

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER  
COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**PRESENT:**

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bolton	Councillor David Greenhalgh
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Elise Wilson
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
Wigan	Councillor Jenny Bullen

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

GMCA - Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA – GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	James Binks
Oldham	Helen Lockwood
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Ben Dolan
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
TfGM	Steve Warrener
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward

## **1. APOLOGIES**

That apologies be received and noted from Jim Taylor and Joanne Roney.

## **2. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no Chair's announcements or urgent business.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests received.

## **4. MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD 2 SEPTEMBER 2020**

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA held 2 September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

## **5. MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES HELD SEPTEMBER 2020**

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 8 September 2020 be noted.
2. That the minutes of the meeting of the Economy, Business, Skills and Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 11 September 2020 be noted.
3. That the minutes of the meeting of the Housing, Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 12 September 2020 be noted.

## **6. MINUTES OF THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE – 8 SEPTEMBER 2020**

1. That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee held 8 September 2020 be noted.
2. That the appointment of Cllr Cox (Bolton) to replace Cllr Allen (Bolton) to the GMCA Audit Committee be approved.

## **7. MINUTES OF THE GM LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP – 8 SEPTEMBER 2020**

That the minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership held 8 September 2020 be noted.

## **8. FINANCE UPDATE**

### **a) COVID FINANCES UPDATE (KEY DECISION)**

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the estimated financial impacts of COVID 19 on GM districts, GMCA and TFGM budgets be noted.
3. That the analysis of the position be noted for :
  - GM Waste Disposal Budgets
  - TFGM and Metrolink
  - Other GMCA budgets
  - Retained Business Rates pilot
4. That the return of a further £5m of GMCA reserves to the nine GM waste districts be approved.
5. That the return of £1m of GMCA funding from GMCA core budgets to or for the use of the ten districts be approved.

**b) GMCA REVENUE UPDATE 2020/21**

1. That it be noted that the Mayoral General revenue outturn position for 2020/21 shows a breakeven position.
2. That it be noted that the Mayoral General – GM Fire & Rescue revenue outturn position for 2020/21 shows an underspend position of £2.946 million.
3. That the GMCA General Budget revenue outturn position for 2020/21 be noted, which shows a breakeven position.
4. That it be noted that the GMCA transport revenue outturn position for 2020/21 was in line with budget.
5. That the Waste outturn position for 2020/21 be noted and that the proposal to transfer estimated at £2.142m from reserves be noted.
6. That it be noted that the TfGM revenue position for 2020/21 was in line with budget after efficiency savings and transfers from reserves of £4.870 million.
7. That it be noted that appropriate adjustments to the 2020/21 budget will be included in the Quarter 2 revenue update.

**c) GMCA CAPITAL UPDATE 2020/21 (KEY DECISION)**

1. That the current 2020/21 forecast underspend of £21.319m compared to the 2020/21 capital budget be noted.
2. That the addition to the 2020/21 Capital Programme of £1.9 million of costs, funded from the capital grant of £1.9 million that forms part of the £3.2 million of Emergency Active Travel (Tranche 1) funding, be approved.

**d) GMCA TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2019/20**

That the report be noted.

## **9. CULTURAL RECOVERY IN GREATER MANCHESTER (KEY DECISION)**

1. That the activity to date in Greater Manchester and across the UK to support the cultural sector be noted.
2. That the draft GMCA Culture Recovery Plan, as set out at Appendix B of the report, be agreed.
3. That it be agreed that Bury would have a further opportunity to be GM's Town of Culture in 2021.

## **10. HOMELESSNESS COVID-19 UPDATE**

1. That the pressures on homelessness services and ongoing response activities be noted, and that the planned next steps be supported.
2. That a further detailed report on specific measures be submitted to the GMCA in November.
3. That it be noted that the GMCA would commit to collect, analyse and report on data to understand the impact of this work as an inequalities priority.

## **11. GM ENVIRONMENT FUND UPDATE**

1. That the progress made in developing the Greater Manchester Environment Fund since the publication of the Greater Manchester 5 Year Environment Plan be noted.
2. That the initiation of the Fund be approved and that authority delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, GMCA Monitoring Officer and GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Green City region, to finalise the form and make-up of the Fund and GMCA's role within it.
3. That the Greater Manchester Environment Fund Briefing Note for publication (annex 1 to the report) be agreed.
4. That it be noted that the purpose of the fund was to stimulate investment to deliver positive environmental impact across Greater Manchester, the scale of impact will depend on the success of the fund managers in attracting suitable funds. Projects ultimately delivered by the fund will, inter alia, take into account equality and diversity considerations; the charitable nature of the fund will serve to underpin this aim.
5. That it be noted that the progress of the fund will be monitored by the Fund Board and be reported quarterly to GMCA and other partners.

6. That it be noted that the diversity of speakers will be progressed further for next year's event.

## **12. FUNDING BID – GREEN HOMES GRANT: LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY (KEY DECISION)**

1. That it be noted that a bid of £4.7m was submitted by GMCA to the Green Homes Grant: Local Authority Delivery fund early September 2020.
2. That it be agreed that GMCA should be the accountable body for the bid on behalf of GM Local Authorities.
3. That, in the event of a successful bid, authority be delegated to Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Lead Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, to:
  - sign an MOU/contract agreement with BEIS to receive grant funding of circa £4.7m for domestic energy efficiency retrofit programme; and
  - spend the awarded grant funds with EON and GM Registered Providers via an OJEU compliant framework and supply chains
4. That it be noted that, if delivered as envisioned, the programme will save in the order of 36,000 tonnes carbon emissions over 20 years. The focus of the programme will be for those citizens on low income, living in energy inefficient homes. The programme would therefore support the alleviation of fuel poverty in over 500 properties in Greater Manchester, with outcomes measured and monitored on a monthly basis.

## **13. GREATER MANCHESTER VCSE ACCORD – INVESTMENT IN VCSE SECTOR LEADERSHIP AND INFRASTRUCTURE (KEY DECISION)**

1. That the work undertaken to review GMCA investment with VCSE organisations in the light of the evolving GM policy context be noted.
2. That the investment proposal contained at section 3 of the report be approved, and approval be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead and Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Community, Co-operatives and Inclusion Portfolio Leader, to award grant agreements, subject to final agreement of GMCA budgets for 2021/22 onwards.

## **14. ESTABLISHING A GM RACE EQUALITY PANEL (KEY DECISION)**

1. That the work to date, including responses received to the recent listening exercise, be noted.
2. That the establishment of the Race Equality Panel, including the allocation of a budget of £50,000 per annum for a VCSE Race Equality Partner to support the work of the Panel, commencing in the current financial year, be approved.

## **15. GREATER MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY REFRESH (KEY DECISION)**

1. That the refreshed Greater Manchester International Strategy be approved.
2. That the development of relationships with countries with which GM has a strong cultural links, such as Bangladesh, be progressed.
3. That the importance of the development GM's unique infrastructure assets to support logistics and address congestion, be recognised as integral to GM ambition to build back better and aligned to the green economy.

## **16. MONTHLY ECONOMIC RECOVERY UPDATE**

1. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard be noted.
2. That it be noted that GM remained confident and ambitious, with the continuation of lobbying for support and interventions for residents.

## **17. THE MAYORS CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND (MCF) (KEY DECISION)**

1. That the agreed MCF delivery priorities across GM and the prioritised first phase for the programme, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.
2. That £6.9 million MCF funding for the Stockport Bramhall Park to A6 Major Scheme be approved, in order to secure Full Approval and enable the signing of a Delivery Agreement.
3. That the release of up to £2.6 million of development cost funding for the two MCF schemes, as set out in the report, be approved.

## **18. LOCAL GROWTH DEAL (1, 2 & 3) – SIX MONTHLY PROGRESS UPDATE AND EXPENDITURE APPROVALS (KEY DECISION)**

1. That the good progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Transport Major Schemes programme be noted.
2. That the good progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Transport Minor Works and Additional Priorities programmes be noted.
3. That the good progress made in relation to the Non Transport Skills Capital and Economic Development & Regeneration (ED &R) programmes be noted.
4. That the payment of grants of £1.819 million to Bolton in relation to the delivery of the SBNI Bolton Delivery Package 5 Phase 3 scheme be approved.

5. That the expenditure approvals for phased delivery of the remaining SBNI 2020/21 works not exceeding £6.036 million be approved, subject to agreed Growth Deal governance.
6. That the expenditure approval for delivery of the first phase of the Oldham Town Centre Regeneration 2020/21 works, not exceeding £1.355 million be approved, subject to agreed Growth Deal governance.

**19. TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GMCA, GM HOUSING PROVIDERS AND GM HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP (KEY DECISION)**

1. That the draft Tripartite Agreement between GMCA, GM Housing Providers and the GM Health and Social Care Partnership be approved.
2. That it be noted that an official launch and signing event will be arranged over the forthcoming weeks.

**20. GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS (KEY DECISION)**

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans as detailed below, be approved:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Bricks & Soul Trading Ltd	Various	GM wide	£0.750m
Newco SPV (an MCR Property Group Company)	Wharf Road, Altrincham	Trafford	£6.397m
Jubilee Way Estates Ltd	Bury Magistrates Court	Bury	£3.948m

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

**21. 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.

**22. GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report be noted.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: <https://democracy.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=136&Mid=4117&Ver=4>

This decision notice was issued 29 September 2020 on behalf of Julie Connor, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is 4.00pm 5 October 2020.

### **Call-In Process**

In accordance with the scrutiny procedure rules, these decisions would come into effect five days after the publication of this notice unless before that time any three members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee decides to call-in a decision.

Members must give notice in writing to the Chief Executive that they wish to call-in a decision, stating their reason(s) why the decision should be scrutinised. The period between the publication of this decision notice and the time a decision may be implemented is the 'call-in' period.

Decisions which have already been considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and where the GMCA's decision agrees with the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may not be called in.