

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 100 EMBANKMENT, SALFORD**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor Police, Crime & Fire	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bolton	Councillor Martin Cox
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA - Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Lynne Risdale
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Peter Openshaw
Stockport	Mark Fitton
Tameside	Ian Saxon
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	Lindsay Dunn
TfGM	Simon Warburton

GMCA 160/21 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

That apologies be received and noted from Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett (Councillor John Merry attending), Joanne Roney, Steven Pleasant (Ian Saxon attending) and Pam Smith (Mark Fitton attending).

GMCA 161/21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham expressed his ongoing concerns regarding the Home Office handling of the dispersal of Afghan refugees in the UK, despite previous promises it had appeared that hotels in the city region had been asked to provide temporary accommodation rather than more sustainable longer-term accommodation being located. Furthermore, there remained an inequitable balance of dispersal across the country as a result of many local authorities refusing to take a share of the humanitarian response. However, those authorities who have offered their support, including each of the ten GM local authorities had experienced minimal notice of arrivals and minimal support from Government departments which was unacceptable and unsustainable. A policy on cities was urgently needed to ensure that communication and notice periods were improved and relationships with Local Authorities could be reinstated to ensure a coordinated, consistent and fair approach across the UK.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the concerns of the GMCA regarding the Government's use of hotels to house asylum seekers and refugees from Afghanistan, and the lack of pre-notification to Local Authorities be noted.
2. That the GMCA call on Government to mandate equitable distribution of asylum seekers and refugees across the UK.

GMCA 162/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

That the GM Mayor, Andy Burnham declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to item 22, GM Electric Vehicles Charging Infrastructure Strategy.

GMCA 163/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 10 September 2021 be approved.

GMCA 164/21 GMCA APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

The GM Mayor took members through a report which updated a number of appointment changes received from GM Local Authorities in relation to GMCA Committees.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the appointment of Cllr Ashley Dearnley to replace Cllr Kathleen Nickson (Rochdale) on the Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee be agreed.

2. That it be noted that Cllr Tracey Rawlins and Cllr Emma Taylor (substitute member), have been appointed by Manchester City Council to the GM Air Quality Administration Committee and Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee.

GMCA 165/21 EDUCATION, WORK AND SKILLS ACTIVITY UPDATE

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Leader for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships, introduced a report which updated the GMCA on progress across the Education, Work & Skills Directorate over the past 12 months and also set out key recommendations for specific activities that were required for new and existing programmes.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, it was reported that the Work and Skills team were still able to proactively meet the needs of GM residents and it was assuring to see the evidence of the difference made to people's lives as detailed within the report.

The GM Mayor added that the recently confirmed continuation of funding for the Working Well scheme was welcomed and that it was important to offer a wide range of courses that would develop the skills required for emerging sectors such as digital services.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the overall progress set out in the report against a wide range of activity across the Education, Work and Skills Directorate be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Education, Work and Skills to agree grant conditions, commissioning route and contract award for the skills bootcamp element of National Skills Fund, as necessary in the event this is devolved.
3. That the progress made to date on the European Social Fund Skills for Growth Programme be noted.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, and GMCA Treasurer to continue with the procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills for Growth programme in conjunction with the Lead Portfolio Holder
5. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, to award contracts, to address ESF NEET & Youth Unemployment reduction, to the winning bidders following the outcome of the competitive procurement exercise
6. That an amendment to the existing Working Well (Work and Health Programme) contract be approved to include the extension of the Job Entry Targeted Support (JETS) provision /element from March 2022 to March 2023, with an additional investment of £6,737,400 secured from the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP).

GMCA 166/21 GREATER MANCHESTER CIVIC UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Leader for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships, took members through a report which sought endorsement from the GMCA for the Greater Manchester Civic University Agreement, a collective, co-developed commitment between

GM's five universities listed below and GMCA around collaborative working to tackle a shared range of local priorities including employment and skills. Through the use of established partnerships, this work was being able to be brought together on a large scale with a joint emphasis on reducing inequalities, a clear example as to how universities can be an enabler to levelling up Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the shared approach by GM's universities embodied in the Greater Manchester Civic University Agreement (CUA) be noted.
2. That it be noted that the CUA was a high-level framework and symbolic statement of intent, with more specific deliverables needing to follow through the creation of a Civic University Board between the universities and GMCA.
3. That it be noted that the CUA was a living document and can be revisited in light of developments to the Greater Manchester Strategy.
4. That it be noted that, following agreement of the CUA by the GMCA, a public announcement will be made on Monday 27 September 2021.

GMCA 167/21 GM CULTURE FUND INVESTMENT 2022-2023

Councillor Martyn Cox introduced a report which set out the impacts of the pandemic on the GMCA Culture Portfolio of funded organisations and requested a roll-over of GMCA culture fund investment (£3.84m p/a) for one year (2022-2023) to provide surety to the organisations funded by GMCA and support the continuation of strategic cultural activity including Town of Culture, Creative Improvement Districts, StreamGM and the GM Music Commission.

The GM Mayor acknowledged the work undertaken previously by the late Councillor David Greenhalgh.

Members commented on the importance of the cultural offer in GM and its continual growth. In particular, Cllr Eamonn O'Brien welcomed the support of the GMCA to the town of culture initiative in Bury which was hoped to further strengthen the borough's cultural industry.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the allocation of £3.84m (£2.84million district contributions + £1million retained business rates) to create the GMCA Culture Fund Programme 2022/23 be approved.
2. That it be agreed that GMCA Culture Fund investment will roll-forward at the same level and supporting the same portfolio of organisations as in 2020/21 and 2021/2 for the next financial year – 2022/3, subject to organisational health checks on all portfolio organisations prior to funding.

GMCA 168/21 GREATER MANCHESTER GENDER BASED VIOLENCE STRATEGY

In introducing the item, the GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, highlighted the number of acts of violence against women, in particular the murder of Sarah Everard and the more recent murder of Sabina Nessa in the last few days.

Deputy Mayor Bev Hughes introduced a report which outlined the development of the Greater Manchester Gender-Based Violence Strategy and sought the GMCAs authorisation for publication. In recognition that the UK is far from the place it needs to be to protect women and girls, the ten-year strategy had been expedited early to ensure that GM could begin to tackle gender-based violence more effectively. To inform the strategy, there had been a comprehensive and extensive consultation period undertaken, with the support of Manchester University over the last 6 months, and best practice and knowledge, globally, to support GM in delivering radical social change. It was recognised that addressing the violence and abuse that remained prevalent in homes, workplaces, online and within communities would be a significant enabler to ensuring that GM was the best city region to grow up, get on and get old within.

In the last 6-month period there has been 2 women killed every week by a man, either at home or in a public place.

GM had an opportunity to demonstrate globally how a city region and unified system could deliver radical social change. The strategy looked to address issues for women and girls such as power differential, disrespect, and harm from men. With over 50,000 incidents of domestic violence in GM every year it was clear that the challenge was of a significant scale, and it would take time to change attitudes and behaviours to effect real and lasting social change.

The broad aims of the Strategy were based on a radical transformation in the prevention of and response to violence and abuse towards women and girls, initially as a campaign of public engagement, including getting the support of men and boys, significant support for victims and families, especially children, pioneering work to tackle perpetrators and involving all partners in identifying and responding to abuse. A delivery plan would be produced to implement all the actions progressively over time. The role of those who had experience of gender-based violence would be integral to the delivery, with a pivotal role in the governance arrangements.

Members recognised the substantial contribution from partner organisations in the development of the strategy and recognised the wide role that all stakeholders have to play in its delivery. This was a milestone in GM; identifying the scale of the challenge and a clear push forward in tackling such crime, however it was important that Government also recognised the seismic issue and stepped up their level of support. Members of the GMCA expressed specific concerns for those women with no recourse to public funds and urged that this Strategy included them in its objectives, as all types of violence to women was incomprehensible.

Sadly, due to the scale and complexity of the issue, it was agreed that a ten-year strategy was essential to bring about systemic behavioural and cultural change. However, it was noted that the seven GM equality panels would be key in supporting the delivery of such change and offering further advice and guidance as the Strategy was put in place.

Members felt that education on these issues was also integral, and that this should be targeting all men and boys in order that they may have an increased awareness of the

impact of gender-based violence and actively stand against it. There had also been a change in the law this week to recognise emotional abuse and coercive control as a type of domestic violence with confirmation that the message and training will be re-enforced. Furthermore, there were a number of organisations that offer training to their front-line staff to help recognise the less obvious signs of abuse, including coercion and control.

Deputy Mayor Bev Hughes thanked the GMCA for their strength of support and reiterated that the Strategy was clear that the risk of violence and abuse was not distributed equally but was intrinsically linked to other factors such as race and poverty. The work of the GM Equality Panels, especially the Women & Young Girls Panel have been extremely important. The open conversation with men and boys was also essential as the majority of perpetrators of gender-based violence were male, however mobilising the whole population to actively support would be imperative to tackling the issue.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Gender Based Violence Strategy be approved for publication and delivery.
2. That the establishment of a public campaign to promote the Gender Based Violence Strategy be endorsed and that all boys and men be urged to take responsibility for their actions and to take a stand against gender-based violence.

GMCA 169/21 TACKLING INEQUALITY IN GREATER MANCHESTER - RESPONSE TO THE REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT INEQUALITIES COMMISSION AND MARMOT 'BUILD BACK FAIRER'

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Portfolio Leader for Equalities, took the GMCA through a report which described the response to the recommendations of the Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission and the Marmot 'Build Back Fairer' Report as a key part of a comprehensive and integrated Greater Manchester approach to tackling inequality and enabling equity. Following extensive engagement with key stakeholders, the report presented an overview of activities which had taken place across Greater Manchester as part of the 'essential pivot' of wellbeing and equality which would be included in the refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy.

It was noted that each of the GM Local Authorities had a key role to play in the delivery of these recommendations and appended to the report was a response from each GM Local Authority detailing the actions they were currently undertaking and those planned for the future. The refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy would provide a framework for change, but further resources were needed to ensure that these could be implemented and monitored.

The Tackling Inequalities Board would continue to provide an overview of this agenda; however, it was encouraging to see other GMCA portfolios putting equalities at the heart of their efforts to ensure that policy development remained people focussed.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the activities and planned activities taking place across Greater Manchester, across a range of localities, communities and institutions, in relation to the refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy be noted.

2. That the timeframe and urgency for acting on inequality, and the intention to quickly progress actions across all portfolios in the coming months be noted.

GMCA 170/21 REFRESH OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ACCORD

Councillor Arooj Shah, Portfolio Leader for Community, Co-operatives, Voluntary Sector and Inclusion, introduced a report presenting the new, single GM Voluntary Community & Social Enterprise Accord for approval.

Members were reminded that in November 2017 the Accord was originally signed by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, on behalf of the GMCA, with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector, which set out new, improved standards of working with VCSE organisations. The GM VCSE sector also entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Health and Social Care Partnership. Since that time, a huge amount of collaborative work has taken place and the relationship between the public and VCSE sectors has increased in strength, particularly during the Coronavirus pandemic.

In September 2020, GMCA Members agreed to extend the scope of the Accord to include collaborative working with the GM Health and Social Care Partnership. At the same time, the GMCA also approved a proposal for investment in VCSE leadership and infrastructure in the Sector at a GM footprint.

The Accord would only be successful if fully implemented across the whole of the city region and given the GM Local Authorities will be responsible for delivering some elements, it was recommended that the Accord be referred to the GM Local Authorities for discussion.

The GMCA was reminded that the voluntary sector has strongly GM through the pandemic in all the GM districts, were the first to step in and support the needs of the GM public and had suffered financial damages as a result.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the new GM VCSE Accord be approved, as a tri-partite Agreement with the GM Health and Social Care Partnership and the GM VCSE Leadership Group on behalf of the VCSE sector in Greater Manchester.
2. That the Mayor of Greater Manchester, the GM Portfolio Lead for Community, Co-operatives, Voluntary Sector and Inclusion and the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM be authorised to sign the Accord Agreement on their behalf.
3. That the Accord be referred for recommendation to each GM Local Authority, in recognition that a number of elements within the Accord were to be delivered by Local Authorities.

GMCA 171/21 GREATER MANCHESTER ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

Councillor Elise Wilson, Portfolio Leader for Economy, took Members through the latest refreshed Economic Resilience Dashboard.

Members were advised that there was an increasing vacancy rate, with continued shortages in skills professions, in addition to a reduction in furlough although this has not yet translated across to the benefit claimant count.

Business Event Progress21, organised by the Growth Company, successfully took place on 23 September 2021, and was well supported nationally and internationally.

SME's have been under significant pressure, with a number who have closed and re-opening uncertain for some.

Hotel occupancy across the city was improving although not yet at pre-pandemic levels.

Research and development spend by GM based research companies has increased by 50%, demonstrating that Government does need to commit to work with GM to support Innovation GM as part of the Spending Review.

RESOLVED /-

That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard and response be noted, including delivery of the Local Industrial Strategy and Greater Manchester Economic Vision.

GMCA 172/21 GMCA, ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AND UNITED UTILITIES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Steve Rumbelow, Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, introduced a report seeking agreement to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Environment Agency and United Utilities.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be agreed that the GMCA will enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Environment Agency and United Utilities.
2. That the common areas of interest and outcomes be noted (para 3.4 and Appendix B of the report).
3. That it be agreed that the GMCA will receive an annual report on progress, success and any issues/barriers to delivery.

GMCA 173/21 SUSTAINABLE WARMTH COMPETITION

Councillor Emmott, Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, introduced a report seeking approval for GMCA to bid for cr£15m Government funding from the 'Sustainable Warmth Fund' from BEIS, on behalf of Greater Manchester Local Authorities and Registered Providers.

Members were advised that the Green Homes Grant LAD Phase 1a activity was due to be completed by August, with completion of Phase 1b and Phase 2 now extended by Government to March 2022.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be agreed that GM Local Authorities should collectively bid for c£15m of Sustainable Warmth Competition funding, to continue the existing Green Homes Grant funded retrofit programme from December 2021 to March 2023.
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, subject to a successful award, authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to contract with BEIS 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 was to substantially reduce the carbon emissions from approximately 1200 homes in Greater Manchester.

GMCA 174/21 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND UPDATE

Steve Rumbelow, Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, introduced a report providing an update on the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund.

Members drew attention to the way the GMCA had creatively utilised the flexibility of the financial instruments to maximise the returns for the benefit of GM, with a request that further work be undertaken to develop a presentation on the wider regeneration benefits for the next meeting of the GMCA, which could be used to inform discussions at the forthcoming Party Conferences and with Government.

It was noted that the effective intervention and decision making of Local Authorities has been clearly demonstrated with the development of schemes across GM.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the contents of this report be noted.
2. That a presentation on how the flexible use of the financial instruments has impacted housing, creation and access to training and employment and the wider regeneration be submitted to the next meeting of the GMCA.

GMCA 175/21 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Leader for Investment and Resources, introduced a report seeking GMCA approval for an investment into a second Life Sciences Fund ("LSF2"). The investment would be made from recycled funds.

RESOLVED /-

1. That an investment of £10m into a second Life Sciences Fund be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and 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 investment, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investment noted above.

GMCA 176/21 DELIVERING THE BEE NETWORK: AUTUMN OVERVIEW

GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which provided an overview of progress towards delivering Greater Manchester's integrated transport system, the Bee Network and the role of affordable integrated public transport in 'Levelling Up' GM by providing access to employment and education. The Government would be requested to provide the residents of GM with London level bus fares, a daily cap on bus fares will not only provide a cost saving for residents but also open up options for residents.

RESOLVED /-

That progress in delivering the Bee Network be noted.

GMCA 177/21 GM CYCLE HIRE TARIFF PROPOSALS

GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which set out the tariff proposals for the GM Cycle Hire scheme.

Members were advised that GM cycle hire scheme, which will also include electric bikes, will commence in Salford and then rolled out across the City region centre with a view to further roll out across the GM districts.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposals contained within the report be noted.
2. That the initial Pay as Your Ride tariff proposal, as set out in section 2 of the report, be approved.

GMCA 178/21 THE MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND AND ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND

GM Mayor, Andy Burnham introduced a report which sought funding approval requirements and provided an update on governance arrangements, in order to ensure the continued delivery of the GM Active Travel Capital and Revenue Programmes.

The GM Mayor confirmed that a pilot regarding the carriage of bikes on Metrolink would be progressed.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the release of up to £1.3 million of development cost funding for the 2 MCF schemes, Rochdale Castleton (Phase 2) and Trafford North Altrincham Bee Network set out in section 2 of the report, be approved.
2. That the release of up to £7.24 million MCF funding for the 6 schemes, Metrolink (Bury Line) Cycle Parking, Wigan Leigh-Atherton-Tyldsley: Leigh to Pennington, Manchester Northern Quarter Areas 1 and 3, Salford Trinity Way / Springfield Lane and Salford Gore Street Connection, as set out in section 3 of the report be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable the signing of the necessary legal agreements.
3. That an evaluation of the pilot to allow bikes on Metrolink be submitted to the GMCA in due course.

GMCA 179/21 STREETS FOR ALL STRATEGY

GM Mayor, Andy Burnham introduced a report which provided an overview of the Streets for All Strategy, which formed a sub-strategy to the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040.

In introducing the report, members were advised that as part of the bids to Government, the GMCA was being pressed to demonstrate the prioritisation of Active Travel and public transport on the highways.

Members were advised that the Streets for All Strategy was due to be considered by Manchester City Council's Executive Committee at the end of October 2021.

The Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM assured the meeting that the overall objective was to increase safety, with the focus to be strengthened throughout the Strategy, with a read across with the Gender Based Violence Strategy.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Streets for All Strategy be approved and adopted, subject to the approval of Manchester City Council's Executive Committee and the strengthening of the Strategy to reflect the earlier agreed Gender Based Violence Strategy, emphasising safety, as a priority objective, throughout the Strategy.
2. That integral role of an integrated, affordable public transport system to growing the economy, providing access to education and employment be recognised.

GMCA 180/21 BUS REFORM: THE GREATER MANCHESTER FRANCHISING SCHEME FOR BUSES 2021 -TRANSFER OF UNDERTAKINGS (PROTECTION OF EMPLOYMENT) REGULATIONS 2006 AND EMPLOYEE RELATED INFORMATION

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM introduced a report which set out the processes to be followed when requesting employee related information and applying the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 in a bus franchising context and makes recommendations for the delegation of certain connected functions to TfGM and the Chief Executive of the GMCA accordingly.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the function of requesting relevant information from bus operators as set out in regulations 5 and 6 of the Franchising Schemes and Enhanced Partnership Schemes (Application of TUPE) (England) Regulations 2017 (the Regulations) be delegated to TfGM.
3. That the function of undertaking any consultations as required by the Regulations be delegated to TfGM.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to approve any proposed definition of 'principally connected' at the end of the consultation; such approval to be obtained before notifying the parties and publishing the agreement.
5. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, to approve the proposed allocation arrangements (including any revised allocation arrangements) at the end of the consultation; such approval to be obtained before notifying the parties and before the allocation arrangements are published (or finalised and published in the case of revised allocation arrangements).
6. That, in the event that agreement is reached as to the definition of 'principally connected', that the function of notifying the parties and publishing the agreed definition be delegated to TfGM.
7. That the function of notifying the parties and publishing the allocation arrangements and finalising and publishing any revised allocation arrangements be delegated to TfGM.

Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor Chaired the meeting for the following item

GMCA 181/21 GM ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

GM Mayor, Andy Burnham declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to this report and left the meeting for the discussion.

Councillor Richard Leese introduced a report seeking approval the Greater Manchester Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy, a sub-strategy of the Greater Manchester 2040 Transport Strategy.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Greater Manchester Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy be approved.
2. That it be noted that regular reports on progress against the Strategy be submitted to the GMCA.
3. That it be noted that the programme of planned publicly funded additional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure is included at electrictravel.tfgm.com, a sub-site of TfGM.com.

GMCA 182/21 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 183/21 GM 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 175/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

Signed by the Chair:

1.