

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 2024**

PRESENT:

Mayor of Greater Manchester	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
Deputy Mayor (Police, Crime & Fire)	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Nicholas Peel
Bury	Councillor Lucy Smith
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Tameside	Councillor Ged Cooney
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
GM Older People's Equality Panel	Nakib Narat

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Deputy Monitoring Officer	Melinda Edwards
GMCA Deputy Monitoring Officer	Gwynne Williams
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
GMCA Director of Governance & Scrutiny	Julie Connor
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Harry Catherall

Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Michael Cullen
Tameside	Julian Jackson
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
TfGM	Martin Lax
TfGM	Anne Marie Purcell
TfGM	Steve Warrener
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lee Teasdale

1. Apologies

That apologies be received from Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Bury), Councillor Arooj Shah (Oldham), Councillor David Molyneux (Wigan), Caroline Simpson (Stockport), Sandra Stewart (Tameside) and Councillor Nadim Muslim (Chair of the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee).

2. Chairs Announcements and Urgent Business

1. That the GMCA acknowledges the sad passing of Sam Malik, a valued member of the Manchester Music Commission, and that condolences be passed on to his family, friends and the wider Manchester music community impacted by this.

3 Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes of the GMCA Meeting Held on 9 February 2024

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 9 February 2024 be approved as a correct record.

5. Minutes of the Greater Manchester Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 7 February 2024

That the minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 7 February 2024 be received.

6. Commemoration of the Ukrainian Holodomor

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the update on the 'Unbroken Cities' network plans to support the Mayor of Lviv on the development of a rehabilitation centre be received.
3. That the GMCA endorses the following statement:
 - *The Holodomor was an act of genocide against Ukrainians in 1932-33.*
 - *The GMCA recognises the 4th Saturday of November as a day of remembrance for the innocent victims of the Holodomor.*

7. Homelessness from the Asylum System – Update and Response

1. That the unprecedented levels of homelessness and rough sleeping among new refugees in Greater Manchester, the linked service pressures and the opportunities for improvements to our service offer to this cohort, now and in the longer-term be noted.
2. That support be given to efforts to secure additional funds to boost Voluntary Community Faith Social Enterprise (VCFSE) provision for this cohort, with a focus on prevention and Private Rented Sector (PRS) access, and ensure that Housing Options and homelessness teams support delivery of GMCA-commissioned services.
3. That the continued or additional investment in capacity for specialist frontline support for people in or leaving the asylum system, especially across homelessness, social services, education teams, using current and

future (potential) Asylum Dispersal Grant funding be considered.

4. That support be given for continued engagement with national Government and efforts to evidence and communicate impacts on people, services and communities are visible more widely.
5. That support be given to shared key policy asks in order to:
 - i. give GM's local systems time to recover;
 - ii. fund GM's systems to enable effective response now and in the longer term;
 - iii. improve transitions from the asylum system and;
 - iv. address wider policy issues that are preventing access to affordable housing.
6. That the update received on the ongoing significant pressures placed upon local authorities in meeting homelessness need as a result of failures in national migration and asylum policy be noted.

8. Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Switchover Update

1. That the significant issues in telecare arising from the PSTN switchover rollout be noted.
2. That support be given to further action including correspondence with Government to urge action in response to the current risk to adults, and to develop a funded National Action Plan that includes telecare switchover working with telecommunications providers, the telecare industry and the LGA.
3. That the establishment of the GM PSTN Working Group as a forum to assess the readiness of GM for the switch over, share best practice and bring forward significant issues as they arise be noted.

4. That it be noted that there has been an exchange of letters between the Mayor and DSIT Secretary of State in December 2023 and January 2024 regarding increasing concerns of the PSTN switchover.
5. That it be noted that a further paper would be brought back to the GMCA asking the government for an extension to the switchover deadline.

9. Greater Manchester Age-Friendly Strategy

1. That the refreshed Greater Manchester Age-Friendly Strategy be approved.
2. That the comments received from Nakib Narat, the Chair of the GM Older People's Equality Panel, be noted.
3. That thanks be expressed to all political and officer leads for their considerable work on developing the refreshed Strategy.

10. Net Zero Accelerator Fund

1. That the update on Innovate UK funding and the opportunity to deliver a Net Zero Accelerator be noted.
2. That approval be given to GMCA submitting a business case and acting as the accountable body for a circa £6-7m award from Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) potentially via Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority, with delegated authority to the Lead Portfolio holder, Chief Executive and Treasurer to finalise the business case, receive and defray funding if successful.

11. Greater Manchester Investment Zone

1. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Economy Portfolio Chief Executive and Leader, to negotiate with Government project allocations in 2024-25.
2. That a further update will be provided to the GMCA, following Ministerial

approval, confirming the project allocations in 2024-25, and overall indicative allocations across the programme as a whole be noted.

3. That the further detail sought by members on the GM Investment Zone Package be made available at the appropriate time.

12. Greater Manchester Investment Framework

1. That an equity investment of up to £500k to Advanced Therapeutic Materials Ltd be approved.
2. That a convertible loan of up to £400k to Financielle Ltd be approved.
3. That a loan of up to £300k to Home Global Holdings Ltd be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above investments, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the investments, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investments noted above.

13. Delivering the Bee Network – Bus Franchising Implementation Update

1. That the progress towards the implementation of Tranche 2 of bus franchising be noted.
2. That the update received on the Bee Network Night Bus Pilot be noted.

14. The Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021 – Procurement Update

1. That the outcome of the process to procure a preferred service provider to operate the Hyde Road, Sharston, Stockport, Tameside and Wythenshawe Large Local Service Contracts in Sub-Area C of the Scheme be noted and agreed.

2. That the proposed key contractual arrangements of the Hyde Road, Sharston, Stockport, Tameside and Wythenshawe Large Local Service Contracts be noted.
3. That the comments of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.
4. That the update received on the proposal for a contactless rail pilot scheme to take place within Greater Manchester in 2025 be noted.
5. That it be noted that the new Stockport Interchange will officially be opened on 17th March.
6. That it be noted that a new fleet of electric buses will operate out of South Manchester from November 2024, ahead of Tranche 3 going live in early 2025.

15. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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.

PART B

16. Greater Manchester Investment Framework

That the contents of the report be noted.

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report in Part A of the agenda (Item 12 above refers).

**17. Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses
2021 – Procurement Update**

1. That the comments received from the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee be noted.

**17a. Procurement of the Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Local
Service Contract**

1. That the recommendations within the report be approved.

**17b. Procurement of the Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Local
Service Contract**

1. That the recommendations within the report be approved.

**17c. Procurement of the Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Local
Service Contract**

1. That the recommendations within the report be approved.

**17d. Procurement of the Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Local
Service Contract**

1. That the recommendations within the report be approved.

**17e. Procurement of the Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Local
Service Contract**

1. That the recommendations within the report be approved.

Clerk's Note: These items were considered in support of the report in Part A of the agenda (Item 14 above refers).

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

This decision notice was issued 26 February 2024 on behalf of Julie Connor, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is 4.00pm on 4 March 2024.

Call-In Process

In accordance with the scrutiny procedure rules, these decisions would come into effect five days after the publication of this notice unless before that time any three members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee decides to call-in a decision.

Members must give notice in writing to the Chief Executive that they wish to call-in a decision, stating their reason(s) why the decision should be scrutinised. The period between the publication of this decision notice and the time a decision may be implemented is the 'call-in' period.

Decisions which have already been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and where the GMCA's decision agrees with the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may not be called in.