

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY 26 MARCH 2021 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	Jon Dyson
Bury	Geoff Little
Oldham	Carolyn Wilkins
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Ben Dolan
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
TfGM	Steve Warrener
TfGM	Simon Warburton
Growth Co	Mark Hughes
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Claire Norman
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward

RESOLVED /-

That apologies be received and noted from Tom Stannard (Salford) and Tony Oakman (Bolton).

GMCA 49/21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED /-

1. That after detailed consideration by the GMCA on the 23 March, the GM Mayor had chosen to accept their recommendations and proceed with plans for a bus franchising scheme for Greater Manchester.
2. That following an interview process, Stephen Watson would be recommended to the GM Police and Crime Panel at their meeting today for appointment to the role of Chief Constable for Greater Manchester Police.
3. That it be noted that the GM Mayor and Salford City Mayor would be writing to express their disappointment that Government's recently published proposals to reform the asylum seeker system did not reflect previous commitments made to ensure an even distribution across the UK to ensure there was sufficient housing stock capacity.

GMCA 50/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GM Mayor Andy Burnham declared a prejudicial interest in item 30 – A review of remuneration of the Elected Mayor of the GMCA and the Independent Members/Person of the GMCA Audit and Standards Committees.
2. That Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett declared a personal interest in items 26 & 33 – Growth Company Business Plan as a Director of the Growth Company Board.
3. That Councillor Elise Wilson declared a personal interest in items 26 & 33 – Growth Company Business Plan as a Director of the Growth Company Board.

GMCA 51/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA HELD 12 FEBRUARY AND 23 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meetings held on 12 February and 23 March 2021 be approved as correct records.

GMCA 52/21 MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES HELD DURING MARCH 2021

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 12 March 2021 be noted.
2. That the minutes of the Housing, Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 11 March 2021 be noted.

**GMCA 53/21 MINUTES OF THE GM LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP HELD
18 MARCH 2021**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership held on 18 March 2021 be noted.

**GMCA 54/21 MINUTES OF THE GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD 19
FEBRUARY 2021**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GM Transport Committee held on 19 February 2021 be noted.

**GMCA 55/21 UPDATE ON GREATER MANCHESTER INDEPENDENT
INEQUALITIES COMMISSION**

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Portfolio Lead for Age Friendly Greater Manchester and Equalities, introduced a report which provided an update on progress of the Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission which had been established to respond to long term systemic inequality issues present in Greater Manchester and after six months of work, presented a series of ambitious, yet achievable recommendations for consideration.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the update and publication arrangements for the Independent Inequalities Commission, including its work to collect, analyse and report on inequalities, as part of the development of its recommendations, be noted.
2. That the publication of the Commission's Report which included a number of flagship recommendations for addressing inequality in Greater Manchester, be welcomed.
3. That it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the GMCA in early summer containing a proposal for how GM might take action in the light of the Commission's recommendations.
4. That it be agreed that the Tackling Inequalities Board will ensure all future work on inequalities is aligned and takes full account of the Commission's recommendations.

GMCA 56/21 GREATER MANCHESTER'S EQUALITY PANELS

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Portfolio Lead for Age Friendly Greater Manchester and Equalities, presented a report which outlined the development and impact to date of the Greater Manchester Equality Panels. Three panels comprising of the LGBTQ+ Panel, Disabled Peoples Panel and Youth Combined Authority were now well established, further recent additions included Women and Girls Panel and Race Equality Panel. Lastly, the Faith Panel had held its first meeting and the Older People's Panel had just been established. All of which comprised of people from each Local Authority area with particular skills and lived experience to provide invaluable insight into the diversity of GM in a way like never before. It was envisaged that now established, each Panel would be standardised to operate in a common approach that aligned with the Tackling Inequalities Board which had strategic oversight on this agenda.

The GMCA was reminded that inequality proved a strain on all lives, and that no one was immune from the impact. Furthermore, it was a thread that ran through all GMCA portfolio areas and therefore it was imperative that support be offered to the Equality Panels as they develop further.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress made in the establishment and delivery of equalities advisory panels be noted.
2. That an increase the annual budget for the LGBTQ+ Panel to £50,000 for 2021/22 be agreed, to make this consistent with the budget for other panels.
3. That it be agreed to give £50,000 to each of the Youth Combined Authority, Faith Advisory Panel and Older People's Panel from the Mayor's Budget to commission facilitating organisations for 2021/22.

GMCA 57/21 LIVING WITH COVID RESILIENCE PLAN - QUARTER 2 PROGRESS UPDATE

Simon Nokes, Executive Director of Policy & Strategy for the GMCA, took members through the progress made against the Living with Covid Resilience Plan which was written in September 2020. The 'heatmap' included within the report demonstrated the impact of covid across a number of areas, highlighting that many of these were still present and some were more severe despite the start of the recovery period.

The GMCA and its partners had made substantial progress against the actions within the Plan, with a particular impact being visible against the equalities objectives. The lessons learnt over the last months, plus the findings of the Inequalities Commission, would contribute to the refresh of the Greater Manchester Strategy which was due to take place imminently.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress update provided on the delivery of the GM Living with Covid Resilience Plan be noted.

2. That any further comments on this report could be submitted directly to Simon Nokes, Executive Director Policy & Strategy, GMCA.
3. That it be noted that to further strengthen the GMCA's commitment to equalities, reports submitted to the GMCA included an assessment on contributions to meeting equality and environmental impacts.
4. That it be noted that the lessons learnt from this review, plus the findings of the Inequalities Commission would be considered as part of the Greater Manchester Strategy Refresh.

GMCA 58/21 A BED EVERY NIGHT 2021/22

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which provided information on the development of the A Bed Every Night (ABEN) service and specifically detailed how it was to be funded through 2021/22. The forthcoming year marked the first annual budget for the programme, with £6m to be allocated to Local Authorities in GM to strengthen their local offer. Heriot Whatt University had undertaken an independent evaluation of ABEN, the results were encouraging, with the levels of rough sleeping in Greater Manchester falling greater than the national rate, together with the wider benefits of the programme, including a reduced need for crisis support and a significant impetus to the public sector reform agenda. The Mayor added that the achievements to date were truly attributed to a wide range of partner organisations, who had worked tirelessly to mobilise every element and provide financial support. Future funding from MHCLG was still to be confirmed and the evaluation also echoed the awareness amongst the sector that there were ways that the service could be further improved throughout the forthcoming year.

The City Mayor of Salford, Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, added that this funding would be crucial to ensure that ABEN became an integral part of the GM system going forward. Thanks were expressed to all agencies and volunteers who had been involved to date as it had been evident that there was a genuine partnership approach that had enabled the ambitions of the service to be delivered. The evaluation report had further evidenced that the actions taken to support those homeless and rough sleeping throughout the pandemic had been the right actions to take. However, it was imperative that the wider determinants of the health and wellbeing of those who were homeless remained at the forefront of the CA agenda to ensure that tailored provisions could continue to be delivered, and other people could be prevented from homelessness.

Members acknowledged the way that ABEN had enabled support to be given to many more vulnerable people within their respective local authority areas, with Tameside reported that at the most recent count, there were no rough sleepers recorded. This illustrated how many people through the support on offer by passionate local teams, had been able to move individuals to safe places, including permanent accommodation and employment.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the outcomes and the approach to continued service developments in the A Bed Every Night programme be approved.
2. That the specification be approved.

3. That the committed income of £4,554,000 be noted, and that further confirmation was expected in June 2021 regarding the outstanding £1.5m investment from MHCLG to secure the full budget.
4. That the expenditure profile of £6,068,600 as grants to Local Authorities to deliver the service over a 12-month period be noted, pending full funding confirmation in June 2021 and enabling Local Authorities to ensure continuity of service where necessary until that time.

GMCA 59/21 GM DEVOLVED ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET YEAR 1 UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Digital, Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeships, took members through a report which provided an overview of the first academic year of Greater Manchester's devolved adult education budget which aimed to equip people with the skills they need for life. This agenda had been further accelerated by the Covid pandemic, as it has a significant role in supporting residents to recover from the crisis. One way that partner organisations have been able to begin to do this has been through the provision of online courses, tailored to address specific skills gaps. The continuation of this work required clarity regarding longer term investment, with some providers anxious about the availability of grant reimbursements or had been excluded from them in the first instance. It was considered that allocations may have impacted some providers unfairly, and therefore support would be needed to ensure they could continue to deliver the courses that were necessary to support residents to move forward.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the updates, set out in Sections 2 & 3 of the report be noted.
2. That the planned approach for the commissioning of the National Skills Fund Adult Level 3 offer, as set out in Section 4. 3 of the report, be noted and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Lead Member and Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeship (subject to considerations around any conflicts of interest which might arise), to take forward the Adult Education Budget (AEB) commissioning of the National Skills Fund Adult Level 3 offer, for both existing AEB skills providers and the procured element, to the contract award as set out in section 4 of the report.
3. That it be agreed that the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Lead Member and Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeship (and subject to considerations around any conflicts of interest which might arise), be granted delegated authority to take forward the AEB commissioning of the National Skills Fund Adult Level 3 offer, for both existing AEB skills providers and the procured element, to contract award as set out in section 4 of the report.
4. That the proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure be approved for the GM grant-funded further education institutions and contract for services skills providers and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise during discussions between each institution and GMCA, as set out in Section 5 & Annex 5 of the report.

5. That the proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded local authorities be approved and that authority delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to approve any minor changes that arise in the course of discussions between each local authority and GMCA, as set out in Section 5 & annex 6 of the report.

Note: Mayoral function exercised by the Mayor pursuant to Articles 8 and 15 of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017 (power to pay grants to a constituent council)

GMCA 60/21 COVID-19 CONTINGENCY SUPPORT MEASURES FOR GM WORK & SKILLS PROGRAMME

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Digital, Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeships, took members through a report which provided an update on the Covid-19 contingency support measures put in place during the 2020/21 to support the delivery of GM's work and skills externally funded programmes. Many providers had to make adaptations to their delivery and financial support from the Combined Authority which had been used in some instances to stabilise their position.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the work and progress to date on the Covid-19 contingency support measures to be put in place during 2020/21 financial year be noted.
2. That the continuation of the support measures into 2021/22 financial year be agreed.
3. That the support measures for Adult Education Budget for the remainder of the 20/21 academic year, as set out Appendix 2 of the report, be agreed.
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to approve the Covid-19 Contingency support measures on a programme by programme basis, in 2021/22 financial year.

GMCA 61/21 TROUBLED FAMILIES FUNDING

The GM Mayor Andy Burnham introduced a report which provided an updated position on the troubled families funding for 2020/21 and 2021/22. Since 2017 there had been a devolved arrangement for this programme which had seen 5000 families supported to date and 65 families stepped down from social care interventions which had been a key measure for success. The report described a number of tangible outcomes from the past year, and informed the Combined Authority that there would be £10.9m of allocations available for distribution this forthcoming year.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the allocation of Troubled Families funding for 2020/21 to all GM districts, in line with the previously agreed process, be agreed.
2. That the announcement of a further years funding for the Troubled Families Funding for 2021/22 be noted.

GMCA 62/21**GREATER MANCHESTER CULTURE RECOVERY PLAN 2021**

Councillor David Greenhalgh, Portfolio Lead for Culture, took members through a report which outlined proposals for working with the sector to emerge from the pandemic and how Greater Manchester would be contributing to the wider national and local recovery. It was recognised that covid had brought about huge challenges to the cultural sector and yet they would play a significant role in recovery for Greater Manchester. Despite many cultural venues being required to close during lockdown periods, there had also been opportunities to celebrate art and culture from across GM during the last 12 months and it would be important not to lose the creative ways the sector had adapted nor the creative volunteering that had been seen throughout the pandemic. Over the next year, Greater Manchester would be undertaking its music review to identify ways to best support the sector to move forward.

Members of the Combined Authority recognised the amazing resilience that had been shown by the sector through this very difficult time but were proud of the way it had adapted to meet the challenges and provide innovative initiatives such as United We Stream, which saw over 4 million people tune in for the New Years celebrations.

Bury were looking forward to hosting the town of culture programme for 2021 which would be offering a hybrid of virtual and location based events with a theme of 'happiness' hoped to actively support positive mental health throughout the summer and autumn periods.

RESOLVED /-

1. That GM and national activity to date be noted.
2. That the draft GM Culture Recovery Plan be agreed.
3. That the proposed establishment of a GM Music Commission be endorsed.

GMCA 63/21**MONTHLY ECONOMIC UPDATE**

Councillor Elise Wilson, Portfolio Lead for Economy, introduced a report which provided the GMCA with the latest version of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard. The report highlighted that as at the 23 March 2021, 144,320 people in Greater Manchester were claiming unemployment benefits, increased slightly from the January figures. As at the end of January, there were 184,600 people still furloughed and 84,000 claiming self employment support. However, the week commencing 8 March had seen a 28% increase in passenger journeys compared to January 2021 with 36.9 million trips being undertaken, signalling increased movement across the GM conurbation.

RESOLVED /-

That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard be noted.

GMCA 64/21 PREPARATIONS FOR THE UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE (COP26)

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for the Green City Region, took members through a report which provided an overview of the opportunity for Greater Manchester presented by UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow on the 1-12 November 2021. The event would be a significant opportunity to share Greater Manchester's carbon neutrality target and how the challenge was already being met through retrofitting, smart energy and transport at a major global event.

The GM Mayor added that this was a huge opportunity for Greater Manchester to stand apart from other localities and showcase its ambition to be a clean growth Combined Authority through effective partnership working and strong scientific based foundations.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the paper detailing activity to date and the current collaboration and potential partnership opportunities that are being explored be noted.
2. That it be noted that by May 2021, GM would be made aware as to whether their application for Blue and/or Green Zone access at the conference had been granted.

GMCA 65/21 GREEN HOMES GRANT LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY SCHEME PHASE 2

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for the Green City Region, introduced a report which sought approval for the GMCA to bid for an additional cr£17m Government funding from the Green Homes Grant : Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 Fund.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposal for GM Local Authorities should collectively bid for an additional cr£17m of Green Homes Grant, to expand our existing Green Homes Grant funded programme from £10.3m to cr£27m and extend delivery timescale from September to December 2021, be agreed.
2. That it be agreed that GMCA should be the accountable body for the bid on behalf of GM Local Authorities and Registered Providers.
3. That, subject to a successful award, authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to contract with Local Energy North West to receive and defray the funds to partners and procured delivery partner(s).
4. That it be noted that the equalities impact from this proposal will be managed via utilising delivery companies with robust equality policies, and the environmental outcome is to substantially reduce the carbon emissions from approximately 1500 homes in Greater Manchester.

GMCA 66/21 TRANSPORT STRATEGY DELIVERY UPDATES

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which provided an overview of the detailed progress made against the agreed delivery programmes for active travel and electric vehicle charging infrastructure alongside an update on the outcome of the recent consultation on the Manchester/Salford City Centre Transport Strategy.

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 67/21 ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, took Members through a report which provided an update regarding the active travel portfolio for Greater Manchester and sought approval for the Region's Active Travel Fund Delivery Plan, Mayor's Challenge Fund Governance Updates and the Active Travel Interim Design Guidance.

There were now 75 schemes included within the BeeNetwork, with significant amounts of delivery ongoing. The report outlined the progress made to date, the recent streamlining of the offer to improve efficiency and the new metrics set up to measure the success of the next phase for the programme. Greater Manchester had also made a further bid to the Department for Transport for some additional active travel funds to continue the development of the network.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the changes to the Active Travel Programme Governance utilised for the Mayor's Challenge Fund, in order to drive efficiency, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be noted.
2. That the progress made to date regarding the delivery of the Mayor's Challenge Fund, and the intention to provide future updates, as set out in Section 3 and Appendix B of the report, be noted.
3. That the adoption of the Active Travel Interim Design Guide for all cycling and walking schemes, as set out in section 4 and Appendix C of the report, be approved.
4. That the Delivery Plan for the Greater Manchester Active Travel Fund programme be approved for submission to the Department for Transport, in accordance with the requirements of the fund, as detailed in Section 5 and Appendix D of the report.

GMCA 68/21 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which provided an update on the progress made in delivering electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Greater Manchester. It was noted that there had been £10m from the Mayor's Challenge Fund committed for the scheme expansion and that the draft strategy would be presented to the GMCA for approval in due course.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress made in delivering Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in Greater Manchester be noted.
2. That the continuing need for public sector intervention in charging infrastructure to overcome barriers to Electric Vehicle ownership be noted.
3. That the next steps, as set out in the report, to support the further expansion of the system be approved and that the draft Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy be submitted to a meeting of the GMCA this summer.

GMCA 69/21 CITY CENTRE TRANSPORT STRATEGY

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, presented a report which set out the work that Manchester and Salford City Councils, together with TfGM had undertaken to finalise the City Centre Transport Strategy. Specifically the outcomes of a public consultation event at the end of 2020 and the changes as a result to the draft strategy and sought approval of the GMCA for the final strategy.

It was reported that this had been a collaborative piece of work across Manchester, Salford and TfGM, which had resulted in an exciting strategy for transport across the city centre. The recovery of the City Region needed an easily accessible city centre that was safe, well connected and had a pleasant environment and therefore this strategy was fundamental to supporting the economic regeneration of Greater Manchester as a whole.

The GM Mayor added that emerging from the pandemic with clarity was highly important and would enable quicker economic recovery for the whole city region in addition to supporting the revival of the city centre and specifically the hospitality and cultural sectors.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the updates to the draft City Centre Transport Strategy following public consultation be noted.
2. That the final City Centre Transport Strategy be endorsed for publication.

GMCA 70/21 MAYORS CHALLENGE FUND FINANCIAL APPROVALS

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which provided an update on progress and sought further approval in order to ensure the continued delivery of the Mayor's Challenge Fund programme for walking and cycling.

Approvals included the Manchester Cycleway (including the Fallowfield Loop) which would enable the standards to be raised in line with standards of the BeeNetwork, cycle parking at the Metrolink stop in Bury, procurement of a GM Bike Hire Scheme provider and the Victoria Street and Road to Wigan Pier schemes in Wigan.

Members of the GMCA were in support of these schemes being granted approval. Specifically, comments were made in relation to the necessity for infrastructure

improvements at the start and end of a cycle journey that would further support GM's ambitions for a fully integrated public transport system and plans for town centre regeneration. The proposals for the Wigan Pier scheme would further add to investment that had already been made and ensure that links could be made to other areas of the borough. There was now demonstrable evidence of all Greater Manchester Local Authorities taking up the offer of funding through this programme to ensure an even spread across the sub region, and it was hoped that schemes such as the Greater Manchester Bike Hire Scheme would help to sustain some of the environmental benefits seen through the covid lockdowns over the past 12 months.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the agreed Mayor's Challenge Fund (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 release of up to £2.74 million of development cost funding for the 3 MCF schemes, as set out in section 2 of the report, be approved.
3. That the release of up to £2.1 million MCF funding for Wigan's Victoria Street and 'Road to Wigan Pier' schemes be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable the signing of a delivery agreement, as set out in section 3 of the report.

GMCA 71/21 LOCAL GROWTH DEAL (1, 2 & 3) – SIX MONTHLY PROGRESS UPDATE

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM, took Members through the six-monthly progress update report in relation to the Local Growth Deal Programme (tranches 1, 2 and 3) which included a significant number of major projects, transport schemes and place making schemes. It was reported that by the 31 March 2021, the GMCA would have achieved full Growth Deal spend and thanks were recorded to colleagues across the conurbation for delivery management of these schemes.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the Local Growth Deal Programme was on target to achieve full Growth Deal grant spend by 31 March 2021.
2. That the progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Transport Major Works programmes be noted.
3. That the progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Transport Minor Works and Additional Priorities programmes be noted.
4. That the progress made in relation to the Non-Transport Skills Capital and Economic Development & Regeneration programmes be noted.

GMCA 72/21 METROLINK PHASE 3 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM, introduced a report which highlighted key findings from recent pre-covid monitoring and evaluation in relation to

Metrolink Phase 3, explained their implications and marked the publication of a second report on the subject which detailed that pre-covid patronage levels were increasing.

Members of the GMCA welcomed the report and noted that the findings of the evaluation were useful in supporting Greater Manchester in moving forward with its multi-modal integrated network ambitions. Metrolink specifically played a key role in carbon reduction across the conurbation and was key to giving residents greater access to employment opportunities. Therefore, its extension to other radial areas had become even more imperative and officers confirmed that there was work underway with each Local Authority to determine priority corridors as part of the 2040 Transport Delivery Plan. Multi-modal ticketing would also be key to a truly integrated network and ensure the greatest return from this significant investment.

The GM Mayor summarised that where the Metrolink had been extended, it had been well received and well used, highlighting the demonstrable benefits to local communities.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the evidence presented in this summary report, the publication of the full report and its value in shaping future scheme planning and transport strategy development activity be noted.
2. That the commitment to pilot tram/train multi-modular ticketing in Rochdale Town Centre be reaffirmed.

GMCA 73/21 GREATER MANCHESTER GOOD LANDLORD SCHEME

Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, introduced a report which sought the GMCA's approval of the proposed implementation of Greater Manchester's Good Landlord Scheme to address the issues facing the private rented sector. Long term issues in relation to section 21 evictions remained despite the covid eviction ban having been extended until the 31 May 2021, and concerns were raised that the Government's move to reduce the number of months to trigger a notice was a regressive step. Across Greater Manchester 79,000 households were still on the housing waiting list and in temporary accommodation and with the uncertainty of the Universal Credit uplift the Government's current approach was failing to safeguard residents from further risk of eviction. It was anticipated that the housing crisis would be further exasperated by Covid-19, evidenced by a 30% increase in housing benefit claimants since January 2021.

The Good Landlord Scheme had three elements including providing information and advice for landlords and tenants, targeting enforcement coproduced with Local Authorities to tackle rogue landlords and supporting landlords to capacity build and create greater energy efficient homes through retrofitting programmes. The report requested £1.m from the Housing Investment Loans Fund surplus to support the programme over the next three years, 75% of which would be used to strengthen the enforcement cap. Alongside which there would be active growth of ethical and social lettings with a clear exit route for non-engaged landlords and further lobbying for traction towards greater progressive change for the private rented market.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposals for further development and implementation of a Good Landlord Scheme for Greater Manchester, and associated activity to respond to the pressures in the private rented sector, be approved.
2. That the utilisation of up to £1.5 million over three years from Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund surpluses to fund activity, as set out in this report, be approved.

GMCA 74/21 GREATER MANCHESTER BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND – TRANCHE 2

Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, took Members through a report which sought approval from the GMCA to allocate grant funding to a number of recommended sites. This was the third report highlighting the progress that the GMCA was making in relation to the use of brownfield sites and included a request for an additional £200m to deliver a further 66 homes. Following the receipt of this funding, the monies received through this scheme now totalled £41.44m, enabling the delivery of an additional 7,703 housing units across 21 sites, further illustrating Greater Manchester's preference for brownfield sites and its ability to address associated viability challenges.

Members welcomed the report and agreed that making brownfield sites viable was a clear way forward in addressing the housing crisis faced by Greater Manchester residents. Furthermore it enabled creative town centre development, protected greenbelt and supported Local Authority ambitions to create 'places for everyone'.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the allocation of grant funding to those sites set out within Appendix 1 of the report and the entering into individual Grant Agreements for those recommended sites be approved.
2. 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 75/21 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Councillor Elise Wilson, Portfolio Lead for the Economy, took the GMCA through a report which sought approval of the recommendations regarding the future private sector membership of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership for the period April 2021 to March 2023.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the recommendation of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership to reappoint the six existing private sector members' terms of office a another two-year term: Lou

Cordwell, Nancy Rothwell, Lorna Fitzsimons, Amanda Halford, Chris Oglesby, and Richard Topliss), be approved.

2. That the recommendation of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership to appoint five new private sector members to join the LEP as full board members: Steve Connor, Justin Kelly, Marilyn Comrie, Miles Rothbury and Vimla Appadoo, be approved.

GMCA 76/21 GROWTH COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN 2021/22

Mark Hughes, Chief Executive, The Growth Company, presented the Business Plan for the 2021-22 financial year, including an agreed performance reporting framework to allow oversight of the core Growth Company deliverables through the GMCA and Local Enterprise Partnership. Members were reminded that The Growth Company provide business support, inward investment and tourism management on behalf of the CA through delivery agents including Marketing Manchester and MIDAS. Its clear focus over the past 12 months had been supporting businesses through Covid through advice, information and grant support coordinated through the Growth Hub.

RESOLVED /-

That the report, the priorities for 2021/22 and the Growth Company Business Plan be noted.

GMCA 77/21 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS UPDATE

Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, introduced a report which provided an update on the current and forecasted commitments of the GM Housing Loans Fund. The fund had enabled 54 loans to be processed, 33 of which were to small and medium enterprises in Greater Manchester. Many of the schemes delivered had been outside the city centre, widening the benefits to not only residents, but to developers and contractors as GM worked to support recovery from the pandemic.

Members of the GMCA added that the Housing Investment Loans Fund was a phenomenal good news story in that it has enabled lending to developments which could not be funded elsewhere, and as a result 7000 homes had been built that could have potentially not been. The fund had also generated £16.47m of net income, and from an initial fund of £300m, over £500m has actually been invested as a result of loan returns illustrating the innovative approach taken by Greater Manchester which has proved significant value for money.

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 78/21 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS APPROVALS

Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, presented a report which sought approval for two applications to the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans detailed in the table below, be approved:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
SPV subsidiary of Albell Investment Ltd	All Souls Rectory, Every Street	Manchester	£1.000m
Waterside Places	Islington Wharf Phase 4	Manchester	£8.300m

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 79/21 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL AND TEMPORARY DELEGATION

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources & Investment, introduced a report which sought approval for equity investments in Bankifi Technology Limited, Dr Fertility Limited, Total Swimming Holdings Limited, Erlson Precision Holdings Limited and Waterside Places Ltd from recycled funds. It further sought delegated authority to approve any projects for funding, or urgent variations to the terms of funding for previously approved schemes for the period of 27 March to 27 May 2021.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the funding application for Bankifi (equity investment of £700,000) be approved and progressed to due diligence, noting that this decision was exempt from the scrutiny and overview call in procedure.
2. That the funding application for Dr Fertility (equity investment of £750,000) be approved and progressed to due diligence.
3. That the funding application for Total Swimming Holdings Limited (an additional loan facility of £2,000,000) be approved and progressed to due diligence.
4. That the funding application for Erlson Precision Holdings Limited ("Erlson") (a loan facility of £500,000) be approved and progressed to due diligence.
5. That the funding application for Waterside Places Limited (a loan facility of £8,000,000) be approved and progressed to due diligence.
6. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above companies, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding

conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investments at 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 above.

7. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources, to approve projects for funding and agree urgent variations to the terms of funding in the period 27 March 2021 to 27 May 2021. Any recommendations that are approved under the delegation will be reported to the next available meeting of the GMCA.

GMCA 80/21 A REVIEW OF REMUNERATION FOR THE ELECTED MAYOR OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY (GMCA) AND THE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS/PERSON APPOINTED TO THE GMCA AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEES

Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, introduced a report of the GM Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the remuneration of the GM Elected Mayor and the Independent Members/Person of the GMCA Audit and Standards Committees. This review has been prepared in March 2020 and recommended to retain current levels of remuneration but index link in line with the majority of GM Local Authorities.

Although the subject of allowances was controversial, Members of the GMCA expressed that the remuneration level for the GM Elected Mayor represented value for money as this role incorporated the Police and Crime Commissioner whose allowance was determined by the Senior Salaries Review Body prior to 2017 as £100k. However, it was recognised that there were many other extensive responsibilities of the GM Mayor for an additional allowance of only £10k and there had been no increase over the last 5 years.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the recommendation that the remuneration of the GM Mayor remained at £110,000 be approved.
2. That the recommendation that the allowances paid to the Independent Members on the GMCA Audit and Standards Committees and Independent Person (Standards) remain unchanged be approved.
3. That the indexation of the remuneration of the GM Mayor and the allowances paid to the Independent Members and Independent Person (Standards), as set out in the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel, be approved.
4. That it be agreed that a review of remuneration of these positions be undertaken again in early 2024 before the next Mayoral term begins.
5. That the Independent Remuneration Panel's views and recommendations relating to the current pension position of the GM Mayor and current legislation be noted.

GMCA 81/21 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 82/21 GROWTH CO BUSINESS PLAN 2021/22

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute GMCA 76/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 83/21 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS APPROVALS

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute GMCA 78/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 84/21 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute GMCA 79/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

Signed by the Chair:

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