

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 2025**

PRESENT:

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| GM Mayor | Mayor Andy Burnham (in the Chair) |
| GMCA | Deputy Mayor Kate Green |
| Bolton | Councillor Nicholas Peel |
| Bury | Councillor Lucy Smith |
| Manchester | Councillor Bev Craig |
| Oldham | Councillor Arooj Shah |
| Rochdale | Councillor Neil Emmott |
| Salford | City Mayor Paul Dennett |
| Stockport | Councillor Mark Roberts |
| Tameside | Councillor Eleanor Wills |
| Trafford | Councillor Tom Ross |
| Wigan | Councillor David Molyneux |

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Chair of GM Overview & Scrutiny | Councillor John Walsh |
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Group Chief Executive Officer | Caroline Simpson |
| Group Deputy Chief Executive | Andrew Lightfoot |
| Group Solicitor & Monitoring Officer | Gill Duckworth |
| Group Chief Finance Officer | Steve Wilson |
| Secretary | Sarah Horseman |
| Bolton | Sue Johnson |
| Bury | Lynne Ridsdale |
| Manchester | Tom Stannard |
| Oldham | Shelley Kipling |
| Rochdale | Kiama Thompson |
| Salford | Stephen Young |
| Stockport | Paul Richards |

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| Tameside | Emma Alexander |
| Trafford | Sara Todd |
| Wigan | Alison McKenzie-Folan |
| Office of the GM Mayor | Kevin Lee |
| TfGM | Martin Lax |
| TfGM | Steve Warrener |
| GMCA | Sylvia Welsh |
| GMCA | Lee Teasdale |

1. Apologies

That apologies be received from Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Bury), James Binks (Rochdale) & Michael Cullen (Stockport).

2. Chairs Announcements & Urgent Business

1. That the update on the Autumn Budget 2025 announcements and their impact upon the region be received.
2. That the establishment of a working group to consider how best to go about establishing an overnight visitor levy be approved.
3. That the announcement within the Autumn Budget that the two-child benefit cap was to be scrapped, and the impact that this would have in lifting households out of poverty in the region be welcomed.
4. That a report be submitted to the December meeting of the GMCA on the evaluation of the trial of unlimited concessionary pass travel on Bee Network buses.
5. That all GM Local Authorities be requested to actively promote the introduction of simpler rail fares within Greater Manchester being introduced on Sunday 7th December.
6. That the GMCA record its congratulations to Councillor Arooj Shah following her Leader of the Year Award at the 2025 Local Government Information Unit and CCLA Investment Awards.

3. Declarations of Interest

That Mayor Andy Burnham declared an interest in Item 7C – Electric Vehicle Charging.

4. Minutes

4a. GMCA Minutes – 26 September 2025

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 26 September 2025 be approved.

4b. GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee – 8 October 2025

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 8 October 2025 be noted.

4c. GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 24 September & 29 October 2025

That the proceedings of the meetings of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committees held on 24 September & 29 October 2025 be noted.

4d. Bee Network Committee – 25 September 2025

That the proceedings of the Bee Network Committee meeting held on 25 September 2025 be noted.

5. Greater Manchester Strategy

5a. The Greater Manchester Strategy Delivery Plan (GMS)

1. That the GMS delivery plan headlines be approved.
2. That the feedback received from stakeholders across the Greater Manchester system, which has been addressed in the final draft, be noted.
3. That the link between the GMS Delivery plan and the other papers being reviewed at today's meeting, be noted.
4. That the comments made by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee at

its meeting on 26 November 2025 be received.

5b. Greater Manchester Local Growth Plan

That the GM Local Growth Plan be noted and approved.

5c. Greater Manchester Good Growth Fund and Integrated Pipeline

1. That the progress made in developing the Greater Manchester Good Growth Fund and Greater Manchester Integrated Pipeline, since the original launch in May be noted.
2. That the revised approach to investment be approved and that the emerging governance process noted.
3. That the intention, that the revised approach to investment will be supported by the Greater Manchester Good Growth Fund, for which initial capacity, subject to approval of the borrowing outlined at recommendation 4, was in excess of £1bn be noted.
4. That GMCA borrowing up to £150m against future Retained Business Rates, for investment into the integrated pipeline, be approved.
5. That the prioritisation methodologies used to appraise the initial funding allocations recommended, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved.
6. That the indicative allocation of funding to the recommended housing and employment projects, as set out within this report, be approved.
7. That the alignment with the GMCA budgets setting process be noted.
8. That the opportunity to leverage social value through the investment pipeline supply chain be noted,
9. That the changes to the Stockport Interchange loan, as set out in the report, be approved.
10. That the comments made by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received.
11. That the letter received from Government on the Task & Finish process be noted.

5d. Local Innovation Partnership Fund (LIPF)

1. That the information on the LIPF, the decisions and processes required for its successful allocation and delivery, and the roles and responsibilities of UKRI, IGM and GMCA, be noted.
2. That the role of the representatives of the GMCA, who are members of IGM, who will participate fully (on behalf of the GMCA) in that Board's discussions and decisions on the elements of the co-design and allocation of the LIPF for which IGM is responsible, be noted.
3. That, subject to IGM taking the decision to pass additional responsibilities in managing the LIPF to the GMCA on its behalf, that authority be delegated to the Group Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the GMCA Portfolio Lead and Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Economy, Business and Inclusive Growth, to process the allocation of LIPF, the selection of interventions to be recommended to UKRI to be funded, and, as required, to accept and award grants to successful local projects on behalf of IGM and UKRI.

5e. Draft Local Transport Plan – Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2050 and Delivery Plan

1. That the Draft GM Transport Strategy 2050 and the Draft GM Transport Delivery Plan (2027-2037) be endorsed
2. That the commencement of a public consultation exercise on the Draft GM Transport Strategy 2050 and the Draft GM Transport Delivery Plan (2027-2037) be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Group Chief Executive, in consultation with the GM Mayor, to finalise the consultation materials, including the 'Summary' (of the Draft Transport Strategy and Draft Delivery Plan) that will support the consultation.
4. That the proposed consultation period, and the associated engagement plan and the proposed consultation materials be noted.
5. That it be noted that the Draft Transport Strategy and Draft Delivery Plan were supported by an Evidence Base, Policy Documents and an Integrated Appraisal that will also be publicly available as part of the public consultation.
6. That the comments made by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny

Committee be received.

7. That it be noted that there will be a re-draft of the report to reflect the need to incorporate more detail around ensuring the safety and women and girls on the network, and that this would be shared for comment with relevant members of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group.
8. That authority be delegated to the Group Chief Executive in consultation with the GM Mayor, to approve of the re-drafted Local Transport Plan.

5f. Get Greater Manchester Working Plan

That the Get GM Working Plan be approved for publication in December 2025 and support the GMCA to continue work with system partners to drive this work forward.

6. Healthy Homes for All

6a. Housing First: Strengthening Housing Standards; Property Check Programme Progress & Enforcement Trainee Programme Expansion

1. That the use of Retained Business Rates to deliver a new Housing Enforcement Trainee Programme cohort, in line with paragraph 2.7 of the report, be approved.
2. That the update on the previous trainee programme be noted.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to the Bishop of Manchester for his work to secure an amendment to the Renters' Rights Act to reduce the risk to tenants of asking for a property check and to make it easier for councils to carry them out.
4. That the other actions taken as part of the Property Check Programme since June 2025 be noted.

6b. Housing First: Tackling Supply of Temporary Accommodation through Empty Homes and Leasing Programme

1. That the deployment of £911,213 in 2026/27 to engage 17x Empty Homes Officers across Greater Manchester be approved.

2. That the deployment of £10,568,100 in 2026/27 as a comprehensive lease and repair programme to bring 400 properties back into use be approved.
3. That approval be given to the continuation of the Greater Manchester Temporary Accommodation Observatory (£206k), providing GMCA and localities with intelligence on Temporary Accommodation usage and spend.

6c. Housing First: Greater Manchester NHS & Greater Manchester Housing Providers GM Tripartite Agreement

1. That the Greater Manchester Tripartite Partnership Agreement be approved.
2. That the proposal for the GMCA to become a signatory alongside NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care and GM Housing Providers be approved.

7. A Transport System for a Global City Region

7a. TfGM Executive Board Appointments

1. That it be noted that Tracey Matthews will step down as Non-Executive Director of TfGM with effect from 31 January 2026.
2. That the appointment of Tanya Coff, as a Non-Executive Director of TfGM, for an initial three-year term from 1 February 2026 until 31 January 2029, be approved
3. That extension to the appointment of Jo Kaye, as Non-Executive Director of TfGM. for a third, and final, three-year term from 1 February 2026 until 31 January 2029, be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the Group Chief Executive, GMCA to formalise the terms of these appointments.

7b. Greater Manchester Taxi Review: Trade Engagement and Licensing Model

1. That the key findings of the Greater Manchester Taxi review be

noted.

2. That it be noted that the findings of the Greater Manchester Taxi review will be used to inform a Greater Manchester response to a future government consultation on taxi powers.
3. That it be noted that the need remains for an appropriate legislative framework to address out-of-area licensing concerns.
4. That the proposed clause to amend the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill to limit out-of-area working be noted.
5. That the exploration of a potential Greater Manchester taxi licensing model, to ensure that, if legislative reform occurs, the impacts and implications of this approach are thoroughly understood, be endorsed.
6. That Greater Manchester Local Authorities be recommended to continue to actively review policy standards and processes to deliver improvements where possible.
7. That the establishment of a taxi industry working group, led by the Transport Commissioner, to support alignment with the Bee Network and, publish summaries of key discussions to keep the trade informed, be endorsed.
8. That the exploration of a fund to assist private hire vehicle owners in upgrading their vehicles to meet emission standards during the 2026/27 GMCA Budget setting process, be endorsed.
9. That it be noted that the Hackney Fund will go live on 8 December 2025.
10. That an update be received on the further work taking place to seek amendment to the English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bill to end out of area licensing of private hire vehicles.

7c. Electric Vehicle Charging Pricing

1. That authority be delegated to Transport for Greater Manchester, the function of making all tariff pricing decisions for the publicly owned electric vehicle infrastructure, (managed and operated by Iduna Infrastructure Ltd as part of the Be.EV network).
2. That Transport for Greater Manchester be requested to submit a report on the outcomes of all tariff pricing decisions as part of the Quarterly Revenue Monitoring reports to the GMCA.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Greater Manchester Combined Authority](#)

This decision notice was issued 2 December 2025 on behalf of Sarah Horseman, 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 9 December 2025.

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.