

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2015
AT TRAFFORD TOWN HALL**

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 Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Peter Williams
SALFORD CC	Ian Stewart
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Sue Derbyshire
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

GMFRA	Councillor David Acton
GMFRA	Councillor John Bell
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Keith Davies	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Howard Bernstein	Manchester CC
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
Ian Hopkins	GMP
Andrew Lightfoot	GM Director of Public Service Reform
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Company
Simon Nokes	New Economy
Adam Allen	Office of the Interim Mayor and Police & Crime Commissioner
Clare Regan	TfGM
Steve Warrener	TfGM
Dave Newton	TfGM

Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Julie Connor) Greater Manchester
Sylvia Welsh) Integrated Support Team
Kerry Bond)
Rebecca Heron)

149/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Jim McMahon (Oldham), Richard Farnell (Rochdale), Margaret Asquith (Bolton), Peter O'Reilly (GMFRA), Cath Piddington (GMWDA), Jon Lamonte (TfGM).

150/15 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair welcomed Ian Hopkins, Chief Constable, GMP to the meeting and informed members that Paul Najsarek, Chief Executive, Bolton Council had left the authority and Margaret Asquith had been appointed as Interim Chief Executive pending the appointment of a new Chief Executive.

On behalf of the GMCA, Tony Lloyd thanked Peter Fahy and Paul Najsarek for their work and commitment to Greater Manchester and wished them well for the future, advising that he would write a letter of thanks to both.

151/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

152/15 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2015

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 30 October were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 30 October 2015.

153/15 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.

154/15 TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2015

Members were assured that work is underway on developing and progressing an Integrated Smart Ticketing system for implementation across Greater Manchester.

The meeting was advised that Transport for the North is also looking to develop Northern Smart Ticketing and it was important that the work undertaken by Greater Manchester aligns with this.

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2015.

155/15 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2015

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2015.

156/15 GMCA QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Tony Lloyd and Carolyn Wilkins presented a report providing a quarterly update on current and planned GMCA communications and engagement activity.

Members welcomed the report and the steps being undertaken to ensure the GMCA works in an open and transparent way. Today is the first time that the GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meetings have been live streamed and it was suggested that officers should review live streaming facilities across the Greater Manchester venues for future GMCA meetings, with a view to establishing consistency of standards.

Members also commented and welcomed on the new improved website, acknowledging that it will need to continually evolve.

RESOLVED/-

To note progress and upcoming activity and provide feedback.

157/15 SPENDING REVIEW ANNOUNCEMENT

Richard Leese presented a report providing an overview of the additional freedoms and flexibilities awarded to Greater Manchester as part of a further Devolution Agreement which were publicised as part of the Spending Review announcement made on 25 November 2015.

Members were advised that negotiations with Government have been continuous since signing the Devolution Agreement in November 2014, with further work to be undertaken with BIS around Business Support Programmes, specifically for Greater Manchester. A further paper on overall impact of the delivery of the Devolution

Agreement with more detail on timelines will be submitted to GMCA in December. Further announcements specifically around transport are expected, with further work necessary on delivery platforms required to be completed by March 2016.

Members also commented on the need to ensure that skills programmes match future job requirements and the inter-relationship with the Working Well Programme.

RESOLVED/-

1. To endorse the Greater Manchester Agreement: Further Devolution to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and directly elected Mayor as detailed in Annex A of the report.
2. To agree that a further detailed report be brought to the GMCA meeting scheduled for 18 December 2015.

158/15 GREATER MANCHESTER AREA BASED REVIEW

Sean Anstee presented a report updating members on the Area Based Review process and the impact on provision that the expected outcomes are likely to have. He proposed an amendment to the report (page 8) relating to skills capital funding, recommending that all the schemes detailed are allowed to proceed given significant commitments and progress made in respect of each. This will still leave c.£20m for allocation following completion of the Area Based review.

Sean Anstee also added that he would be writing to all GM MP's to provide them with an update on progress. Members also commented that transport links would be critical in supporting the outcome of the review.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the suggested criteria to use as a starting point for discussions with BIS.
2. To approve that the 5 key criteria for GM be applied to the process, as outlined in Section 4 of the report.
3. To approve an amendment as now reported that all the schemes detailed are allowed to proceed given significant commitments made in respect of each.

159/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL TRANSPORT UPDATE

Steve Warrener presented a report providing a quarterly update on the latest position in relation to the Local Growth Deal Transport Programme.

Members recognised the impact of major works in Manchester City Centre on the surrounding areas, stressing the importance of collaboration between local authorities. It was noted that Manchester City Council officers have been directed to ensure that capacity of Great Ancoats Street is not reduced under any circumstances.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the current position in relation to the initial Growth Deal Major Schemes programme.
2. To note the current position in relation to the initial Growth Deal Minor Works programme.
3. To note the current position in relation to the Growth Deal 2 Additional Priorities and Minor Works programmes.
4. To note the ongoing activities that are taking place in order to progress the programme generally.
5. To agree that an update report be submitted to the February GMCA meeting.

160/15 2040 VISION CONSULTATION

Dave Newton presented a report summarising the feedback received during the 12 week consultation (July to October 2015) on the 'Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040: Our Vision'.

Members were assured that this Strategy and Transport for the North work streams would be aligned to reflect GM priorities for example, Pennine Tunnel Link. In addition officers are working with local cycling groups and local authorities to ensure all safety issues are addressed.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the range and nature of responses received on the 2040 Vision consultation.
2. To note that further work, informed by this consultation, is underway to prepare a draft 2040 strategy for GMCA consideration in early 2016.

161/15 GREATER MANCHESTER LOW EMISSIONS STRATEGY AND AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

Dave Newton presented a report seeking approval for the Greater Manchester Low Emissions Strategy and the Air Quality Action Plan and to request authorisation to proceed to external consultation.

The meeting was reminded that the Low Carbon Implementation Plan was currently subject to consultation and does need to be aligned with the Low Emissions Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan in the New Year.

RESOLVED/-

1. To endorse the Low Emissions Strategy for Greater Manchester.
2. To endorse the Air Quality Action Plan for Greater Manchester.
3. To authorise the commencement of external consultation for both documents.

162/15 CLUSTER OF EMPTY HOMES PROGRAMME

Councillor Sue Derbyshire presented a report seeking agreement to a delegation to determine the use of £212,000 of remaining funds allocated for the Clusters of Empty Homes Programme.

RESOLVED/-

To delegate authority, to determine the allocation of the remaining funds to Eamonn Boylan, Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Planning and Housing and Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with Councillor Sue Derbyshire, Portfolio Lead for Planning and Housing.

163/15 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillor Sue Derbyshire presented a report seeking approval of a GM Housing Fund loan of £957,654 to Wiggitt Homes Ltd.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that approval be given to the loan of £957,654 to Wiggitt Homes Ltd to deliver it's Charminster Drive, Crumpsall, Manchester development.
2. To delegate authority to the 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 loan at 1) above.
3. To agree that Manchester City Council prepares and effects the necessary legal agreements in accordance with its approved internal process.

164/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Councillor Kieran Quinn presented a report seeking approval for a loan to Zen Internet Limited and a proposal to reallocate the funding for Project Catalyst to Growing Places.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the project funding application by Zen Internet Limited, (loan of £1,000,000), be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To agree that the funding for Project Catalyst (loan of £4,700,000) be reallocated to Growing Places.
3. To delegate authority to the 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 loan at 1) above.

165/15 EXCLUSION OF 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.

**166/15 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND –
INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Councillor Sue Derbyshire presented a report providing detail on the proposed GM Housing Fund loan to Wiggett Homes Ltd for its Charminster Drive, Crumpsall, Manchester development.

RESOLVED/-

To note the contents of this report.

**167/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Consideration was given to a report providing further detail on the funding application from Zen Internet Limited and the Project Catalyst reallocation.

RESOLVED/-

To note the contents of the report.

