

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY  
HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2021 AT OLDHAM CIVIC CENTRE, WEST STREET,  
OLDHAM**

**PRESENT:**

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Police Crime & Fire	
Bolton	Councillor Martyn Cox
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Daalat Ali
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Elise Wilson
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Police, Fire & Crime Panel Chair	Councillor Janet Emsley
Manchester Council Deputy Leader	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham Council Deputy Leader	Councillor Amanda Chadderton

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

GMCA – Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA – Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynn Risdale
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Debbie Brown
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Saleh
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
TfGM	Steve Warrener
TfGM	Simon Warburton
TfGM	Kate Brown

**GMCA 206/21      APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED/-**

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor Neil Emmott (Councillor Daalat Ali attending), Councillor David Molyneux, Cllr Nazia Rehman, Tom Stannard and Tony Oakman.

**GMCA 207/21      CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, noted that the Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) and Union Connectivity Review had both been published.

Manchester remained a core part of the North-South HS2 network but there were concerns around East-West connectivity. The East-West proposals would disrupt the Manchester-Leeds rail corridor, have knock-on disruptive effects for the rest of the North, and would not deliver sufficient capacity uplift. A meeting of Transport for the North had been unanimous that the proposals would not have the transformative effect that was desired, and it had been agreed that the GM Mayor, along with other Metro Mayors, would ask the Government to enter into a mediation process to consider alternative options, including land value capture.

The Union Connectivity Review had recommended that options to connect to the West Coast Mainline south of Preston should be taken forward. Previous proposals had centred around Wigan, which would have carried major benefits for Wigan and the surrounding areas. There were concerns that the new proposals would carry less economic benefit for the whole of the North.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That it be noted that the recent publication of the Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) did not include proposals that would deliver the required capacity uplifts nor the intra-city connectivity that would allow for levelling up in the North of England.
2. That the proposal for the GM Mayor to address Government, along with other Metro Mayors to call for a mediation process that would enable an opportunity for land value

capture proposals to be considered and alternative IRP options to be developed be endorsed.

3. That it be noted that the Wigan Council Leader and GM Mayor would be sharing their concerns with Government regarding the missed potential for a Wigan transport hub as a result of the extension of the HS2 West Coast mainline to Preston, given the impact of the decision would likely reduce the economic return for Greater Manchester.
4. That the GMCA would continue to actively represent residents of Greater Manchester at all opportunities, urging for a convening of the Convention of the North to formally make representations to Government.

**GMCA 208/21          DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED /-**

That it be noted that Councillor Andrew Western declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 14, GMP Site – Chester Road – Trafford.

**GMCA 209/21          MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2021**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 29 October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 210/21          MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE  
PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2021**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership Board meeting held on 16 November 2021 be noted.

**GMCA 211/21            MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE ISSUES & REFORM OVERVIEW &  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2021**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 16 November 2021 be noted.

**GMCA 212/21            GREATER MANCHESTER APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS**

The GMCA Monitoring Officer updated appointment changes received from GM Local Authorities in relation to GMCA Committees.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the appointment of Councillor Daalat Ali to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority as substitute member for Rochdale Council be noted.
2. That the appointment of Councillor Shah Wazir to the Clean Air Charging Authorities and Air Quality Administration Committees as substitute member for Rochdale Council be noted.

**GMCA 213/21            TFGM EXECUTIVE BOARD – RECRUITMENT OUTCOMES**

GM Mayor Andy Burnham, Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report to confirm the outcome of the recruitment process for the appointment of a new Non-Executive Director of Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), whereby a candidate was recommended for appointment.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the appointment of Mike Blackburn as Non-Executive Director of TfGM be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, to formalise the terms of the appointment.

## **GMCA 214/21 HOMELESS FAMILIES REVIEW – PROGRESS UPDATE**

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, provided an update on the progress of the Homeless Families Review.

Four workstreams had been identified by the GM Homeless Families Task and Finish group that had stood down in July 2021. Since then, work had been ongoing and the group intended to reconvene in January. The report updated Members on progress in each area, including new minimum quality standards for hotel accommodation used as homelessness provision.

City Mayor Paul Dennett provided a further update on the outcome of the annual rough sleeper count, which had taken place the previous night. There had been 89 people identified during the count, which represented a 29% reduction on the previous year, and a 67% reduction since 2017. Members were pleased with the progress that had been made but noted that that 89 people was still too many. Concerns were raised around the growing cost of living crisis, which would place many people in a precarious position. Thanks were given to colleagues who had worked to reduce rough sleeping in Greater Manchester, including council colleagues, faith communities, and the VCSE sector, among others.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the progress being made be noted and that the GMCA would continue its support.
2. That further exploration of actions relating specifically to joint commissioning opportunities, data sharing, and early help standards be supported.

**GMCA 215/21      GREATER MANCHESTER ECONOMIC DASHBOARD AND  
ECONOMY PORTFOLIO UPDATE**

Councillor Elise Wilson, Portfolio Lead for Economy & Business, took Members through the latest version of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard and provided an overview of activity related to the Economy portfolio, including the implementation of the Greater Manchester Industrial Strategy.

The furlough scheme had ended and the claimant count in Manchester had continued to fall throughout October. The Office for National Statistics had published inflation figures for the month of October and there had been a 0.9% rise, resulting in an inflation rate of 3.8%. The Office for Budget Responsibility forecasts published alongside the Budget suggested that inflation was likely to rise to 4.4% in 2022 and could potentially reach 5%. There were growing pressures on businesses, including a rise in minimum wages and National Insurance. Some businesses had been asked to begin repaying loans that had been granted during the height of the pandemic. Despite these pressures, businesses remained resilient.

The Government's Spending Review had been assessed and contained commitments to industries that were growing in Greater Manchester, with research and development, net zero, internationalisation and Industry 4.0 high on the agenda. The Levelling Up White Paper was still awaited but anticipated to provide further details on initiatives

An event had taken place to launch Greater Manchester as a Living Wage City-Region and Bury had been credited for its commitment to paying the real living wage to care workers, with nearly 4000 workers due to benefit in the borough. The Local Enterprise Partnership had continued its focus on place by holding its meetings across Greater Manchester. The Growth Company had been providing assistance to businesses in accessing USA markets, low carbon funding, and preparing for the implementation of Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone. Marketing Manchester had celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year by launching campaigns to support Greater Manchester.

**RESOLVED /-**

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

**GMCA 216/21      GMCA CAPITAL UPDATE 2021/2022 – QUARTER 2**

Steve Wilson, GMCA Treasurer, presented an update in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2021/22 capital expenditure programme.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the current 2021/22 forecast of £625.7 million compared to the 2021/22 quarter 1 capital forecast of £681.7 million be noted.
2. That the additional funding secured of £3.4 million for the Clean Bus Fund from the Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) as outlined in para 8.1 of the report be noted.
3. That the addition to the Capital Programme of Clean Air Plan Electric Vehicle Taxi Infrastructure (part of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan) be approved with a current forecast of £0.9 million in 2021/22, £1.3 million in 2022/23 and £0.8 million in 2023/24.
4. That the grant of £0.1m to Greater Manchester FOF Limited Partnership be approved and that it be noted that this will be funded by a corresponding sum distributed to the GMCA from Evergreen Holding Fund.

**GMCA 217/21      GMCA REVENUE UPDATE QUARTER 2 – 2021/22**

Steve Wilson, GMCA Treasurer, presented a report to inform the GMCA of the 2021/22 financial position at the end of September 2021 (quarter 2) and forecast revenue outturn position for the 2021/22 financial year.

## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That an increase to the Mayoral budget of £535k to be funded from reserves, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be approved.
2. That an increase to the GMCA general budget of £13.746m, fully funded from additional income and use of reserves, as set out in Section 3 of the report, be approved.
3. That the use of the revenue reserves earmarked for the capital programme to increase the TfGM revenue budget for costs relating to two approved capital schemes that cannot be capitalised, be approved. That it be noted that the transfer would be offset by a commensurate reduction in the capital programme.
  - £0.730m to fund the Mayors Challenge Fund programme.
  - £0.800m of revenue costs relating to the temporary Metrolink Park and Ride facility at Whitefield.

## **GMCA 218/21 THE MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND AND SIDE ROAD ZEBRA STUDY**

GM Mayor Andy Burnham, Portfolio Lead for Transport, took Members through a report which sought approval of the funding requirements for the Stockport Hazel Grove Phase 1 scheme, and noted the study updates set out in the report, in order to ensure the continued delivery of the GM Active Travel Capital Programme.

Members heard about the positive impacts of the side road zebra trials in Tameside. Residents had quickly become accustomed to the markings and they became popular with motorists and pedestrians alike. The markings were removed at the end of the trial period and Tameside Council had received messages from residents asking for their return, which highlighted the popularity of the scheme. Roads had been notably safer for pedestrians and there had been no increases in dangerous incidents with motorists, who had instead slowed down and given way to pedestrians more often.



## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the release of up to £532,000 of MCF funding for the Stockport Hazel Grove Phase 1 scheme, as set out in section 2 of the report be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable signing of the necessary legal agreements.
2. That TfGM be requested to seek regulatory approval from the Department for Transport to allow further long-term side road zebra trials as recommended in section 3 of the report.

## **GMCA 219/21 GMP SITE, CHESTER ROAD, TRAFFORD**

GM Deputy Mayor Baroness Bev Hughes, Deputy Mayor for Policing, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire, took members through a report which sought the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's approval to enter into a Joint Venture with Trafford Council and a Developer Partner and its agreement to the disposal of the current use of the Chester Road site.

The Chester Road site had been identified as surplus to GMP's requirements and there had been proposals to turn the site into a residential-led mixed-use site. The proposal was compliant with social housing and net zero policies and there had already been interest in the site. The site itself would not be sold off and capital would be returned to GMP in time.

Members noted that the proposal would contribute to Greater Manchester's commitment to build 30,000 net zero social homes and could act as an exemplar in the disposal of public land.

## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the disposal of the GMP Chester Road site be approved.
2. That the Joint Venture between the GMCA, Trafford Council and a Developer Partner, on terms to be agreed, be approved.

3. That the £642,500 of funding needed to appoint a development partner and obtain detailed planning consent for the scheme be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, and GMCA Treasurer to commence the procurement process and appoint a development partner.
5. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, and GMCA Treasurer to agree appropriate legal agreement with Trafford Council.
6. 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 220/21            GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND –  
INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Leader for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, took Members through a report which sought the CA’s approval for one loan to the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund. The site had been granted planning permission in September 2021 for five homes, which would be built on brownfield land.

**RESOLVED /-**

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

<b>BORROWER</b>	<b>SCHEME</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>LOAN</b>
Corbar Ltd	Aldersgate Rd, Great Moor	Stockport	£1.464m

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 221/21      SIR RICHARD LEESE**

The GM Mayor made a presentation to Sir Richard Leese following his resignation as Deputy Mayor of the GMCA and recognised his long service as a member in particular his leadership in rebuilding of the city centre following the IRA bomb in 1996 and the transformation that has taken place thereafter. His legacy could be seen through the fundamental way that lives had been changed throughout his 25 years of service as Leader of Manchester City Council and in the foundations for devolution that he had laid, upon which the future of Greater Manchester could continue to grow.

**GMCA 222/21      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 223/21      GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND –  
INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Clerk's Note:** This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of agenda (Minute GMCA 220/21 above refers).

**RESOLVED /-**

That the report be noted.

Signed by the Chair: