore Members further welcomed the inclusion of signage and lighting within scheme designs.

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 £6.3 million MCF funding for the three named schemes be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable the signing of a delivery agreement.
3. That the release of up to £2.12 million of development cost funding for the 4 MCF schemes, set out in section 2 of the report, be approved.
4. That the addition to the 2020/21 Capital Programme of £12.7 million of costs to be funded from the capital grant of £12.7 million that forms part of the £15.9 million of Active Travel (Tranche 2) funding, as set out in section 4 of the report, be approved.
5. That the addition of the £3.2 million to the GMCA Transport Revenue Budget, funded from the £3.2 million revenue grant that forms part of the £15.9 million of Active Travel (Tranche 2) funding, as set out in section 4 of the report, be approved.
6. That the GMCA would urge the Cycling and Walking Commissioner and his team to look for further avenues to build greater capacity within the bee network to further improve connectivity.

GMCA 216/20 LOCAL GROWTH DEAL UPDATE AND APPROVALS

The GM Mayor took Members through a report which provided an overview of progress on the delivery of the Local Growth Deal Programme, tranches 1,2 and 3 and sought approval to vary the transport grant allocation in order to maximise Growth Deal spend by March 2021. Its specific proposal, which had already been agreed with Government, was to create a variation on the

Growth Deal transport element to the Mayor's Challenge Fund of £.4m that could ultimately be recovered.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Transport Programme, as set out in Section 3 of the report, be noted.
2. That the progress made in relation to the non transport Skills Capital and Economic Development & Regeneration (ED &R) programmes, as set out in Section 5 of the report, be noted.
3. That the £5.4 million variation of the Growth Deal Transport Grant to maximise eligible grant spend on the Mayors Challenge Fund Cycling and Walking programme for 2020/2021, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be agreed.

GMCA 217/20

GREEN HOMES GRANT LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY SCHEME: PHASE 1B

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for the Green City Region introduced a report which sought approval for a proposal for the GMCA to bid for an additional £5-6m Government funding from the 'Green Homes Grant: Local Authority Delivery' Phase 1b Fund on behalf of GM Local Authorities and Registered Providers.

Greater Manchester had already been successful in its Phase 1a award for a share of Government's £0.5b Green Homes Grant. Both elements of the scheme aimed to support the lowest income households to improve their energy efficiency and actively contribute to Government's target of zero carbon by 2050. If successful, the GMCA could secure 15% of the allocated grant funding to coordinate the scheme, which had already seen a significant level of interest from private landlords across the conurbation.

Members welcomed the support of Government to reduce carbon emissions from homes, and help GM deliver its own ambition of zero carbon by 2038, however there was some anxiety around this policy as it had already been introduced and removed between 2006 and 2015 and therefore needed an ambitious pace to counteract the previously missed opportunities. With greater strategic thinking, new homes would be built to a zero carbon spec and would no longer require retrofitting in 10-15 years' time with difficulty as their initial construction was non-standard. The GMCA urged for this scheme to be offered as widely as possible, as lives would be changed as a result of lower fuel bills and less fuel poverty.

Members further recognised the significant impact on the environment and climate at large and recognised that often the poorest communities often have the worst pollution, the dirtiest air, the highest risk of flooding etc and these challenges are inequitable and unfair so must be addressed. This was a substantial challenge that required monumental investment, but Greater Manchester was determined to deliver and see the wide-ranging benefits improve lives.

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be agreed that GM Local Authorities should collectively bid for £5-6m of Green Homes Grant, to extend the existing green homes grant funded programme from March 21 to September 21.
2. That it be agreed that the GMCA should be the accountable body for the bid on behalf of GM Local Authorities and Registered Providers.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer, subject to a successful bid, to contract with BEIS, receipt and defray the funds to partners.
4. That it be noted that equalities impact from this proposal will be managed via utilising delivery companies with robust equality policies, and to note the environmental outcome is to substantially reduce the carbon emissions from approximately 500 homes in Greater Manchester.

GMCA 218/20 SOCIAL HOUSING DE-CARBONISATION FUND DEMONSTRATOR

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for Green City Region took Members through a report which outlined the opportunity presented by the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator, and Greater Manchester's ambition to seek funding from the scheme for social housing retrofit projects across the conurbation. Since the publication of the report, GM had been informed that their initial bid had been unsuccessful, but they had been placed on the reserve list should any other project not become deliverable. However, through the development of the bid, GM had been able to successfully engage with landlords that they had not previously engaged with before and therefore the process had been positive overall.

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be noted that GM's bid for circa £7m of Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator funding from BEIS had not been successful, although GM had been included in the reserve list.
2. That it be agreed that the GMCA should be the accountable body for the bid on behalf of GM Local Authorities and Registered Providers, in the event that GM bid was brought forward from the reserve list of bids.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer, subject to a successful bid, to contract with BEIS, receipt and defray the funds to partners, in the event that the GM bid was brought forward from the reserve list.
4. That it be noted that in the event that the GM bid was brought forward from the reserve list, equalities impact from this proposal will be managed via utilising delivery companies with robust equality policies and to note the environmental outcome is to substantially reduce the carbon emissions from approximately 250 social homes in GM and to demonstrate innovative delivery mechanisms which can be upscaled and replicated.

GMCA 219/20 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK PROGRAMME - PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDING UPGRADE (PSBU)

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Digital took the GMCA through a report which sought their agreement to an increase in the GMCA Capital Programme to reflect the anticipated DCMS (Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport) grant allocation for public sector building upgrades. This allocation would allow for 500km of new fibre, connecting 1500 sites across GM and allowing 1.2m people who were previously digitally excluded to now have full fibre connectivity.

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be agreed that the GMCA should enter into a grant funding agreement with DCMS and Manchester City Council to confirm GMCA as the administrative lead for the PSBU as well as the PSAT element of the LFFN programme as set out in this report.
2. That an increase in the GMCA’s Capital Programme of up to £835,000 to reflect the maximum grant from DCMS for the Manchester City Council LFFN PSBU programme be approved.
3. That it be noted that Salford City Council will not be pursuing its application to DCMS for a small amount of PSBU LFFN grant funding.
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to review and complete all necessary legal documentation relating to the grant funding agreement to be entered into between (1) DCMS (as Funder), (2) GMCA (as Administrative Lead for the DCMS LFFN PSBU Grant) and (3) Manchester City Council (as LFFN PSBU Grant Recipient).

GMCA 220/20 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure introduced a report which sought approval of two further GM Housing Investment Loans Funds applications which, if approved, would take the total amount of approved loans to £437.5m.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans detailed in the table below and as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report be approved:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Greengate Investments 1 Ltd	Collier’s Yard, Greengate	Salford	£37.562m
Great Jackson Street Investments Ltd	The Blade	Manchester	£32.438m

2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

GMCA 221/20 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK - CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

RESOLVED/-

That it be noted that the meeting was inquorate for consideration of this report and the accompanying report at item 21 of the agenda.

Note: the report was dealt with under the Chief Executive's delegated powers and the decision published separately.

GMCA 222/20 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.

GMCA 223/20 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Note: This item was considered in support of the Part A – GM Housing Investment Loans Fund – Investment Approval Recommendations (minutes reference GMCA 220/20)

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 224/20 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK - CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

RESOLVED/-

That it be noted that the meeting was inquorate for consideration of this report.

1.