

GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, 14th August, 2024

TIME: 1.00 pm

VENUE: The Tootal Buildings - Broadhurst House , 1st Floor, 56
Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 6EU

AGENDA

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To consider the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on

BOLTON	MANCHESTER	ROCHDALE	STOCKPORT	TRAFFORD
BURY	OLDHAM	SALFORD	TAMESIDE	WIGAN

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Wednesday 24 July 2024 as a correct and accurate record.

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- 25 September 2024
- 23 October 2024
- 27 November 2024
- 11 December 2024
- 29 January 2025
- 5 or 12 February 2025
- 26 February 2025
- 26 March 2025

Name	Organisation	Political Party
Councillor Nadim Muslim	Bolton	Conservative
Councillor Jill Axford	Trafford Council	Labour
Councillor Russell Bernstein	Bury Council	Conservative

Councillor Joshua Brooks	Salford	Labour
Councillor Basil Curley	Manchester	Labour
Councillor Shaun Ennis	Trafford	Liberal Democrats
Councillor John Leech	Manchester City Council	Liberal Democrats
Councillor Joanne Marshall	Wigan	Labour
Councillor Colin McLaren	Oldham Council	Labour
Councillor Lewis Nelson	Salford	Labour
Councillor Imran Rizvi	Bury Council	Labour
Councillor Naila Sharif	Tameside	Labour
Councillor Mandie Shilton Godwin	Manchester	Labour
Councillor Fred Walker	Wigan Council	Labour
Councillor Peter Wright	Bolton	Independent
Councillor Ged Carter	Trafford	
Councillor Claire Reid	Tameside	Labour
Councillor Terrance Smith	Rochdale BC	Labour
Councillor Dylan Williams	Rochdale Council	Labour
Councillor Rachel Wise	Stockport Council	Labour Co-operative

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Declaration of Councillors' Interests in Items Appearing on the Agenda

Name and Date of Committee.....>

Agenda Item Number	Type of Interest - PERSONAL AND NON PREJUDICIAL Reason for declaration of interest	NON PREJUDICIAL Reason for declaration of interest Type of Interest – PREJUDICIAL Reason for declaration of interest	Type of Interest – DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST Reason for declaration of interest

Please see overleaf for a quick guide to declaring interests at GMCA meetings.

Quick Guide to Declaring Interests at GMCA Meetings

Please Note: should you have a personal interest that is prejudicial in an item on the agenda, you should leave the meeting for the duration of the discussion and the voting thereon.

This is a summary of the rules around declaring interests at meetings. It does not replace the Member's Code of Conduct, the full description can be found in the GMCA's constitution Part 7A.

Your personal interests must be registered on the GMCA's Annual Register within 28 days of your appointment onto a GMCA committee and any changes to these interests must notified within 28 days. Personal interests that should be on the register include:

1. Bodies to which you have been appointed by the GMCA
2. Your membership of bodies exercising functions of a public nature, including charities, societies, political parties or trade unions.

You are also legally bound to disclose the following information called Disclosable Personal Interests which includes:

1. You, and your partner's business interests (eg employment, trade, profession, contracts, or any company with which you are associated).
2. You and your partner's wider financial interests (eg trust funds, investments, and assets including land and property).
3. Any sponsorship you receive.

Failure to disclose this information is a criminal offence

Step One: Establish whether you have an interest in the business of the agenda

1. If the answer to that question is 'No' then that is the end of the matter.
2. If the answer is 'Yes' or Very Likely' then you must go on to consider if that personal interest can be construed as being a prejudicial interest.

Step Two: Determining if your interest is prejudicial

A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest:

1. where the wellbeing, or financial position of you, your partner, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association (people who are more than just an acquaintance) are likely to be affected by the business of the meeting more than it would affect most people in the area.
2. the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

For a non-prejudicial interest, you must:

1. Notify the governance officer for the meeting as soon as you realise you have an interest.
2. Inform the meeting that you have a personal interest and the nature of the interest.
3. Fill in the declarations of interest form.

To note:

1. You may remain in the room and speak and vote on the matter

2. If your interest relates to a body to which the GMCA has appointed you to, you only have to inform the meeting of that interest if you speak on the matter.

For prejudicial interests, you must:

1. Notify the governance officer for the meeting as soon as you realise you have a prejudicial interest (before or during the meeting).
2. Inform the meeting that you have a prejudicial interest and the nature of the interest.
3. Fill in the declarations of interest form.
4. Leave the meeting while that item of business is discussed.
5. Make sure the interest is recorded on your annual register of interests form if it relates to you or your partner's business or financial affairs. If it is not on the Register update it within 28 days of the interest becoming apparent.

You must not:

Participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your disclosable pecuniary interest during the meeting participate further in any discussion of the business,
participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY HELD WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY 2024 AT THE
TOOTAL BUILDINGS - BROADHURST HOUSE, 1ST FLOOR, 56 OXFORD
STREET, MANCHESTER, M1 6EU**

PRESENT:

Councillor Nadim Muslim	Bolton Council (Chair)
Councillor Peter Wright	Bolton Council
Councillor Russell Bernstein	Bury Council
Councillor Imran Rizvi	Bury Council
Councillor John Leech	Manchester City Council
Councillor Anthony McCaul	Manchester City Council
Councillor Colin McLaren	Oldham Council
Councillor Dylan Williams	Rochdale Council
Councillor Sameena Zaheer	Rochdale Council
Councillor Lewis Nelson	Salford Council
Councillor Rachel Wise	Stockport Council
Councillor Jill Axford	Trafford Council
Councillor Ged Carter	Trafford Council
Councillor Shaun Ennis	Trafford Council
Councillor Claire Reid	Tameside Council
Councillor Joanne Marshall	Wigan Council
Councillor Debra Wailes	Wigan Council
Councillor Fred Walker	Wigan Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Andy Burnham	GM Mayor
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Chambers	GMCA
Scott Dickson	GMCA
Gillian Duckworth	GMCA
Amy Foots	GMCA
Nicola Ward	GMCA
John Wrathmell	GMCA

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS

O&SC 01/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Caroline Simpson (Group Chief Executive, GMCA, GMFRS & TfGM), Councillor Joshua Brooks (Salford), Councillor Basil Curley (Manchester), Councillor Mandie Shilton-Godwin (Manchester) and Councillor Terry Smith (Rochdale).

O&SC 02/24 APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR

Gillian Duckworth, Monitoring Officer, GMCA opened the meeting and invited nominations for the appointment of Chair.

Councillor Nadim Muslim and Councillor John Leech were put forward as Chair for the 2024/25 municipal year.

Following a vote, the decision to appoint Councillor Nadim Muslim was passed.

RESOLVED /-

That Councillor Nadim Muslim be appointed as the Chair of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the 2024/25 municipal year.

The Committee was requested to note the membership of the Committee for the 2024/25 municipal year as below –

Members:

District	Name
Bolton	Nadim Muslim (Con)
	Peter Wright (Independent)
Bury	Russell Bernstein (Con)
	Imran Rizvi (Lab)
Manchester	John Leech (Lib Dem)
	Basil Curley (Lab)
	Mandie Shilton Godwin (Lab)
Oldham	Colin McLaren (Lab)
Rochdale	Dylan Williams (Lab)
	Terry Smith (Lab)
Salford	Lewis Nelson (Lab)
	Joshua Brooks (Lab)
Stockport	Rachel Wise (Lab)
Tameside	Naila Sharif (Lab)
	Claire Reid (Lab)
Trafford	Sean Ennis (Lib Dem)
	Ged Carter (Lab)
	Jill Axford (Lab)
Wigan	Joanne Marshall (Lab)
	Fred Walker (Lab)

Substitutes:

District	Name
Bolton	Mohammed Iqbal (Lab)

	Robert Morrissey (Lab)
Bury	Gavin McGill
	To be confirmed
Manchester	John Hughes (Lab)
	Anthony McCaul (Lab)
Oldham	Louie Hamblett (Lib Dem)
	Junaid Hussain (Lab)
Rochdale	Ashley Dearnley (Con)
	Sameena Zaheer (Lab)
Salford	Neil Reynolds (Lab)
	Maria Brabiner (Lab)
Stockport	Steve Gribbon (Lib Dem)
	Helen Hibbert (Lab)
Tameside	Liam Billington (Con)
	Theresa Smith (Lab)
Trafford	George Delvin (Lab)
	Keleigh Glenton (Lab)
Wigan	Mary Callahan (Lab)
	Debra Wailes (Lab)

RESOLVED /-

That the membership of the Committee for the 2024/25 municipal year be noted.

O&SC 04/24

**MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT AND ANNUAL
DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM**

Members were reminded of their obligations under the GMCA Members' Code of Conduct and were requested to complete an annual declaration of interest form, which had been emailed to them by the Governance & Scrutiny Officer.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GMCA's Member Code of Conduct (Appendix A of the report) be noted.
2. That member as per their obligation stated in the Code of Conduct would complete their Annual Declaration of Interest form and return it to the Governance & Scrutiny Officer.

O&SC 05/24

TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED /-

That the Committee's Terms of Reference be noted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

O&SC 06/24

CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

In relation to the Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund, the Committee acknowledged recent press releases regarding this and the lack of affordable housing in the city. Members agreed that reassurance should be sought around the decision making process for the fund and requested that a report be brought to the next meeting so that the Committee can be confident that due processes were in place.

Members raised concerns regarding the procedures in place for the recruitment of specialist advisors to the GM Mayor (especially in relation to the recent investigations into the Night Time Economy Advisor) and requested that a report be brought to a future meeting to inform the Committee of the procedures, codes and practices around these roles.

The Chair invited a discussion in relation to the appointment of a Vice Chair.

Whilst some Members commented that a Vice Chair should be appointed, others felt that due to the consistent attendance of the current Chair, a Vice Chair would not be needed.

The Chair advised that a report would be brought to the next meeting to provide Members with more information, in order for them to make further recommendations.

RESOLVED /-

1. That a report in relation to the decision making process regarding the Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund and wider investment programme be brought to the next meeting.
2. That a report in relation to the recruitment, procedures, codes and practices relating to specialist advisors to the GM Mayor be brought to a future meeting.
3. That a report in relation to the appointment of a Vice Chair be brought to the next meeting.

O&SC 07/24

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

No declarations were received in relation to any item on the agenda.

O&SC 08/24

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20 MARCH 2024

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 20 March 2024 be approved as a correct and accurate record.

O&SC 09/24

**GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24**

Consideration was given to a report that outlined the work of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee had undertaken over the past municipal year.

Members commented that the report contained good examples that the Committee was holding the GM Mayor and Portfolio Leads to account and showed signs of significant improvements to build on.

RESOLVED /-

That the annual report be noted.

O&SC 10/24

A NEW GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY

The Chair invited the GM Mayor Andy Burnham and, Amy Foots, Head of Implementation, to present this report to the Committee.

Setting the scene, the GM Mayor stated that this new term of office was the start of a new world with the single settlement and pursuing ambitions around the creation of GM Housing First Unit, Technical Education (MBacc), and a Live Well Service for our residents. These ambitions need to be reflected in the GM Strategy, therefore a full refresh of the strategy has begun to be undertaken. The last refresh took place in 2021, post pandemic, so now is the time to step back and recognise how important it is that we have a GM Strategy that guides us as we move towards the single settlement.

There has been a clear statement from the new Government that devolution is now the default and therefore it is necessary to understand what the future GM offer to the Government will be. For example, to look at a GM growth offer to inform Government of what we hope to achieve, in relation to Housing, could we go further than our target. These are things to be discussed and agreed with the Government,

and the GM Strategy needs to be ambitious enough to reflect this but realistic. The GM Mayor reflected that we are entering a new era, and we need a GM Strategy to focus us for the next 10 years.

Draft versions of the GM Strategy will be brought before the Committee for comments ahead of its publication in September, this will prepare the GMCA for what may come from the Government Spending Review due in the Autumn. Officers added that extensive engagement has already taken place with existing stakeholders in order to ensure that the GM Strategy was a collaborative piece of work.

The Committee was given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on the paper, there was some discussion that included:

The Committee raised concerns that financial support for Local Authorities following the election of a new Government and their decision not to lift the two child benefit cap. Regarding the ambition to increase our proportion of the 1.5m new homes target, Members questioned whether funding and resources would be provided to ensure that the infrastructure to support this ambition could be put in place such as GP practices, roads and transport.

It was stated that, in order to prepare for the spending review and the autumn statement, the GMCA needed to be realistic as to what it could achieve and be open with the Government about the opportunities that could be created with the single settlement. For example, as part of the trailblazer work, the rail industry was working with the GMCA to bring 8 rail lines into the Bee Network so that they are included as part of an integrated service. Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) looked at the public subsidy going into those 8 lines, it was around £100m per year. Many of those lines are not running to 100%, some are around 65% patronage. The GM Mayor stated that if the Government put the funding through GM, there was potential to turn that into much more and open up the services to many more people to encourage them to use public transport. Another example was the Working Well Scheme, where GM have been able to use direct funding for employment support helping people to get into work.

Further to this, if the GMCA were able to route the majority of financial resources through the single settlement, then there was the potential to take the pressure off the local authorities. An example of this would be expanding the housing target for GM, as an increase in homes available for social rent would then have a positive effect on the temporary accommodation spend for local authorities. The GM Mayor agreed that if we were to have a stretched target for housing then it would need that extra resource in health and education budgets which would be captured in discussions with Government.

The Committee were advised that the GM Mayor strongly supported the removal the two child cap on child benefit, but he emphasised the new Government was only three weeks into being and they would need time to look at matters such as these in the round in order to make informed judgements in the autumn. However, GM should continue to use its voice for the removal to be a high priority, because of its links to child poverty.

The Committee raised concerns regarding the emphasis on growth and asked whether community wealth building was a part of this. The GM Mayor stated that in terms of the focus on growth, the GM Strategy should create a definition of growth that we all agree on, that includes both personal growth and community growth, and ensure that this is captured in the report under the phrase "Inclusive Growth". It was important to be clear that you only get growth if you have a more circular economy. The GM Mayor gave an example of employment support previously mentioned. During discussions with Government officials as part of the trailblazer work, it became apparent that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) were reluctant to change their contracting arrangements. Currently the DWP commission large companies to provide employment support, but the GMCA need to encourage the DWP to look at this differently. If they were to localise and personalise that spend, not only would they get better outcomes for residents, the spend would be kept in the GM economy which would further strengthen and build our communities. The work the GMCA have completed with the Bee Network is a good example of a circular

economy, it has shown that better services lead to increased patronage and the advantages of that comes back into TfGM to give lower fares and better services.

For example, there was hoped to be an offer for people on the lowest incomes for an annual Bee Network pass, working with credit unions, to enable the option to pay weekly interest free payments, which further demonstrated a circular economy that needs to be reflected in the GM Strategy.

The GM Mayor asked the Committee to start feeding any thoughts into what should be included in the definition of inclusive growth.

In relation to the planetary boundaries, it was confirmed that the GM Strategy would continue to include our ambition to be carbon neutral by 2038.

The Committee commented that strategies normally work over 5-10 years but under the single settlement the spending review would potentially be 2-4 years and therefore asked how we can ensure that our strategies are aligned with the spending review. Members were advised that once this rewrite was established, the GMCA would review the GM Strategy on a regular basis. The GMCA were focused on fixing the fundamentals that support inclusive growth, for example fixing transport, education, housing and support through the benefit system.

The Committee commented that ambition is often dampened by council boundaries, for example in relation to active travel schemes, Manchester Council have a scheme on Deansgate and Trafford Council have a scheme on Chester Road, but because of boundary issues, the two do not join up, if this was connected it would improve active travel options.

Members asked how the GM Strategy and single settlement can overcome this and were advised that since taking control of buses, TfGM have been able to look at why they don't run on time which is often due to roadworks. This highlights that we don't always work effectively together, so there are opportunities to improve our own working practices. If we want to be sustainable as a GM system, we need to look at

what we can do jointly at a GM level. The GM Mayor gave an example of the recent work completed to look at Out of Borough Placements for children and suggested that perhaps something similar could be done when looking at how we commission temporary accommodation as currently local authorities are competing for limited accommodation.

The Committee noted the pressure being felt by Local Authorities, and in particular the creation of more homes, in the city centre and other areas, as this was resulting in more demand on services such as GPs, and council services, and asked what could be done to ensure that we get a fairer settlement for GM.

The GM Mayor agreed that GM needed to ensure that there were better services, and corresponding support for all our residents to prevent congested services, however firstly we needed to look at the opportunities of collaborative working to ease some of these pressures. There were things that we could do differently using GM budgets, so that the GMCA are not always asking Government for more funding.

The Committee asked how the GMCA could ensure that the growth that the GM Strategy talks about was shared throughout GM, amongst all. Members were advised that it is well recognised that the GM Strategy must be for all people. There were several GM Mayoral Development Zones, from which it was vital to ensure that wider areas around them benefit from the investments taking place in those areas. The GM Mayor envisaged that when the 8 rail lines become part of the Bee Network, benefits will be spread to areas that often feel neglected, so we need to ensure this is a priority.

The Committee asked if the Combined Authority has the capacity to refresh the strategy before the spending review. It was confirmed that the Chancellor was due to make an announcement early next week regarding when to expect the spending review, so when that date is known, further work would be undertaken with the committee to contribute to the GM Strategy. However, Officers confirmed that work had already been undertaken to ensure the deadline was achievable and to ensure the strategy reflected the national picture. It was confirmed that an early draft of the

Strategy could be made available for local authorities to take to their own scrutiny committees as required.

The GM Mayor asked the Committee if they could identify where GM could more effectively work together to improve services, specifically which were politically doable issues we could identify, an example of this was minimum standards for taxi licencing.

The GM Mayor touched on the work undertaken by the GM Reform Board in relation to preventative work that could be widened across GM. He emphasised that there was little point spending money on a person's health or education if they were going to live in a place that damaged their health, so housing had to be a priority. That was the reason behind the Housing First Unit, which would deal with poor housing standards and would have enforcement capability which would in turn help local authorities.

The Committee were encouraged by opportunities to work in a more collaborative way to stop crisis occurring, by focusing on prevention, which made not only ethical but financial sense.

In view of education, the GM Mayor stated that he was starting to look at what the offer is for our 14 year olds who aren't able to, or don't want to go to university. These were the young people that the MBacc would help build a future for.

The Committee welcomed greater clarity of what the GM Strategy was going to deliver and felt that this would make the Strategy more meaningful for the public to engage with.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposed approach and outline content for the development of the new GM Strategy be noted.

2. That the draft GM Strategy continue to be shared with the Committee at timely opportunities.
3. That a draft copy of the GM Strategy be shared with the Local Authority Working Group to share with their members and local scrutiny committees for feedback.
4. That Members give some thought to how local authorities could work collaboratively to deliver services and make savings.
5. That the Committee receive further information on improved ticketing offers for the Bee Network in due course.
6. That the Committee give consideration as to the definition of Inclusive Growth.

O&SC 11/24

GM DEVOLUTION TRAILBLAZER UPDATE

The Chair invited the GM Mayor Andy Burnham, John Wrathmell, Director, Strategy Economy and Research and Scott Dickson, Principal, Devolution Strategy to present this report to the Committee.

The report provided members with an understanding of progress since the GM devolution trailblazer deal was signed in March 2023.

GMCA Officers have been working with government officials on implementation since the deal was signed. The following areas were included -

- **Governance and Accountability**, building on the strength of this committee, but also the creation of an MP Question Session with the GM Mayor for further accountability. Officers had been working with the previous Government and the Department for Levelling Up to agree the terms of reference for the session, which was expected to meet on a quarterly basis, however, were currently waiting for clarity from the new Government as to how they wished to proceed with this.

- **Fiscal Devolution**, extending GM's current arrangements for retaining business rates.
- **Data and Digital**, working with Department of Science and Technology to focus on parts of the conurbation to address digital connectivity blackspots.
- **Housing and regeneration**, working with local authorities on selective licencing of landlords which further supports the ambitions of the Good Landlord Charter. Continuing to have conversations around the next Affordable Homes Programme and how this could form part of the single settlement.
- **Skills and Employment**, MBacc work progressing at speed, a recent event was held and very well attended by schools and colleges. One thousand high quality MBacc work placements have already been created for September 2024.
- **Transport**, beginning to look at a place based approach to GM rail stations with 6 sites identified to make improvements, including accessibility, and opportunities to create regeneration around them.
- **Economy and Culture**, although the Strategic Productivity Partnership and the Trade and Investment Board have not met yet, progress was being made.
- **Net Zero and The Environment**, funding received on a pilot basis and progress was being made through single settlement negotiations.
- **Public Services**, a session was planned with the GM NHS to progress and reset how the GMCA and GM NHS could work together more effectively.

Officers confirmed the next stage of single settlement negotiations continue around local growth plans and employment support; this was a specific commitment in the new Government's manifesto for the devolution of employment support into the single settlement.

It was confirmed that a significant part of the single settlement would be the outcomes framework. These would be derived from the GM Strategy and would be

agreed at the spending review and the targets agreed shortly after would be commensurate with the funding that will be received.

The Committee was given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on the paper, there was some discussion that included:

Clarity was provided as to why there was a further report in Part B; it was confirmed that the section in schedule 12, refers to Government not releasing certain information into the public domain, so the GMCA were currently bound by that confidentiality.

The Committee asked whether the new deal for renters would see any positive changes from the new Government that would make it easier for renters. Members were advised that GM Leaders were hoping for a stronger bill from the new Government, which would see this new deal go further to not only address the no fault eviction notices but also more regulation of rent, service charges and the handling of deposits.

In relation to transport and the railways, the new Government had committed to not giving franchises to private companies as they come up for renewal. The Committee asked if this would create opportunities to take control of the local rail network and would this bring any difficulties. Members were advised that there was real opportunity here, initial plans were for the 8 lines as previously discussed. There was opportunity to rethink the timetables, so they are in the public interest rather than for income maximisation. More frequency would be the ambition to encourage people to use public transport. These 8 lines are mostly commuter lines so it would be relatively easy to increase frequency on these lines.

Regarding the Good Landlord Charter, the Committee asked whether it would be possible to explore some kind of decarbonisation fund for the private sector in the style of the social housing decarbonisation fund, perhaps triggered by the Good Landlord Charter. Members were advised that there was a need to have incentives for landlords to join the Charter and the idea of making the retrofit funding

conditional to at least being a supporter of the Good Landlord Charter would be explored.

The Committee asked about long term funding for the Bee Network and queried whether local authorities would be expected to pick up any costs. Members were advised that patronage remained higher than expected and services had clearly improved in tranche one and tranche two was anticipated to do the same. The GMCA and TfGM had, however, advised Government that transport funding must become a long term arrangement going forward.

The Committee asked the GM Mayor what he would like to see in the devolution bill in relation to health and social care. Members were advised that there was a seminar taking place this week to scope out what the new arrangement could look like with NHS GM and the Department of Health and whether or not this could be part of the bill.

The Committee asked how the CA would ensure the £150m brownfield funding is evenly distributed across the 10 local authorities. Officers confirmed that the single settlement would help allocate funding in a long term planned way. Previous funding had to be allocated very quickly so often only schemes that were ready to go could be funded, it was confirmed however, that all boroughs did benefit currently from this funding.

The Committee requested clarification on the definition of affordable homes, what was deemed affordable and how much of this next Affordable Homes Programme would be social housing. Members were advised that it was hoped that GM could create its own definition of affordable homes and determine how many homes should be for social rent. Something that could cause issues was the discount for Right to Buy as this impacts on the incentive for investors to build new homes. Therefore, it was envisaged that potentially any social homes built could be excluded from Right to Buy to help increase the number of homes that remain available for social rent.

The Committee commented that some local authorities have a lot of temporary accommodation, and others have a shortage. Members were advised that there was a clear recognition at a recent Homelessness Board that a GM wide approach to this was needed as previously stated this was an area which could be worked on collaboratively with the 10 local authorities.

It was noted that there was a lot of development in larger towns but not necessarily at the same rate in smaller areas, the Committee asked if the focus could be shifted to smaller towns suffering decline. The GM Mayor stated that he was very committed to ensuring smaller towns reach their potential. He was encouraged to see the benefits of the work in the GM Mayoral Development Zones. For some town centres there were clear benefits in developing accommodation as this brings a new footfall into the town centres. An example of the work currently taking place in Farnworth was given. How this is reflected in the GM Strategy was to be discussed.

The Committee raised an issue regarding centralisation of services and asked if there was a need for a GM assembly or GM county council. The GM Mayor advised that this was not planned. The model that the GMCA has works as its routed through local authorities. However, there was scope to look at services that can be procured at a GM level. It was noted that the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would become much elevated as the GMCA progress the single settlement and further deliver the elements of the trailblazer.

It was confirmed that schemes prior to the single settlement would not be abandoned.

The Committee were advised that a broader view of emissions in GM does exist as part of the GM Environment Plan, and this was being reviewed sector by sector. However, it was important that this was captured and measured against the single settlement to ensure that ambitions could continue to be scaled up.

Clarity was requested on Housing Policy Sandbox. Members asked about further legislation requested to tackle anti social behaviour and fare evasion on public

transport and a briefing was requested on devolution of employment support and whether there was any possibility of devolving benefits payments to GM. The Committee was advised that Sandbox was a term to describe working with Government to trial new ways of working and a couple of projects were taking place in Oldham and Salford as a way of testing new approaches to housing welfare and health and social care to see what could be rolled out across GM.

It was confirmed that current legislation relating to public transport to tackle anti social behaviour and fare evasion was quite weak, work on this was already underway but some legislative change was still needed.

In terms of employment support, moving towards a localised model, offering opportunities that relate to our economy and link with the Adult Education Budget were needed and this was being worked on.

The MBacc was discussed further, and members agreed that different pathways and more flexibility was needed. Educational attendance is poor and mental health issues in schools were increasing. There were cohorts of young people waiting for NHS assessments and the Committee recognised that this was holding them back so urged for anything that could be done in terms of living well and working with the NHS be considered.

Members were advised that the MBacc would help young people to make a choice and see a clear direction before them at age 14 so they have relevant information as they make their options. Supported pathways were to form part of the MBacc so reasonable adjustments can be made for young people. Links to the Violence Reduction Unit would also be supported. The Committee recognised that wider support in schools was needed and local authority oversight.

The Committee raised concerns in relation to the Government's recent announcement regarding the early release of prisoners due to overcrowding and how this would be managed in GM. The GM Mayor advised that there was a

scheme in place, CAZ3, so an offer of accommodation was offered to everyone on release.

RESOLVED/-

That the feedback given by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee on progress so far and views on how to approach the next steps, particularly given the change in the national Government be noted.

**O&SC 12/24 OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME &
FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposed Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme for July-September 2024 be noted.
2. That Members use the Forward Plan of Key Decisions to identify any potential areas for further scrutiny.

O&SC 13/24 FUTURE MEETING DATES

RESOLVED /-

That the following dates for the rest of the municipal year be noted:

- 14 August 2024 – 1pm to 3.30pm
- 25 September 2024 – 1pm to 3.30pm
- 23 October 2024 – 1pm to 3.30pm
- 27 November 2024 – 1pm to 3.30pm
- 11 December 2024 – 1pm to 3.30pm
- 29 January 2025 – 1pm to 3.30pm
- 12 February 2025 – 1pm to 3.30pm

- 26 February 2025 – 1pm to 3.30pm
- 26 March 2025 – 1pm to 3.30pm

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EXCLUSION OF THE 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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

O&SC 15/24

GM DEVOLUTION TRAILBLAZER UPDATE (PART B)

Further discussions took place regarding this report GM Trailblazer Devolution Deal following its agreement on 15 March 2023.

RESOLVED /-

That the feedback given by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee on progress so far and views on how to approach the next steps, particularly given the change in the national Government be noted.

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 14 August 2024

Subject: Appointment of Vice Chair for the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Report of: Gillian Duckworth, GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer

Purpose of Report

To provide all the relevant information to enable the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider whether they wish to appoint a Vice Chair.

Recommendations:

The GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee is requested to consider the report and whether they wish to appoint a Vice Chair.

Contact Officers

Nicola Ward, GMCA Statutory Scrutiny Officer & Deputy Head of Governance

Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

N/A

Risk Management

None

Legal Considerations

None

Financial Consequences – Revenue

Allowance payment as outlined in the report.

Financial Consequences – Capital

None

Number of attachments to the report: 0

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

N/A

Tracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

Yes / No

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

Not a key decision

Bee Network Committee

N/A

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

N/A

1 Introduction

- 1.1 At their meeting on the 24 July 2024, members of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested a report to assist them in determining whether an appointment of a Vice Chair of the Committee was required.
- 1.2 This appointment is not a legal requirement, both the Combined Authorities Scrutiny Order¹ and the GMCA Constitution only reference the appointment of a Chair, but the Constitution further states that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may choose to appoint a Vice Chair, however, the Vice Chair should also be an ‘appropriate person’.
- 1.3 An ‘appropriate person’ means:
- a person who is not a member of a registered political party of which the Mayor is a member;
 - or, where the Mayor is not a member of a registered political party, a person who is not a member of a registered political party which has the most representatives among the members of the Constituent Councils on the GMCA or, where two or more parties have the same number of representatives, a member of either of those parties.
- 1.4 This report outlines points for consideration.

2 Role of a Vice Chair

- 2.1 There is no specific role for a Vice Chair of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee set out in the Combined Authorities Scrutiny Order or in the GMCA’s Constitution, however, the most common aspects of the role in other Committee structures include –
- Deputising for the Chair in their absence
 - Acting as a sounding board for the Chair, providing support and advice

¹ [The Combined Authorities \(Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees\) Order 2017 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

- Assisting in governance responsibilities or sharing tasks with the Chair.

2.2 Under the GMCA's scrutiny model, the Vice Chair would be asked to deputise for the Chair in their absence at Committee meetings and attend pre-meets. There would be no further expectations on the role, i.e. the Constitution does not allow for the Vice Chair to approve urgent decisions.

2.3 The Vice Chair would have the same level of privileges as a Committee member (and as the Chair also does) with no casting vote, no ability to bring forward items for call-in without the support of two other members and access to information in line with the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

3 Remuneration

3.1 In November 2022, the GM Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) undertook a review of allowance payments for GMCA Overview & Scrutiny members. Although it was not within their terms of reference for this review, the IRP decided to make a recommendation on the remuneration for a Vice Chair, should the Committee decide to make an appointment in the future. Their recommended allowance payment was agreed by the GMCA (16 December 2022) at £4,035. In line with all other allowance payments, this would be index linked.

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Scrutiny Committee

Date: 14 August 2024

Subject: GM Investment Funds

Report of: Laura Blakey, Director of Strategic Finance & Investment, GMCA

Purpose of Report

This report includes:

- The background to the GM Investment Funds including the GM Housing Investment Loans fund;
- The governance process for the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund; and
- The future of GM Investment Funds under further devolution and the Integrated Settlement.

Recommendations:

The GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee is requested to note the background and governance process and provide comments on the future strategy for the GM Investment Funds.

Contact Officers

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1. Introduction/Background

1.1 GMCA has been operating a series of investment funds since 2013, collectively referred to as the GM Investment Funds – a summary of the Funds, which operate across business, commercial property and housing is included in Appendix 2.

1.2 The paragraphs below include the detail on those Funds that are directly managed by the GMCA.

Core funds

1.3 The Fund size is c£70m investing in a mixture of business and commercial property investments. The origin of the funding was Regional Growth Fund and Growing Places monies received in 2012/13.

1.4 Funds have been invested through both debt and equity on a commercial basis into businesses and developers in GM with viable propositions, but a demonstrable funding gap.

1.5 Historically business investments have typically been higher risk and therefore over time have lost money. This has largely been compensated for by interest and other fees received.

1.6 Commercial property investments have been lower risk and there have been no losses to date on commercial property investments.

1.7 The strategy to date has been very much focused on jobs on the business side and on providing match for the Evergreen funds on the property side. To date the core funds have supported the creation and safeguarding of 8,391 jobs.

1.8 Evergreen funds are commercial property funds managed by CBRE and arose from previous ERDF programmes. Those funds required a 50:50 match before they started to recycle and therefore GMCA's core funds have historically been used to provide this match, when required.

GM Advance

1.9 GMCA launched GM Advance in May 2024 following a £10m allocation from the Investment Zone funding. GM Advance is a new fund focused on driving growth in the Advanced Manufacturing and Materials sector.

1.10 The Fund provides equity, debt and micro-equity to businesses operating in the sector at subsidised rates.

1.11 The Fund represents the first i) sub-commercial fund and ii) micro-equity fund that has been launched by the Team and learnings will be key for informing the future strategy of wider business investment.

GM Housing Investment Loan Fund (“GMHILF”)

1.12 GMHILF was established in 2015 as a £300m loan from MHCLG (previously DLUHC) to deliver a target of 10,000 new homes in Greater Manchester. Since its launch, the Fund has considered detailed proposals for lending to 131 schemes, with 103 of these having progressed to a funding approval (a list of the schemes approved is included in Appendix 1). Funding approvals totalling £1.2bn have been made by the GMCA since the Fund’s inception, of which £885m has been contracted to date.

1.13 The primary objective of the GMHILF is the creation of new homes in the Greater Manchester area and it should exceed its target of delivering 10,000 homes in the Greater Manchester area by the time that the fund closes in 2028, with the current total of new homes being 11,073. Other objectives include supporting SME developers and generating income for the GMCA to support wider housing priorities.

1.14 Under the terms of the agreement with MHCLG, GMCA has underwritten 80% of the £300m original loan. To date, the GMHILF has not lost any money, while extensions to the payment terms of the loans have been agreed with borrowers, no enforcement action to recover outstanding loans has been taken to date, and where repayment terms have been extended, interest has continued to accrue and be payable to GMCA.

1.15 Until recently, the agreement with MHCLG allowed for funding to be re-lent once repaid providing the re-lend took place within the financial year resulting in any funds not being lent out at the March year end being repaid to MHCLG. The impact of this is that the current capacity in the loan fund is c£180m with £120m having being repaid. Over

recent years, there has been a focus on maintaining the Fund at its current capacity in order that it is available for Developers and to support key regeneration schemes such as:

- Stockport Interchange - Stockport Interchange sits at the heart of Stockport Town Centre and is a key regeneration project for the town to drive town centre living and animate the area. The apartment block is part of a wider redevelopment of the previous dated bus interchange into a modern transport hub with new park and open spaces. The wider scheme has provided new active transport links between the railway station, bus interchange and town centre. The scheme is delivering 196 apartments and received £9.3m of patient equity funding and £22.6m of debt from the GMHILF.

- Farnworth Green – this scheme represents a high priority for Bolton Council being in Farnworth, a key area for regeneration. GMHILF has provided a loan of up to £11.6m towards the development of the scheme, which comprises 51 one-bedroom apartments, 34 two-bedroom apartments, 12 townhouses units, eight commercial units, and a Community Hub.

1.16 The terms of the GMHILF require it to be operated on a commercial basis, and specifically that loan funding must be repayable and that a minimum of a ‘State Aid’ compliant interest rate must be charged. The ‘State Aid’ interest must be repaid to MHCLG – GMCA is able to keep interest earned over and above the State Aid rate up to an annual cap of £2.5m, alongside any fees earned. Income that is generated and retained through the investment funds has been used to fund the investment and delivery teams, with the balance ringfenced to support wider housing priorities including supporting the establishment of the Good Landlord Charter and Growth Locations.

1.17 The GMHILF will close for new investment in March 2025, after which GMCA will be unable to use it to award loans. There will be a three-year runoff period which will end in 2028.

2. GMCA Process for awarding GMHILF loans

Initial consideration of the loan

2.1 There is no formal application form for GMHILF loans. Would-be borrowers enquire about the specifics of the loan that they might receive. The form of this enquiry will depend on what their position is: for example, do they have a brownfield development, have they been referred to GMHILF by a local authority or have they borrowed from the GMHILF before? The Fund is openly available to all Developers and the Team spend time talking to the market about what is available. For example, the Director of Strategic Finance & Investment presented at a joint event with Homes England for Developers in January 2024 on funding available for housing developments.

2.2 At this initial stage, the GM Investment team will consider the nature of the loan requested. The proposal may be rejected for seeking a loan that is too small (e.g. seeking to borrow to construct two houses). In the event that the loan is too large for GMHILF to fund on its own, GMCA may consult with other potential lenders about whether a club loan would be viable.

2.3 The GMCA Director of Strategic Finance & Investment will allocate a lead manager (the 'Transaction Manager') for each potential application. The Transaction Manager will typically ask for a development appraisal and a cash flow report as an initial request, following up with a detailed list of requirements to meet the requirements of the gateway paper (see 2.6).

2.4 The manager will initially be looking at the amount of leverage being envisaged, the strength of the security being offered, the strength of the cost overrun protections offered, the borrower's track record (not necessarily with GMCA but overall, in terms of delivery).

2.5 The investment team will discuss proposals with the Director of Strategic Finance & Investment at a high level at this stage, particularly if they have concerns regarding the loans. If those concerns are shared by the Director of Strategic Finance & Investment but they consider the project itself viable, a high-level overview will be drafted to be run past members of the credit committee (clause 2.11) on how to strengthen the proposal.

2.6 If, following the initial work, the manager is satisfied that the application is potentially viable, they will write a gateway paper which includes detail such as:

- Details of the proposal
- Loan to value and loan to cost covenants
- Track record of the borrower and key personnel;

- Borrower financial information;
- Security;
- Market due diligence;
- Key risks and mitigants;
- Sensitivities; and
- Proposed commercial terms.

Gateway panel

2.7 Once the initial information gathering has been done and the project appears to be viable, loans of over £2m proceed to the gateway panel phase (loans of under £2m go straight to the credit committee stage detailed below).

2.8 The gateway panel is advisory only and consists of three independent external advisors who all have significant experience in the private housebuilding sector. The gateway panel is there to assess the robustness of the investment case.

2.9 The gateway panel will not necessarily provide a straight yes/no answer. The panel can provide a qualified approval based on due diligence of a specific point, or it could request further information be provided

Credit committee

2.10 The credit committee receive the same gateway paper that the gateway panel received and may ask how the gateway panel considered the paper. Additional comments are provided on a one-page document by an individual in the Investment Team (the "Credit Manager") not associated with the deal on the credit implications of the proposed loan. This focusses on the financials: security offered; costs overrun guarantee etc.

2.11 The credit committee is advisory only and consists of a mixture of senior GMCA staff members and external advisers.

2.12 The credit committee's focus is on how robust the proposal is in terms of the likelihood of repayment of the loan.

Chief Executive and Treasurer

2.13 Once the gateway panel (where relevant) and credit committee have considered the loan application, the application together with the advice of the committee will be considered by the GMCA Chief Executive and the Treasurer.

2.14 A summary paper is provided to the portfolio lead for Housing which is similar to the Part B reports that are prepared for the GMCA decisions. Once the portfolio leader is content with the recommendation, the proposal is taken to a formal GMCA meeting to seek approval from the Combined Authority for the loans to be progressed to final agreement. GMCA approval will delegate authority to the GM Treasurer in conjunction with the GM Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence and sign off on the final commercial terms and legal documentation.

2.15 By the time of the GMCA meeting enough information needs to have been assessed on the proposal in order to recommend it for approval. However, this is not the end of the process as this stage will be followed by an extensive external due diligence process.

Further due diligence

2.16 While a desktop valuation of the property to be lent against will have usually been done prior to the GMCA public meeting, a Red Book valuation is usually only done after the meeting has taken place. A Red Book valuation is a valuation by a Royal Institute of Charter Surveyors ("RICS") accredited surveyor in accordance with their principles.

2.17 There is also a report by an external Monitoring Surveyor who is appointed at this stage, who reviews and opines on the construction costs and other construction matters. This report will recommend what collateral warranties GMCA may want to take (which is a way to tie the contractor and subcontractor into the agreement with the borrower).

2.18 Letters of reliance may also be recommended at this stage by the monitoring surveyor: for example, in relation to any environmental reports or rights to light reports.

2.19 At this stage, GMCA will also instruct legal advisors to carry out legal due diligence, including a review of the report on title, which sets out whether the borrower has good marketable title to the land being lent against as well other property matters such as the status of any leases on the land. Lawyers will also produce a construction report detailing key issues to consider in the construction documentation.

Sign-off by the Director of Strategic Finance & Investment, and then Treasurer

2.20 A summary of the due diligence is produced and reviewed by the Director of Strategic Finance & Investment and signed off by the Treasurer. The loan can then be given.

Drawdown

2.21 Following completion of the loan, the Monitoring Surveyor will engage in a monthly site visit alongside the Transaction Manager and GMCA's in-house surveyor. The Monitoring Surveyor will prepare a report following this site visit, which contains a recommendation of the drawdown amount as well as any conditions recommended for that drawdown (e.g. renewal of professional indemnity cover if cover has since lapsed).

2.22 The Transaction Manager summarises the Monitoring Surveyor's report in their own report as well as adding further information on the status of sales and exit for the development. The Credit Manager receives the Transaction Manager's summary and the Monitoring Surveyor's report to review in order to sign off on drawdown.

2.23 The reports and summary are then reviewed by the Director of Strategic Finance & Investment who signs off the drawdown and the paperwork is then passed to the Finance team for payment. Payment follows the standard procedures for Finance including the sign off by the Treasurer plus one other senior member of the Finance team.

Commercial Terms - How loans are priced

2.24 As stated in the introduction to this paper loans made from the GMCA HILF are made on a commercial basis.

2.25 The approach to the interest rate applied to individual loans is that loans are priced at the minimum of the State aid rate (which is set out in the State Aid regulations based upon a matrix considering the strength of security and the strength of the Borrower). A risk margin is then applied on top of this State Aid rate reflecting the risk associated with the individual loan being considered (developer, market, construction and security risk). This approach is documented through an Interest Rate Setting Paper.

2.26 The GMHILF loans also have arrangement and other fees applied.

2.27 GMCA does not tend to look formally at other loans available on the market but does have market intelligence on what other lenders are charging from various sources. One

such source is borrowers who may come to GMCA with an indication of the rate being offered. Additionally, GMHILF has lent side-by-side with commercial lenders, in club loans where the GMHILF lends on the same terms as those lenders. GMHILF has been involved in several club loans with other commercial lenders such as the Greater Manchester Pension Fund, which is independently run on a commercial basis.

GMHILF and Affordable Housing

2.28 Affordable home requirements are determined by Local Planning Authorities and GMCA have no role in this.

2.29 GMCA have lobbied through the devolution trailblazer and through recent discussions with the new government for a relaxation to the requirements of an extended GMHILF. The rationale being that if the Fund were able to offer subsidies, it would be better placed to drive developer behaviour and the strategic objectives of affordable and net zero housing. It isn't viable to drive these objectives through a purely commercial fund.

2.30 The principal lever that GMCA currently has to support the delivery of affordable housing is the Brownfield Housing Fund which to date has awarded grants for 194 schemes that will support the delivery of 19,314 new homes of which 11,316 are for affordable housing.

3. Future for GMCA Investment Funds

Housing Investment Loan Fund

3.1 It is the intention for the GMCA Spending Review submission to contain a request for an extension to the Fund beyond March 25 with this to be included as part of the wider integrated settlement to allow for the flexibility noted above.

3.2A proposal to utilise further surpluses that have been generated to support the GM Housing Strategy is currently being developed.

Future approach to Core Funds

3.3 The previous strategy for the Core Funds has focused on job creation and recycling. In order to more closely align the strategy of the Funds with the strategic objectives of the organisation, a revised investment strategy is being considered.

3.4 The new proposed criteria and outline allocations of the fund are:

- £20m for commercial property – parameters: i) must be in a growth location or supporting a strategic site (requires Place recommendation), or ii) to provide capacity for the Evergreen funds and iii) ability to offer sub-market rates where loan is being offered as an alternative to grant.
- £15m for social impact investing – either business or housing – preference given to projects that recycle within 5 years and deliver strong value for money (requires PSR/Strategy recommendation).
- £30m for business investment of which £10m is ringfenced for the Life Sciences Fund – i) must be in a key sector ii) businesses must sign up to the Good Employment Charter iii) businesses must have a physical location in GM and be delivering jobs in the region (requires LA recommendation).
- £5m free to be allocated across the three categories as needed.

APPENDIX 1

HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND LOANS APPROVED BY GMCA¹

SCHEME	DISTRICT	HIF LOAN £000s	UNITS
Hulton Lane*	Bolton	950	
Temple Road*	Bolton	3,534	
Hartley's Farm	Bolton	4,381	23
Garnet Fold*	Bolton	6,800	
Moor Lane	Bolton	3,314	44
Farnworth Green	Bolton	12,563	97
Moor Lane PRS	Bolton	12,778	114
Perseverance Mill*	Bolton	2,215	
Lowes Road*	Bury	1,374	
Brook St	Bury	1,556	22
Radcliffe Times	Bury	792	10
Jubilee Way Estates	Bury	4,344	49
Park Road, Prestwich*	Bury	1,253	
HS Property*	GM Wide	1,000	
Bricks & Soul	GM wide	750	25
Marshmallow Properties	GM Wide	1,000	36
Water St	Manchester	23,731	307
Tariff St	Manchester	13,200	91
Charminster Drive	Manchester	958	23
Edinburgh Castle	Manchester	3,577	23
Islington Wharf Phase 3	Manchester	10,144	101

¹ The loan offers for schemes marked with an asterisk have not gone forward and therefore no new homes are attributed to these schemes

Owen St	Manchester	140,000	1508
Baguley Police Station	Manchester	1,866	33
Circle Sq	Manchester	36,300	677
Princess St	Manchester	77,700	351
Princess St refi ²	Manchester	26,700	
Crusader Works	Manchester	25,450	201
Vesta St	Manchester	20,694	172
New Little Mill	Manchester	10,517	68
Lampwick St	Manchester	24,500	213
Clarkesville Farm	Manchester	4,154	44
Stagecoach	Manchester	5,620	92
40-42 John Dalton St	Manchester	800	4
Brunswick St*	Manchester	2,088	
Daisy Bank Mill*	Manchester	2,338	
Withington Bank	Manchester	2,043	12
Richmond Street	Manchester	2,541	7
Stagecoach Phase 2*	Manchester	5,132	
The Blade	Manchester	32,400	414
Islington Wharf Phase 4*	Manchester	8,300	
Albell*	Manchester	1,000	
Three60	Manchester	62,300	441
Trinity D2	Manchester	65,646	483
Trinity D1	Manchester	70,800	532
Contour	Manchester	69,200	494

² All new homes are shown next to the original funding approval above.

Victoria Park*	Manchester	9,632	
Royley, Royton*	Oldham	1,543	
Hillside Avenue*	Oldham	525	
Hebron St	Oldham	810	6
Diamond Hall*	Oldham	1,967	
Medlock Road*	Oldham	1,670	
Vernon Gardens	Oldham	4,163	99
Ladhall Lane	Oldham	957	5
Boundary Park	Oldham	1,450	20
Star Inn	Oldham	1,228	15
Delph Chapel*	Oldham	987	
Hare Hill Mill	Rochdale	2,215	36
Don Street	Rochdale	12,580	311
Wilburn Basin	Salford	42,500	491
Lightbox	Salford	8,303	238
Trinity Way*	Salford	22,500	
Charlestown Riverside	Salford	3,320	425
Radclyffe*	Salford	2,661	
Willows Road	Salford	1,741	24
Hurstfield Road	Salford	1,355	8
Simpsons Grove*	Salford	2,671	
Greengate	Salford	37,600	559
Kara Street	Salford	5,126	66
Old Hall Road*	Salford	1,455	
Bankside	Salford	54,143	444
Bretherens Hall	Stockport	3,900	

Stonepail Close	Stockport	4,220	26
Extra Care*	Stockport	8,153	
Dale House	Stockport	1,321	14
Former Royal Mail Sorting Office	Stockport	5,400	117
St George's Vicarage	Stockport	1,227	11
Stockport Interchange	Stockport	22,680	196
Aldersgate Road	Stockport	1,464	5
St Stephens	Tameside	2,534	30
Carrhill*	Tameside	5,410	
Slateacre Road	Tameside	1,916	11
Vernon Street*	Tameside	1,366	
Rowbotham Street	Tameside	2,677	20
Pomona Wharf	Trafford	11,146	164
Woodfield Road	Trafford	3,760	41
The Place	Trafford	6,915	24
Bridgewater Road	Trafford	1,146	10
City Branch*	Trafford	12,931	
Trafford Plaza*	Trafford	6,010	
Laurel Banks	Trafford	921	5
The Green, Urmston	Trafford	1,621	6
Heath Farm*	Trafford	5,000	
Rileys Snooker Centre	Trafford	2,067	8
Wharf Road*	Trafford	6,397	
Alexander House	Trafford	11,685	110
Highline	Trafford	12,261	68
Harvey Street	Wigan	664	8

Hilda St	Wigan	600	9
Wigan Pier	Wigan	1,134	8
Pemberton*	Wigan	10,800	
Elliott St*	Wigan	1,794	
Stubshaw Gardens*	Wigan	2,154	
Rectory Gardens	Wigan	967	10
TOTAL		1,193,646	10,367


HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND EQUITY INVESTMENTS APPROVED BY GMCA

FUND / SCHEME	DISTRICT	INVESTMENT	NEW HOMES
Social & Sustainable Housing Fund	GM wide	5,000	50
Resonance Supported Homes Fund	GM wide	5,000	42
National Homelessness Property Fund 2	GM wide	5,000	262
Registered Provider Joint Venture	GM wide	2,000	352
Stockport Interchange	Stockport	9,300	- ³
TOTAL		26,300	706

³ New homes recorded against the loan funding in table above.

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Appendix 2 - Fund overview

	Core Funds	GM Advance	Housing Investment Fund	City Deal Receipts	Life Sciences Fund	Evergreen	Low Carbon Fund
Fund source	RGF and Growing Places	Investment Zone	Loan from DLUHC	Homes England	Fund 1: LGF Fund 2: GMCA	ERDF	ERDF
Fund size	£67m	£10m	£180m	£30m	Fund 1: £30m Fund 2: £20m	Fund 1: £60m Fund 2: £60m	£30m
Funding criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debt and equity for business and commercial property schemes £250k to £5m 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidised debt and equity products focused on Advanced Manufacturing and Materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debt and equity for residential housing schemes. £1m to £70m 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debt and equity for residential housing schemes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equity for Life Sciences businesses in GM and Cheshire. £50k to £2m 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evergreen 1 - Commercial property debt fund invested to deliver urban regeneration projects. Evergreen 2 - Commercial property debt funding focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and Innovation (£30m) Energy efficiency of buildings (£30m), including new and refurbished office development. £2m to £20m per fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debt and equity up to £15m Maximum term of 15 years Aimed at energy efficiency and renewable/low carbon technology installations and district energy networks
Fund performance – net realised profit/(loss)	(£1.4m)	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £29.5m retained by GMCA £22m passed to MHCLG 	No defaults to date – income is not retained by the GMCA	Not available	There have been no defaults on the funds to date	There have been no defaults on the fund to date
Managed by	GMCA	GMCA	GMCA	GMCA	Fund 1: Catapult Ventures Fund 2: Praetura Ventures	CBRE	 <small>CBRE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY</small>

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GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 14 August 2024

Subject: Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
and Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Report of: Nicola Ward, Statutory Scrutiny Officer, GMCA

Purpose of Report:

To provide an opportunity for the Committee to review their draft Work Programme for August-October 2024 (Appendix A) and provide the Committee with the latest Forward Plan of Key Decisions (Appendix B) to ensure that they are informed of the forthcoming decisions to be taken by the GMCA, GM Mayor or any delegated officer or committee.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to –

1. Consider the proposed Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme for August-October 2024.
2. Use the Forward Plan of Key Decisions to identify any potential areas for further scrutiny.

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GMCA Overview and Scrutiny draft Work Programme August – October 2024

9 August: Information briefing on transport

14 August

Item	Lead officer/member	Trajectory of item	Ask of scrutiny
GM Housing Investment Fund and Investment Programme	David Molyneux / Laura Blakey		To consider the approval process and seek assurances in relation to the allocation of investments.

4 September – Information briefing on Homelessness

12 September: Information briefing on Work and Skills

25 September

Item	Lead officer/member	Trajectory of item	Ask of scrutiny
Skills focus of the Devolution Deal	Eamonn O'Brien/Gemma Marsh		To consider the opportunities for the work and skills portfolio arising from the GM trailblazer deal
Manchester Baccalaureate	Eamonn O'Brien/Gemma Marsh		To influence the current proposals for a wider technical education offer in GM
Universal Support and Employer Support	Eamonn O'Brien/Gemma Marsh	GMCA September	To consider the Universal Support and Employer Support schemes and where/how

			they could make the most impact
5-year Environment Plan	Tom Ross / Mark Atherton	GMCA October	To provide pre-policy scrutiny to the emerging priorities of the next GM Environment Plan.

15 October: Information briefing – housing portfolio

23 October

Item	Lead officer/member	Trajectory of item	Ask of scrutiny
Housing First / GM Housing Ambitions	Andy Burnham / Andrew McIntosh		
Local Transport Plan	Andy Burnham / Steve Warrener	Autumn 2024	To provide pre-policy scrutiny to the draft Local Transport Plan

Items to schedule as previously requested by elected members:

- Homelessness
- Local Industrial Strategy
- Holding partnerships / arm's length organisations to account
- Ensuring young people are prepared to success through their education / training experience
- Child poverty
- Progressive procurement
- Adult education
- Asylum allocations
- Tackling food poverty
- Green economy development
- Carbon sequestration
- Housing Investment Loan Fund approval process
- Vision Zero

<p>What is a Forward Plan of Key Decisions?</p> <p>The Register is a published list of the key decisions which are due to be taken by the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) • Greater Manchester Elected Mayor • Joint GMCA & AGMA Executive Board • Transport for Greater Manchester Committee • GMCA Resources Committee • GMCA's Waste & Recycling Committee • Statutory Officers of the GMCA <p>These decisions must be published on the Register at least 28 clear days before the decision is to be taken, whether in public or private. The Register is updated at least once a</p>	<p>What is a Key Decision?</p> <p>A key decision defined by 'the Order' is a decision which, in the view of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, would result in any of the decision makers listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) incurring expenditure over £500,000, or making significant savings of £500,000 or more relating to the budget for the service area to which the decision relates; or (ii) be significant in terms of its effects on persons living or working in an area of more two or more wards or electoral divisions of Greater Manchester. 	<p>How to find out more on these proposed decisions</p> <p>The report (other than those which contain confidential or exempt information) relating to these decisions will published on the GMCA's website five working days before the decision is to be made see www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk.</p> <p>For general information about the decision- making process please contact:</p> <p>Julie Connor - Secretary to the GMCA julie.connor@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</p>
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<p>month.</p> <p>This Register of Key Decisions has been prepared in accordance with Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 ('the Order').</p> <p>The Register is published on the GMCA's website www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk and hard copies are available at the offices of:</p> <p>Greater Manchester Combined Authority & Greater Manchester Mayor Tootal Buildings Oxford Street Manchester M1 6EU</p>	<p>The GMCA's has an Overview & Scrutiny Committee whose role is to contribute to the development of GMCA's strategies and policies, to scrutinise decisions of the decision-makers listed above and to consider any matter affecting those who live, work, study or run businesses in Greater Manchester.</p>	
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Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	Documents to be considered	Portfolio Lead	Lead Director	Officer Contact
Green City Region							
Integrated Water Management Plan - Annual Business Plan	To approve the business plan for the Integrated Water Management Plan 2024/25	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	27 Sep 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Tom Ross		Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcintosh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Environment Plan 2025-30	To approve the Greater Manchester Environment Plan 2025-30.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	25 Oct 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Tom Ross		Mark Atherton mark.atherton@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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Transport							
Bus Franchising Page 54	To approve the award of: (i) the franchise contracts relating to bus franchising; (ii) contracts for the provision of various franchise scheme related services and goods	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM GM Mayor Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024 Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024 Between 1 Aug 2024 and 23 Oct 2024	Report with recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 55</p>	<p>(including all contracts for the provision of equipment, hardware, software and background IT infrastructure that are required to support and/or facilitate the delivery, and ongoing operation, of franchised bus services and the overall franchising</p>						

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Page 56	scheme); and (iii) contracts for the acquisition and/or lease of land, sites or other assets (comprising real estate or otherwise) in connection with the delivery, and ongoing operation, of franchised bus services and the overall franchising						

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	scheme.						
City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)	To approve allocations and Governance and Assurance arrangements for specific schemes as and when required.	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024 Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report and recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com
Bus Depot Acquisitions	To negotiate and approve procedural changes for the acquisition of bus depots to support Tranches 2 and 3 bus	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024 Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	28 Delivering the Bee Network - Bus Fares Fleet Depots and CRSTS	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com

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Page 58	franchising, within previously approved capital and revenue budgets for bus franchising.						
Bus Depot Leases Tranche 2 and 3	To agree the final terms of leases of bus depots both in respect of interim leaseback arrangements to existing operators and	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elliott@tfgm.com

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	the franchise depot subleases to be granted to the franchise bus operators for Tranches 2 and 3.						
Bus Depot Acquisitions Treasurer Decision Tranches 1, 2 & 3	To agree the terms of any agreement between GMCA and TfGM to bring Tranche 1 leases in line with Tranches 2 and 3.	Treasurer GMCA	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elliott@tfgm.com
Subsidised	To approve	Bee Network	Between 1	Report with	GM Mayor	Chief	Stephen

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Services	forthcoming changes to subsidised bus services.	Committee Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024 Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Recommendations	Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Rhodes stephen.rhodes@tfgm.com
Active Travel Programme	Approval to release funding to progress the development and delivery of cycling and walking schemes and programmes.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report with Recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Richard Nickson richard.nickson@tfgm.com
Local Growth Deal (1, 2 and	To grant Full or Conditional	Greater Manchester	Between 1 Aug 2024 and	Report with Recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive	Steve Warrener

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3) six monthly progress update	Approval and/or release funding / approve expenditure and allocate/reallocate funding across the programme for schemes within the Growth Deal 1,2,3 and/or the Transforming Cities Fund.	Combined Authority	31 Oct 2024	ons		Officer GMCA & TfGM	steve.warrener@tfgm.com
Bee Network Advertising	To review the Bee Network	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Jul 2024 and 30	Report with recommendati	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener

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Policy	Advertising Policy to ensure it aligns with and support the objectives of the Greater Manchester Strategy.		Sep 2024	ons			steve.warrener@tfgm.com
Transport Network Planning and Review Process	To approve the proposed approach to reviewing and developing the franchised bus network through a programme of network	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report with recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Stephen Rhodes stephen.rhodes@tfgm.com

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Page 63	reviews.						
	To approve the proposed network planning guidelines.						
	To approve the 12-month programme of network reviews.						

Technical Education & Skills

ESF Skills for Growth Commissioning	To proceed with the procurement and	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien	Treasurer GMCA	Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh@greatermanchester-
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	contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills for Growth programme.						ca.gov.uk
Skills Bootcamps 2024 - 2025: Contract extensions for wave 4 providers to continue delivery into wave 5. Wave 5 commissioning	To extend current contracts of wave 4 providers to continue to deliver into wave 5 of the Skills Bootcamps Programme	Treasurer GMCA	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2025	National Skills Funding (CA report Feb 2023)	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien		Hannah Vincent hannah.vincent@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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Page 65	To proceed with the procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills Bootcamps Programme.						
Grant Award to the 10 Local Authorities for the GM In-Work Progression Service	Decision to grant all 10 Local Authorities £200,000 each per year for two years to	Treasurer GMCA	August 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien		Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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Page 66	fund the GM In-Work Progression Service (an expansion of the Tameside In-Work Progression Pilot).						
Working Well: Universal Support	To accept the terms of the Universal Support Grant Funding Agreement and to grant delegated authority to CA senior officers	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	27 Sep 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien		Thomas Britton

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	for the approval of Universal Support Plans						
Resources and Investment							
Greater Manchester Business Funds	To conditionally approve business investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments, including	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report with Recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Kirsteen Armitage kirsteen.armitage@greatermanchestre-ca.gov.uk

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	where relevant negotiated settlements.						
GM UKSPF Programme - Progress and Performance Management Process	Share progress to date on the GM UKSPF programme and seek agreement for a programme management process for 2024/5	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux		Alison Gordon alison.gordon@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Revenue and capital budget updates	Approve revisions to revenue budget and capital	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	25 Oct 2024 28 Feb 2025	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux Councillor		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	programme.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority			David Molyneux		
GMCA 1112: The supply of Dell Hardware products (laptops and desktops) for GMFRS and the CA	Approval to award a direct award contract under an NHS Shared Business Services Framework for the continues supply of Dell Hardware Products.	Treasurer GMCA	1 Sep 2024	Contract Award Recommendation Report (internal)	Councillor David Molyneux		Sam Pickles Picklessj@manchesterfire.gov.uk
Housing							

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GM City Deal Receipts - Investment Approval Recommendations	The approval of investments funded with City Deal Receipts received from Homes England.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walmsley@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
GM Brownfield Programme	The allocation of funding from GMCA's brownfield programme to residential developments in GM.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walmsley@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Housing Funds	To conditionally approve	Greater Manchester Combined	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report with Recommendations	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm

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	housing investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments	Authority				& TfGM	sley@greater manchester-ca.gov.uk
Agreement to using further Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund surpluses	To agree the further use of Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund (GMHILF) surpluses to support the	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report with Recommendations	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walmsley@greater manchester-ca.gov.uk

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	delivery of the GM Housing Strategy						
Greater Manchester Property Funds	To conditionally approve property investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Aug 2024 and 31 Oct 2024	Report with Recommendations	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcintosh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Homelessness							
GM Refugee	Award of grant	Greater	27 Sep 2024	Report with	City Mayor		Joe Donohue

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Homelessness Prevention Service	allocations under the new GM Refugee Homelessness Prevention Service	Manchester Combined Authority		recommendations	Paul Dennett		joseph.donohue@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Children & Young People							
Digital							
GM One Network Connectivity Partner(s)	To agree and award the contract for the GM One Network connectivity tender.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	27 Sep 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Nicholas Peel		Luke Smith luke.smith@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Strategic	22/07/2024	Treasurer	July 2024	Report with	Councillor		Kieran Smith

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Digital Partners - Contract Award Decision (x3) Page 74	GM Digital has been successful in securing funding through retained business rates to improve our regional digital capabilities. This decision is to approve contract award several procurements, (TBC) to drive value and	GMCA		recommendations	Nicholas Peel		Kieran.Smith@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	create stronger strategic relationships with our supplier networks.						

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