

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 26 AUGUST 2016 AT
MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Ebrahim Adia
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 Alex Ganotis
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

GMF&RS	Councillor Tommy Judge
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Guy Harkin

ALSO PRESENT

Cheshire East Council	Councillor David Brown
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

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 Piling	GM Police

Paul Argyle
Jon Lamonte
Simon Nokes
Adam Allen
Liz Treacy
Andrew Lightfoot
Julie Connor
Rebecca Heron
Sylvia Welsh
Paul Harris

GM Fire & Rescue Service
Chief Executive, TfGM
New Economy
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
GMCA Monitoring Officer
Deputy Head of the Paid Service
Head of GMIST
GM Integrated Support Team
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148/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cliff Morris and Margaret Asqutih (Bolton), Councillor Ebrahim Adia in attendance as a substitute. Apologies were also received from Councillor Andrew Fender.

149/16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no announcements or matters of urgent business reported.

150/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

151/16 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 29 JULY 2016

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

RESOLVED/-

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

152/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF THE GMCA

Consideration was given to a report advising members of those strategic decisions that were to be considered by the GMCA over the forthcoming months.

RESOLVED/-

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

153/16 DEPUTY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor provided the meeting with an update on the appointment of Deputy Portfolio Holders.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the appointment of Deputy Portfolio holders, up to the June 2017 AGM, as set out below:-

Portfolio	Leader	Deputies
Health and social care	Peter Smith	Brenda Warrington Wendy Wild Linda Thomas
Planning and housing	Richard Farnell	Mark Hunter Paula Boshell
Low carbon, waste and environment	Paul Dennett	Aasim Rashid Lynn Travis
Investment and finance	Kieran Quinn	
Skills and employment	Sean Anstee	Jenny Bullen Abdul Jabbar
Children's services	Cliff Morris	Donna Martin Linda Blackburn
Economic strategy incl internationalisation and marketing and business support	Richard Leese	Dylan Butt Ebrahim Adia
Reform	Tony Lloyd	Sue Murphy John Merry
Police, crime, civil contingencies, fire	Rishi Shori	Barbara Brownridge
Transport	Tony Lloyd	Jo Platt
Fairness, Equalities and Cohesion	Jean Stretton	Angeliki Stogia Jane Black
Culture, Arts and Leisure	Alex Ganotis	Jane Lewis
Criminal Justice	Tony Lloyd	Barbara Brownridge

154/16 GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report presenting the draft terms of Reference for the GMCA Resources Committee for approval.

RESOLVED/-

To agree the Terms of Reference of the Resources Committee.

155/16 GMCA PHASE 2 CONSULTATION OUTCOME

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report which provided details on the outcome of the formal public consultation undertaken with regard to GM Fire and Rescue Authority, Waste Disposal Authority, education and skills transport, the GM Spatial Framework, overview and scrutiny arrangements and equalities and provides an analysis of the responses received.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report.
2. To delegate authority to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to make final amendments including reference to final GM local Authority consultation responses received since the report was drafted.
3. To approve the report with final amendments for submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

156/16 GMCA TRANSITION UPDATE

RESOLVED/-

To defer consideration of this item to the next GMCA meeting on 30 September 2016.

157/16 GREATER MANCHESTER BREXIT MONITOR

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, introduced a report which updated Leaders on progress with the ongoing work to understand the full implications of Brexit on Greater Manchester and the development an appropriate policy response. Members noted that the first edition of the Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor was appended to the report and would be produced monthly to update GMCA and provide a real-time snap shot of the economic and policy impact of Brexit.

Members noted that clarification was needed from Government with regard to ERDF and ESF funding and financial instruments for Greater Manchester post Brexit. In addition, the provision of science funding and Greater Manchester's ability to maintain research development networks in Europe was highlighted as important.

The Chair noted that the ability to maintain international consortia also depended up on the ability to retain or attract personnel, particularly in universities and within the health service where a number of EU nationals were employed. Work was to be undertaken to identify any particular trends to this regard.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note progress with analysis to support the GMCA in identifying the issues that Greater Manchester will be seeking that the Government address through the Autumn Statement and the matters that Greater Manchester will want to highlight for consideration as the framework for Britain's withdrawal from the EU is established.
2. To note the contents of the Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor as set out in the appendix to the report.

158/16 EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL INVESTMENT FUNDS (ESIF) UPDATE

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the implications for Greater Manchester's European Structural Investment Funding (ESIF) following the EU Referendum vote and the recent announcement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the steps the Treasury is taking to address the uncertainty surrounding European funds that has been in place following the EU referendum.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the GMCA seeks urgent assurance from Government that it will commit to fully fund all GM ESIF projects that are currently "under assessment" , recognising the limited capacity of both Department for Communities and Local Government and Department for Works and Pensions to speedily progress projects to contract by the arbitrary deadline of the Autumn Statement.
2. To agree the GMCA seeks assurance from Government that it will fully fund the total value of GM's ESIF programme to 2020 as set out in GM's ESIF Plan.
3. To agree the GMCA seeks clarification from Government regarding the timing of future calls within this programme period, in order for GM to continue to deliver the 2014-2020 ESIF Plan.

159/16 ACCESS FUND FOR SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report providing details of the Department for Transport's Access Fund for Sustainable Travel 2017/18 – 2019/20 and to seek approval of the proposed programme of initiatives for submission.

A Member suggested that the potential of a proportion of funding being committed to districts to enable them to support smaller local businesses with travel planning for their employees and to promote cycling and walking initiatives, should be looked at. The Chair also added that he asked how care leavers could be supported by the Fund.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the details of the Department for Transport's new Access Fund for Sustainable Travel.
2. To approve the proposed programme of initiatives for submission subject to the above comments being explored.
3. To agree to delegate final approval of the submission, following any comments received, to the TfGM Chief Executive, the GM Interim Mayor/GMCA Transport Portfolio Lead and the Head of Paid Service.

160/16 PROGRESS AND FUNDING REPORT ON THE ALLIANCE PROJECT FOR UK TEXTILES

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment & Finance, introduced a report updating GMCA members on the progress by the Alliance Textile Project during 2015/2016, specifically the major activities agreed with GMCA on 17 March 2015, the proposed work programme to July 2017 to deliver the remaining key elements of the work programme and the funding position at March 2016, funding secured for the period up to the end of April 2017 and highlighting the gaps.

With regard to the proposal for the provision of gap funding, it was suggested that discussions should take place with other LEP areas and that a delegation be sought to grant authority to the GMCA Treasurer in consultation with Kieran Quinn to determine the level of gap funding once the outcome of discussions with other LEP areas was known.

Members noted that a national Textile Manufacture and Innovation Centre of Excellence was to be established in Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note progress achieved by The Alliance Project in 2015/2016 and to endorse the work programme for 2016/2017 for the Alliance Project, subject to funding.
2. To note funding discussions underway with other LEP areas.
3. To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment & Finance, to determine the level of gap funding for the continuation of the Alliance Project development team to deliver the work programme as set out in 1 above, once the outcome of the ongoing discussions to with other LEP areas was known.

161/16 LOCAL GROWTH DEAL FUNDING FOR GRAPHENE ENGINEERING INNOVATION CENTRE (GEIC)

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economic Strategy introduced a report which reminded the GMCA of the GEIC's strategic significance and seeking formal

approval to grant £5m of Local Growth funding to the University of Manchester. The grant will also secure a further £5m of investment through a £5m European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) project secured by the University. Together this funding will be used to purchase equipment to fit out GEIC's laboratories.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note progress with delivering GEIC.
2. To formally approve a grant of £5m of Local Growth Deal Funding to support the purchase of equipment to fit out GEIC's laboratories.
3. To authorise the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring officer to agree the terms of the grant agreement.

162/16 MAXIMISING THE APPRENTICESHIP LEVY ACROSS GREATER MANCHESTER'S PUBLIC SECTOR

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Skills and Employment introduced a report outlining the work to date setting out the opportunities and challenges for Greater Manchester's public sector in relation to maximising its investment via the Apprenticeship Levy and developing a high quality, collective approach to supporting future public sector apprenticeships through the development of bespoke programmes.

A Member suggested that the GM Public Sector apprenticeship approach should give consideration of national standards in order to avoid duplication. Any standard approach for GM should be generic enough to take in to account different local authority area requirements and that consideration should be given to whether apprentices should be drawn from school leavers, college leavers or graduates.

A Member suggested that transport issues for young people to access opportunities needed to be included in the process.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the latest developments in relation to the Apprentice Levy.
2. To note the progress to date in understanding both the supply and demand side of the Apprenticeship equation in Greater Manchester's public sector.
3. To agree that further work should be undertaken on demand side (understanding impact/potential of the apprenticeship levy on supporting upskilling/workforce development by Local Authorities) once more details of funding rates etc. is released by Skills Funding Agency.
4. To endorse further development of a GM Public Sector Apprenticeship Programme.

163/16 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AUDITS

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economic Strategy, introduced a report providing Leaders with a progress update on work to conduct a Science and Innovation Audit for Greater Manchester/East Cheshire

The Part B report containing commercially sensitive elements of the Audit was taken as read with this item.

Members noted that science is a key element of the economic strategy for Greater Manchester and work was taking place to develop this science base, create commercial opportunities and encourage scientists to grow as entrepreneurs.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the progress in producing the Science and Innovation Audit.
2. To agree that any specific comments on the draft Audit report be included within the final report.
3. To authorise the Head of the Paid Service, Portfolio lead for Economic Strategy, Chair of the LEP and President of the University of Manchester to sign off the submission of the final Audit to Government on behalf of the GMCA.

164/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members noted that as the commercially sensitive information was taken as read during the consideration of Science and Innovation Audits report (Minute 163/16) and Greater Manchester Housing Fund – Investment Strategy Update (Minute 164/16) the recommendation to exclude members of the press and public would not be moved.

165/16 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AUDITS

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Science and Innovation Audit (Minute 163/16).