

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2015 AT THE
AJ BELL STADIUM, ECCLES, SALFORD**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jim McMahon
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Peter Williams
SALFORD CC	Ian Stewart
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Sue Derbyshire
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Michael Young
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

GMFRS	Councillor John Bell
GMFRS	Councillor David Acton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Paul Najsarekl	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Peter Fahy	GMP
Simon Nokes	New Economy
Clare Regan	GM Interim Mayor's Office

Jon Lamonte

TfGM

Rebecca Heron
Sylvia Welsh
Paul Harris

) Greater Manchester
) Integrated Support Team
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112/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sean Anstee (Trafford) and Richard Farnell (Rochdale). It was noted that Councillors Michael Young (Trafford) and Peter Williams (Rochdale) were attending as their substitutes.

113/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

114/15 URGENT BUSINESS

Public Right of Appeal – GM Housing Investment Fund

The Chair explained that, in accordance to procedure rule 23 of the GMCA constitution, an appeal had been received from a member of the press appealing the decision to consider Item 9, Greater Manchester Housing Investment Fund – Investment Approval Recommendation in the absence of the press and public.

The Monitoring Officer advised both Members and the appellant on the process involved in considering the appeal and that its consideration was to be conducted in the absence of the press and public.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED/-

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 item of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

A discussion took place during which the commercial sensitivity of this information contained in the report was explained. A Member suggested that where reports were to be presented in Part B of the agenda in future meetings, it would be helpful if a report for information was also presented in Part A, to ensure that the transparency of the decision making process is maintained.

Members of the press and public were invited to return to the meeting and the Chair explained the outcome of the appeal process.

RESOLVED/-

1. To thank the appellant for bringing this appeal.
2. To agree that in light of the commercially sensitive nature of the of the content of the report, the appeal be dismissed and for this reason, the consideration of the GM Housing Investment Fund item be conducted in the absence of the press and public.
3. To agree that where reports were to be presented in the absence of the press and public at future meetings of the GMCA, an accompanying report was also to be presented in the open section of the agenda where there was information that could be considered in the public domain.

115/15 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 31 JULY 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2015 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 31 July 2015 as a correct record.

116/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF GMCA

Consideration was given to a report of Julie Connor, Head of the Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team which set out a forward plan of those strategic decisions to be considered by GMCA over the next four months.

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions as set out in the report.

117/15 GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITY PERMIT SCHEME (GMRAPS) LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, Transport for Greater Manchester, presented a report which updated the GMCA on the changes required to the Greater Manchester Road Activity Permit Scheme (GMRAPS) in order to accommodate the amendments to the national permit regulations and increased responsibilities regarding the Key Route Network (KRN).

It was noted that the amended version of the Permit Scheme Regulations came into force on 30 June 2015. The regulations stated that all existing permit schemes, including GMRAPS, are required to be compliant with the Amendment Regulations by 1 October 2015. A summary of the main amendments to the regulations that apply to GMRAPS were explained as :-

- The ability of Highways Authorities or Strategic highway companies to vary or revoke existing schemes without the requirement to ask the Secretary of State;
- The requirement that all schemes must adopt standard wording and numbering for permit conditions as set out in the Statutory Guidance.
- The requirement to evaluate a scheme after each of the first three years and then three-yearly after that. In carrying out the evaluation, an evaluation shall include consideration of costs and benefits, permit fees and KPIs.
- The requirement of an additional permit category that offers a discount for works taking place outside of traffic sensitive times on the main category 0-2 highways.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the legal changes necessary to amend the GMRAPS documentation, a Deed of Variation and the introduction of the Order as required.
2. To authorise the proposals to increase the Local Authority and TIGM reimbursement rate for additional tasks to be carried out on the KRN.

118/15 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING FUND – RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, presented a report seeking approval to the recruitment and appointment of 1 additional post within the GMCA's Core Investment Team and the increase in the approved salary of previously approved new posts required to support operation of the £300m GM Housing Fund.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the recruitment to the GMCA's Core Investment Team of the 1 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Transaction Manager post in line with the proposals detailed in this report.
2. To approve a salary range of previously approved Transaction Manager posts of £55,000 to £60,000.
3. To approve the delegation to the Lead Chief Executive for Investment, in consultation with the GMCA Portfolio Holders for Investment and Housing, and in conjunction with the Chief Investment Officer and with the support of the GM Integrated Support Team, to confirm appointments following the conduct of an appropriate recruitment process for the Transaction Manager post.
4. To note that the additional costs of these proposals in 2015/16 will be accommodated within the existing Core Investment Team budget for the year and income generated on investments made by the Fund. From 2016/17

onwards it is intended that all costs will be re-charged to Manchester City Council to be funded from income generated on investments made by the Fund

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PART B

120/15 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, presented a report seeking endorsement of five loans to be made by the Greater Manchester Housing Fund.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that approval be given to the five loans as detailed in the report.
2. To agree to delegate authority to Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans at 1) above.
3. To agree to recommend to Manchester City Council that it prepares and effects the necessary legal agreements in accordance within its approved internal processes.

