

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER
MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES, 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

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARMED SERVICES

Major Braddock
Colonel Phil Harrison
Colonel Alex Barnes,
Lt Col Mike Edwards
Lt Col Alex Cotterill

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	Salford CC
Laureen Donnan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Alison McKezie Folan	Wigan Council
Peter O'Reilly	GM Fire & Rescue Service
Jon Lamonte	Transport for Greater Manchester
Jon Rouse	Health and Social Care Partnership
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Company
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Andrew Lightfoot	GMCA Deputy Head of the Paid Service
Julie Connor	GMCA Head of Governance and Scrutiny
Sylvia Welsh	GMCA Governance and Scrutiny
Paul Harris	GMCA Governance and Scrutiny

01/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Richard Farnell (Rochdale – Cllr Allen Brett attending, Alex Ganotis (Stockport – Cllr Wendy Wild attending), Kieran Quinn (Tameside - Cllr John Taylor attending).

Chief Executives – Margaret Asquith (Bolton - Sue Johnson attending), Jim Taylor (Salford – Ben Dolan attending), Donna Hall (Wigan – Alison McKenzie Folan attending), Joanne Roney (Manchester – Geoff Little attending) and Ian Hopkins GMP.

02/17 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

03/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

04/17 ARMED FORCES COVENANT

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, introduced a report which provided an update on work to support the implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant within the GMCA and GM Local Authorities since it was signed in June 2014. The report invited the GMCA and GM Local Authorities to consider further priority actions to ensure the needs of service personnel and their families are being met.

He welcomed Major Braddock, Colonel Harrison, Col Barnes, Lt Col Edwards and Lt Col Cotterill to the meeting.

The report also proposed the re-signing and refreshing of the Armed Forces Covenant by the GMCA and GM Local Authorities alongside the Ministry of Defence on 30th June 2017 and other public sector agencies within GM including Greater Manchester Police, the National Health Service and Greater Manchester Fire and Transport for Greater Manchester.

The Chair also added that GM should do as much as possible to support the Armed Forces and its veterans to access services and support, particularly in relation to homelessness.

A Member suggested that reservists and cadet force adult volunteers should also be recognised. In response, Major Braddock noted the work and skills set development provided by the Armed Forces to young people and reservists, benefits both to individuals and their business employers.

The Chair also reminded members that it was Armed Forces Day on 20 May.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the GMCA and GM Local Authorities reinforce their commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant through the refresh and re-signing of the Covenant on 30 June 2017.
2. That the GMCA and GM Local Authorities adopts the recommendations provided by the 2016 report, Our Community Our Covenant.

At the rise of the AGMA Executive Board the Mayor of Greater Manchester, GM Leaders, partners and Armed Forces formally signed the new Armed Forces Covenant.

