

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY AND THE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER
MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES EXECUTIVE BOARD, HELD ON FRIDAY 27
JANUARY 2017 AT BOLTON TOWN HALL**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Sue Murphy
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	City Mayor Paul Dennett Councillor John Merry
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 David Acton
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Pat Jones-Greenhalgh	Bury Council
Geoff Little	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
Peter O'Reilly	GM Fire & Rescue Service

Jon Lamonte	Transport for Greater Manchester
Bob Morris	Transport for Greater Manchester
Steve Warrener	Transport for Greater Manchester
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Hub
Adam Allen	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Head of the Paid Service
Julie Connor	Head of GMIST
Sylvia Welsh	GM Integrated Support Team
Ross Macrae	GM Integrated Support Team
Paul Harris	GM Integrated Support Team

01/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor Richard Leese (Manchester). Councillor Sue Murphy was in attendance in Councillor Leese's absence. Apologies were also received and noted from Howard Bernstein (Manchester), Mike Owen (Bury) and Ian Hopkins (GMP).

02/17 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business reported.

03/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

04/17 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board held on 16 December 2016 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board held on 16 December 2016 as a correct record.

05/17 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.

**06/17 JOINT GMCA AND AGMA SCRUTINY POOL MINUTES HELD
ON 13 JANUARY 2017**

The minutes of the proceedings of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool held on 13 January 2017 were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

To note the proceedings of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool held on 13 January 2017.

**07/17 JOINT GMCA AND AGMA AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 20
JANUARY 2017**

The minutes of the proceedings of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool held on 20 January 2017 were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

To note the proceedings of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Audit Committee held on 20 January 2017.

**08/17 GREATER MANCHESTER REFORM – WHAT DIFFERENCE
ARE WE MAKING?**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the progress achieved in reforming services during 2016, highlighting the step-change in activity that has taken place this year. He expressed thanks to Donna Hall and the team for the work on this. He would be looking now to turn the report in to a public facing document.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the contents of the report and the overall direction of reform.
2. To request Leaders and Chief Executives to attend the Turbo Charging Reform event on Friday 17th February at Leigh Sports Village.
3. To note the Case Study examples at Appendix One to the report of real improvements to our residents' lives whilst reducing demand on public services.

09/17 AGMA AND GMCA BUDGET FOR NON TRANSPORT FUNCTIONS 2017/18 AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE 2016/17

Councillor Kieran Quinn Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy and Finance, introduced a report setting out the revenue budget for both the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Non Transport functions for 2017/18. It also includes the forecast outturn position for 2016/17.

The proposed charges in respect of both the AGMA and GMCA functions (excluding transport) to be approved for 2017/18 are included within the report together with the recommended allocations to the Local Authority Councils of Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report and the current AGMA revenue outturn forecast for 2016/17 which is projecting an underspend of £0.108 million after contributions to earmarked reserves.
2. To note the current GMCA revenue outturn forecast for 2016/17 which is projecting an underspend of £0.991 million after contributions to earmarked reserves.
3. To approve the budget relating to the AGMA and GMCA functions (non transport) in 2017/18 as set out in section 5 of this report.
4. To approve the adjustment to the district charge and transport levy to meet the costs of the financial assistance to the business growth hub in 2017/18 of £3.272 million as detailed in paragraphs 5.3 and 5.27 of the report.
5. To approve the charges to the GM District Councils in support of the AGMA functions for 2017/18 of £5.170 million as set out in Appendix 3 to this report, noting that this excludes items billed directly from lead districts.
6. To approve the charges on the GM District Councils in support of the GMCA functions (non transport) in 2017/18 of £8.385 million as set out in Appendix 4 to this report.
7. To note the position on reserves as identified in section 8 of the report.
8. To approve the use of reserves in 2017/18 as detailed in the report, most notably section 8 of the report.
9. To agree to delegate authority to the Treasurer to transfer funding between AGMA and the GMCA to be met from approved budgets or reserves as required in support of approved activities.

10/17 BUSINESS RATES POOL AND 100% BUSINESS RATES RETENTION PILOT

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy and Finance, introduced a report setting out the latest position regarding the Business Rates Pool with the ten Greater Manchester (GM) Authorities and Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester and the arrangements for the Pool to continue in 2017/18 and an update on the position for the 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot and the basis on which the GMCA and Ten Districts are proceeding with the pilot.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note that all twelve Districts in the Business Rates Pool have signed up to continuing with the Pool for 2017/18. There will be an initial call on this levy in the following proportions of the levies generated by each Authority: Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester retain 50%, Trafford retain one-third with the remainder being pooled at GM level.
2. To note that following consultation with the 10 GM Leaders and Interim Mayor, GM has indicated to CLG that it will participate in the 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot.

11/17 GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE & RESCUE BUDGET – 2017/18 & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Councillor David Acton, Chair of the GM Fire & Rescue Authority, presented a report which updated Leaders on Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority's latest modelling on the Medium Term Financial Strategy, Precept level increases, Capital Programme requirements, Reserves and Efficiency Plan.

RESOLVED/-

To note the contents of this report together with the attached supporting documents and to support the proposed 1.99% increase to the precept for 2017/18.

12/17 GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY BUDGET 2017/18

Councillor Nigel Murphy, Chair of the GM Waste Disposal Authority, presented a report which set out final proposals for the budget and levy for the GM Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA) for the 2017/18 financial year and to outline potential budget requirements for the remainder of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) period to 2020/21.

The 2017/18 levy is proposed to increase by an average of 5.27%, which is in line with previous updates, and includes a higher than expected inflation

provision (2.7% compared to estimated 2.3%) following publication last week of the December 2016 Retail Price Index (excluding mortgages) (RPIx), which drives around 70% of the Unitary Charge increase under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Recycling and Waste Management Contract (the Contract)

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the proposals to increase the levy requirement for 2017/18 by a headline net 5.27%.
2. To note the proposals to move resources between GMCA and GMWDA in 2017/18, utilising the transport and waste levies, so as to ensure that the impact of a gross 53.50% increase is mitigated at district level.
3. To note the steps being taken to reduce future year's levy burdens through the identification of cost reductions in the Contract.