

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY 28 MAY 2021 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Police, Crime & Fire	
Bolton	Councillor David Greenhalgh
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	Councillor John Merry
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
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Carolyn Wilkins
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Steve Wilson
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	Ross McCrae

GMCA 85/21 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

That apologies be received and noted from Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett, Sir Richard Leese, Sara Todd, Liz Treacy and Steve Rumbelow.

GMCA 86/21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor informed the Combined Authority that the new Chief Constable for GMP, Steve Watson had been formally sworn in, marking a new era for policing in Greater Manchester. With his appointment would come a greater presence of senior police officers across all districts including one dedicated senior commander. This had been welcomed across the force and there had already been positive feedback received on the changes that had been implemented.

Baroness Beverly Hughes, Deputy Mayor for Police, Crime and Fire added that the new Chief Constable was looking at strengthening neighbourhood policing as part of a review of the whole policing system, and not segmenting it from how a case progresses further, as this approach would enable performance management of the whole system to be improved. He would also be supporting the discontinuation of the targeted operational model, removing concerns that the model was not effective in screening out crime and that it resulted in excessive caseloads for inexperienced officers. Those initial initiatives were beginning to formulate a plan that would support GMP in moving forward with more public accountability.

RESOLVED /-

That it be noted that the new Chief Constable for GMP, Steve Watson has been formally sworn in.

GMCA 87/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

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

GMCA 88/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING – 26 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 26 March 2021 be approved as a correct record.

GMCA 89/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE – 27 APRIL 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee meeting held on the 27 April 2021 be noted.

GMCA 90/21 MINUTES OF THE GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – 24 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GM Transport Committee meeting held on the 24 March 2021 be noted.

GMCA 91/21 MINUTES OF THE GM WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE – 24 APRIL 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GM Waste and Recycling Committee meeting held on 24 April 2021 be noted.

GMCA 92/21 APPOINTMENTS TO THE GMCA

RESOLVED /-

1. That the appointment of Councillor Arooj Shah (Oldham) and Councillor Neil Emmott (Rochdale) as members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority be noted.
2. That thanks be noted to the outgoing GMCA members Councillor Sean Fielding and Councillor Allen Brett for their dedication to the work of the GMCA throughout their term of office.

GMCA 93/21 GMCA APPOINTMENTS TO SCRUTINY AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEES

Gwynne Williams, Deputy Monitoring Officer to the GMCA took Members through the appointments report and drew attention to the recommendations. In relation to GMCA Portfolios, the following changes were specifically noted –

- Cllr Andrew Western – Digital, Education, skills, Work and apprenticeships & Clean Air
- Cllr Neil Emmott – Green City Region
- Cllr Arooj Shah – Community, Cooperatives & Inclusion

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Mayor's appointments to Portfolios for 2021/22 as detailed in paragraph 1.1 of the report be noted.
2. That it be agreed to re-constitute and appoint to the three Overview & Scrutiny Committees as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report for the period up to 27 May 2022.
3. That it be agreed to appoint up to 16 members to the GMCA Scrutiny substitute's pool, as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report for the period up to 27 May 2022.
4. That it be noted that any remaining Scrutiny appointments will be reported to the GMCA at its meeting on 25 June 2021.

5. That the appointments made by the GM Local Authorities to the GM Transport Committee be noted.
6. That it be noted that the GM Mayor is a member of the GM Transport Committee.
7. That Councillor Brenda Warrington be appointed to act as a substitute member to attend meetings of the GM Transport Committee, in the Mayor's absence.
8. That Councillor Andrew Western be appointed as the GMCA member to the GM Transport Committee and Councillor Eamonn O'Brien be appointed as the GMCA member to act as a substitute to the GM Transport Committee.
9. That it be noted that the GM Mayor will determine the remaining appointments to the Transport Committee.
10. That it be noted that the GM Transport Committee shall select and recommend the appointment of a Chair for approval by the Mayor.
11. That the appointment of the GM Mayor to the Transport for the North Board be noted and that a substitute member will be appointed at the GMCA Annual Meeting in June 2021.
12. That Councillor Roger Jones be re-appointed to act as the GMCA's member to the Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee until the GMCA Annual Meeting in June 2021.

GMCA 94/21 TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive GMCA & TfGM introduced a report which sought approval for the extension of the term of office for Les Mosco as a Non-Executive Director to TfGM until the end of December 2021 to allow for the recruitment of a replacement to be undertaken.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the extension of the appointment of Les Mosco as A Non-Executive Director of TfGM until 31 December 2021 be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, GMCA & TfGM to formalise the terms of the extended appointment.
3. That the commencement of a recruitment process for a replacement Non-Executive Director, to replace Les Mosco be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, GMCA & TfGM to formalise the terms of the appointment of the new Non-Executive Director.

GMCA 95/21 NEXT STAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF BUS REFORM

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive GMCA & TfGM introduced a report which set out the next steps required for the implementation and operation of the Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021 following the making of the scheme by the Mayor on 30 March 2021 and made recommendations for the delegation of certain connected functions to TfGM to enable TfGM to implement and operate the scheme on the GMCA's behalf.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That, in relation to the Local Service Contracts required for the implementation and operation of Tranche 1 of the Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021:
 - i. It be agreed to commence the procurement process as set out in the Assessment and summarised in section 2 of the report.
 - ii. It be agreed to delegate authority to TfGM to undertake and manage the above procurement process on its behalf subject to the following condition as set out in section 2 of this report:
 - a) TfGM will recommend a preferred bidder in relation to each Local Service Contract; in relation to large Local Service Contracts the decision to award will be taken by the GMCA and in relation to small Local Service Contracts and contracts for schools the decision to award will be taken in accordance with the contract award delegations as set out in the GMCA Constitution.
3. That, in relation to on-bus equipment, other equipment, any systems and associated services which are necessary for the implementation and operation of the Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021:
 - i. It be agreed to commence the procurement of such on-bus equipment, other equipment, any systems and associated services as required.
 - ii. It be agreed to delegate to TfGM the authority to undertake and manage the procurement process on its behalf (including authority to determine the appropriate method of procurement as required and recommend preferred bidders).
 - iii. It be agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to agree the award of, and final terms of, all necessary legal agreements;
 - iv. It be agreed to delegate authority to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to complete and execute all necessary legal agreements.
 - v. It be agreed to delegate to TfGM the function of managing any such contracts following their award, for the entirety of the contracts.
4. That it be agreed to proceed with the depot strategy set out in the Assessment and that authority be delegated to TfGM to take any necessary or appropriate steps as required in relation to the implementation of the depot strategy. That it be noted that a further report will be submitted by TfGM in due course to recommend appropriate next steps.

5. That it be agreed to implement the Residual Value (RV) mechanism proposals as set out in the Assessment and to delegate authority to TfGM to undertake any preparatory work necessary to establish, operate and manage the RV mechanism on its behalf and that it be noted that a further report will be submitted by TfGM in due course to recommend appropriate next steps.

GMCA 96/21 GREATER MANCHESTER ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME AND CYCLING & WALKING FINANCIAL UPDATE

The GM Mayor presented a report which sought approval for a delegated scheme of delivery for the active travel schemes that comprise Greater Manchester's Active Travel Fund programme, to facilitate Programme delivery in line with the Department for Transport timescales. Specifically, the report sought approval for funds for development costs for two schemes which had the potential to enhance safety for both pedestrians and cyclists.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress to date in securing funding for, and establishing, the GM Active Travel Fund (ATF) programme, following a successful bid to the Department for Transport be noted.
2. That the proposed ATF governance structure and associated delegations set out in sections 2 and 3 of the report be approved.
3. That the current package of infrastructure schemes included within the GM ATF Programme, and the proposed ATF Complimentary Measures work programme be noted.
4. That the release of up to £1.89 million of development cost funding for the 2 MCF schemes set out in section 3 of the report be approved.
5. That GM's Capability Fund submission, in accordance with the region's indicative allocation of £2.88 million revenue funding for Active Travel, be noted.
6. That the current position in relation to grant funding and expenditure for Cycling and Walking measures arising from the impact of COVID-19, as outlined in section 5 of the report be noted.

GMCA 97/21 LOCAL GROWTH DEAL FUNDING AND APPROVALS

The GM Mayor took the Combined Authority through a report which gave an update on the Local Growth Deal Funding, detailing that £493.3m had already been allocated to a range of projects over the last three Growth Deals, including £143m skills capital funds. The paper gave assurance that all funds were now fully committed to GM priorities, and all projects would be able to meet their delivery targets.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the revised final Growth Deal allocations, recycled funding allocations and Growth Deal grant outturn figures for reporting to Government, as set out in the report and detailed in Annex A, be noted.

2. That the proposals for allocating remaining non transport funds, as set out in Sections 8.1 to 8.4 of the report, be approved.

GMCA 98/21 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive GMCA & TfGM introduced a report which sought approval for a small loan to a SME development company for a scheme in Bury. If approved this would equate the total of the Housing Investment Loan Fund to £528.7m, clearly evidencing the significant value of re-cycled monies for further investment growth in GM.

RESOLVED /-

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

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Belmont Property Investments Ltd	Park Rd, Prestwich	Bury	£1.253m

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 99/21 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources introduced a report which sought approval of a funding application for Broughton House, Veteran Care Village.

Members of the Combined Authority recognised its strong history in Greater Manchester and the shared ambition for gold standard support for veterans that the proposals for this project would actively enhance. The success of the treatment centre was highlighted as something GM should be proud of having being able to achieve through effective collaborative working and it was hoped that this funding would allow the service to further flourish.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the funding application for Broughton House – Veteran Care Village (loan of up to £2,000,000) be approved and progressed to due diligence.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above 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 loan noted above.

3. That it be noted that the loan to Manchester Science Partnerships Limited was agreed under delegated authority.

GMCA 100/21 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. It specifically highlighted the economic changes as the Government's roadmap of restriction eases had begun to be introduced. Furthermore it also illustrated the UK's new relationship with the EU and the continued economic impact of the Covid crisis.

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader of Bury Council drew attention to the proposal from Capita to relocate its offices from Bury to Runcorn, recognising the significant impact this would have on the lives of many GM residents who currently work there.

The GM Mayor added his support to the workforce and offered to meet with Capita and the other businesses included in this potential relocation to endeavour to retain these jobs within Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard be noted.
2. That it be noted that the Mayor and the GMCA would welcome a conversation with Capita, Vodaphone Mobile and the trade unions regarding the proposal to relocate from Bury Town Centre to Runcorn with a view to discuss options for retaining the businesses within Greater Manchester.

GMCA 101/21 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 102/21 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 98/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 103/21 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 99/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

Signed by the Chair:

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