Emergency Powers Decision Report

GM Joint Minerals and Waste Plan

Decision Maker: Chief Executive

Service Area: Planning and Development
Directorate: Growth
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Date of Decision: 30 November 2026

1. Power to make the decision

The decision is being taken under the authorisation contained in Section 9C – Delegations to Specific Officers of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council Constitution for the Chief Executive to take any emergency decisions in respect of the Council's executive functions which cannot be delayed until the next Cabinet meeting.

2. Decision Sought

The new plan making legislative framework requires certain decisions, such as ones in relation to the timetable to be made at speed. In addition, having agreed to produce a joint plan some of the required steps must be completed simultaneously by all the authorities. The proposed delegations will enable the plan to be progressed in a timely fashion and in line with regulations. Not having appropriate delegations in place could result in difficulties in producing the plan to the 30-month timeline required by legislation.

3. Reason for urgency

Appendix 3 of the Report to the Chief Executive on GM Joint Minerals and Waste Plan, sets out the proposed initial timetable for producing the joint plan. As explained in section 2.3 of the report, the arrangements for preparing the joint plan require the Greater Manchester authorities to give formal notice of commencement (Regulation 44) by 31st December 2026 and to pass Gateway 1 (Regulation 46) by 30th April 2027 (after having completed an initial scoping consultation). These early milestones are set by Government and cannot be altered. As such, all Greater Manchester authorities are seeking approval of the proposed delegations at this time to enable formal notice of commencement to be made.

4. Risk(s) of not taking the decision

The Minerals and Waste Plan is a joint plan, and all Greater Manchester authorities are seeking approval of the proposed delegations at this time to enable formal notice of commencement to be made and ensure that the appropriate delegations are in place. Having agreed to produce a joint plan some of the required steps must be completed simultaneously by all the authorities, and not taking the decision sought will prevent Oldham Council from doing so.

5. Financial impact if decision not taken forward

As set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report, there are no immediate financial implications resulting from the recommendations. Should future decisions require additional funding, resources or expenditure, these will be identified and presented through a subsequent report for consideration and approval.

6. Statutory Officer clearances

a. Section 151 Officer

Name Lee Walsh
Date 5 November 2026
Comments

There are no immediate financial implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report. The proposed approvals relate primarily to governance, decision-making and the progression of plan-making activities, including the delegation of authority to the Assistant Director of Planning & Development to undertake executive decisions necessary to advance the relevant programmes and statutory processes.
At this stage, any costs associated with progressing the identified activities are expected to be met from existing approved budgets. Should future decisions arising from the plan-making process result in a requirement for additional funding, resources, consultancy support, capital investment or other expenditure commitments, these will be subject to separate financial assessment and approval through the Council's established governance and budget-setting arrangements.

b. Monitoring Officer

Name Alan Evans (Deputy Monitoring Officer)
Date 2 November 2026
Comments

For the reasons given in the report an urgent decision relating to the report is required. In the absence of the appointment by the Council of a Leader, Deputy Leader or Cabinet members, in accordance with the recent amendments to paragraph 3.6 of Part 4D (Executive Procedure Rules) of the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive may carry out executive functions, subject to the Access to Information Rules.