

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED  
AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2018  
AT THE GMPF OFFICES, DROYLESDEN, TAMESIDE**

**PRESENT:**

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (Chair)
Deputy Mayor (Police and Crime)	Beverley Hughes
Bolton	Councillor Linda Thomas
Bury	Councillor Rishi Shori
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese (Deputy Mayor)
Oldham	Councillor Jean Stretton
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	Councillor John Merry
Stockport	Councillor Alex Ganotis
Tameside	Councillor John Taylor
Trafford	Councillor Sean Anstee
Wigan	Councillor Peter Smith

**OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Fire Committee, Chair	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA, Chair	Councillor Nigel Murphy
Bolton	Councillor Anne-Marie Watters
Bury	Councillor Jane Black
Bury	Councillor Andrea Simpson
Manchester	Councillor Angeliki Stogia
Stockport	Councillor Wendy Wild
Tameside	Councillor Lynn Travis
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Dylan Butt
Trafford	Councillor Laura Evans
Wigan	Councillor Jennifer Bullen

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

GMCA Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA – Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA – Treasurer	Richard Paver
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
Bolton	Tony Oakman

Bury	Pat Jones Greenhalgh
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Helen Lockwood
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Trafford	Theresa Grant
Wigan	Donna Hall
TfGM	Simon Warburton
TfGM	Steve Warrener
Manchester Growth Co	Mark Hughes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Lindsay Dunn
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Nicola Ward

#### **GMCA 01/18 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from City Mayor Paul Dennett (Salford Council – Councillor John Merry attended), Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham Council – Helen Lockwood attended), Dawn Docx (Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue), John Rouse (GM Health and Social Care Partnership), John Lamonte (Transport for Greater Manchester – Steve Warrener attended) and Ian Hopkins (Greater Manchester Police).

#### **GMCA 02/18 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

##### **1. Post Arena Attack Cost Recovery**

The GM Mayor reported that the full cost to Greater Manchester following the arena attack as reported to Government was £28m, and that he had received a letter from the Prime Minister this week confirming that £24m would be reimbursed. The Government have indicated that they will not fully fund the cost of the 'We love Manchester' fund, or the cost of the Independent Review led by Lord Kerslake. The Mayor offered to pursue these negotiations privately, and commented that this review was not simply a local review, but that it had looked at national policy and guidance and would have a much wider impact.

##### **2. Levels of Rough Sleeping and Homelessness**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester confirmed that there had been a significant rise in homelessness across GM, with an increase of 20% in the city centre, and 40% in outlying boroughs.

He reported that this was a significant increase from reducing levels of the last decade, and that GM would continue to push forward their efforts to tackle these issues. A meeting of the Homelessness Action Network is scheduled for 15 February, where a number of organisations will be brought together to sign off a plan to tackle homelessness across the whole of GM. Efforts were also being made to increase the number of Housing First schemes to 500 places by the end of the year, which would be a major contributor towards reaching GM's goal of ending rough sleeping by 2020.

Richard Leese, Manchester City Council commented that this was a shared objective for all members of the GMCA, and that there the scale of the problem could be underestimated. He reported that Manchester Council's budget for 2017/18 had increased its funding to services to prevent homelessness and the capacity to manage increased numbers of people in temporary and permanent accommodation. Working with partner organisations, there have been more staff and volunteers on the streets of the city centre talking to people who are homeless and offering them a range of support services. However, he expressed concern that despite these increased levels of intervention, the issue of homelessness was still getting worse. He added that within the Local Government settlement, the provision for housing, affordable housing and tackling homelessness was not sufficient. It was estimated that Manchester City Council will have to provide 5 times the amount provided in the settlement to support the growing problem through 2018/19.

The Mayor summarised that although the issue nationally and locally was getting worse, Greater Manchester's response has improved and was continually looking for further ways to improve. There have been new winter arrangements put in place for when temperatures drop below zero degrees, five hundred people have been able to register with a GP following the removal of the requirement to have a fixed address and local authorities have been able to waive the cost of providing copies of birth certificates which has helped people to access jobs and benefits. Furthermore, there have been 200 referrals to the Housing First scheme and additional measures planned to be put in place by the end of the year.

He added that public concern regarding the issue of homelessness was growing, and urged that there needs to be a Government review of Universal Credit and its impact on people being able to afford rent. It was important that as a society we need to provide a better response, and that homelessness needs to stay on the top of the list of priorities.

#### **GMCA 03/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by any member of the GMCA in relation to items on the agenda.

**GMCA 04/18 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2017**

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held 15 December 2017 were submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 15 December 2017 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 05/18 MINUTES OF THE GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 15 DECEMBER 2017**

The minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee were submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee held on the 15 December 2017 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 06/18 MINUTES OF THE GMCA ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the GMCA Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committees held on the 8 December 2017 and 19 January 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 07/18 MINUTES OF THE GMCA CORPORATE ISSUES AND REFORM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the minutes of the GMCA Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committees held on the 19 December 2017 and the 16 January 2018 be noted.
2. That the appointment of Cllr Debbie Newall (Bolton) to the Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved.

**GMCA 08/18 MINUTES OF THE GMCA CORPORATE ISSUES AND REFORM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the GMCA Housing, Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committees held on the 13 December 2017 and 15 January 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 09/18 MINUTES OF THE GM LEP HELD ON THE 15 JANUARY 2018**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the GM LEP held on the 15 January 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 09/18 MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT FOR THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 12 JANUARY 2018**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester held on the 12 January 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 10/17 GMCA MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW REPORT**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester presented a report which set out the background to the GMCA General Budget, Transport Levy Budget and Mayoral General Budget and Capital Programme which were detailed in following agenda items. He explained that these budgets were new territory for the GMCA but that they represented an opportunity for the GMCA to continue to move forward despite the pressures of Brexit.

The Mayor introduced the background to HIS proposals for the policing precept, and explained that the police service have dealt with significant budget cuts over recent years. The Deputy Mayor, Beverley Hughes further added that although the Government grant had not been increased, the settlement had given the Mayor the ability to increase the precept up to £12 per household in band D. She reported that at their meeting on the 18 January, the Police and Crime Panel accepted the proposed precept amount, within the context of £12m savings, and a shortfall of £11m in the policing budget. These additional funds would also be specifically used to recruit 50 additional police officers, accelerate improvements in customer services and maintain the community safety grant scheme for local authorities. The commitment of Greater Manchester Police to community policing was recognised as commendable despite the pressures they were under.

Members commented that they accept that the Mayor had have no choice but to accept the precept proposals as the funding from Central Government was not sufficient to support the required services. However, it was important that the message be conveyed back to Government that this was not a sustainable method of funding the shortfall.

Members further added that although the settlement gives the power for the Mayor to determine the precept, it does not give him complete freedom to raise the money. Increasing Council Tax results in the lowest income families being hit by unfair increases. It is therefore imperative that the GMCA demonstrate what this additional funding really means for communities.

It was suggested that alongside this, that the Police need to continue to reform and look to find ways of ensuring effective and efficient use of their budget allocations.

The Mayor summarised that the precept needs clear agreement and demonstration as to what it will specifically fund and how all communities will see real benefits from increased police presence, a stronger frontline and improvements to the 101 service. He further suggested that the Chief Constable be invited to the next meeting of the GMCA to set out his plans for the utilisation of the 2018/19 precept.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the GMCA notes the process for considering the proposals submitted by the Mayor for his General Budget, precept and capital budget.
2. That it be noted that that final information underpinning the calculation of the Mayoral General budget and precept is not available for the meeting and that a further budget meeting has been arranged for 20 February 2018 to give consideration to the final proposals ahead of the Mayor formally determining his budget and precept in time for District Councils to start setting their Council Tax levels.
3. That the Chief Constable be invited to the March meeting of the GMCA to set out his plans for the utilisation of the 2018/19 precept in relation to policing.

**GMCA 11/18 GMCA MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET 2018/19**

The GM Mayor introduced a report which set out his proposals for the Mayoral General Budget and precept for 2018-19 which included a number of elements including the fire service budget. The Mayoral element of the precept would include the provision of funding to support GM to improve its efforts on congestion planning, regeneration and the use of mayoral powers and the review of the GM Spatial Framework.

The Deputy Mayor, Beverley Hughes added that this precept would further give the budget headroom to undertake a comprehensive review of the Fire Service arrangements.

A member asked why there was specific provision for the Mayor to award grants to Local Authorities when they are able to apply for them directly. Officers confirmed that this allocation would allow the Mayor to award grants in respect of his mayoral priorities for specific pieces of work that could only be delivered through Local Authorities.

Members further added that the Mayor's Office should be of no additional cost to the Local Authorities and that communication should be clear that this funding is currently raised through a levy but is now more transparent through the precept

arrangements. Another member added that although this is a more open and transparent way of dealing with budgets, that residents will naturally concentrate on the overall increase and therefore clear demonstration of its benefits to communities on a day to day basis and ultimately improve communities and reduce living costs.

The Mayor summarised that he agreed that the value added to the lives of residents through the creation of the mayoral arrangements and the powers brought to Greater Manchester needs to be effectively communicated through the budget proposals and going forward.

Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor took the Chair at this point in the meeting and he informed members that there had been a series of additional recommendations circulated as the statutory calculations could not be completed until the final figures on tax bases and government grants had been received. At their meeting on the 20 February 2018 the GMCA would be invited to sign off the final budget.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the proposal presented by the Mayor to set an overall Mayoral General Precept of £68.95 (Band D) comprising of £59.95 for functions previously covered by the Fire and Rescue Authority precept (no change) and £9.00 for other Mayoral General functions be approved in principle and the detailed budget calculations which support that level of precept be noted.
2. That it be noted that the proposal for the Mayoral General Precept for 2018/19 is the start of a 2-3 year strategy for setting the Mayoral precept baseline which will be adjusted in future years as further Mayoral functions are granted.
3. That the proposal to allow £11.5 million of Earnback grant to be used to support GMCA costs relating to bus reform be noted.
4. That the following items be noted:
  - i. detailed budget proposed for the Fire and Rescue Service
  - ii. the use of the reserves, to support the revenue and capital budgets and the assessment by the Treasurer that the reserves as at March 2019 are adequate
  - iii. the proposed capital programme and proposals for funding
  - iv. the 2019-20 medium term financial position which reflects the final year of the 4 year funding settlement set by Central Government
5. That the detailed budget proposals for other Mayoral functions be noted.
6. That the GMCA does not wish to submit any written comments to the Mayor in line with the legal process and timetable described in this report.

7. That it be noted that the draft budget does not include all the required statutory calculations under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, since various relevant information has not yet been provided to the Mayor by the Government and some billing authorities, including full information relating to the revenue support grant, tax bases, collection funds and various business rate information.
8. That it be recommended that the Mayor notifies the GMCA of the revised statutory calculations by no later than 15 February 2018 with a view to the GMCA making its final determination at a meeting on the 20 February 2018.

#### **GMCA 12/18 REVENUE TRANSPORT BUDGET 2018/19**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester took members through a report which set out the transport related GMCA budget for 2018/19 which remains high on the mayoral agenda. He added that there would be a review of internal expenditure to ensure the greatest efficiencies within TfGM.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the issues affecting the 2018/19 transport budgets as detailed in the report be noted.
2. That the proposal for the introduction of an annual charge of £12 for access to the Local Concessionary Scheme be not approved.
3. That the consultation process which has been undertaken by officers with the Transport Levy Scrutiny Panel be noted; the proposals recommended by Scrutiny as set out in this report, other than the proposal noted at recommendation 2 above, be agreed. That it be noted that the proposal is now for a total levy for 2018/19 of £196.373 million, plus a one-off adjustment of £87.98 million in relation to a refund from districts of transport reserves which were refunded to them in 2017/18, less a reduction of £3.9 million in relation to the costs to be met from the Mayoral General budget to take the levy to be charged to £280.453 million.
4. That the GMCA budget relating to transport functions funded through the levy as set out in the report and amended in line with recommendation 2, for 2018/19 be approved.
5. That it be noted that the planned increases of around 1.8% and 1.57% with respect to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund will be deferred.
6. That the Transport Levy on the district councils in 2018/19 of £280.453 million as detailed above, apportioned on the basis of mid-year population as at June 2016 be approved.



7. That the use of £11.5 million of Earnback revenue grant for use on GMCA transport functions be approved.
8. That the use of reserves in 2018/19 as detailed in section 5 be approved.
9. That the position on reserves as identified in the report be noted and approved.

#### **GMCA 13/18 GMCA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester set out the economic development elements related to the GMCA budget for 2018/19. He highlighted issues for members to consider including the grant to the GM Health and Social Care Partnership and funding for MIDAS and Marketing Manchester.

Members suggested that the level of funding to MIDAS and Marketing Manchester be match funded by private sector contributions.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the budget relating to the GMCA Economic Development and Regeneration functions in 2018/19 as set out in section 2 of this report be approved.
2. That the District Contributions of £8.848 million as set out in section 3 of this report be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Health and Social Care to determine the appropriate grant to the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership of up to £0.6 million.
4. That the increases to the level of funding to MIDAS £0.2 million and Marketing Manchester £0.35 million, subject to confirmation that these additional sums are matched by private sector contributions be approved.
5. That it be noted that £4.9 million of Business Rates Income is to be retained by District Councils and shared on a pro-rata population basis.

#### **GMCA 14/18 GMCA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-21**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester presented an update in relation to the GMCA capital expenditure programme.

Members asked whether there was further information available regarding the evaluation of the current numbers and planning increase of trams on the metrolink. The Mayor confirmed that it remained his intention to increase the number of trams, but that a case was being worked up that would be dependent on the availability of

funding. It was suggested that a report on the current patronage and planned purchase of additional trams be brought to a future meeting of the GMCA.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the revisions to the capital budget as set out in Appendix A and detailed within the report be agreed.
2. That the updated 2017/18 capital forecast compared to the previous 2017/18 capital forecast be noted.
3. That the capital programme budget for 2018/19 and the forward commitments as detailed in the report and in Appendix A be approved.
4. That it be noted that that the capital programme will be financed from a mixture of grants (including from DfT), external contributions and long term borrowings.
5. That it be noted that provision has been made in the revenue budget for the associated financing costs of borrowing.
6. That it be noted that that the capital programme will continue to be reviewed, with any new schemes which have not yet received specific approval added into the programme at a later date once approval has been sought.
7. That it be noted that a revised capital programme and Treasury Management Strategy (including prudential indicators), will need to be submitted once the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority joins the GMCA on the 1 April 2018.
8. That a report on the current patronage and planned purchase of additional trams for Metrolink be brought to a future meeting of the GMCA.

**GMCA 15/18 BREXIT MONITOR – MONTHLY UPDATE**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Leader for Business and Economy presented the Brexit report which updated members on the key economic and policy developments in relation to the UK's decision to leave the EU. He highlighted the recent debates regarding the potential for a second referendum and the ability for the public to determine whether the deal is acceptable.

The Mayor summarised that the current position in relation to a second referendum was unclear but that there were local discussions as to how to ensure the best deal for Greater Manchester is sought from any potential deal.

**RESOLVED /-**

That the Brexit Monitor (January 2018) be noted.

## **GMCA 16/18 INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY UPDATE**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Leader for Business and Economy introduced a report which updated members on the Government's recent Industrial Strategy White Paper and the proposed approach to developing the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy. He urged that this was an opportunity for Greater Manchester to maximise the offer from Government to keep Greater Manchester distinctive through new ideas and innovation.

Deputy Mayor, Beverley Hughes welcomed the report and planned approach and the ability to use this paper as a framework to develop a GM approach to Industrial Strategy. She suggested that as most of Greater Manchester's economic base comes from SMEs, that they would be integral to a localised strategy, which should also have a strong focus on how we support young people, and parents back into work. Any Industrial Strategy should also focus on the wider determinants of industry such as transport, housing and digital connectivity not just hardware infrastructure.

The Mayor further added that this was a great opportunity for Greater Manchester to move forward quickly and set the pace across the country and a leading conurbation.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the approach outlined to developing the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy be noted in particular that the approach does not separate our growth priorities from our people priorities. In addition that 'infrastructure' should not just include hardware it should also include other enabling infrastructure such as childcare as being key to supporting business growth, particularly SMEs.
2. That the contents of the industrial strategy white paper of relevance to Greater Manchester be noted.

## **GMCA 17/18 GREEN SUMMIT – MARCH 2018**

Alex Ganotis, Portfolio Leader for Green-City Region gave a verbal report regarding the planned Greater Manchester Green Summit to be held on 21 March at Manchester Central. He reported that GM was starting from a strong position regarding its delivery against the targets for carbon reduction and climate change and that it was important to recognise how much had been achieved to date.

The event has been designed to actively share the message of green issues across a wide sector of attendees regarding inclusion, economic development and sustainable business growth. Greater Manchester have set a target date to be carbon neutral by 2050, but there is a strong desire to bring this forward and therefore the Green City Steering Group have been developing the policies that will enable this to be more achievable. This policy development has been informed by a

series of 'listening sessions' across the sub region which have discussed issues such as clean air, green space, waste avoidance and food economy.

The Mayor thanked all those involved with the Green City Region work, and commented that this Green Summit will put GM on the map.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

That arrangements for the planned Green Summit to be held on 21 March be noted and that local authorities and key stakeholders be encouraged to participate.

#### **GMCA 18/18 TOWN CENTRE CHALLENGE UPDATE**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester updated member of the Combined Authority on the Town Centre Challenge, and introduced a report which set out the next steps in the process. He reiterated the importance that economic growth needs to be felt all across GM and this work was designed to galvanise new discussions as to how we can support the development of towns across all boroughs, and if successful then it would be extended to further widen its impact. He urged those Local Authorities who were still to nominate a town to do so as soon as possible.

John Taylor commented that Tameside's nomination of Stalybridge is subject to cabinet approval shortly.

Jean Stretton explained how Oldham Town Centre was currently going through a masterplan development and that the Council's efforts were concentrating on this large scale project, and although they would not be submitting another town to the town centre challenge, that Oldham should not be disadvantaged in any way.

Richard Leese commented that Manchester were in a similar position, where they did not want to submit a nomination for just one town but that they would engage with the programme for the whole city.

Alex Ganotis added that Stockport had put forward their town centre so that the town centre challenge could support the work that was currently being undertaken in the hope that the Mayor could drive forward additional elements to the scheme such as the introduction of more housing options around the town centre and the Interchange.

Allen Brett reported that Rochdale would soon be sending their nomination for the town centre challenge.

Linda Thomas commented that Bolton town centre was also going through a major redevelopment programme, however the Council had decided to nominate Farnworth as the next town centre priority.

The Mayor thanked members for their comments and reminded the GMCA that this programme aspired to give those current schemes the extra push they need to move forward and alongside this, raise the profile of towns outside of the city centre. He gave assurance that no Local Authorities would be disadvantaged, and he would ensure that mayoral powers were available to those areas who required this intervention.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the issues set out in Sections 2 and 3 of this report and the town centres which have so far been put forward as part of the challenge be noted.
2. That it be noted that Manchester's nomination needs correction to reflect that they have a coherent approach to improving all of their local district centres, all of their centres being of equal importance and priority. It is within this context that they would want to work with the Mayor and GMCA to see if they can assist further.
3. That it be noted that Oldham Town Centre is Oldham's current strategic priority and they would seek a meeting with the Mayor to see if any of his new powers can assist to deliver their plans.

**GMCA 19/18 COMMISSIONING WORKING WELL (WORK & HEALTH PROGRAMME)**

Sean Anstee, Portfolio Leader for Skills, Employment and Apprenticeships shared a report which notified the Combined Authority of the procurement process of the £52m Working Well (Work & Health Programme) and provided an overview of the successful bidder's proposed delivery model.

The Mayor added that this has been a very successful initiative for Greater Manchester and had introduced a simpler process than the previous Work Programme and its results should be celebrated. He added that this work would support a case for GM to have much greater control over DWP (Department of Work and Pensions) budgets in future years.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the outcome of the Working Well (Work & Health Programme) procurement process and the winning bidder's delivery model be noted.
2. That the appreciation for Local Authority and partner support in the procurement process be noted.
3. That the Social Value outcomes associated with the contract be noted.

4. That the importance of Local Authorities and local governance to successful delivery and agree to support the implementation process through Local Integration Boards be noted.

#### **GMCA 20/18 GM GROWTH DEAL – SALFORD BOLTON NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester introduced a report which sought full approval from the Combined Authority to release the necessary funding to enable the delivery of the Salford Bolton Network Improvements (SBIN) and to allow the progression of wider TfGM project and programme management activities associated with this programme.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That full approval be granted for the Salford Bolton Network Improvements - Bolton Delivery Package 4 (Farnworth) scheme; and grant release of funding of £1.676 million from the Local Growth Deal to enable delivery of the works; and
2. That the release of further funding of £0.192 million to facilitate TfGM project and programme management activities associated with the enabling, development and delivery of the Bolton and Salford SBNI packages be granted.

#### **GMCA 21/18 INTERMEDIATE BODY STATUS FOR GREATER MANCHESTER – DELEGATIONS**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester presented a report which sought the agreement from the GMCA to delegate the responsibility for ratification of Intermediate Body decisions on the strategic fit of ERDF applications to the Chief Executive of the GMCA in consultation with the Mayor. In doing so, this will ensure that there are no perceived conflicts of interest if GMCA members have a governance relationship with potential applicants. It will also ensure there is no conflict with the fact that five GMCA members are on the GM ESIF sub-committee, so GMCA members do not have to make decisions twice. Finally, the role of the GMCA is only to ratify the recommendations of the ESIF sub-committee and delegation of this ratification would mean the ratification would not be required to be undertaken at meetings of the GMCA.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

That it be agreed to delegate the responsibility for ratification of GMCA Intermediate Body decisions on the strategic fit of ERDF applications based upon the recommendations of the GM ESIF Sub-Committee to the Chief Executive of GMCA in consultation with the Greater Manchester Mayor.

## **GMCA 22/18 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECT UPDATES**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester introduced a report which sought approval from the GMCA for investments to GPL Group Limited and Calamity Island Limited from recycled funds.

### **RESOLVED /-**

That discussions on this item be moved into Part B of the agenda.

## **GMCA 23/18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

### **RESOLVED /-**

That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

## **GMCA 24/18 GMCA CULTURAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT FUND - RECOMENDATIONS**

Councillor Linda Thomas, Portfolio Leader for Culture, Arts and Leisure introduced the report which sought approval on the process to identify organisations to be funded via the new GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That it be agreed that the budget for the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund should be allocated at a level to fund the balanced portfolio including existing S48 organisations and the highest scoring applicants for the GMCA Cultural Fund detailed within this report.
2. That it be agreed that GMCVO should be funded to the level they were funded under Section 48 and this funding should be taken from the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund.
3. That it be noted that the conclusion of the equality impact assessment on the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund
4. That it be agreed that the portfolio and programme management costs should be found from within the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund budget.
5. That it be agreed that this report is made public within two months of this meeting.

## **GMCA 25/18 GMCA LOCAL FULL FIBRE CHALLENGE FUND PROPOSAL**

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Leader for Digital City Region introduced a report which sought the agreement of the GMCA to the approach to Greater Manchester's bid to the Full Fibre Networks Challenge Fund as part of the GM Digital Infrastructure Implementation Plan.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That it be agreed to submit a bid for funding under the DCMS Local Full Fibre Network Challenge Fund under Wave Two.
2. That the GM Digital Infrastructure Implementation Plan which sets the framework to create the best possible environment for market investment in digital infrastructure be approved.
3. That the development of a co-ordinated approach across GM to the development of standardised wayleaves, supportive planning policy, consistent regulation and a "one dig" approach, in order to encourage market investment in digital fibre infrastructure, reporting back to GMCA in early summer 2018 be supported.

## **GMCA 26/18 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive of the GMCA shared a report which provided further detail on the funding applications from GPL Limited and Calamity Island Limited.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the funding application by Calamity Island Limited (investment of £210k) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. That it be agreed to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and 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 recommendation 1 above.
3. That the funding application by GPL Group Ltd (investment of up to £1,500k) be agreed in principle and progress to due diligence.
4. That it be agreed to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the GMCA and, subject to



their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and 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 recommendation 2 above.

