

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD 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	Health Devolution Team
Katy Calvin-Thomas	Health Devolution Team

Adam Allen
Clare Regan
Jon Lamonte
Steve Warrener

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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121/15 APOLOGIES

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

122/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Richard Leese declared a prejudicial interest in Item 6a Budget Strategy as a Director of the Growth Company Board.

123/15 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2015

The minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meeting held on 27 November 2015 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board held on 27 November 2015.

124/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

RESOLVED/-

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

125/15 BUDGET STRATEGY 2016/17

Councillor Kieran Quinn introduced a report detailing the proposals for the GMCA and AGMA budgets as part of the 2016/17 budget strategy process, and the Joint Authority levy/precept assumptions for 2016/17. Richard Paver confirmed that all the Scrutiny Process meetings have now taken place.

Councillor David Action appraised the meeting of the direct implications of the Local Government Settlement on the Fire and Rescue Services.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the recommendations of the GMCA transport scrutiny panel as detailed in paragraph 4.9 of the report, and below:
 - i) the Transport Levy for 2016/17 remain unchanged from 2015/16 at £195.123m;
 - ii) the previously planned increase of 1.8% (£3.5 million) with respect to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund would be deferred and would be reviewed again in future years;
 - iii) any bus related efficiency savings would be 'ring fenced' to part fund the future costs of Bus Franchising; and
 - iv) any other efficiency savings, over and above those included to reach a "cash standstill" position would be ring-fenced to reduce the currently forecast deficits in 2017/18 and 2018/19.

2. To agree the recommendations of the AGMA/GMCA non transport scrutiny panel as detailed in paragraph 5.31 of the report, in particular:
 - v) All priorities and pressures are to be put forward for approval;
 - vi) All savings are to be put forward for approval subject to further detail on the impact being considered;
 - vii) That further information is provided regarding the scope of the Manchester Investment and Development Agency Service Limited (MIDAS) review;
 - viii) Commitments against the Transformation Challenge Award and Public Service Reform Development Fund to be provided to consider utilisation of the funds;
 - ix) Further information to be provided regarding the use of reserves;
 - x) Further information to be provided to consider the options for AGMA Section 48 Grants.

3. To agree the potential additional capacity of £350,000 on AGMA/GMCA non transport budget, subject to approval of all proposals, and whether this should be set aside in a budget for other GM priorities.

4. To agree the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority budget proposals of a zero percent levy increase in 2016/17 as detailed in paragraph 6.1 of the report.

5. To note that at the time of writing the report, the scrutiny of the Police and Crime Commissioner's budget is yet to take place and that formal approval of proposals will follow the timeline as detailed in paragraph 6.5 of the report.

6. To agree the GM Fire and Rescue Service budget proposals as detailed in paragraphs 6.6 to 6.13 of the report, although this may need to be amended in light of the funding received in the 2016/17 RSG Settlement and information from Local Authorities about Council Tax or Business Rates income.

126/15 GREATER MANCHESTER REFORM BUDGET UPDATE

Tony Lloyd introduced a report providing an update on the expenditure from the Greater

Manchester Transformational Challenge Award budgets including commitments identified for 2016/17 where identified.

Members requested a detailed breakdown of how each Local Authority has utilised the Locality Exemplar support and that it is submitted to the GMCA in January 2015.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the current commitments against these budgets and the proposed plans for further use in 2016/17.
2. To agree to the transfer of the funding from the devolution element of the transformational Challenge Award budget to support Health and Social Care and the expansion of the Working Well Programme to the relevant organisations hosting these specific budgets as outlined in the report.
3. To agree that a detailed breakdown of how each Local Authority has utilised the Locality Exemplar support be submitted to the GMCA in January 2015.

127/15 BUSINESS RATES POOLING

Councillor Kieran Quinn introduced a report detailing arrangements for the continuation of a Business Rates Pool in 2016/17 to include all GM Local Authorities plus Cheshire East and Cheshire West.

Richard Paver advised the meeting that the 12 Authorities will need to confirm their participation in the 2016/17 Pool, after receipt of the Revenue Support Grant settlement, with a recommendation that this is be considered by the GMCA Treasurer and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Kieran Quinn, with a recommendation to be made to 10 Local Authorities. The GMCA Treasurer will seek confirmation from the Cheshire authorities to the same timescale.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note that the provisional RSG Settlement will include the designation of the 12 Authorities to form a Business Rate Pool in 2016/17.
2. To note the arrangements for reaching a final decision on the 2016/17 Pool and to authorise the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Kieran Quinn, to make an appropriate recommendation to the Greater Manchester Local Authorities.
3. To note that Greater Manchester Treasurers will be discussing the sharing arrangements for the 2016/17 Pool.
4. To note that any discussion on the utilisation of any proceeds from the Business Rate Pool should follow once final discussions have taken place with Government as outlined in the GM Devolution announcements of late November.

128/15 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE STRATEGIC PLAN

Councillor Peter Smith introduced a report providing members with the final draft of the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Strategic Plan. The plan was considered at the Health and Social Care Strategic Partnership Board earlier in the day recommending that the GMCA support and endorse the Plan for commending to the Greater Manchester Local Authorities, adding that there are a number of grammatical errors to be corrected before the final Plan is published later in the day.

Ian Williamson reported that the Plan still required some minor drafting and reordering amendments to reflect the work underway around prevention; that the level of Transformation Fund determined by NHS England is £450M; and that work continues to finalise the detail of the financial and operational management arrangements. A number of the paragraphs in the plan will also be reordered.

RESOLVED/-

1. To endorse the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Strategic Plan.
2. To commend the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Strategic Plan to the ten local authorities for approval.

129/15 UPDATED GOVERNANCE PROPOSALS

Councillor Peter Smith introduced a report setting out the proposals and recommendations from the governance focus session held with representatives of all stakeholders on 17 November, in particular the role of primary care providers in the governance structure and confirming the process for agreement of the Strategic Plan and the progress on the Greater Manchester wide Joint Commissioning arrangements.

He also requested that the appointment to the vacancy on the Strategic Partnership Board Executive be deferred pending the outcome of the process for appointment of Deputy Lead Portfolio Members, adding that one of the Health and Well Being Deputies should be considered for the seat on the Board Executive.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the GMCA and AGMA representation on the Strategic Partnership Board Executive, noting AGMA have four seats, these are currently occupied by members from Cllr Peter Smith (Wigan), Cllr Cliff Morris (Bolton), and Cllr Sue Murphy (Manchester).
2. To defer the appointment of the fourth GMCA representative to the board Executive pending the outcome of the Appointment of Deputy Lead Portfolio Members process, with the seat to be allocated to one of the Health and Well Being Deputies.
3. To endorse the recommendations agreed by the Strategic Partnership Board on 27th November, as outlined below:

- i. To agree that primary care providers will receive four seats on the Strategic Partnership Board, and have one seat at the Strategic Partnership Board Executive.
- ii. To agree that voting arrangements for the Strategic Partnership Board and Strategic Partnership Board Executive are revised to reflect those set out in the report.
- iii. To agree that the Terms of Reference for the Strategic Partnership Board and Strategic Partnership Board Executive are amended to reflect (1) and (2).
- iv. To agree that the Governance Sub Group work with Primary Care partners to develop their governance arrangements.
- v. To agree the Strategic Plan approval process.
- vi. To agree the role of the Strategic Partnership Board in respect of the Transformation Fund, and to instruct the Strategic Partnership Board to develop the criteria by which such funding will be accessed.
- vii. To agree the role of the Strategic Partnership Board in shadow form.
- viii. To agree the principles of the conflict resolution process for the Strategic Partnership Board, and instruct the Governance Sub Group and Strategic Partnership Board Executive to further develop.
- ix. To agree the functions and form of the GM Joint Commissioning Board.
- x. To instruct the Governance Sub Group to develop terms of reference for the Joint Commissioning Board.
- xi. To agree that a GM Commissioning Strategy is developed aligned with the Strategic Plan.
- xii. To instruct the Governance Sub Group to develop the criteria by which NHSE could exercise its ability to request that decisions are not considered at the Joint Commissioning Board.
- xiii. To agree that the Joint Commissioning Board be supported by smaller Executive Group.
- xiv. To agree that the GMJCB establish a research and innovation board to inform its decisions.
- xv. To agree that existing scrutiny arrangements are reviewed, and request that a report be brought to a future meeting.

130/15 EU LIFE INTEGRATED PROJECT (LIFE IP) IN GREATER MANCHESTER

Councillor Sue Derbyshire introduced a report updating Members on AGMA's involvement in a successful £14m LIFE Integrated Project bid by the Environment Agency and seeking AGMA's agreement for Salford City Council to act as the lead Authority on behalf of AGMA.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the success of the Environment Agency's (EA) £14m LIFE IP funding bid; a formal offer of funding has been received naming AGMA as a significant beneficiary.
2. To formally agree to request Salford City Council (SCC) to act as the lead Authority and enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Environment Agency on behalf of AGMA in order to release funding for the project.
3. To note that back to back local agreements between Salford City Council and the relevant Local Authorities will need to be entered into to release funding for the relevant Local Authorities.
4. To note the benefits to Greater Manchester, opportunities and responsibilities plus the key actions and deadlines of the sign up process for those Local Authorities formally involved in project delivery.

131/15 GREATER MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN DEBT ADMINISTRATION FUND - ESTIMATED RATES OF INTEREST AND BORROWING STRATEGY 2015/16 REVISED AND 2016/17 ORIGINAL

Councillor Kieran Quinn Pleasant as designated lead Authority to administer the loan fund of the former Greater Manchester County Council, presented the report detailing the Greater Manchester Debt Administration Fund's estimated rates of interest for 2015/16 and 2016/17 together with the borrowing strategy to be employed.

RESOLVED:

To note the revised 2015/16 estimate and the original 2016/17 estimate.

