

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2015
AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Ebrahim Adia
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor David Hibbert
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Allen Brett
SALFORD CC	Councillor Paul Dennett
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
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
Andrew Lightfoot	GM Director of Public Service Reform
Peter O'Reilly	GM Fire & Rescue
John Bland	GM Waste Disposal Authority
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Company
Simon Nokes	New Economy

Ian Williamson
Katy Calvin-Thomas
Adam Allen
Clare Regan
Jon Lamonte
Steve Warrener

Health Devolution Team
Health Devolution Team
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Office of the Interim Mayor
TfGM
TfGM

Liz Treacy
Richard Paver
Julie Connor
Sylvia Welsh
Kerry Bond
Rebecca Heron

GMCA Monitoring Officer
GMCA Treasurer
) Greater Manchester
) Integrated Support Team
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168/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Margaret Asquith (Bolton), Richard Farnell (Rochdale), Jim McMahon (Oldham) and Ian Stewart (Salford).

169/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

170/15 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2015

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 27 November 2015 were submitted for consideration.

Clusters of Empty Homes Programme – Minutes 162/15 refers

Members were advised that the delegation to allocate the remaining funds for the Clusters of Empty Homes Programme has been exercised and resources have awarded to the Salford scheme.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 27 November 2015.

171/15 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 sets 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.

172/15 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON FOR CONSIDERATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE GMCA'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Liz Treacy presented a report detailing the appointment process of an Independent Person to assist the GMCA's Monitoring Officer and Hearing Panel in dealing with allegations that GMCA members have acted in breach of the GMCA's Code of Conduct and the appointment of a Co-Opted Independent Member to be appointed as Chair of the GMCA's Standards Committee.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the Monitoring Officer's recommendation to appoint Nicolé Jackson to act as an Independent Person for a term of office of four years.
2. To agree the Monitoring Officer's recommendation to appoint Geoff Linnell to act as an Independent Co-opted Member and the Chair of the GMCA's Standards Committee for a term of office of four years.
3. To authorise payment to the Independent Person of an annual allowance of £873.
4. To agree to amend the Members' Allowances Scheme, so that an expenses payment of £156 be made to the Co-opted Independent Member and Chair of the Standards Committee for each meeting of the Standards Committee attended.

173/15 GMCA PORTFOLIOS – DEPUTY LEAD MEMBERS

Tony Lloyd presented a report setting out proposals to improve the efficiency of the GMCA portfolio arrangements and increase strategic leadership capacity through the appointment of Deputy Portfolio lead members. The report presented a draft prospectus providing an overview of key priorities, areas of responsibility for each portfolio area and a cross-portfolio role profile for deputy lead members, for consideration and agreement. Portfolio Leads to determine where the Deputy Portfolio lead members will be involved in assisting with the increased workload.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the need for the appointment of Deputy Portfolio Lead Members as detailed in the report.
2. To approve the draft Prospectus and cross-portfolio role description, appended to the report, to support the selection of deputies.
3. To agree to the process of selection, as detailed in Section 4 of the report.
4. To agree that the appointments would be subject to confirmation by the GMCA at the end of January 2016.

174/15 UPDATE ON CITIES AND DEVOLUTION BILL

Tony Lloyd presented a report updating members on the status of the Cities and Devolution Bill and the next steps to implementation.

Tony Lloyd proposed an amendments to recommendations delegating authority to a small sub committee comprising the GMCA Chair and Vice Chairs to determine consent to the Order.

The Monitoring Officer will formally write to Greater Manchester Local Authorities seeking approval of the wording of the 1st Order . Consent will be required by early January.

The meeting was reminded that the Order to progress the Elected Mayor is contingent upon progress being made to implement the Devolution Agreement, including transport powers which enable the introduction of bus franchising and smart ticketing technology across Greater Manchester.

Members requested that a letter seeking assurance that the necessary legislation to provide transport powers and other elements of the Greater Manchester Devolution Agreement will be in place before the election of a GM Mayor. In the event that Government is not able to meet the timetable then Government will be requested to commit to rescind the Elected Mayor Order.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the progress of the Bill and next steps required for implementation.
2. To delegate authority to a sub committee comprising the GMCA Chair and Vice Chairs to consent to the terms of the Order required to establish the role of GMCA elected Mayor and to provide for the Mayor to exercise the functions of the PCC in relation to the Greater Manchester Police area.
3. To delegate authority to a sub committee comprising the GMCA Chair and Vice Chairs the authority to propose and consent to the terms of orders required to enable GMCA to carry out health related functions from April 2016.
4. To commend the draft Order to the GM local authorities for their consent and agreement to the final version.
5. To agree that a letter seeking assurance that the necessary legislation to provide transport powers and other elements of the Greater Manchester Devolution Agreement will be in place before the election of a GM Mayor. In the event that Government is not able to meet the timetable then Government will be requested to commit to rescind the Elected Mayor Order..

175/15 FURTHER DEVOLUTION TO GREATER MANCHESTER: WORK PROGRAMME

Councillor Richard Leese presented a report providing Members with the work programme, summarising the tasks to be undertaken to progress the key areas of GM devolution agreement work, announced as part of the 2015 Spending Review settlement.

Members noted that a wider Implementation Plan was under development, covering all aspects of the devolution settlement to date.

A further report will be submitted to the GMCA on the preparation of a case for a land programme to enable Greater Manchester to move forward with the development of sites for housing and employment and commerce. Government has committed to work across Departments to assist GM in delivering reform priorities

RESOLVED/-

1. To endorse the work programme.
2. To note that a wider devolution implementation plan is currently under development and will be submitted for consideration at the January meeting of the GMCA.
3. To agree that a further report be submitted GMCA on the preparation of a case for a land programme to enable Greater Manchester to move forward with the development of sites for housing and employment and commerce.

176/15 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AUDITS

Councillor Richard Leese presented a report detailing an opportunity to submit an Expression of Interest to Government to undertake a Science and Innovation Audit in the GM area.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the information in relation to Science and Innovation Audits contained in the report.
2. To agree to delegate responsibility for signing off the GM Expression of Interest to Councillor Richard Leese and Sir Howard Bernstein as portfolio holders for Economic Strategy.

177/15 LAND AND ESTATES: DELIVERING 'ONE PUBLIC ESTATE' AT GM LEVEL

Councillor Sue Derbyshire presented a report detailing work underway to develop a strategy and delivery resource to address the complex land and estates challenges across Greater Manchester.

Members highlighted how utilising public estates in a different way can contribute to achieving Greater Manchester's aspirations for public service reform. Members of the Land Commission do need to ensure that public service reform is embedded within their work programme in order to deliver better utilisation of assets.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the proposed membership, subject to agreement with Department for Communities and Local Government, GMCA portfolio Leaders for Investment, Growth, Housing and Public Service Reform and senior representatives of key Government Departments and Agencies (including NHS England, Homes and Communities Agency and Newtwork Rail) and role of the GM Land Commission.
2. To agree to the establishment of a GM Strategic Land Board as proposed in paragraph 2(b) of the report.
3. To approve the establishment of the post of Director of Land and Property for Greater Manchester and the creation of a Greater Manchester Land and Property Delivery Unit as proposed in paragraph 2(c) of the report.
4. To commission, as an early action, the preparation of a set of criteria to underpin a Greater Manchester Land Programme for discussions with Treasury in advance of the spring 2016 Budget.

178/15 PROTOCOLS WITH TRADE UNIONS

Tony Lloyd presented a report detailing a proposed GM Trade Union protocol, the establishment of a properly constituted strategic Workforce Engagement Board and the establishment of a Health and Social Care Engagement Forum.

RESOLVED/-

1. To authorise the Greater Manchester Interim Mayor to sign the GM Trade Union protocol on behalf of GMCA.
2. To support the establishment of a properly constituted strategic Workforce Engagement Board comprising senior managers, political leaders and trade union representatives. The Board will meet on at least a quarterly basis to exchange ideas and proposals, discuss relevant issues of joint concern and seek to reach agreements as appropriate on matters of workforce implications and workforce skills and development arising from or resulting from the early policy formulation, planning and implementation of Greater Manchester devolution, decentralisation and public service redesign initiatives. (appendix 1 of the report)
3. To support the establishment of a Health and Social Care Engagement Forum comprising trade union and employer representatives which will feed into the strategic Workforce Engagement Board and report to the Health and Social Care Partnership Board (appendix 2 of the report).

179/15 NORTHERN AND TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS FRANCHISES ANNOUNCEMENT

Councillor Richard Leese presented a report providing a brief overview of the key messages and initial benefit to Greater Manchester following the announcement of the franchise contract award to Arriva Rail North Ltd (Northern) and First TransPennine Express Ltd on 9th December.

Transport for the North, in working together has delivered much improved outcomes for the North , including significant employment opportunities across the franchises.

The investment in new rail vehicles, alongside other investment, particularly High Speed 2, will help to revive the UK rail industry, as a direct result of the Northern Authorities working together at both political and officer level.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report.

180/15 HENDY & BOWE NETWORK RAIL REVIEWS

Jon Lamonte presented a report setting out the conclusions of two independent reviews of Network Rail's investment programme for Control Period 5, from 2014 to 2019. The first was undertaken by Sir Peter Hendy, Chairman of Network Rail, the second was undertaken by Dame Colette Bowe. Both reports were published on Thursday 25th November.

It was reported that all the Northern Hub works will be undertaken, with some on a delayed timetable due to the delays on the Ordsall Chord scheme planning process and legal actions, with the Piccadilly scheme completed by 2020. The schedule of works will emerge over the following months with further reports to the GMCA.

Members commented that there were still some significant services missing in the peripheral areas of Greater Manchester restricting access to key growth areas. Going forward there is still some work to be undertaken to establish where further improvements can be made.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the conclusions of the reviews as set out in the paper and the implications for Greater Manchester.
2. To note that further reports will be submitted to the GMCA as the schedule of work emerges over the forthcoming months.

181/15 ENERGY COMPANY FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

Councillor Sue Derbyshire and Steve Rumbelow presented a report outlining the findings of a feasibility study and detailing the proposed the next steps to develop the proposal to create an Energy Company for Greater Manchester.

Members were informed that it was envisaged that the Company would be producing results three years following establishment, which should enable further detailed work on fuel poverty interventions.

Members also requested that Housing Associations be involved in the formation of the Energy Company as a means of getting supply into the residential properties.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the contents of this report and the work completed by Cornwall Energy.
2. To agree that authority be delegated to Councillor Sue Derbyshire to commission all the work necessary to develop a preferred model for a Greater Manchester Energy Company (a fully licensed supply company) with a view to reporting back to the GMCA early in the New Year.

182/15 INTEGRATED COVENANT OF MAYORS

Councillor Sue Derbyshire and Steve Rumbelow presented a report providing an update and suggested approach regarding the integration of two initiatives in which Greater Manchester is engaged; the Covenant of Mayors and Mayors Adapt.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report.
2. To approve the signing of the new Integrated Covenant by the Greater Manchester Interim Mayor and Cllr Sue Derbyshire.

183/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Councillor Kieran Quinn and Eamonn Boylan presented a report providing updates on the DataCentred and MonoPumps projects.

Further details of the projects are included in a more detailed report, considered in the confidential part of the agenda due to the information relating to the confidential business affairs of the applicants.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree to the changes to the commercial terms of the DataCentred funding as set out in the part b report.
2. To note the update provided with respect to MonoPumps.
3. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and 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.

184/15 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.

185/15 ENERGY COMPANY FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

Councillor Sue Derbyshire and Steve Rumbelow presented a report providing further information on two routes to establishing a fully licensed supply company for Greater Manchester which is currently under consideration.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report.
2. To support further development of the principle of establishing a Greater Manchester Energy Company as described in the Part A report.

**186/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Councillor Kieran Quinn and Eamonn Boylan presented a report providing an update on the status of the MonoPumps and DataCentred projects.

It was agreed that a further detailed note on the assumptions would be circulated to Members of the GMCA on a confidential basis.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report.

