

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2016 AT STOCKPORT TOWN HALL**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Linda Thomas
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	City Mayor Paul Dennett
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Alexander Ganotis
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

Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Geoff Little	Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
John Searle	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
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Company
Simon Nokes	New Economy
Adam Allen	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

Paul Argyle
 Ian Pilling
 Jon Lamonte
 Liz Treacy
 Richard Paver
 Julie Connor
 Sylvia Welsh
 Paul Harris
 Bridget Aherne
 Ross MacRae

GM Fire & Rescue Service
 GM Police
 TfGM
 GMCA Monitoring Officer
 GMCA Treasurer
 Head of GMIST
) Greater Manchester
) Integrated Support Team
 GMCA Head of Communications
 GMCA Communications

72/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf Councillor Cliff Morris (Councillor Linda Thomas attending) Sir Howard Bernstein (Geoff Little attending) and Steve Rumbelow (John Searle attending).

73/16 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

Order of Business

The Chair suggested that the Area Based Review at item 9 on the agenda be deferred pending consideration of the Part B Area Based Review report at Item 17 on the Agenda.

RESOLVED/-

To agree to defer considerations of the Area Based Review at item 9 pending consideration of the Part B Area Based Review report later on the agenda.

74/16 GMCA CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP

The Chair highlighted changes to the GMCA membership and extended a welcome to new members Councillors Rishi Shori (Bury), Alex Ganotis (Stockport) and the City Mayor (Salford), Paul Dennett.

RESOLVED/-

To note the following changes in membership as appointed by the Local Authorities:

Local Authority	Member	Substitute
Bury	Councillor R Shori	Councillor J Lewis
Salford	Mr P Dennett	Councillor J Merry
Stockport	Councillor A Ganotis	Councillor W Wild

75/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

76/16 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 29 APRIL 2016

The minutes of the meeting of the GMCA held on 29 April 2016 previous meeting were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 29 April 2016 as a correct record.

77/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF THE GMCA

Consideration was given to a report setting out those strategic decisions that are to be considered by the GMCA over the upcoming four months.

RESOLVED/-

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

78/16 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2016

The Minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership (GMLEP) meeting which took place on 18 May 2016 were submitted for information

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the GMLEP meeting held on 18 May 2016.

79/16 GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY ORDER CONSULTATION

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report providing members with an update on the public consultation undertaken regarding the GMCA governance review and scheme (Phase 1) and an analysis of the responses received.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the process undertaken with regard to the GMCA governance review consultation and the analysis of the responses received, as set out in the report.

2. To agree that the GMCA Monitoring Officer be authorised to finalise the report for submission to the Secretary of State, subject to consultation with the Interim GM Mayor.

80/16 AREA BASED REVIEW

Further to Minute 73/16 above, consideration of this item was deferred until later in the Agenda. Minute 88/16A below refers.

81/16 ATLANTIC GATEWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES

Councillor Richard Leese introduced a report presenting members with the criteria for selection of Greater Manchester infrastructure priorities in relation to the Atlantic Gateway. In addition, a small number of Greater Manchester priorities within the context of Atlantic Gateway were identified and it was noted that these will be reflected in the draft Atlantic Gateway Infrastructure Priorities that will be considered by the Atlantic Gateway Board, subject to individual Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership (GM LEP) or joint GM LEP and GMCA agreement.

Members noted that the Atlantic Gateway Board has an agreed list of infrastructure priorities that it is looking to update. The process to update this included the development of an agreed set of criteria to identify GM LEP area priorities relevant to the Atlantic Gateway.

Members also noted that GM LEP at its meeting on 16th May 2016 supported the recommended infrastructure projects.

Councillor Leese also informed members that he had been reassured that the Atlantic gateway Board still played an important strategic role in supporting the development of proposals for the Gateway.

RESOLVED/-

To agree that the Greater Manchester Strategy priorities identified in the context of Atlantic Gateway are appropriately reflected in the draft Atlantic Gateway Infrastructure Priorities as set out in the appendix to the report.

82/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING PROVIDERS CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Eamonn Boylan introduced a report on the role the Housing the Providers Group play in developing new approaches to growth, public service reform and the management of Place as the GMCA's strategy is rolled out and the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between GMCA and the GM Housing Providers Group.

Cath Green, Chief Executive, First Choice Homes Oldham, on behalf of Greater Manchester Housing Providers provided the meeting with an overview of the role of

GM Housing Providers in supporting Public Service Reform and the overall aims of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Members welcomed the report and highlighted the need to be mindful of the language and terminology used relating to social housing and residents, with a reminder that the focus does need to be on improving standards of service.

Housing affordability and the availability of finance are a key issues for Greater Manchester's residents and the growth agenda.

It was suggested an agreed that 6 monthly updates be submitted to the GMCA.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the progress that has been made across the GM Housing Providers Group in agreeing a coordinated position in supporting the achievement of the GM Strategy.
2. To approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the GMHP and GMCA, subject to appropriate amendments to language.
3. To agree that local integration arrangements coordinated by each local authority incorporate local Housing Providers.
4. To agree that six monthly updates be submitted to the GMCA.

83/16 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND – STATUS OF FUNDS

Councillor Kieran Quinn, presented a report providing Members with an update on the detail on the Greater Manchester Investment Funds.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report.

84/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

Eamonn Boylan introduced a report informing members of the outturn position of the Greater Manchester Housing Fund for 2015/16 and the position in relation to the indemnity entered into by each Local Authority in relation to the GM Housing Fund.

The report discharged the semi-annual reporting obligations under the indemnity for the period 1 November 2015 to 31 March 2016.

The Chair commented that the mix of tenures, including social housing and affordable properties does need to be reviewed across Greater Manchester.

Members were advised that work continues to progress Greater Manchester's Strategy, together with discussion with Her Majesty's Treasury, via the Greater Manchester Land Programme and the development of opportunities to bridge the funding gap.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the outturn position of the Greater Manchester Housing Fund for 2015/16 and note that there has been no requirement for the Greater Manchester Local Authorities to account for any impairment as a result of the performance of the Fund.
2. To agree that a further report be brought to a future meeting of the GMCA which will identify specific housing requirement and opportunities.

85/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Eamonn Boylan, provided a report which sought GMCA approval of a GM Housing Fund loan of £1,374,323 to The Brickworks (Bury) Ltd for the construction of 24 three and four bedroom houses on the former Walmerley brickworks site in Bury

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 report.
2. To agree to recommend to Manchester City Council that it prepares and effects the necessary legal agreements in accordance with its approved internal processes.

86/16 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.

87/16 AREA BASED REVIEW

Councillor Sean Anstee introduced a report providing members with an update on the likely final stages of the Area Based Review (ABR).

Members requested that the meeting be adjourned at the conclusion of this item before moving back into Part A of the agenda to discuss the public Area Based Review Report.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report

MEETING ADJOURNED

RECONVENED GMCA MEETING

88/16A AREA BASED REVIEW (ITEM 9) PART A

Following consideration of reports providing an update on the Area Based Review process and likely outcomes, it was :-.

RESOLVED/-

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority notes the proposed outcomes of the Area Based Review process for Greater Manchester. Throughout this Government led process, GMCA has been trying to ensure that the future needs of the Greater Manchester economy and GM learners are met, rather than just a focus on institutional architecture. The review has focused only on FE Colleges and Sixth Form Colleges, and mainly on SFA funding, rather than on the whole post 16 learning architecture in GM and GM's overall aspirations around both Growth and Reform.

On this basis the GMCA remains to be convinced that some of the proposed outcomes deliver the integrated learning infrastructure that is needed, taking GM as a whole, rather than focusing institution by institution. GMCA welcomes the aspiration in some of the proposals, feels others do not go far enough and has concerns that some will deliver short term solutions, but may not be viable in the future to address the needs of individuals and the economy. There are still significant questions to be answered about the curriculum offer across the proposed outcomes, which will need to be addressed both in the short term, and via the longer term commissioning role that GMCA will have in relation to the devolved Adult Education Budget.

We welcome the fact that GMCA will have a leadership role in the implementation phase but request that the Secretary of State gives GMCA, working with Government, the power to make further changes to these proposals should it become clear, in the implementation phase, that the current options cannot deliver a GM wide learning infrastructure that meets needs, in high performing and financially viable institutions which are embedded within the overall Greater Manchester strategy and will help with the Government's productivity agenda to grow the economy and deliver more holistic support to individuals and communities.

