

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED  
AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 25 MAY 2018  
AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL.**

**PRESENT:**

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham
Deputy Mayor (Policing and Crime)	Baroness Beverley Hughes
Bolton	Councillor Linda Thomas
Bury	Councillor Rishi Shori
Manchester	Councillor Nigel Murphy
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Alex Ganotis
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

**OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

TfGMC	Councillor Guy Harkin
Manchester	Councillor Angeliki Stogia
Rochdale	Councillor Sara Rowbotham
Stockport	Councillor Wendy Wild
Wigan	Councillor Jenny 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
Oldham	Carolyn Wilkins
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Trafford	Joanne Hyde

Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Manchester Growth Company	Mark Hughes
TfGM	Steve Warrener
GMP	Ian Piling
GMFRS	Dawn Docx
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lindsay Dunn
GMCA	Nicola Ward

### **GMCA 104/18 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllr Richard Leese (Manchester), Cllr Andrea Simpson (Bury), Theresa Grant (Trafford), Steven Pleasant (Tameside), Cllr Laura Evans (Trafford), Donna Hall (Wigan), Jon Rouse (Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership), Jon Lamonte (TfGM) and Ian Hopkins (GMP)

### **GMCA 105/18 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

#### **1. GM Leaders**

On behalf of all members, the GM Mayor placed on record his thanks to the Leaders who had resigned since the last meeting of the Combined Authority. The former Leader of Oldham Council, Councillor Jean Stretton, the former Leader of Trafford, Councillor Sean Anstee and Lord Peter Smith, the former Leader of Wigan. The important contribution made by all three to the work of the Combined Authority was acknowledged and the Mayor thanked them for their personal support. It was noted that Lord Peter Smith, former Chair of AGMA would continue in his role as Chair of the GM Health and Care Board.

The Chair welcomed three new Leaders, as members of the GMCA, Councillor Sean Fielding, Leader of Oldham, Councillor Andrew Western, Leader of Trafford and Councillor David Molyneux, Leader of Wigan, to their first Combined Authority meeting.

#### **2. Manchester Arena Attack Anniversary**

The Mayor acknowledged the events that had taken place in the City during the week to commemorate the one year anniversary of the attack at Manchester Arena. Although it had been recognised that the 22 May had been a difficult day, tributes and events had been handled with great dignity, empathy and had portrayed Manchester to the world as place of humanity, solidarity and diversity. The families of the twenty two victims would forever be part of Manchester.

Sir Richard Leese, Leader, Joanne Roney, Chief Executive, Kate Brown and the supporting team at Manchester City Council were thanked on behalf of the GMCA for the arrangement and management of the programme of events which took place on 22 May, in recognition of the Anniversary of the Manchester Arena Attack.

Thanks were also conveyed to the Bishop and the Dean and staff at Manchester Cathedral, Rose Marley and Sharp Futures for their role in the One Voice Event, volunteers who helped with 'Trees of Hope' throughout the City Centre and everyone who attended the event in Albert Square.

### **3. Northern Rail Network Performance**

The GM Mayor drew member's attention to the ongoing situation on the rail network and the unacceptable performance of Northern Rail. Delays, cancellations, overcrowding, along with recent timetable changes, had resulted in a progressively intolerable situation for rail passengers in the North West. Along with the Mayor for the Liverpool City Region, the GM Mayor had made representations with other northern leaders to the Secretary of State for Transport and Transport for the North Board and he provided the GMCA with an update on the details of those exchanges. The Mayor had made it known from the outset in those conversations, that the situation should never have been allowed to get as bad as it had before the Government acknowledged that there was a problem. He also stipulated that it was his belief that problems on the rail network in London and the South East were more readily attended to than those that occurred, sometimes of a worse nature, in the North of England. The Mayor pledged to use his voice to make representations on behalf of the travelling public of GM that going forward this would no longer continue.

A further four points, which were topics of disagreement with the Government were outlined;

These included;

- There was no shared analysis or agreement of what the issues were that were affecting Northern Rail. It was acknowledged that Network Rail and their failure to deliver promised improvements on the Manchester to Bolton line and Blackpool had contributed to the current chaos. However, it was the view of the Mayor and the Liverpool City Mayor, that this, along with the introduction of the new timetable was not the root cause. It was the opinion that endemic staffing issues on Northern Rail, linked to the management culture of the organisation had exacerbated the issues described;
- The agreed action plan, should be publicised with clear deadlines alongside the actions, so the public could see what was being done and hold the company to account. Clarity was needed so that if

services were not going to be provided, then information was made available in order to avoid the chaos of last minute cancellations;

- There were a large number of outstanding compensation claims made by GM residents and these would be required to be answered within a firm deadline. It was the view of the Mayor, that a broader compensation offer for regular travellers and season ticket holders who have faced disruption over a long period of time, should be introduced and paid for out fines issued to Arriva Trains;
- If Northern Rail fail to stick to recovery plan as agreed then a process should be initiated for the removal of the franchise.

Members of the GMCA were invited to raise concerns from their boroughs with regard to the impact the performance was having on their residents. Councillor Sara Rowbotham (Rochdale) expressed her concern with the apparent disregard of the shareholders, owners and senior company executives of the company for the residents of Rochdale, Greater Manchester and the North West. An immediate call for improvement was made.

Councillor Linda Thomas (Bolton), described some of the ongoing problems experienced by the residents of Bolton, which included insufficient trains and carriages, dirty trains and poor customer relations. The recent electrification of the line had an effect on the livelihoods of many farmers and commuters meaning many felt that they were not important to the rail company. She agreed with the Mayor that she felt rail users in the north were invisible, despite continued pressure from MPs across the North West.

Councillor Alex Ganotis (Stockport) explained how the introduction of the new timetable for the residents of Stockport had proved chaotic and resulted in an unacceptable experience for rail users across the network. He explained the practical issues as a result of the new timetables which had resulted in a reduction in services, and in particular, a bunching of services at peak times. This had caused huge inconveniences for commuters and affected work patterns, childcare arrangements and pupils using the rail network. He believed that the new timetable had been introduced with no consideration for commuters. Northern Rail had also confirmed that the reason for the reductions and bunching of services was due to the increased capacity into and out of Piccadilly train station, especially due to an increase in Trans Pennine Express services. It was reported that operators have had to bid for platform slots and the outcome of the bidding process had resulted in timetable changes. He called for more information and transparency in the bidding process. Collective responsibility to address the impact of changes on the residents of Stockport, GM and the North West would be required.

Councillor Andrew Western (Trafford) echoed the comments made by the Mayor and colleagues with regards to the Manchester to Liverpool line through Urmston. He explained that the residents of Trafford had suffered from significantly overcrowded trains and delays and cancellations had

impacted on the public both personally and professionally. He called for pressure on the Government to intervene in the rail issues affecting the Northern Powerhouse and the unacceptable treatment of commuters.

Councillor David Molyneux, (Wigan Council) provided a personal recollection of a train journey to Manchester he had experienced on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018. He explained the overcrowded conditions on a warm day which had resulted in increased temperatures within the train carriages which were particularly concerning for younger passengers. This had resulted in genuine safety concerns and led to some passengers coming close to losing their tempers. The front line staff from Northern Rail were considered to be put in extremely difficult and challenging situations and Councillor Molyneux stated that rail service in GM needed improvement.

Councillor Brenda Warrington (Tameside) reiterated the sentiments of colleagues with regards to overcrowding and the manner in which customers were treated. It was considered an increasingly challenging situation to persuade commuters to contribute to the improvement in air quality by choosing public transport as opposed to travelling by car. Members were provided with details of her personal experience of the train journey into Manchester that morning.

Councillor Angelicki Stogia (Manchester) explained that it was important that the feelings of the people travelling by train across GM were acknowledged. The appalling situation faced by commuters in train stations in the city centre was leaving people to feel angry, stressed, frustrated, disappointed, anxious and let down. The real risks of people losing their jobs as a result of the situation called for pressure to be applied on behalf of the residents of Greater Manchester. Northern Rail were described as an unaccountable and inept company that were required to be held to account. Councillor Stogia expressed her thanks to the Mayor for outlining the points that had been discussed with the Minister and he was urged to continue to share information with the public.

The Mayor thanked members for their contributions and acknowledged the strength of opinion that had been expressed. Given the seriousness of the issues and intensity of feelings, the Mayor proposed that an objective assessment of the performance of Northern Rail and Network Rail be undertaken by TfGM and Transport for the North. This would be provided to the June meeting of the GMCA to inform the next steps to be taken by Transport for the North and the GMCA in addressing the current performance issues.

#### **4. Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF)**

Colleagues were reminded that the GMCA had previously decided to publish the revised GMSF in June 2018. Due to the changes in the membership of the

GMCA and the results of local elections across Greater Manchester, it was proposed to defer the submission of the GMSF to the 29 July meeting of the GMCA. It was acknowledged that public consultation would commence during the school summer holidays for a three month period concluding mid-October 2018.

Councillor Andrew Western welcomed the delay and highlighted that the change in political administration in Trafford would result in a different perspective with particular regard to land allocated for house building in Flixton.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That it be noted that Councillor Jean Stretton, the former Leader of Oldham, Councillor Sean Anstee, the former Leader of Trafford and Lord Peter Smith the former leader of Wigan had resigned as members of the GMCA, and that it be placed on record that members recognise and appreciate that all three had made a major contribution to the work of the GMCA. In particular acknowledging the work of Lord Peter Smith as the long standing Chair of AGMA, leading to the establishment of the GMCA and as Chair of the GMCA over a significant length of time. That it be noted that Lord Peter Smith will continue as Chair of the Health & Care Board and Portfolio Lead for Health and Care.
2. That the appointment of Councillor Sean Fielding, Leader of Oldham, Councillor Andrew Western, Leader of Trafford and Councillor David Molyneux, Leader of Wigan to the GMCA be noted and that they be welcomed to their first meeting as members of the GMCA.
3. That Sir Richard Leese, Leader, Joanne Roney, Chief Executive, Kate Brown and the supporting team at Manchester City Council be thanked on behalf of the GMCA for the arrangement and management of the programme of events which took place on 22 May, in recognition of the Anniversary of the Manchester Arena Attack.
4. That thanks also be convey to the Bishop and the Dean and staff at Manchester Cathedral, Rose Marley and Sharp Futures for the role in the One Voice Event, volunteers who helped with 'Trees of Hope' throughout the City Centre and everyone who attended the event in Albert Square.
5. That an objective assessment of the performance of Northern Rail and Network Rail be undertaken by TfGM and Transport for the North for the following month for submission to the June meeting of the GMCA to inform the next steps to be taken by Transport for the North and the GMCA in addressing the current performance issues.

6. That it be agreed that the submission of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework be deferred to the 29 July meeting of the GMCA, due to the changes in the membership of the GMCA and the results of local elections across Greater Manchester, acknowledging that the public consultation will commence during the school summer holidays for a three month period concluding mid-October 2018.

**GMCA 106/18                    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**GMCA 107/18                    MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2018.**

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held 27 April 2018 were submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 27 April 2018 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 108/18                    MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 14 MAY 2018**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership held on the 14 May 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 109/18                    GMCA APPOINTMENTS TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester introduced a report which requested that members agree the appointments to the GMCA's three scrutiny committees and the substitute's pool.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That appointments to the GMCA's 3 Overview & Scrutiny Committees, (15 members each) following nominations received from the constituent councils be approved as detailed below. That it be noted that political balance requirements have been met: 11 Labour, 3 Conservatives and 1 Liberal Democrat per Committee.

**ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH & SKILLS  
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY**

1	Bolton	Susan Haworth	Labour
2	Bury	Mary Whitby	Labour
3	Mancheste	Luke Raikes	Labour
4	Oldham	Barbara Brownridge	Labour
5	Rochdale	tbc	Labour
6	Salford	Kate Lewis	Labour
7	Stockport	Jude Wells	Labour
8	Tameside	Yvonne Cartey	Labour
9	Trafford	Barry Brotherton	Labour
10	Wigan	Charles Rigby	Labour
11	Stockport	Mark Hunter	Liberal Democrat
12	Rochdale	Mike Holly	Conservative
13	Salford	Karen Garrido	Conservative
14	Bury	Robert Caserta	Conservative
15	Oldham	Chris Goodwin	Labour

**HOUSING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT  
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY**

1	Bolton	Shamim Abdullah	Labour
2	Bury	Catherine Preston	Labour
3	Manchester	James Wilson	Labour
4	Oldham	James Larkin	Labour
5	Rochdale	Linda Robinson	Labour
6	Salford	Stuart Dickman	Labour
7	Stockport	Laura Booth	Labour
8	Tameside	Mike Glover	Labour
9	Trafford	Graham Whitham	Labour
10	Wigan	Lynne Holland	Labour
11	Stockport	Lisa Smart	Liberal Democrat
12	Bolton	Andrew Morgan	Conservative
13	Wigan	Michael Winstanley	Conservative
14	Bury	Dorothy Gunther	Conservative
15	Manchester	Paula Sadler	Labour



<b>CORPORATE ISSUES &amp; REFORM OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY</b>			
1	Bolton	Hamid Khurram	Labour
2	Bury	Stella Smith	Labour
3	Mancheste	Mary Watson	Labour
4	Oldham	Colin McLaren	Labour
5	Rochdale	Peter Malcom	Labour
6	Salford	David Jolley	Labour
7	Stockport	Yvonne Guariento	Labour
8	Tameside	Gill Peet	Labour
9	Trafford	Ann Duffield	Labour
10	Wigan	Joanne Marshall	Labour
11	Bury	Tim Pickstone	Liberal Democrat
12	Trafford	Nathan Evans	Conservative
13	Stockport	Linda Holt	Conservative
14	Tameside	John Bell	Conservative
15	Mancheste	Annette Wright	Labour

2. That approval be given to the appointment of up to 16 members to the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee substitutes pool. That the appointments detailed below be approved, noting that a further 3 nominations are to be confirmed in June.

	<b>LABOUR</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRAT</b>
Bolton	Kevin McKeon	David Greenhalgh	
Bury	Waiting for 1 further nomination to be confirmed		
Manchester			John Leech
Oldham	To be confirmed		Hazel Gloster
Rochdale	Danny Meredith Ray Dutton	Ann Stott	
Salford	Tanya Burch	To be confirmed	
Stockport			

Tameside	Adrian Pearce	Ruth Welsh	
Trafford	Amy Whyte	Bernard Sharp	
Wigan	Fred Walker	James Grundy	

**GMCA 110/18           ROUGH SLEEPERS UPDATE**

The Rough Sleepers Update report was withdrawn and it was noted that the issue would be considered at the next meeting of the GMCA Reform Board, with a view to submitting an update to the 29 June meeting of the GMCA.

**GMCA 111/18           GREATER MANCHESTER CYCLING & WALKING GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester introduced a report which set out the governance proposals for allocating the Transforming Cities funding to cycling and walking focused schemes.

As set out in the Autumn 2017 Budget, Greater Manchester had been awarded capital funding of £243m from the Transforming Cities Fund. Subsequent to the announcement, a letter was received by the Mayor, with a follow up letter to the GMCA (attached at Appendix 1) confirming that the allocation would be treated as part of the Greater Manchester “single pot” and, therefore, Government expected that the single pot assurance framework would follow to ensure that the value for money of spending decisions were assessed and considered consistently. DfT had also asked GMCA to publish a delivery plan for the Fund and to prepare annual performance statements against that plan.

The report set out proposals to ensure that the governance and management of the Challenge Fund would facilitate the development and delivery of schemes and comply with the overarching GMCA Single Pot Assurance Framework in terms of: governance of decision making, accountability for public money, assurance, prioritisation and value for money.

Members were informed that the Cycling and Walking Commissioner, Chris Boardman would present the results of the prioritised programme and scheme pipeline to the meeting of the GMCA in June. In support of the proposals, it was suggested that membership of the Cycling and Walking Delivery Board should include representatives from health and/or public health services and representative users of the schemes, including children and young people and people with physical and sensory impairments, in recognition of the wider agenda beyond transport improvements, including the improvement of the health of the population and improving air quality. The Mayor recommended that the Cycling and Walking Commissioner meet with a number of individuals who attended the Mayor’s Question Time on 24 May, to discuss the experiences of disabled people in getting around Greater Manchester.

In discussing the report, clarity on who would be responsible for the development of the business case for schemes, whether it be Local Authorities or TfGM or a combination, together with details of available support was requested.

The importance of creating safe routes for all modes of travel was highlighted along with the emphasis on walking as an alternative to driving for journeys of less than one kilometre.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the proposed governance arrangements, including for the allocation of funding and the approval of business cases in relation to allocating Transforming Cities funding (TCF) to cycling and walking focused schemes be approved.
2. That the prioritisation framework against which schemes will be assessed be approved.
3. That progress on scheme development be noted and it be agreed that delivery will be reported through regular updates to GMCA and via the quarterly GMCA Capital Monitoring reports.
4. That it be noted that Chris Boardman, Walking and Cycling Commissioner, would be presenting an update on the progress of the cycling and walking agenda at the 29 June meeting of the GMCA.
5. That the report to be considered by the GMCA on 29 June consider a number of issues including:
  - extending the composition of the Cycling and Walking Delivery Board to include representatives from health and/or public health services and representative users of the schemes, including children and young people and people with physical and sensory impairments, in recognition of the wider agenda beyond transport improvements, including the improvement of the health of the population and improving air quality
  - provide clarity on who would be responsible for developing the business case for schemes; local authorities or TfGM or a combination, together with details of available support
6. That the Walking and Cycling Commissioner be encouraged to meet with a number of individuals who attended the Mayor's Question Time on 24 May to discuss the experiences of disabled people in getting around Greater Manchester.

**GMCA 112/18****INTRODUCTION OF ZONAL FARES STRUCTURE ON THE METROLINK NETWORK**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester introduced a report which detailed a proposal by TfGM to introduce a zonal fare structure on the Metrolink network in early 2019. The report set out the policy drivers, customer benefits of the proposed change, and requested approval, subject to a public engagement exercise in late May/ early June and subsequent report to the GMCA.

Members welcomed the proposed introduction of a zonal fare structure on the Metrolink network and suggested it would increase flexibility and simplify the system for passengers, which would have a positive impact on the tourist economy in Greater Manchester. It was recognised in the report that there was a potential minor adverse impact of very short journeys becoming more expensive and it was confirmed that the impact of any change would be taken into consideration as part of the proposed public engagement exercise which would run from 1 to 17 June 2018. On behalf of the GMCA, the Mayor thanked colleagues in TfGM for the pace of the thorough work undertaken on a potentially complicated proposal.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the proposal to introduce a zonal fare structure on the Metrolink network in early 2019 be approved.
2. That the policy drivers and customer benefits of the proposed change be noted.
3. That the financial and demand assessment associated with the proposal and the assumed mitigation of risks be noted.
4. That it be noted that some of the proposed changes to the fares structure will impact on short journeys and comments would be considered as part of the proposed public engagement exercise.
5. That it be noted that the final zonal fare structure will be subject to a public engagement exercise from 1 – 17 June 2018.
6. That it be noted that the approval of the final zonal fare structure will be subject to a subsequent report to the GMCA on 27 July 2018.

**GMCA 113/18****BUS REFORM OBJECTIVES UPDATE**

The Chair introduced a report which updated members on the long-term objectives for the bus network in Greater Manchester.

It was highlighted that the overarching objective was to improve the network and achieve network integration in order to be as efficient and accessible as possible. It was proposed that the bus network would benefit from a simplified and integrated

ticketing system covering all buses and also journeys using more than one mode of transport within Greater Manchester. Fares should offer value for money to customers, with smart ticketing introduced as soon as possible for travel across the whole bus network and for travel across different modes.

As well as simplified fares and ticketing, the bus network should be as easy to use as possible for passengers and potential passengers, and provide a positive journey experience. Buses should be accessible, particularly for mobility impaired passengers, and there should be aids for partially sighted or blind customers to help them navigate the network. It was recognised that the bus network should be delivering optimal value for money in terms of service to Greater Manchester.

It was highlighted that the GMCA would be undertaking bus reform to reflect the GM priorities. The bus operators had requested to work in partnership and the Mayor challenged them to demonstrate how the proposed partnership approach would work, including how it could support affordable travel for young people, in particular free travel for 16-18 year olds.

It was proposed that 'comprehensive access' to the public transport network needed to ensure that there was a comprehensive bus network outside of the M60 as well good orbital connectivity around Greater Manchester and beyond the M60 boundary.

Each Local Authority was requested to provide the Mayor with local intelligence regarding gaps in the local bus network to inform further discussions with bus operators through partnership working.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the Mayor continue his conversations with bus operators, challenging them to demonstrate how the proposed partnership approach will work including how the approach can support, affordable travel for young people, in particular free travel for 16-18 year olds.
2. That 'comprehensive access' to the public transport network needs to ensure that there is also a comprehensive bus network outside of the M60 as well good orbital connectivity around Greater Manchester and beyond the M60 boundary.
3. That all Local Authorities provide the Mayor with local intelligence regarding gaps in the local bus network to inform further discussions with bus operators.
4. That the objectives set out in the report be endorsed.

The Mayor of Greater Manchester presented a report which provided an update on the progress to date and proposed next steps in relation to the Case for Change: GMCA Rail Station Transfer.

The Case for Change recommended the full transfer of rail station responsibility to the GMCA over a long-term period. However, in light of the feedback received from the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, TfGM had developed alternative proposals to test working in partnership with operators and other industry stakeholders at a number of GM rail stations. The GMCA Transport Revenue Budget 2018/19 report presented to the GMCA in January 2018, granted approval for a drawdown of £0.5m to progress proposals for the rail station partnership and work undertaken to date and proposed workstreams were detailed within the report.

It was noted that whilst enabling work was progressing on the workstreams, formal agreement on a 'partnership approach' by all parties was still required. This would be progressed with industry stakeholders over the forthcoming months. In parallel, further discussions would be held with the Department for Transport (DfT) and London Continental Railways (LCR) regarding the proposed 'Development and Community Fund'. It was proposed to present a further report to Leaders in the late summer.

In offering support for the proposals, it was suggested that a further report which analysed how partnerships were progressing be presented to the meeting of the GMCA in September 2018.

Members discussed the importance to develop a strategic approach to the release of land in order to deliver on the GMSF and provide brownfield development first. It was suggested that the government would need to apply pressure to Network Rail to release their assets of brownfield land to support housing development and the ambitions to regenerate town centres. It was considered critical that the DfT and Network Rail as partners work together with the Combined Authority on the one public estate programme in GM.

The partnership approach instead of the transfer of rail stations to the Combined Authority recommended by the Secretary of State for Transport was described as disappointing. Members highlighted the prolonged lack of investment in rail stations and the fact that many in Greater Manchester were not Disability and Discrimination Act 1995 compliant and did not support a modal shift to the use of public transport. Councillor Sean Fielding, (Oldham) highlighted that Greenfield station in Oldham had limited step free access and the issue was subject to notice of motion annually at the Oldham Council meeting.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the report and the national political environment which has a preference for alliancing and partnerships rather than the transfer of full responsibility and ownership for rail assets be noted.
2. That the proposals to work with the rail industry to determine the extent to which the proposals around a partnership approach in relation to rail assets can deliver acceptable benefits to Greater Manchester be noted and endorsed.
3. That it be agreed to develop and embed formal governance with rail industry partners around stations development and delivery in Greater Manchester.
4. That the continuation of the workstreams and enabling projects set out in the report that can be delivered within the £0.5 million of funding approved by GMCA as part of the Transport Budget in January 2018 be approved.
5. That the potential for Government to assist with facilitating the release of brownfield land within the ownership of Network Rail be progressed as part of the discussions on Greater Manchester's Housing deal.
6. That an update on Rail Station Partnerships be submitted to the GMCA in September 2018.

**GMCA 115/18                      MANCHESTER AND PENNINE RESILIENCE – OPTIONS FOR THE HAWESWATER AQUEDUCT**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester introduced a report which set out the preferred option to improve the resilience of the water supply to Greater Manchester via the Haweswater aqueduct.

It was noted that the GMCA had received an approach from Untied Utilities (UU) with regard to improvements to the single largest water supply into Greater Manchester. Members were asked to support the business case and in doing so they encouraged UU to engage with the public to obtain a long term preferred option that provided a sustainable solution to the residents and businesses in Greater Manchester.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the report and the key issues and options identified – (sections 2, 3 and 4) be noted.
2. That it be agreed to write to United Utilities by 31<sup>st</sup> May to confirm the engagement that they have undertaken with GMCA and to provide support to the progression of a preferred option that secures a long term and sustainable solution for residents and businesses in GM.

Councillor Nigel Murphy, Manchester CC introduced a report which updated members on the key economic and policy developments of relevance to Greater Manchester in relation to the UK's decision to leave the European Union (EU).

Key items highlighted were;

- That UK GDP growth was down, furthermore, the Bank of England had announced that interest rates were being kept down in light of lower projections for GDP growth in 2018.
- The negative effect on employment in the region had seen unemployment rise for a third consecutive month which placed unemployment higher than at pre-referendum levels.

The Mayor highlighted that the position with regard to unemployment was troubling and suggested that the situation be closely monitored as the Government approached the conclusion of negotiations, in particular regard to the Customs Union. It was noted that a higher proportion of GM exports go to the EU than the British average which ultimately would have a bigger impact on GM than other parts of the country. It was expected that there would be further need to debate options and feed into vote in Parliament later in the year.

A member questioned whether the introduction of Universal Credit had any effect on the way figures were collated and consequently impacted on the increased numbers unemployed. It was agreed that further work would be carried out in this regard and reported back to the next meeting. The Mayor suggested that a broader report on the implementation and effects of the introduction of Universal Credit, which would include issues in relation to family poverty, unemployment and homelessness should be presented at the next meeting of the GMCA.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the Brexit Monthly Monitor (May 2018) be noted.
2. That Officers be requested to submit a report to the GMCA on 29 June providing an update on the impact of Universal Credit broadly across Greater Manchester, including the impact on the number of unemployed residents and family poverty etc.

The Mayor of Greater Manchester introduced a report which informed members of the GMCA capital outturn for 2017/18.



It was clarified that the GMCA had set a three year forward budget which had been approved in January 2018 and the report presented the outturn for the last financial year. A further update on the monitoring would be provided to the meeting in July which would include the forward forecast.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the 2017/18 outturn capital expenditure compared to the forecast position presented to GMCA in January 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 118/18            GMCA REVENUE OUTTURN 2017/18**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester introduced a report which set out the revenue outturn for 2017/18 and requested members note the position on reserves. The report sought approval of the transfer of funds to earmarked reserves.

Eamonn Boylan, GMCA Chief Executive, offered Leaders reassurance that any decisions to spend any reserves, not already committed to the GMCA, would be submitted to the GMCA for approval. Furthermore, it was acknowledged that a process, to determine the amount of reserves that may be available for return to Local Authorities, be considered by the GMCA as soon as possible.

Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett highlighted the importance for districts to receive clarity with regards to the return of reserves early in order to assist with the budget setting process and help to mitigate against the impact of austerity and government cuts to continue to provide services for the most vulnerable communities.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the GMCA Economic Development and Regeneration revenue outturn position for 2017/18, which shows a favourable position of £0.576 million after transfers to earmarked reserves be noted.
2. That the contribution to earmarked Economic Regeneration and Development reserves be approved.
3. That proposals to spend any reserves which have not already been committed will be submitted to the GMCA for approval and that a process will be developed quickly, in consultation with Local Authority Treasurers, to determine how much of the reserves may be available for return to Local Authorities, to be considered by the GMCA as quickly as possible.
4. That the GMCA transport revenue outturn position for 2017/18 is in line with budget after transfers to earmarked reserves be noted.
5. That the contribution to earmarked transport reserves be approved.

6. That the GM Fire and Rescue Service outturn position for 2017/18 which shows a favourable position of £0.396 million after transfers to earmarked reserves be noted.
7. That the TfGM revenue position for 2017/18, in line with budget be noted.
8. That it be noted that the final outturn position is subject to the completion of the annual external audit to be finalised by 31 July 2018, which will be reported to the GMCA Audit Committee at its meeting in July.
9. That it be noted that the appropriate adjustments to the 2018/19 budget will be brought forward in due course.

**GMCA 119/18                    GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECT  
UPDATES**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester provided a report which sought approval from the GMCA for investments to Maxilin Manufacturing Limited and LA Fashion Enterprise Limited (Lasula). The investments will be made from recycled funds.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the funding applications by Maxilin Manufacturing Limited (loan of £600k) and LA Fashion Enterprise Limited (Lasula) (investment of £1,000k) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. That delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer be approved 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 loans/investments at 1. above.

**GMCA 120/18                    GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND  
– INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Paul Dennett, introduced a report which sought approval from the GMCA of the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loan to Wiggett Homes Ltd and May Property Group Limited.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the following loans from the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund be approved.

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Wiggett Homes Ltd	Hare Hill Mill, Littleborough	Rochdale	£2.215m
Maya Property Group Limited	Dale House, Hazel Grove	Stockport	£1.321m

2. That delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements be approved.

**GMCA 121/18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should 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 122/18 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECT UPDATES**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework Project Updates (minute 119/18 refers).

**RESOLVED /-**

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 123/18 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS APPLICATIONS**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loans Applications (minute 120/18 refers).

**RESOLVED /-**

That the report be noted.

