

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 29 APRIL 2016
AT GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

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 Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	Councillor David Lancaster
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

Steven Young	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
Jill Colbert	Trafford Council
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Andrew Lightfoot	GM Director of Public Service Reform
Rachel Pykett	GM Public Service Reform

Mark Hughes
Simon Nokes
Adam Allen

Clare Regan
Peter O'Reilly
Ian Hopkins
Jon Lamonte
Liz Treacy
Richard Paver
Julie Connor
Sylvia Welsh
Kerry Bond
Ross MacRae

Manchester Growth Company
New Economy
Office of the Police & Crime
Commissioner
Office of the GM Interim Mayor
GM Fire & Rescue Service
GM Police
TfGM
GMCA Monitoring Officer
GMCA Treasurer
Head of GMIST
) Greater Manchester
) Integrated Support Team
GMCA Media Lead

55/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mayor Ian Stewart (Salford), Margaret Asquith (Bolton), Theresa Grant (Trafford), John Bland (GMWDA), Councillor Cath Piddington (GMWDA).

56/16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Interim Mayor made the following announcements:

- i. The funeral of Derek Bowden, former Leader of Bury Council, was to be held later in the day. The thanks of the GMCA be placed on record, for the contribution Derek made as a member of Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) and the North West Regional Assembly (NWRA) during his time as Leader of Bury Council.
- ii. The thanks of the GMCA be placed on record for the contribution GM Police made to the Hillsborough inquest, stressing the importance of ensuring the lessons learned from the tragedy are recognised and strategies implemented to ensure such an incident can never be repeated

GM Police and Crime Commissioner's Ethics Committee has been tasked with examining the ethics of the situation with a view to developing a strategy to respond to such an incident to reassure the public that GM Police is prepared.

The GM Interim Mayor also asked that all the emergency services providers within Greater Manchester undertake a similar review with a view to developing a co-ordinated strategy across emergency service providers. He also emphasised the importance of people having confidence in the Whistle Blowing structures was also highlighted.

57/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Kieran Quinn declared a prejudicial interest, as Chair of the GM Pension Fund, in the Evergreen Loan Book Disposal reports to be considered at Items 15 and 20 on the agenda.

58/16 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2016

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 18 March 2016 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 18 March 2016 as a correct record.

59/16 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 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.

60/16 GREATER MANCHESTER DEVOLUTION: UPDATED INTEGRATED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor, presented a refreshed version of the Implementation Plan, which reflects the latest agreement announced as part of the March 2016 Budget Settlement and the work underway to implement Greater Manchester's previous agreements.

The plan also brings together all the elements of the four agreements to date and highlights key milestones and tasks, timescales, requirements of Government and risks.

RESOLVED/-

To endorse the GM Devolution Integrated Implementation Plan.

61/16 CLIMATE CHANGE AND LOW EMISSIONS STRATEGIES IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2016-20

Councillor Sue Derbyshire presented a report outlining how the responses received from the Climate Change and Low Emissions Strategies'

Implementation Plan (2016-2020) consultation have been taken into account in the revised Plan and to seek final approval of the Plan.

The working relationship between the public and private sector is continuing with work underway to collate and measure information provided by the sector on the metrix.

Work will continue to build on Greater Manchester's success to realise its ambitions and access funding streams. Greater Manchester does now need to focus on measures beyond 2020 and to identify resources going forward to ensure Greater Manchester remains a world leader in the area.

There are numerous examples of good practice across Greater Manchester which does need to be shared to ensure everyone has the ability and knowledge on how to contribute to reducing low carbon emissions. Addressing the gap does need to be recognised as a priority and embedded in working practices, including building standards.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the Draft Climate Change and Low Emissions Strategies' Whole Place Implementation Plan for Greater Manchester, detailed at Annex 1 of the report.
2. To note the consultation feed back and how it has been incorporated into the format and content of the revised draft, detailed at Annex 2 of the report.
3. To agree to delegate authority to Councillor Sue Derbyshire, Portfolio Leader for Planning, Housing and Environment and Steve Rumbelow, Portfolio Chief Executive for Low Carbon to final amendments arising from the GMCA, and to agree the final design of the plan prior to publication,

62/16 INDUSTRY REVIEW BY SHAW AND HENDY - CP5 KEY TFGM PROGRAMMES

Councillor Richard Leese presented a report detailing Sir Peter Hendy's review on the network rail enhancement delivery programme and the recommendations arising from the review undertaken by Nicola Shaw on the future shape and financing on Network Rail.

The meeting was reminded that there needed to be a balance between increasing capacity across the conurbation as a whole and retaining and developing a level of local services and connectivity to the lines.

The two new rail franchises will include the introduction of new rolling stock, providing bigger and better quality vehicles. The rolling stock for the Transpennine franchise will be sourced from the North East of England.

Greater Manchester does have supply chain for railway manufacture and maintenance providing growth opportunities for businesses in and around the Greater Manchester area.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the content of the Hendy consultation response.
2. To note the summary of contents from the Shaw Report.

63/16 NORTHERN TRANSPORT STRATEGY SPRING 2016 REPORT

Councillor Richard Leese introduced a report updating members on the Northern Transport Strategy: Spring 2016 Report and to focus upon specific issues relating to Greater Manchester.

Member's attention was drawn to the National Infrastructure Commission report, which was positive on the whole in relation to short terms measures, however it could have been stronger in terms of longer term investment. The potential new road link from Manchester to Sheffield and a new rail link from Liverpool via Manchester Airport across the Pennines as part of High Speed 3 proposals, which will provide intercity and local rail services were highlighted.

Work has now been concluded on the Independent Economic Review, with a meeting of Leaders and LEP chairs held earlier in the week, where there was a broad consensus of support. The Independent Economic Review will be finalised and launched together with the Northern Powerhouse Economic narrative early in June.

RESOLVED/-

To note the content of the report.

64/16 DEFINING A RAIL PLAN IN 2016

Tony Lloyd introduced a report outlining the rationale for revising the ten year TfGM Rail Plan, detailing the consultation methods which will be used throughout the course of the study. He emphasised that the rail network does need to be adequate to service the communities of Greater Manchester.

It was suggested that the review should include a review of station patronage, to reflect the growth in Greater Manchester and the requirement for increased access to local services. Potential to consider the utilisation Stockport to Manchester Victoria freight line to access capacity was also highlighted.

The meeting was reminded that rail is only part of the transport solution and does need to be considered in the context of an integrated multi model transport network, requesting partners from across the transport sector to be invited to participate in the stakeholder consultation.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report and approve the proposed consultation methods and timescale.
2. To agree the review of station patronage and connectivity to local rail services be addressed on the new Rail Plan.
3. To agree that partners from across the transport sector be included in the key stakeholder consultation.

65/16 HIGHWAYS REFORM UPDATE

Tony Lloyd introduced a report providing an update on the progress and achievements to date following implementation of the collaborative working arrangement in April 2015 and the next phase of work.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the progress and achievements on Highways Reform in 2015/16 and the on-going work in 2016/17.
2. To agree that a report on Asset Management be submitted to the GMCA in October 2016.

66/16 AREA BASED REVIEW

This item was withdrawn from the agenda, a report will be submitted to the GMCA meeting scheduled for 27 May 2016.

67/16 MANCHESTER GROWTH COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN

Councillor Richard Leese introduced a report presenting the Manchester Growth Company Business Plan for the 2016-17 financial year.

Good progress has been made since 2014 to bring together Economic Solutions and the Manchester 'family' of companies (Marketing Manchester, MIDAS and New Economy) under a single management, governance and accountability framework, to provide the GMCA and the Local Enterprise Partnership with clear oversight.

The full Manchester Growth Company Business Plan was included in the report to be considered in Part B (confidential) of the agenda, due to the inclusion of commercially sensitive information, and has been approved by the Manchester Growth Company Board with input from Local Authority Chief Executive portfolio leads and chief officers. Alongside the plan was an agreed performance reporting framework to allow oversight on core Manchester Growth Company deliverables.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report and priorities for 2016/17.
2. To note the information contained within the Part B (confidential) report.

68/16 GREATER MANCHESTER LAND & PROPERTY UPDATE

Councillor Sue Derbyshire introduced a report providing an update on the progress on the emerging strategic approach to land and property across the conurbation, following on from the Greater Manchester Land and Estates: Delivering 'One Public Estate' at Greater Manchester Level report submitted to GMCA in December 2015.

The meeting was assured that there will be political oversight of the work by ensuring the GMCA bid to Phase 4 of the One Public Estate is considered by the Planning and Housing Commission in advance of approval by the GMCA.

It was suggested and agreed to rename the proposed GM Land and Property vehicle as Panel rather than a Board.

Councillor Sue Derbyshire undertook to circulate the One Public Estate bid to all Leaders.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the establishment of a Greater Manchester Land and Property Panel as described at section 2 of the report, and that this Panel reports to the GMCA via the Planning and Housing Commission to allow dissemination of information to Greater Manchester Local Authorities.
2. To agree that officers work up a range of suitable proposals for inclusion in a single GMCA bid to Phase 4 of the One Public Estate Programme for consideration by the Planning and Housing Commission in advance of consideration by the GMCA.
3. To delegate authority to Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Planning and Housing, in consultation with Councillor Sue Derbyshire, Portfolio Leader for Planning and Housing, to finalise and submit the GMCA bid to Cabinet Office, following agreement with the Planning and Housing Commission, Leaders and Chief Executives.
4. To approve the establishment of a two year fixed term post, fully-funded from the Greater Manchester One Public Estate grant award, as set out in section 2 of the report.

69/16 EVERGREEN LOAN BOOK DISPOSAL

Eamonn Boylan introduced a report providing an update in relation to the continuity of the North West Evergreen Fund.

A further detailed report was circulated in Part B (confidential) of the agenda providing further details.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report and to endorse the approach being taken to ensure continuity of investment capacity throughout 2016.
2. To note the information contained within the Part B (confidential) report.

70/16 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

Councillor Kieran Quinn introduced a report seeking approval for a loan to Access Systems UK Limited and Harworth Estates Investments Limited (Logistics North Phase 2). The loans will be made from recycled Region Growth Fund and Growing Places monies. The report also provided an update on the Smartlife project.

A further detailed report was circulated in Part B (confidential) of the agenda giving further details of the projects.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the project funding applications by Access Systems UK Limited, (loan of £900,000) and Harworth Estates Investments Limited (loan of £3,000,000) be given conditional approval.
2. 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 transactions, 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 the changes to the commercial terms of the Smartlife funding, as contained within the Part B (confidential) report.

71/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND

Councillor Sue Derbyshire introduced a report seeking approval of a Greater Manchester Housing Fund loan of £3,577,000.

A further detailed report was circulated in Part B (confidential) of the agenda providing further details of the loan.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the loan as detailed in this and the accompanying Part B (confidential) report.
2. To agree Manchester City Council be recommended to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements in accordance with its approved internal processes.

