

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY AND THE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER
MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES, HELD ON FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2016
AT STOCKPORT TOWN HALL, STOCKPORT**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
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 Alex Williams
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

GMF&RS	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Howard Bernstein	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
Peter O'Reilly	GM Fire & Rescue Service
Jon Lamonte	Transport for Greater Manchester
Simon Warburton	Transport for Greater Manchester
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Hub
Adam Allen	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Clare Monaghan	GM Interim Mayor's Office
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Head of the Paid Service

Julie Connor
Rebecca Heron
Sylvia Welsh

Head of GMIST
GM Integrated Support Team
GM Integrated Support Team

90/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor Sean Anstee, Steve Rumbelow (Rochdale) and Ian Hopkins (GMP).

91/16 URGENT BUSINESS

a) Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

Councillor Rishi Shori, Leader of Bury Council, highlighted that the deadline for residents to respond to the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) consultation process was 23 December 2016 and requested that this period be extended to give people more time to respond.

Richard Farnell, Leader at Rochdale Council and Portfolio Lead for Planning and Housing said that the GMSF consultation is the largest planning consultation event ever held in Greater Manchester and was the first review of the Green Belt for over thirty years. He suggested that it was vital for residents to have their say and for this reason, wished to move a recommendation to extend the consultation period to the 16 January 2017. This proposal was seconded.

It was also noted that a further consultation on the draft proposals will take place during the summer of 2017.

RESOLVED/-

To agree to grant approval to extend the GMSF consultation period to the 16 January 2017.

92/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member in respect of any item on the agenda.

93/16 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board held on 28 October 2016 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board held on 28 October 2016 as a correct record.

94/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF JOINT GMCA & AGMA

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

RESOLVED/-

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

95/16 JOINT GMCA AND AGMA SCRUTINY POOL MINUTES

a) Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool held on 11 November 2016

The minutes of the proceedings of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool held on 11 November were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

To note the proceedings of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool held on 11 November 2016.

b) Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool held on 9 December 2016

The minutes of the proceedings of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool held on 9 December 2016 were submitted.

With regard to Minute 16/52, Members noted that with regard to the call in of TfGMC's decision relating to Metrolink Second City Crossing Service Patterns (Minute TfGMC16/45), the Scrutiny Pool had resolved to refer the matter to the GMCA meeting in January.

Members noted that a meeting with Councillors Stretton, Farnell, Fender (as Chair of TfGMC) and Tony Lloyd, the GM Interim Mayor regarding Metrolink Service Patterns was to take place in early 2017.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the proceedings of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool held on 9 December 2016.
2. To note that a report regarding Metrolink Second City Crossing Service Patterns was to be presented at the next meeting of the GM Combined Authority, as recommended by the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool.
3. To note that a meeting with the Leaders of Oldham and Rochdale, the Chair of TfGMC and the GM Interim Mayor was to be convened during early 2017.

**96/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING COMMISSION –
REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning and Housing introduced a report which sought approval to amend the Terms of Reference of the GM Housing Commission to reflect the expanded membership to include a nominated representative from all ten local authorities in GM and

the role of the GM Planning and Housing Deputy Portfolio Holders, who will also be invited to attend Commission meetings.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the revised terms of reference of the GM Planning and Housing Commission.

97/16 TACKLING HOMELESSNESS

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report which provided Members with an overview of initial proposals that have been submitted to DCLG in relation to funding opportunities to help tackle homelessness and rough sleeping.

In welcoming the report, a Member highlighted how Government policy had made homelessness worse, particularly in relation to changes to the benefits system and the lack of affordable home building. In addition, the distinction of begging, homelessness and rough sleeping needed to be clarified in the paper.

A Member requested that an independent evaluation be undertaken in order to advise of any systemic reform that may be required to reduce the causes of homelessness.

A Member highlighted the number of homeless people on the streets in outlying districts and explained that this increase can be linked to the Government policy on welfare reform and a lack of adequate mental health service provision. The report recognises that homelessness does not stop at borough boundaries and was a Greater Manchester wide problem.

It was also recognised that there are a number of different drivers to homelessness. Work to develop links to ensure that there was access to welfare right advice and early mental health intervention were to be discussed at an upcoming GM Reform Board meeting.

RESOLVED/-

1. To endorse the action taken to secure funding from DCLG and consider the progress made to date.
2. To note the outline proposals and issues that should be considered as proposals are refined.
3. To approve the intention to develop the homelessness pilot programmes and next steps.
4. To agree that the paper be also referred to the Reform Board to ensure a whole system approach to Homelessness in Greater Manchester.

98/16 SECTION 48 YEAR 3 AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SCHEME

Councillor Alex Ganotis, Portfolio Lead for Arts and Culture presented a report which provided information on funding available for year 3 (2017/18) of the current Section 48 AGMA Grants programme and presented a recommendation seeking approval for the formal closure of the scheme and the development of a new funding programme for culture under the GMCA.

Councillor Ganotis highlighted that the closure of the scheme was beyond the scope of this Board and for this reason proposed an amendment to recommendation 2 to the report to recommend to constituent councils that consideration be given to the closure of the AGMA Section 48 Grants scheme and to AGMA undertaking a consultation on the formal closure of the scheme.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree to maintain the current level of funding for year 3 of the Section 48 funding at £3,288,795.
2. To recommend to constituent councils that consideration be given to the closure of the AGMA Section 48 Grants scheme and to AGMA undertaking a consultation on the formal closure of the scheme.
3. To agree that a report is brought back in the New Year setting out detailed proposals for a new funding programme for culture, under the GMCA.

**99/16 GREATER MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN DEBT
ADMINISTRATION FUND – ANNUAL ESTIMATES**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy and Finance, presented a report which informed Members of the Greater Manchester Metropolitan Debt Administration Fund's estimated rates of interest for 2016/17 and 2017/18 together with the borrowing strategy to be employed.

RESOLVED/-

To note the revised 2016/17 estimate and the original 2017/18 estimate.

100/16 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - REBECCA HERON

Members noted that Rebecca Heron was to leave her post within GMIST to take up a position within Manchester City Council. The Chair thanked Rebecca for her hard work and significant contribution in supporting the work of the Combined Authority, particularly in relation to the Greater Manchester Strategy and Growth Fund, and wished her well in her future role.

In closing the meeting, the Chair wished those in attendance a merry Christmas and happy new year. Those sentiments were reciprocated.

