

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER  
COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD 29 JUNE 2018 AT TRAFFORD TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham
Bolton	Councillor Linda Thomas
Bury	Councillor Rishi Shori
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
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 Keith Cunliffe

**OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

TfGMC	Councillor Mark Aldred
Salford	Councillor Paula Boshell
Stockport	Councillor Wendy Wild
Wigan	Councillor Jenny Bullen

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA Treasurer	Richard Paver
Office of the Mayor of GM	Kevin Lee

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Oldham	Carolyn Wilkins
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Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Gill Colbert
Wigan	Donna Hall

Manchester Growth Company	Mark Hughes
TfGM	Jon Lamonte
GMP	Ian Pilling
GMFRS	Dawn Docx
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lindsay Dunn
GMCA	Nicola Ward

**GMCA 124/18            APOLOGIES**

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**GMCA 125/18            CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor of GM, Andy Burnham welcomed attendees to the meeting and opened with some announcements.

**1. Recent Fires**

It had been widely reported that there have been a series of fires on moorland in Greater Manchester, including Saddleworth, Rochdale and Winter Hill. Tackling these had been a complex and difficult task for the Greater Manchester Fire Service. The Mayor thanked all staff involved in the incident for their skillful and dedicated response in extremely challenging conditions. Additional resources had been gratefully received from Derbyshire, Lancashire, West Yorkshire and Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Services in addition to support from the armed forces from the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

The Mayor commented on the exemplary support from the surrounding communities, specifically those residents in Carrbrook who have been evacuated from their homes and continue to provide support to frontline responders. He also thanked the Leader of Tameside Council, Brenda Warrington and Chief Executive Steven Pleasant for their leadership in response to the incident.

Councillor Brenda Warrington added that there had been an amazing support from the community following the fires, which was much appreciated. She commended fire officers on their excellent response in getting the fire under control but a continued fire service presence was needed to maintain this control. The Council are continuing their monitoring of air quality to ensure that levels are safe, and local advice is provided where required. She further expressed her thanks to the staff at Tameside Council who have offered support above and beyond their normal duties to affected residents.

## **2. Councillor Cath Piddington**

The Mayor of GM informed the meeting of the recent sad passing of Councillor Cath Piddington who had been a Tameside Councillor for 28 years, and involved in GM governance through the GM Waste Committee for a number of years. He asked that the condolences of the GMCA be passed to her family, with thanks for her dedicated service to Greater Manchester.

Councillor Brenda Warrington thanked the Mayor for his comments and offered to pass these on to her family following her funeral which was taking place that afternoon.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the thanks and appreciation, on behalf of the GMCA be recorded to the Interim Fire Officer, Dawn Docx and all staff at the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, particularly those working at the scene. The support of Fire and Rescue Services from Derbyshire, Lancashire, West Yorkshire and Gloucestershire and armed forces from the Royal Regiment of Scotland was recognised in helping continuously to control the fires on Saddleworth Moor, Winter Hill and in Rochdale.
2. That thanks are given to the community of Carrbrook and neighbouring communities of Tameside and Oldham for their support and generosity to frontline responders.
3. That Brenda Warrington and Steven Pleasant and all the staff at Tameside be thanked for the support provided to residents.
4. That the recent death of Councillor Cath Piddington (Tameside) and funeral arrangements be noted, recognising her record of services of 28 years as a local councillor and as a former Chair of the GM Waste Disposal Authority and that the sympathies of the GMCA be passed on to the family.

### **GMCA 126/18          ELECTION OF CHAIR 2018/19**

#### **RESOLVED /-**

That the appointment of Andy Burnham, as the Mayor of GM, under Part 5a, section 4 of the Constitution, as Chair of the GMCA (ex-officio) be noted.

### **GMCA 127/18          APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRS 2018/19**

#### **RESOLVED /-**

That Richard Leese and Brenda Warrington be appointed as Vice Chairs of the GMCA for 2018/19.

Liz Treacy, Monitoring Officer for the GMCA took members through her annual report which confirmed recent governance changes to the GMCA and its committees. It further reported on the decisions of the Corporate Issues and Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee (19 June 2018) and sought approval to an amendment to its call-in arrangements in relation to its budget scrutiny role and finally, it gave details of the Monitoring Officer's review of Parts 1 to 5 of the GMCA's Constitution and recommended amendments.

The Mayor of GM welcomed Councillor Mark Aldred as the newly appointed Chair of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee and confirmed that membership of this committee would be confirmed at a future meeting.

**RESOLVED /-****Transport**

1. That the size of TFGMC as 23 members be confirmed.
2. That it be agreed to amend the Operating Agreement to reflect these changes.
3. That it be noted that the Terms of Reference of TfGMC will be reviewed to ensure that they reflect the Mayor's current transport powers with a further review to be undertaken in 2019/20 to reflect proposed powers.
4. That each GM Local Authority be requested to:
  - Agree the size of TfGMC as 23 members
  - Appoint 1 member to TfGMC, save for Manchester City Council to appoint 2 members, and nominate 1 member to be appointed by GMCA to ensure political balance
  - Note that the remaining 2 appointments are 1 member appointed by GMCA and 1 member appointed by the Mayor
  - Agree to amend the Operating Agreement to reflect these changes
  - Note that the Terms of Reference will be reviewed to ensure that they reflect the Mayor's current transport powers with a further review in 2019/20 to reflect proposed powers.

**Waste**

5. That the name of the committee as the Waste and Recycling Committee be confirmed.
6. That it be agreed that the committee will comprise of 15 members.
7. That the purpose, role and function of the committee as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report, be agreed.

8. That the delegations the Head of Paid Service, as set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report, be confirmed.

#### **Delegations to GMCA Resources Committee/ Head of Paid Service**

9. That the amendments to the GMCA Resources Committee and Head of Paid Service delegations in respect of severance payments be approved.

#### **Delegations on Investment Fund decisions**

10. That the delegations to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Leader in respect of Investment Fund decisions be approved.

#### **Delegations – Land and Property**

11. That the delegations to the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Leader in respect of Land and Property matters be approved.

#### **Corporate Issues and Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

12. That the decisions of the Corporate Issues and Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee in relation to the operation of the 'Key Decision' process be noted.
13. That the proposed amendment to the committee's call-in arrangements in relation to its budget scrutiny function be approved.

#### **Audit Committee**

14. That the amendment to the composition of the Audit Committee to provide for the appointment of two substitute co-opted elected members who may be invited to attend as full members of the Audit Committee when apologies have been received be approved. Furthermore, that it be approved that substitute members to be appointed from the nominations received from constituent councils following their annual meetings ensuring politically inclusivity.

#### **General**

15. That the amendments to Parts 1 to 5 of the Constitution to give effect the above decisions, the Mayor's decision in relation to the Fire Committee and the Monitoring Officer's general review of the Constitution be approved.
16. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any changes of a typographical nature to the Constitution.

Julie Connor, Assistant Director of Governance and Scrutiny took members through a report which requested approval of a series of nominations and appointments to the GMCA, GM statutory bodies and outside bodies.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the appointment of Eamonn Boylan, GMCA Head of Paid Service as the Secretary of the GMCA be noted.
2. That the portfolio leads for 2018/19 as allocated by the Mayor of GM and GMCA Head of Paid Service be noted.
3. That the following appointments by GM Local Authorities to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for 2018/19 be noted:

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute Member</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	Linda Thomas (Lab)	Ebrahim Adia (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Rishi Shori (Lab)	Andrea Simpson (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Richard Leese (Lab)	Sue Murphy (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Sean Fielding (Lab)	Arooj Shah (Lab)
<b>Rochdale</b>	Allen Brett (Lab)	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Alex Ganotis (Lab)	Wendy Wild (Lab)
<b>Tameside</b>	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Bill FairFoull (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Andrew Western (Lab)	Cath Hynes (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	David Molyneux (Lab)	Keith Cuncliffe (Lab)

4. That the appointment of the following 5 GMCA members to the GMCA Standards Committee for 2018/19 be approved agreed:

Paul Dennett, Alex Ganotis, Andrew Western, Linda Thomas and Brenda Warrington.

5. That it be noted the GMCA, in December 2015 appointed 1 Co-opted Independent Member, Geoff Linnell, to act as the Chair of the Standards Committee and 1 Independent Person, Nicole Jackson, to assist the Monitoring Officer and Hearing Panel in dealing with allegations that members of the GMCA have acted in breach of the GMCA's Code of Conduct. The term of office of these appointment is for 4 years with effect from 18 December 2015.
6. That the appointment of the following 5 GMCA members to the GMCA Resources Committee for 2018/19 be approved agreed:

Mayor of GM Andy Burnham, Richard Leese, Paul Dennett, Allen Brett and David Molyneux.

7. That the following members from the nominations received from the GM Local Authorities be appointed to the Greater Manchester Waste & Recycling Committee (11 Labour, 3 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat) for 2018/19:

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	Mohammed Iqbal (Lab)
	Stuart Haslam (Con)
<b>Bury</b>	Allan Quinn (Lab)
	Tony Cummings (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Rabnawaz Akbar (lab)
	Shaukat Ali (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Stephen Hewitt (Lab)
<b>Rochdale</b>	Neil Emmott (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	David Lancaster (Lab)
	Vacancy (Con)
<b>Stockport</b>	Roy Driver (Lab)
	Helen Foster-Grime (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Alison Gwynne (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Judith Lloyd (Lab)
	Sean Anstee (Con)

8. That the GM Waste & Recycling Committee be requested to nominate a Chair of the Committee at the first meeting for consideration by the GMCA in July 2018.
9. That the following members from the nominations received from the GM Local Authorities be appointed to the Audit Committee for 2018/19:

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Manchester</b>	Sarah Russell (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Colin McLaren (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Chris Boyes (Con)
<b>Wigan</b>	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

A further 2 substitute members to be confirmed from the pool of nominations received from the GM Local Authorities at the next meeting of the GMCA.

10. That the following appointments by the GM Local Authorities to the Health and Care Board be noted:

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute Member</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	Linda Thomas (Lab)	Debbie Newall (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Andrea Simpson (Lab)	Rishi Shori (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Bev Craig (Lab)	Joanna Midgley (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Sean Fielding (Lab)	Zahid Chauhan (Lab)
<b>Rochdale</b>	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)	Wendy Cocks (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Wendy Wild (Lab)	Alex Ganotis (Lab)
<b>Tameside</b>	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Bill Fairfoull (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Andrew Western (Lab)	Judith Lloyd(Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Peter Smith (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

11. That the appointment of the following four GMCA members to the GM Local Enterprise Partnership for 2018/19 be agreed: Mayor of GM Andy Burnham, Richard Leese, Sean Fielding and Councillor Linda Thomas.
12. That the appointment of the following 5 members to the Manchester Growth Company Board for 2018/19 be agreed:
- Richard Leese, Paul Dennett, Ebrahim Adia, Paula Boshell and Cath Hynes.
13. That the appointment of the Portfolio Lead for Skills, Employment and Work, Sean Fielding, plus two Portfolio Assistants be appointed to the Skills and Employment Partnership for 2018/19.
14. That Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, Alex Ganotis, be appointed to the GM Low Carbon Hub for 2018/19.
15. That the appointment of the Mayor of GM to the Greater Manchester Land Commission for 2018/19 be noted.
16. That the appointment of the following 3 GMCA members to the GM land Commission for 2018/19 be agreed:
- Richard Leese, Paul Dennett and David Molyneux.
17. That the appointment of the Mayor of GM to the Transport for the North Board be noted.
18. That the appointment of the Portfolio Assistant for Transport as the GMCA substitute member on the TfN Board be agreed.



19. That nominations be sought from the GM Local Authorities for 1 member and a substitute member act as the GMCA's representative on the TfN Scrutiny Committee.
20. That the following final appointments to the 3 Overview & Scrutiny Committees be agreed:

<b>ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH &amp; SKILLS OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY</b>			
1	Bolton	Susan Haworth	LAB
2	Bury	Mary Whitby	LAB
3	Manchester	Luke Raikes	LAB
4	Oldham	Valerie Leach	LAB
5	Rochdale	Daniel Meredith	LAB
6	Salford	Kate Lewis	LAB
7	Stockport	Jude Wells	LAB
8	Tameside	Yvonne Cartey	LAB
9	Trafford	Barry Brotherton	LAB
10	Wigan	Charles Rigby	LAB
11	Stockport	Mark Hunter	LIB DEM
12	Rochdale	Mike Holly	CON
13	Salford	Karen Garrido	CON
14	Bury	Robert Caserta	CON
15	Oldham	Chris Goodwin	LAB

<b>HOUSING, PLANNING &amp; ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY</b>			
1	Bolton	Shamim Abdullah	LAB
2	Bury	Catherine Preston	LAB
3	Manchester	James Wilson	LAB
4	Oldham	James Larkin	LAB
5	Rochdale	Linda Robinson	LAB
6	Salford	Stuart Dickman	LAB
7	Stockport	Laura Booth	LAB
8	Tameside	Mike Glover	LAB
9	Trafford	Graham Whitham	LAB
10	Wigan	Lynne Holland	LAB

11	Stockport	Lisa Smart	LIB DEM
12	Bolton	Andrew Morgan	CON
13	Wigan	Michael Winstanley	CON
14	Bury	Dorothy Gunther	CON
15	Manchester	Paula Sadler	LAB

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

21. That the following final appointment of members to the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee substitute's pool, be agreed:

	<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 (Sub)
Oldham	To be confirmed		Hazel Gloster, (Sub)
Rochdale	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	

22. That the appointment of Susan Ford as the GMCA Designated Scrutiny Officer be noted.

23. That the following appointment to the Regional Leaders Board for 2018/19 be agreed:

Mayor of GM Andy Burnham, Deputy Mayor Beverley Hughes and Andrew Western

24. That the appointment of Paul Dennett to the Atlantic Gateway Board for 2018/19 be agreed.

25. That the following appointments to the NW European Programmes Local Management Committee for 2018/19 be agreed:

Paul Dennett as the Member and Sue Murphy as the substitute member.

26. That the appointment of the following GMCA members to the Greater Manchester European Structural Fund (European Programmes) Local Management Committee for 2018/19 be agreed:

Mayor of GM Andy Burnham, Sue Murphy, Alex Ganotis, David Molyneux and Keith Cunliffe.

27. That the following members from the nominations received GM Local Authorities to the North West Flood and Coastal Committee for 2018/19 be agreed:

District	Member
Bolton	Nicholas Peel (Lab)
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)
Rochdale	Neil Emmott (Lab)

Those members appointed to be requested to appoint their own substitute.

**GMCA 130/18            SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2018/19**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the schedule of meetings for 2018/19 be agreed:

Friday 27 July 2018	-	Rochdale
Friday 28 September 2018	-	Oldham
Friday 26 October 2018	-	Salford
Friday 30 November 2018	-	Bury
Friday 14 December 2018	-	Bolton
Friday 25 January 2019	-	Tameside
*Friday 15 February 2019	-	Wigan - Budget meeting
Friday 29 March 2019	-	Stockport
Friday 26 April 2019	-	Manchester
Friday 31 May 2019	-	Trafford
Friday 28 June 2019	-	Rochdale

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## **GMCA 131/18            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **GMCA 132/18            MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 25 MAY 2018**

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held on the 25 May 2018 were submitted for approval.

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure gave an update on the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) in relation to minute GMCA 105/18.4 (CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS) as the anticipated date for consultation of June 2018 had now been delayed due to a recent announcement that sub-national populations predictions would be published by the Office of National Statistics in September which would include accurate sub-national housing predictions. This information would inform housing demand figures which would be crucial to the development of the GMSF, and therefore it was proposed that the consultation be delayed until after this announcement.

Councillor Alex Ganotis further added his support to this approach as a robust plan was needed prior to a consultation phase, which required the detailed data to support this in order to avoid creating unnecessary anxiety. He further suggested that there were 2-3 weeks given for analysis of this information with the consultation beginning in October 2018.

Councillor Rishi Shori commented that he would also be in support of these proposals as confidence was needed to go out to consultation with robust figures as previous consultations were challenged that predicted figures were too high.

Councillor Andrew Western added that the GMSF needed a plan which can stand up to scrutiny. City Mayor Paul Dennett thanked members for their support and agreed that the GMCA need to be prepared and ready for the consultation phase. He suggested that all elected members be briefed on the rationale for these discussions and the current status of the GMSF.

The Mayor of GM summarised that there was a high degree of public interest in this work, and that it needs to be done right with the correct data to back it up. He thanked City Mayor Paul Dennett for all his work to date and welcomed the proposals to begin public consultation in October 2018.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 25 May 2018 be approved as a correct record.
2. That consultation on the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), commence following approval at the GMCA meeting in October, in order to enable consideration of the implications of the Office for National Statistics' (ONSs) 2016 Sub National Population Projections (SNPP) which were published on 24 May 2018.
3. That a briefing note be prepared on the current status of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and rationale for the decision to delay the consultation until October 2018 for GM Leaders to disseminate to their respective Local Authority elected members.

**GMCA 133/18                      MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JUNE 2018**

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on the 15 June 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 134/18                      MINUTES OF THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 JUNE 2018**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee held 12 June be noted.

**GMCA 135/18                      GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES – JUNE 2018**

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the minutes of the Housing, Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 5 June 2018 be noted.
2. That the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 8 June 2018 be noted.
3. That the minutes of the Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 19 June 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 136/18                      RAIL PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Mayor of GM, Andy Burnham reported on the levels of rail travel disruption that residents of Greater Manchester had experienced which should not be tolerated or deemed acceptable. GM demands a reliable rail service which allows people to commute and travel in a reasonable manner, and although the emergency timetable had given some stability to rail services, performance remains below standard with issues of late services and overcrowding still being reported.

The report detailed that Northern have failed to meet their public performance measure (PPM) since June 2016 and now need to be held to account. He reported that Transport for the North will support this but that a lot of work would be needed to address long standing issues across the network.

Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive of Transport for Greater Manchester added that these issues are not just with Northern, and that the standards of other rail operators such as Trans Pennine remain poor. However, reviews were underway on some of the key issues across the network. The emergency timetable was due to finish in early July, but this is also to be reviewed.

The Mayor of GM commented that he had led the request for a compensation package for travellers who have been adversely affected by insufficient rail services, however currently this was only a partial offer to compensate season ticket holders which was not felt sufficient due to the significant losses for all the travelling public. He vowed to keep the pressure on with Government, and also continue to review some of the major works which had not been completed in accordance with contracts, including the work on the Bolton line.

Members felt that railway management across the UK was below expected standards and contracts should not be awarded to operators who could not meet standards. Although the emergency timetable looked as though it was improving provision, the overall number of trains had reduced and therefore the non-performance data could not be accurately compared. There was a need for a completely integrated approach to transport in order to begin to tackle some of the cross-cutting issues of air quality and congestion. At present there were very few incentives for people not to use their own cars to travel across the conurbation and this could only be addressed through more active travel and better use of an integrated public transport system which would further improve our economy and the health and well being of residents across Greater Manchester.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the GMCA receive monthly updates on the performance of rail services for the next few months.

#### **GMCA 137/18      ROUGH SLEEPERS UPDATE**

The Mayor of GM gave a verbal update which suggested that a monthly item be brought to the GMCA on rough sleepers as this remains a serious issue for Greater Manchester. He reported



that the Social Impact Bond was a new approach to make more homes available to rough sleepers which had experienced an unexpected demand of over 500 referrals. The scheme has homed over 60 people since its launch but had now been temporarily closed as there are currently not enough properties to meet the demand.

The Housing First scheme further supports GM's efforts through the agreement with Government to host a pilot for an additional 500 homes, offering people another pathway from the streets.

There would also be a review of cold weather provision following revised protocols last year which brought emergency bed provision following one night of freezing conditions (below 0 degrees) rather than three nights of freezing conditions.

However the Mayor reflected that although these actions had improved the situation, there was still more that could be done and lessons to be learnt from the work undertaken to date. He suggested that homelessness data could be collected locally to give us a better understanding of the levels of rough sleeping, rather than rely on national data. He also reported on the Homelessness Reduction Act which would bring a shared pot of £30m of Government funding to support Local Authorities in tackling this issue, and the introduction of a GM Homelessness Trailblazer to address some of the wider determinants of homelessness including mental health services.

Members commented that they had been pleased by the progress in this area, particularly in relation to the removal of barriers to accessing health service provision, but despite these efforts there had been an increase in the number of people rough sleeping in all areas of Greater Manchester. There was some discussion that a monthly report to the GMCA on homelessness numbers would be useful, but that the collection of this data should not be onerous or take too much local authority resource, therefore precise quarterly data may be more achievable.

Manchester City Council reported that they already undertake a quarterly count of rough sleepers which does take a lot of resource and can be quite unreliable, and in fact these figures were actually just a small percentage of the actual figure, as there were many people sleeping in inadequate accommodation across GM. Members commented that homelessness should not be equated with the number of beggars in the city as these figures were not necessarily the same. There were many contributing factors to rough sleeping including the recent impact of Universal Credit and these issues need addressing with each individual.

Members shared concerns that homelessness was in fact a result of a failing system and the challenges associated with rising debt, regular evictions, welfare reform, and a lack of affordable housing. It was imperative that there is work undertaken to tackle the system to ensure an improved quality of life for all, where homelessness is merely a symptom.

The Mayor of GM noted that there was ongoing work on the impact of Universal Credit on Local Authorities which would be shared to inform a wider debate on this issue. He also offered to convene a meeting with Local Authority Cabinet Lead Members on Homelessness to discuss the most effective way to monitor the numbers of rough sleepers across GM.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the latest information on the work underway to address rough sleepers be noted and circulated to members of the GMCA and GM Local Authority Chief Executives.
2. That a report on the impact of the role out of Universal Credit be submitted to the GMCA in July 2018.
3. That the Mayor of GM convene a meeting of Local Authority Cabinet Lead Members on Homelessness to discuss and agree the most effective method of data collections and reporting going forward.

**GMCA 138/18 STOCKPORT INTERCHANGE MIXED USE APPROVAL**

Councillor Alex Ganotis, Portfolio Lead for the Green City Region introduced a report which detailed the mixed use development proposals being progressed regarding Stockport Interchange and the Stockport Town Centre Access Plan Local Growth Deal schemes. It sought in principle approval for a new interchange, a residential development and a public green space developing on the existing site adjacent to the A6. He expressed thanks to SMBC, the GMCA and TfGM for all their work to date on these proposals which were testament to an innovative use of transport funding as a catalyst for other development in a town centre. The project aspires to attract further private sector investment and use its leverage monies to widen further regeneration opportunities. It features 196 residential units, with 70 car parking spaces and a large commercial and amenity space below. The green public space will also further enhance the link from Stockport Town Centre to the River Mersey.

Stockport Council will now begin a public engagement period to ensure that residents and businesses are fully consulted before the planning application is submitted. It is hoped that the ambitions for this scheme will be shared as to revitalise a key urban area of the town and create better spaces for people to live and work in.

Members supported the proposals and recognised how the scheme will address a range of challenges for town centre living, including increasing the residential offer, upholding the heritage of a town, re-investing into wider regeneration projects and building a skilled workforce through creating urban density.

The Mayor of GM commented how Stockport have taken time to think creatively about this scheme and as a result it now offers high quality public realm and desirable city centre living as well as providing improved transport connectivity.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the current position in relation to the Mixed Use Development proposition that was being progressed for potential delivery in conjunction with the Stockport Interchange and Stockport Town Centre Access Plan (STCAP) Local Growth Deal schemes be noted.

2. That approval, in principle, be given for the Stockport Interchange / Town Centre Mixed Use scheme to proceed, subject to a further request for the granting of Full Approval and the associated release of Growth Deal funding being submitted to the Combined Authority in due course, in line with Growth Deal governance.
3. That it be noted that there was a requirement for the GMCA to underwrite up to £5m of the patient equity required for the residential element of the scheme, in the event that other options were not viable and a further report will be submitted to the GMCA once the appropriate due diligence and analysis has been completed.

**GMCA 139/18                    GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL – MANCHESTER SALFORD  
INNER RELIEF ROUTE: REGENT ROAD/WATER STREET (KEY DECISION)**

The Mayor of GM, Andy Burnham introduced a report which sought approval and the release of the necessary funding to enable to delivery of the MSIRR Regent Road / Water Street Local Growth Deal scheme. He highlighted that this area suffered from significant levels of congestion and poor air quality, and this scheme would use £13.84m to deliver capacity improvements to junctions and reduce congestion which is crucial to traffic flows into the City Centre. Councillor Richard Leese added that the model of improvements would offer a 30% increase in network capacity and that Manchester City Council and Salford Council were working closely together to look at ways to mitigate the impact of the works.

Members urged that provision for cycling and walking should also be considered and that suitable drainage and enhanced public realm designs should be included in the final scheme designs. In addition, it was also vital to ensure that residents and commuters were informed about the works before they commence.

**RESOLVED / -**

1. That full approval for the Manchester Salford Inner Relief Route - Regent Road/Water Street scheme be granted.
2. That the associated release to Manchester City Council of the remaining £13.840 million of the total £15 million of funding from the Local Growth Deal budget be agreed.

**GMCA 140/18                    DISPOSAL OF FORMER ROCHDALE FIRE STATION**

Mayor of GM Andy Burnham reported that the former Rochdale Fire Station had been closed for some time, and that the local council have aspiration to expand the museum provision currently on this site with the help of the Heritage Lottery Fund. He commended the proposal and the cost savings associated with its development.

**RESOLVED /-**

That the disposal of the former Rochdale Fire Station be approved.

**GMCA 141/18****BREXIT MONTHLY MONITOR**

Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Lead for the Economy shared the latest Brexit Monitor headlines which had showed no change from May due to delays in Government negotiations.

It was commented that despite the lack of progress by Central Government, the GMCA needed to be aware of the impact of change to European funding as the impact of these changes are already being seen across the sub region in the uncertainty of business growth and investment. Members of the GMCA are still concerned about the lack of a voice for GM in these negotiations.

Councillor Richard Leese added that there was a recent report on the impact of Brexit on the North West, but that Government had confirmed that it was not going to be released. It is estimated (based on the worst case scenario) that the North West could experience a minus 12% impact which equates to £6-7b loss of GVA per annum. In relation to the Shared Prosperity Fund there are ongoing conversations about the details of the fund, but it is envisaged that the fund would be closely aligned to the Local Industrial Strategy, potentially through a competitive approach and will be launched in 2021. He suggested that over the next couple of years the GMCA should begin to look at delivery plans for this fund in order to be prepared for the devolution of the Shared Prosperity Fund to support long term strategic investment.

The Mayor of GM summarised that from July, the GMCA would be having a focussed debate as the Government's White Paper (promised on the 9 July) including proposals on customs which will enable in some tangible analysis. Mayors from across the UK have asked for some clarity on the Shared Prosperity Fund, urged that this is kept at the same levels currently received from European funding sources and that it is devolved as far as possible.

**RESOLVED /-**

That the contents of the June Brexit Monitor be noted.

**GMCA 142/18****AMENDMENT TO SKILLS FUNDING: YOUTH CONTRACT EXPANSION AND GREATER MANCHESTER AGE CONTINUATION FUNDING**

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships took members through a report which set out the details of the available funds, associated grant conditions and proposed recommendations for future use of the funds. He commented that it had been agreed that GM could retain the underspend from youth employment and apprenticeship funding and that it was proposed that there would be further discussions with Leaders but that the oversight and final decision could be delegated to the Lead Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the funding associated with previous projects and proposals for future spend to be developed in partnership with stakeholders including the GM Local Authorities be agreed and noted.
2. That the oversight and sign off of the final projects be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Leader and Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships.

**GMCA 143/18            DEVOLUTION OF ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET**

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships introduced a report which explained the current position regarding the devolution of the Adult Education budget. The Department for Education have agreed that Greater Manchester have met the requirements to begin the devolution of these functions and duties in preparation for the 2019/20 academic year. Locally there are steps that are needed to be taken to begin preparations and ensure outcomes for residents rather than the current national priorities for achieving qualifications.

The Mayor of GM commented that this was a significant step in the devolution journey which will lead the way for further areas. The current proposal from Government is to devolve the responsibility for Adult Education without the budget, so the Mayor will pursue further discussions to challenge this position.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the resolutions to the issues previously raised be noted.
2. That confirmation be sought that consent has been received within each LA to secure consent to the Order.

**GMCA 144/18            GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECTS UPDATE**

The Mayor of GM, Andy Burnham took members of the GMCA through the proposals within the report to support two loan agreements.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That it be agreed that the funding applications by Ursa Finance Ltd (investment of up to £3m) and a newly created HII (loan of £3m) be given conditional approval and progress subject to due diligence.
2. That delegated authority be given 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 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.

3. That the changes to the terms of the EON Reality Limited agreement in line with the update provided in the confidential part of the agenda be agreed.
4. That it be noted that the Chair of Corporate Issues and Reform Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the decision in relation to the HII must be made urgently and cannot reasonably be deferred in accordance with Rule 17 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

**GMCA 145/18                    GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND**

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure introduced a report which sought approval of two loans to J Walker Homes LTD and The Northern Powerhouse Residential REIT LTD from the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund.

Councillor Alex Ganotis added that the building referred to in the loan agreement with The Northern Powerhouse Residential REIT LTD bid was a former postal sorting office which had been derelict for a long period, and was planned to be converted into crucial housing for the Stockport area which would have a significant impact on further regeneration aspirations.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans in the table below, as detailed further in the accompanying Part B report be approved.

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
J Walker Homes Ltd	Royley, Royton	Oldham	£1.543m
The Northern Powerhouse Residential REIT Ltd	Former Royal Mail Sorting Office	Stockport	£5.400m

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

**GMCA 146/18                    TRANSFORMING CITIES CHALLENGE FUND**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham introduced the report and informed the GMCA of the requirement to rescind a previous resolution from the meeting held on the 29 March.

He then welcomed Chris Boardman, Greater Manchester’s Cycling and Walking Commissioner who had been invited to the meeting to share the new BeeLines concept. These proposals

brought together a detailed walking and cycling network which fully joined up all routes across the conurbation covering 1000 miles and introducing 104 new crossing points. For background, he explained that currently 2/3 of people in Greater Manchester use cars as their main mode of transport with 250 million car journeys being less than 1km. This highlighted a significant need to encourage other choices of transportation, through improved walking and cycling routes, easy crossing points and recognisable signage and guidance. Before consulting on the proposals, approval was being sought from the GMCA to progress with the initiative.

Members of the GMCA commented that the proposals were compelling and exciting, and would bring about a range of benefits for residents of GM. It was felt that this work was long overdue but would be crucial to align with the ambitions of the GMSF and further infrastructure development and therefore the timings were ideal.

Chris and the team were thanked for their engagement process which had included elected members and representative groups from all local authority areas and had created a real interest in how this project could help to tackle some of the wider issues of congestion, parking, obesity associated health problems and encouraging active lifestyles. However, members urged that this work also needs to be supported by behaviour change in order to see the public making best use of this investment.

The Mayor summarised that this concept fully supported the GMCAs ambition for vibrant towns with easy connectivity to a vibrant City Centre and would neatly embed into the forthcoming 'Streets for All' strategy from TfGM.

Chris added that there remained an opportunity for elected members and members of the public to engage with the proposals and urged leaders to encourage their planning officers to be as bold as possible in their designs and creativity for the network. He thanked the GMCA for their unanimous support and confirmed that work with schools and communities regarding behaviour change would be part of the second phase of the programme.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the notice to rescind the following resolution from the GMCA meeting held on 29 March 2018:

#### **GMCA 69/18 TRANSFORMING CITIES CHALLENGE FUND**

That the proposal to place an initial order for 24 vehicles prior to 30 June 2018, with an additional 3 trams (i.e. up to 27 trams) to be ordered pending approval of the Business Case and associated funding for the Metrolink (Airport line) T2 extension, and authorise TfGM to enter into contractual arrangements for the procurement thereof be approved.

2. That the report be noted.
3. That the Cycling and Walking Commissioner's Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Proposal be approved.

4. That the release of the £1.542 million DfT Cycle Safety Grant, currently held by GMCA, to Manchester City Council to deliver a cycle safety scheme at the junction of Alan Turing Way / Ashton New Road; and the addition of the scheme to the capital programme be approved.
5. That the proposal to procure 27 trams and associated infrastructure; including the additional 3 trams that were previously to be procured upon confirmation of the Metrolink (Airport Line) T2 extension funding decision by DfT and that are to form part of the local match funding for that scheme be approved.
6. That the offer of further engagement regarding the Beeline proposals be extended to all local authorities should it be requested.
7. That Leaders be requested to encourage their respective officers to be as bold as possible with their design and ideas for cycling and walking opportunities in their respective Local Authority areas.

**GMCA 147/18            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 148/18            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 144/18 refers).

**RESOLVED /-**

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 149/18            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 145/18 refers).

**RESOLVED /-**

That the report be noted.