

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER  
COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2017 AT  
ONE RIVERSIDE, ROCHDALE**

GM MAYOR	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
DEPUTY MAYOR - Police and Crime	Baroness Beverley Hughes
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori, Deputy Mayor
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Allen Brett
SALFORD CC	City Mayor Paul Dennett
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Wendy Wild
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor John Taylor
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

**OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Fire Committee, Chair	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA, Chair	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC, Chair	Councillor Andrew Fender

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Eamonn Boylan	GMCA Chief Executive
Sue Johnson	Bolton Council
Pat Jones-Greenhalgh	Bury Council
Geoff Little	Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC

Ben Dolan  
Laureen Donnan  
Steven Pleasant  
Theresa Grant  
Alison McKezie Folan  
Peter O'Reilly  
Jon Lamonte  
Jon Rouse  
Mark Hughes  
Liz Treacy  
Richard Paver  
Andrew Lightfoot  
Julie Connor  
Sylvia Welsh  
Paul Harris

Salford CC  
Stockport MBC  
Tameside MBC  
Trafford Council  
Wigan Council  
GM Fire & Rescue Service  
Transport for Greater Manchester  
Health and Social Care Partnership  
Manchester Growth Company  
GMCA Monitoring Officer  
GMCA Treasurer  
GMCA Deputy Head of the Paid Service  
GMCA Head of Governance and Scrutiny  
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#### **102/17 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business reported.

#### **103/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **104/17 MINUTES OF GMCA MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2017**

The Minutes of the meeting GMCA meeting held on 28 April 2017 were submitted.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting, held on 28 April 2017 be approved as a correct record.

#### **105/17 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS**

Julie Connor, Head of the Governance & Scrutiny, introduced a report which set out a Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions for the Authority.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions for the GMCA, be noted.

**106/17 TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE MINUTES –  
16 JUNE 2017**

The Minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (TfGMC), held on 16 June 2017 were submitted. Members noted that TfGM Committee had requested the GMCA consider the Transport Policies for 2017/18 as per the extract for the relevant TfGMC minute and appended report:

***“TfGMC17/17 2017-2018 Transport Policy Priorities***

*“A report was presented which highlighted the policy priorities that the Committee will recommend to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to adopt for the forthcoming year.*

*It was noted that the Policy Priorities, as set out in section 3 to the report, would concentrate on the following activities for 2017-18:*

- Transport Strategy 2040*
- Bus reform*
- Air quality*
- Active Travel (cycling and walking)*
- Rail Station transfer*
- Capital Programme*

***Resolved/-***

- 1. That the Transport Policy Priorities for 2017-18, as set out in section 3 to the report, be noted.*
- 2. That it be agreed that the Transport Policy Priorities 2017-18, be submitted for approval to GMCA on 30 June 2017. “*

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the minutes of the TfGMC meeting held on 16 June 2017.
2. To endorse and adopt the Transport Policy Priorities for 2017/2018 as recommended by TfGMC.

**106/18 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP  
MEMBERSHIP REVIEW**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Business & Economy, introduced a report which reminded Members that the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership (GM LEP) terms of reference require that the LEP's private sector membership is reviewed every two years. Members noted that this bi-annual review ensures that the Board was still meeting its strategic remit and continued to be fit for purpose going forward.

Members also noted that the current GMLEP private sector members' terms of office expired on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 and therefore, the purpose of the report was to also seek GMCA endorsement of the recommendations regarding the future private sector membership for the period April 2017 until March 2019.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the recommendation to renew the eight existing private sector members' terms of office for another two year term (these members being Mike Blackburn, David Birch, Lou Cordwell, Juergen Maier, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, Michael Oglesby and Richard Topliss), be endorsed.
2. That Mike Blackburn be invited to continue as Chair of the GM LEP for a further two years.
3. That the following four new private sector members be invited to join the GMLEP as full Board members be agreed:

Fiona Gibson, Lorna Fitzsimons, Mo Isap and Monica Brij

4. That the thanks and appreciation of the GMCA be extended to those private sector members who are now standing down.

#### **107/17 BREXIT MONITOR – MONTHLY REPORT**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Business & Economy, introduced a report, which updated members on the key economic and policy developments in relation to the UK's decision to leave the European Union (EU). The latest edition of the monthly Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor was appended to the report, which provided Members with a real-time view of the economic and policy impact of Brexit.

Councillor Richard Leese also highlighted a slowdown in economic growth and the potential for the Bank of England to increase interest rates, impacting on household incomes, which had fallen in real terms. Members also noted the 1% pay freeze in public services had also negatively contributed to the reduction in household income.

Members noted that since the General Election, negotiations on a softer Brexit were more likely, although clarity was needed with regard to European Nationals residing and working within the UK.

A Member noted that the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce had undertaken a survey in relation to the nature of investment.

The Chair stressed the importance of Greater Manchester being involved in any negotiations and suggested that a London centric Brexit negotiation would not represent the interests of Greater Manchester. He added that he had written to the Prime Minister requesting the establishment of a Standing Committee on Regions and Brexit.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the contents of the June Brexit Monitor, as set out at appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

**108/17           BIG CLEAN SWITCH DOMESTIC ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPDATE**

Paul Dennett, City Mayor of Salford, introduced a report which provided Members with an outline of recent progress in supporting domestic energy efficiency measures across Greater Manchester through the publication of a Home Energy Conservation Act report. The report also summarised and sought approval for potential future opportunities in Greater Manchester in relation to domestic energy management namely: Big Clean Switching Campaign opportunity and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) flexibility.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the production of a GM Home Energy Conservation Act report, be noted.
2. That approval to run a GM wide clean energy switch campaign with support from Districts, be granted.
3. That the intention to explore ECO funding to support energy efficiency programmes for the fuel poor in 2017/8 onwards be noted and agreed that a more detailed report should be brought to a future meeting.

**109/17           NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY INVESTMENT FUND**

Andy Burnham, the Mayor of Greater Manchester and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report which set out the process followed to develop a bid to the National Productivity Infrastructure Fund (NPIF) and sought approval for the submission of the bid to the Department for Transport (DfT).

A Member commented that the NPIF bid schemes for the Oldham Town Centre Western and Eastern gateways had incorrect funding allocations attributed to them. In response, officers undertook to update the bid document prior to its submission to DfT. The Chair requested all Leaders to review their respective allocations before the close of play in order to meet the submission deadline.

## **RESOLVED/-**

That the NPIF bid be approved for submission to DfT, subject to the amendment of the Oldham Town Centre Western and Eastern Gateways and Leaders confirmation that their respective funding allocation were correct, by close of play to meet the submission deadline.

### **110/17            BUS SERVICES ACT 2017**

Andy Burnham, the Mayor of Greater Manchester and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report updating Members on the Bus Services Act 2017, its provisions and the associated next steps for Greater Manchester. He reminded members that the report was about the preparatory work to be undertaken which will enable the GMCA to make an informed decision at the appropriate time.

## **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the update on the Bus Services Act 2017 be noted.
2. That the preparation of an assessment of a proposed franchising scheme in accordance with Section 4, S123B of the Bus Services Act 2017, be agreed.
3. That a notice stating the GMCA's intention to prepare an assessment of a proposed franchising scheme, in accordance with Section 4, S123C (4) of the Bus Services Act 2017, be approved
4. That the administration arrangements for the notice to be published be agreed and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive of TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, for the assessment to be prepared.

### **111/17            GREATER MANCHESTER PUBLIC SECTOR APPRENTICESHIP APPROACH**

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Skills & Employment & Apprenticeships, introduced a report, which expanded on the paper received by GMCA in February, setting out a clear direction of travel for the work to maximise the opportunities the Apprenticeship levy brings for the public sector. He highlighted the strategic progress and activity under the key work streams supporting individual public sector organisations to work collaboratively to develop a GM Public Sector Apprenticeship Approach.

In response to an enquiry from a Member in relation to Theme 4 – Integration with wider public service and reform programmes, Theresa Grant, Chief Executive portfolio lead, clarified the arrangements for the proposals for the 10% gifting of the Levy to supply chain members to ensure maximum social value can be achieved.

Members welcomed the proposal to pay the minimum wage rather than the apprenticeship wage and noted that this would provide opportunities for young people, particularly within the public sector and NHS, and help address Greater Manchester's apprenticeship ambitions.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the progress made to date across the 4 themes in developing and implementing a GM Public Sector Apprenticeship Approach, be noted.
2. That the alignment between the Health and Social Care Workforce Strategy and public sector Apprenticeship approach, as set out in the report, be noted.
3. That discussions by Heads of Human Resources considering resource organisationally and at a GM level for the ongoing development and long term management and coordination of the public sector Apprenticeship approach, be supported.
4. That NHS Organisations be encouraged to sign up to the public sector approach Memorandum of Understanding.
5. That it be agreed to support and champion the workforce planning support available to their organisations through the GMCA commissioned activity.
6. That the criteria that will be applied to the Dynamic Purchasing System allowing the work to progress to Invitation To Tender stage, be agreed.
7. To support work within their organisations to review and move towards adapting pay rates to ensure apprentices are paid at least the minimum wage for their age.
8. To agree to support the AGMA Learning Management System Leads in providing capacity for the development of the bespoke e-learning modules.
9. To note that Heads of Human Resources are considering resources for Apprenticeship recruitment campaigns via greater.jobs.

#### **112/17 UPDATE ON DEVOLUTION OF THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET**

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Skills & Employment & Apprenticeships, introduced a report which provided an update on progress towards devolution of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) in 2018/19. The report presented a further update to the paper that was considered by the GMCA in February 2017, where the principles were considered and agreed.

A Member commented that as clarification was still awaited from DfE in relation to the devolution of the adult education budget and suggested that the GMCA needed to push

Government to ensure that GM receives what was committed when the Devolution deal was signed.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the report be noted.
2. That support be granted to officers in taking forward discussions with the ESFA and DfE around resources and processes required for implementation.
3. That the GMCA push Government to ensure that GM receives what was committed when the Devolution deal was signed.

**113/17 CREATING A TRANSFORMATIONAL, WHOLE POPULATION WORKING WELL SYSTEM**

Councillor Peter Smith, Portfolio Lead for Health & Social Care and Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Skills & Employment & Apprenticeships, submitted a report seeking to gain support for the development of an integrated work and health system for Greater Manchester (GM) and to update on progress in the commissioning of the GM Working Well (Work & Health) Programme. The meeting was reminded that the report was discussed in detail at the Health and Social Care Strategic Partnership Board held earlier in the day

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That it be noted that the GM Working Well brand is expanding to encompass a whole population approach to work and health.
2. That the priorities proposed for the development of a GM Working Well (Early Help) Programme, be agreed.
3. That the proposal for four key areas of focus for the working age population, as set out in the report, be noted.
4. That the proposed stages of delivery, as set out in the report, be agreed.
5. That the progress to date on Working Well (Work & Health Programme) be noted and supported.

**114/17 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECTS UPDATE**

Eamonn Boylan, GMCA Chief Executive, introduced a report seeking the approval of Members for a loan to Private White VC Limited. Members noted that the loan will be



made from recycled monies. The report also presented an update on Pulse Flexible Packaging (Project Rugby), Zuto and switchmybusiness.

Members agreed to take the confidential, commercially sensitive Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update part b report, at Item 24 on the agenda, as read whilst considering this report.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the project funding application by Private White VC Limited (loan of up to £1,100k) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence, as set out in the report, be agreed
2. That delegated authority be granted to the GMCA Treasurer and 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 loan at a) above; and
3. That the changes to the commercial terms in line with the updates provided on Pulse Flexible Packaging (Project Rugby), Zuto and switchmybusiness as set out in the confidential part of the agenda, be noted.

#### **115/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION**

This item was withdrawn.

#### **116/17 GREATER MANCHESER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND – ANNUAL REPORT**

This item was withdrawn.

#### **117/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members noted that the commercially sensitive information contained in Item 24 Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update was taken as read during consideration of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update (minute ref 114/17 refers) and for this reason the exclusion resolution was not moved.

#### **118/17 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVALS**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update at minute 114/17 above.

**119/17      GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND –  
INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

This item was withdrawn.