

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED  
AUTHORITY  
HELD ON FRIDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 2026**

**PRESENT:**

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 Nazia Rehman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

Group Chief Executive Officer	Caroline Simpson
Group Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
Group Monitoring Officer	Gill Duckworth
Group Chief Finance Officer	Steve Wilson
Group Secretary	Sarah Horsman
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	Danny Vaughan
GMFRS	DCFO Carlos Meakin
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	Lee Teasdale

## **1. Apologies**

That apologies be received from Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Bury), Councillor David Molyneux (Wigan) Alison McKenzie-Folan (Wigan) & Steve Warrener (TfGM).

## **2. Chairs Announcements & Urgent Business**

1. That GMCA representatives awarded in the King's New Years Honours be congratulated, including Cllr Bev Craig (OBE) and Transport Commissioner Vernon Everitt (CBE).
2. That the update on the Northern Powerhouse Rail bill and the associated growth opportunities be received.
3. That the update on the £4.45m fund to support Greater Manchester registered private hire vehicle operators in bringing their vehicles to compliance be received, and it be noted that the fund will be subject to approval within the budget process.

## **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

## **4. Minutes**

**4a. GMCA Minutes – 12 December 2025**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 12 December 2025 be approved.

**4b. Bee Network Committee – 11 December 2025**

That the proceedings of the meeting of the Bee Network Committee held on 11 December 2025 be noted.

**4c. GCMA Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 10 December 2025**

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 10 December 2025 be noted.

**5. Resources**

**5a. Mayoral General Budget and Precept Proposals – 2026/27 (Key Decision)**

1. That consideration be given to Mayor's proposal to increase the Mayoral General Precept by £25 to £153.95 (for a Band D property), comprising of:
  - i) Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Services - precept of £92.20 (**£6 increase**);
  - ii) Other Mayoral General functions - precept of £61.75 (**£19 increase**).
2. That the following be noted:
  - i) the overall budget proposed for the Fire and Rescue Service,
  - ii) the use of the reserves to support the revenue and capital budgets, and the assessment by the Treasurer that the reserves as at March 2026 are adequate,
  - iii) the proposed Fire Service capital programme and proposals for funding,
  - iv) the medium-term financial position for the Fire and Rescue Service covered by the Mayoral precept
3. That the detailed budget proposals for other Mayoral general functions be noted.

4. That the use of reserves as set out in Paragraph 3.3 of the report be noted.
5. That consideration be given to the submission of any written comments to the Mayor in line with the legal process and timetable described in this report.
6. That it be noted that at its meeting at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 there will be an updated budget submitted, consistent with the precept proposals, to reflect final tax base and collection fund calculations and the final baseline funding settlement.
7. That the comments raised through the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.
8. That the Mayor would ask the Group Chief Executive and Group Treasurer to liaise with GM Local Authorities on the best use of earmarked reserves following the Fair Funding Review.

**6. Healthy Homes for All**

**6a. Creation of Oldham Mayoral Development Corporation: In Principle Decision**

1. That agreement be given in principle to the creation of a Mayoral Development Corporation for Oldham
2. That it be agreed that GMCA officers can explore with Oldham Council detailed options for a Mayoral Development Corporation to be created for Oldham, with these matters to be decided upon by GMCA and the Council in due course.

**6b. Creation of Bolton Town Centre Mayoral Development Corporation: In Principle Decision**

1. That agreement be given in principle to the creation of a Mayoral Development Corporation for Bolton Town Centre.
2. That it be agreed that GMCA officers can explore with Bolton Council detailed options for a Mayoral Development Corporation to be created for Bolton Town Centre, with these matters to be decided upon by GMCA and the Council in due course.
3. That the Group Monitoring Officer will establish the best approach for the future scrutiny of Mayoral Development Corporations.

**6c. Creation of Ashton & Stalybridge Mayoral Development Corporation: In Principle Decision**

1. That agreement be given in principle to the creation of a Mayoral Development Corporation for Ashton and Stalybridge.
2. That it be agreed that GMCA officers can explore with Tameside Council detailed options to set up a Mayoral Development Corporation for Ashton and Stalybridge, with these matters to be decided upon by GMCA and the Council in due course.

**6d. Greater Manchester Housing Investment – Grant Variations (Key Decision)**

1. That the increased grants and/or change to grant recipient for the schemes previously approved by GMCA for funding set out in the table below be approved:

SCHEME	GRANT RECIPIENT	DISTRICT	GRANT
Grant increases			
Adelphi - Farmer Norton Phase 1	English Cities Fund	Salford	£2.370 m
Adelphi - Willohaus 2	Legal & General Affordable Homes	Salford	£4.420 m
Adelphi - Plot A1 New Bailey	English Cities Fund / a Registered Provider	Salford	£5.670 m
Change in Grant Recipient			
Prince's Gate Phase 1	Legal & General Affordable Homes	Oldham	£9.930 m

2. That authority be delegated to the Combined Authority Group Chief Finance Officer and GMCA 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 these.

## **7. Digitally Connected Places and People**

### **7a. Greater Manchester Digital Blueprint**

1. That the progress made against the GM Digital Blueprint 2023-26 ambitions be noted.
2. That the changes in local and national context that have implications for the Blueprint refresh be noted.
3. That support be given to the proposal for the Blueprint refresh and its scope and approach.
4. That support be given to the Digital Portfolio Lead Chief Executive acting as Senior Responsible Owner, and the Digital Portfolio Leader, acting as Sponsor.
5. That support be given to the refresh process to ensure the Digital Blueprint remains reflective of locality, partner and portfolio priorities.

## **8. Green City Region**

### **8a. Greater Manchester Interim Recycling and Waste Plan**

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the Greater Manchester Interim Recycling and Waste Plan 2026 – 2030 be approved.
3. That the comments of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

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

This decision notice was issued 02 February 2026 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 09 February 2026.

### **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.