

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2025**

PRESENT:

GM Mayor	Mayor Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
GMCA	Deputy Mayor Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Nicholas Peel
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Roberts
Tameside	Councillor Andrew McLaren
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair of GM Overview & Scrutiny	Councillor John Walsh
Chair of Task and Finish Group	Councillor Helen Hibbert
GM Disabled Peoples Panel	Jas Taylor
GM Disabled Peoples Panel	David Neilbig

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Group Chief Executive Officer	Caroline Simpson
Group Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
Deputy Monitoring Officer	Sarah Bennett
Group Chief Finance Officer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Tom Stannard
Oldham	Shelley Kipling

Rochdale	Julie Murphy
Salford	Stephen Young
Stockport	Michael Cullen
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 Eleanor Wills (Tameside), Gill Duckworth (GMCA) and Sarah Horseman (GMCA).

2. Chairs Announcements & Urgent Business

1. That the update on the Task & Finish Group letter received from government be noted.
2. That the GMCA celebrated the impact of the huge contributions made by Ike Alderman and Gary Mountfield "Mani" to the Greater Manchester region following their recent passing and expresses sincere condolences to their family and friends.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Minutes

4a. GMCA Minutes – 28 November 2025

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 28 November 2025 be approved.

4b. GMCA Resources Committee – 28 November 2025

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Resources Committee held on 28 November 2025 be approved.

4c. GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 26 November 2025

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 26 November 2025 be noted.

4d. GMCA Audit Committee – 24 November 2025

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 24 November 2025 be noted.

4e. Bee Network Committee – 27 November 2025

That the proceedings of the Bee Network Committee meeting held on 27 November 2025 be noted.

5. Appointments and Nominations to Greater Manchester Bodies

1. That 15 substitute members (11 Labour, 2 Lib Dem, 2 Conservative) be appointed to the GMCA Waste and Re-cycling Committee as follows:

Local Authority	Substitute Member
Bolton	Nadeem Ayub (Labour)
Bury	TBC
Rochdale	Mohammed Arshad (Labour)
Manchester	TBC
Oldham	Pamela Byrne (Conservative)
Salford	Arnold Saunders (Conservative)
Stockport	Grace Baynham (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Andrew McLaren (Labour)
Trafford	Simon Lepori (Lib Dem)

Labour GM	Peter Davis (Oldham)
Labour GM	Gina Reynolds (Salford)
Labour GM	David Lancaster (Salford)
Labour GM	Deena Ryness (Stockport)
Labour GM	Hugh Roderick (Tameside)
Labour GM	Olly Baskerville (Trafford)

2. That the appointment of Councillor Gary Lloyd (Wigan, Labour) to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee, replacing Councillor Joanne Marshall (Wigan, Labour) be approved.
3. That the re-appointment of Grenville Page and Susan Webster as Independent Members to the GMCA Audit Committee, for a period of one year be approved.

6.

Update to the Constitution to Allow Electronic Sealing

That, the amendment to the Constitution as detailed in this report, to enable to the GMCA to affix its Common Seal electronically, be approved.

7.

A Transport System for a Global City Region

7a.

On the Right Track for Growth: The Greater Manchester Rail Vision to 2050

1. That the 'On the Right Track for Growth - Greater Manchester Rail Vision', which has been developed in partnership with GM Local Authorities, the Greater Manchester business community (CBI, BTAC & Chamber of Commerce) and rail industry partners; and the subsequent next steps to develop a joint investment and delivery plan be noted and endorsed.
2. That the update on the Railways Bill legislation be noted.
3. That the ongoing work to deliver Bee Network Rail Integration by 2030 including development work underway with Northern Trains Ltd to assess and scope the case for Greater Manchester part-funding additional rail services in Greater Manchester as part of a Bee Network Rail Integration pilot for the 24-month trial period between December

2027 and December 2029 (i.e. from 2027/28 onwards) be noted.

4. That a future update, to include details of the service enhancements and a proposed funding mechanism, including any implications on the GMCA Transport Revenue Budget be submitted to the GMCA.

7b.

Free All Day Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People

1. That the findings of the trials be noted.
2. That it be noted that any decision to remove the 9.30am travel restriction would be subject to finalisation and approval of the GMCA Transport Revenue and Mayoral Budgets; the legal process required to amend the Greater Manchester Local Concessionary Scheme; and approval by the Mayor.
3. That the comments made by Jas Taylor on behalf of the GM Disabled Persons Panel be received.
4. That the results of the all day bus travel trial will be sent on to the Secretary of State for Transport.

8.

Safe and Strong Communities

8a.

In Her Shoes: Review of Safety for Women & Girls On Public Transport

1. That the final review be endorsed.
2. That the update on the review made by the Chair, Councillor Helen Hibbert, be received.
3. That the presentation highlighting the early impact of TravelSafe Live Chat be received.
4. That a detailed response to the Task & Finish Group recommendations be submitted to the GMCA.

9.

Everyday Support in Every Neighbourhood

A New Model of Public Service Delivery: Live Well, Prevention

9a.

Demonstrator & Economic Inactivity Trailblazer Deep Dive

1. That support be given to taking Live Well to the next level throughout

2026 by making it a visible, practical offer for residents. This would include embedding Live Well in each locality and harnessing the power of local partnerships to deliver integrated, accessible support.

2. That it be noted that this next step is vital to strengthen and accelerate prevention in practice, ensuring Live Well continues to be a driving force for better outcomes for residents across Greater Manchester.
3. That the comments highlighted on behalf of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received.

10. Green City Region

10a. Commissioning Biodiversity Net Gain in Greater Manchester

1. That the background to the Responsible Body Service be noted.
2. That the commissioning of the Responsible Body Service be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Managing Director of GMCA, in consultation with the Group Chief Finance Officer and Group Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to enter into agreements with the Local Authorities as described in Clause 5.2.

11. Resources & Investment

11a. Revenue Budget Update – Quarter 2

That the forecast position at 30th September 2025 be noted.

11b. Capital Budget Update – Quarter 2

That the current 2025/26 forecast of £620.4m compared to the previous forecast of £652.9m be noted.

11c. Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-Year Review Report 2025/26

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-Year Review Report 2025/26 be approved.

11d. Greater Manchester Investment Framework Requests

1. That an equity investment of up to £500,000 to C3 Biotechnologies Limited be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the GMCA Solicitor and 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.

12. Exclusion of Press & 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.

12a. Greater Manchester Investment Framework Requests

That the contents of the report be noted.

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

This decision notice was issued 15 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 22 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.