

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CULTURE & SOCIAL IMPACT FUND COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2020
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIRTUAL LIVE MEETING EVENT**

PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

Councillor David Greenhalgh (Chair)	Portfolio Lead for Culture
Councillor Hilary Fairclough	Bolton Council
Councillor Jane Black	Bury Council
Councillor Norman Briggs	Oldham Council
Councillor Janet Emsley	Rochdale Council
Councillor Stephen Coen	Salford City Council
Councillor Kate Butler	Stockport Council

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Zoe Williams	Manchester CC
Marie-Claire Daly	GMCA
Alison Gordon	GMCA
Kerry Bond	GMCA
Matt Berry	GMCA

SFC/12/19

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

That the GMCA Portfolio Leader for Culture be Chair of the Greater Manchester Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee for 2020/21.

A nomination was made for Councillor Janet Emsley to be appointed Vice-Chair. There being no other nominations made, and upon a motion being proposed and seconded, it was:

RESOLVED/-

1. That the appointment of Councillor David Greenhalgh, GMCA Portfolio Lead for Culture as Chair of the Greater Manchester Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee for 2020/21 be noted.
2. That Councillor Janet Emsley be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Greater Manchester Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee for 2020/21.

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
WIGAN

SFC/13/19

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elizabeth Patel (Trafford Council).

Apologies were also received from Georgina Bentley (Wigan Council), Mark Duncan (Manchester City Council), Sheena MacFarlane (Oldham Council) and Emma Varnam (Tameside Council), Louise Window (Bury Council), Katrina Hann (GMCA), Sue Parkinson (Manchester CC), Darren Grice (Link for Life).

SFC/14/19

**TO NOTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
CULTURE AND SOCIALIMPACT FUND COMMITTEE 2020/21**

The 2020/21 Membership of the Committee, as detailed in the agenda pack, that was agreed at the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board on 26 June 2020 was noted, with the amendment of Councillor Hilary Fairclough to be the nominated Member from Bolton Council once agreed by the GMCA at their meeting on 25 September 2020.

RESOLVED/-

That the Membership for the 2020/21 Municipal Year be noted, with the amendment that Councillor Hilary Fairclough be the nominated Member from Bolton Council, to be agreed by the GMCA at their meeting on 25 September 2020.

SFC/15/19

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no Chair's announcements or urgent business

SFC/16/19

**MEMBER'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND ANNUAL
DECLARATION FORM**

Members were reminded of their obligations under the GMCA Members Code of Conduct and to complete an annual declaration of interest form which would be published on the GMCA website.

RESOLVED/-

That Members complete an annual declaration of interest form and return it to the Governance and Scrutiny Team for publication on the GMCA website.

SFC/17/19

TO NOTE THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED/-

That the Committee noted the Terms of Reference for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

SFC/18/19

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

SFC/19/19

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING DATED
18 SEPTEMBER 2019**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the last meeting dated 18 September 2019 be approved as a correct record.

C&SIFC/20/20

CULTURE FUND 2020-2022

The Chair presented a report that had been approved by the GMCA on 14 February 2020 for discussion and Member's information.

The GMCA agreed:

- A budget of £8.6m over 2 years from April 2020 for the GMCA Culture Fund to fund the balanced portfolio of applications.
- The list of organisations to be funded by the GMCA Culture Fund and the report made public within two months of the meeting.
- To delegate the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Chief Executive and Leader for Culture, to enter into grant funding agreements with the organisations and amounts.
- That a report would be presented to GMCA over the following months that will set out a new sustainable approach to funding of GM's culture organisations from 2022.

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

C&SIFC/21/20

GMCA CULTURE FUND 2020-2022 PROPOSED PORTFOLIO

A report was presented, for Member's discussion and information that was agreed by the GMCA on 14 February 2020, which approved organisations to be funded from the new GMCA Culture Strategy and Greater Manchester Strategy. The information was made public two months after the meeting.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That Members be kept up to date with all plans of funding and activities.

The Committee received a presentation, which detailed the activity undertaken since March 2020.

The presentation covered:

- The impact of COVID19 on GM Culture.
- The visitor economy prior to lockdown.
- Bringing life to GM and GM to life.
- Survival into recovery.
- The impact of lockdown – culture and creative.
- Measures taken – culture.
- Living with COVID19.

RESOLVED/-

That the presentation be noted.

The Chair introduced a report that updated Members on plans for cultural recovery in Greater Manchester, detailing work undertaken since the Covid-19 Pandemic lockdown began in March 2020.

The GMCA Culture Team has been working to support the sector, with organisations in the GM Culture Portfolio, supporting digitally excluded residents through the Creative Care Pack Project and entertaining and raising almost half a million pounds for the sector through United We Stream.

There is a longer-term need to support the sector, the GMCA Culture Team met with all recipients of GM Cultural funding within the culture portfolio, to establish the health of the organisations.

With no immediate risk of closure for any organisations within the GM Portfolio, many have had to make some challenging decisions, from significantly reducing their programmes to restructuring and consultation on redundancy for staff. Most organisations feel that they will be able to continue operating through to the next financial year, but the situation will become more challenging in 2021/22, with this in mind, the GM Culture Team are developing a GM Culture Recovery Plan which will explain how existing resource will be targeted for the remainder of the financial year.

Discussion ensued and the following points were raised:

- That figures of freelancers, back and front of house staff etc, be made available to understand the scale of the impact for GM.
- That GM lobby government with regards to supporting the cultural sector.
- That future online events across local authorities be managed by a GM central resource.
- Would free public transport for those attending events be viable.

RESOLVED/-

1. That Members noted activity to date and noted the report.
2. That the draft Cultural Recovery Plan be shared with Members for comment by 10 September 2020, prior to the plan being submitted to the meeting of the GMCA on 25 September 2020.
3. That GMCA Culture officers liaise with Councillor Jane Black regarding GM lobbying government with regards to funding the cultural sector.
4. That Zoe Williams liaise with the GMCA Culture Team regarding connection with the GM Theatres Network.

C&CISF/24/20**DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

That meetings be organised in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference (at least twice a year) and circulated to Members.

RESOLVED/-

1. That an additional GM Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee meeting be arranged.
2. That dates and times be circulated to Members.