

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER  
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Bolton	Councillor Martyn Cox
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Tom McGee
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

GMCA - Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA – Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Lynn Risdale
Manchester	Rebecca Heron
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Holly Rae
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Saleh
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward

GMCA	Ross Macrae
GMCA	James Killan
TfGM	Steve Warrener
TfGM	Simon Warburton

## **1. Apologies**

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor Elise Wilson (Cllr Tom McGee attending), Councillor David Molyneux (Cllr Nazia Rehman attending), Deputy Mayor for Police, Fire and Crime Bev Hughes, Geoff Little (Lynne Risdale attending), Pam Smith (Holly Rae attending) and Joanne Roney (Rebecca Heron attending).

## **2. Chairs Announcements and Urgent Business**

1. That the recently published HMC report on Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service be noted, and recognition given that although improvements have been made, further work was required to ensure that the service could deliver strongly against all its performance measures.
2. That the GMCA's campaign #isthisok? to address gender-based violence, specifically in relation to the safety of women and girls be endorsed, noting the overdue conversation with all boys, lads and men to call out unacceptable behaviour and promote changing attitudes.
3. That all Leaders and Chief Executives be requested to actively promote the #isthisok? campaign across their own Local Authorities and networks.
4. That thanks be recorded to Pam Smith, who was moving on from her position as Chief Executive of Stockport Council, for all her work on behalf of Greater Manchester recognising that it is a different place as a result.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

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

**4. Minutes of the GMCA meeting - 26 November 2021**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 26 November 2021 be approved.

**5. Minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee – 30 November**

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 30 November 2021 be noted.

**6. Minutes Overview & Scrutiny Committees – December 2021**

That the minutes of the Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 9 December and the Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 10 December be noted.

**7. Minutes of the GM Transport Committee – 10 December 2021**

That the minutes of the GM Transport Committee meeting held on 10 December 2021 be noted.

**8. GM Appointments Update**

1. That the appointment of Cllr Bev Craig, Manchester, as a member of the GMCA be noted.
2. That the appointment of Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett, by the GM Mayor, as the Deputy Mayor of the GMCA be noted and that it be noted that the Deputy Mayor was automatically appointed as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.

3. That the revised appointments made by the GM Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, to Portfolios for 2021/22 as below be noted.

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Lead Chief Executive</b>
Safe & Strong Communities (Police and Fire)	Bev Hughes (GMCA)	Alison Mckenzie-Folan (Wigan)
Green City Region  Waste	Neil Emmott (Rochdale)	Harry Catherall (Oldham)  Eamonn Boylan (GMCA)
Economy & Business	Elise Wilson (Stockport)	Joanne Roney (Manchester) Mark Hughes (Growth Co)
Housing, Homelessness & Infrastructure	Paul Dennett (Salford)	Steve Rumbelow (Rochdale)
Resources & Investment	David Molyneux (Wigan)	Steve Wilson (GMCA)
Equalities, Inclusion & Cohesion	Arooj Shah	Sara Todd (Trafford)
Policy & Reform, Transport	Andy Burnham (GMCA)	Eamonn Boylan (GMCA) – Policy & Transport  Tony Oakman (Bolton) - Reform
Clean Air Zone  Communities & Co-	Andrew Western (Trafford)	Eamonn Boylan (GMCA) & Simon Warburton (TfGM)

operatives		Andrew Lightfoot (GMCA)
Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships  Digital	Bev Craig (Manchester)	Tom Stannard (Salford) -
Young People	Eamonn O'Brien (Bury)	Steven Pleasant (Tameside)
Culture	Martyn Cox (Bolton)	Alison McKenzie-Folan (Wigan)
Healthy Lives & Quality Care	Brenda Warrington (Tameside)	Geoff Little (Bury)

4. That Cllr Andrew Western be appointed to the GMCA Resources Committee.
5. That Cllr Bev Craig be appointed to the GM Local Enterprise Partnership Board.
6. That the appointment of Cllr George Hulme, Oldham, replacing Cllr Steve Williams, as the substitute member on the Air Quality Administration Committee be noted.
7. That the appointment of Cllr George Hulme, Oldham, replacing Cllr Steve Williams, as the substitute member on the Air Quality Charging Authorities Committee be noted.

**9. Greater Manchester Strategy Refresh (Key Decision)**

1. That the final draft Strategy text be approved.
2. That the draft performance framework, targets and approaches be approved.
3. That the initial Delivery Plan be noted and that the establishment of a multiagency Delivery Support Group be approved for its further iteration, development and implementation.

## **10. Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) for the North and Midlands**

1. That the early TfGM analysis of the Integrated Rail Plan be noted and that it also be noted that it fell substantially short of expectations in terms of connectivity through HS2 on both the east and western side of the country and linked by a high speed east & west (HS3/Northern Powerhouse Rail) service.
2. That it be noted that Manchester City Council would be bringing forward further evidence of the detrimental economic and wider regeneration impact as a consequence of the proposed overground station development proposals for Manchester Piccadilly.
3. That it be noted that there were ongoing strategic discussion underway with Trafford Council regarding the wider impact of the proposals, noting the scope for similar discussions across GM regarding the wider impact and opportunities including active travel solutions that may potentially arrive from HS2 that the opportunities be raised with Government continuously.
4. That it be noted that the GM Mayor would relay these concerns through the Transport for the North Board.
5. That it be noted that collectively the Northern Leaders, were considering options, including proposals for land value capture along the original proposed new line from Liverpool through Warrington to Manchester Airport and Bradford/Leeds, as an alternative proposal for submission to

Government.

6. That it be noted work was underway to respond to the HS2 Bill, including petitioning specifically against the Bill if it included the surface level Piccadilly Rail Station.

**11. GMCA Response to the Public Consultation on December 2022 Timetable Option to Improve Rail Performance in the North of England**

1. That it be noted that the proposals for rail timetable improvements for December 2022 included a reduction in the current service levels in the north of England, given limitations of the current infrastructure
2. That it be agreed that the GMCA formally object to the new timetable proposals, unless a timetable for the required infrastructure improvements be provided.
3. That it be agreed that the declassification of train services on the Pennine route, to enable increased capacity on those services be pursued.
4. That it be noted that the analysis undertaken by TfGM has suggested that the network could support 2 trains per hour, throughout the day, on the on the Greenfield and Mosley line from May 2022 and that the proposal would be included in the formal response to the timetable proposals.
5. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to approve and submit a response to the consultation on behalf of GMCA.

**12. Youth Homelessness Prevention Pathfinder (Key Decision)**

1. That the update in relation to the Youth Homelessness Prevention Pathfinder 2020/21 be noted.
2. That the contract award be delegated to GMCA Treasurer.

3. That funding for the contract from the Reform Investment Fund (£2.5m) and 2019/20 Business Rates (£2.5m) contribution totalling £5m for years 2022-2024 be approved.

**13. GM Moving In Action – GM Moving Strategy 2021-31**

1. That the Strategy and the approach be endorsed, for local authorities and other partners across the system to enact.
2. That it be recommended that senior leaders from across Greater Manchester agencies continue to provide visible strategic leadership on this agenda at the highest level.
3. That it be recommended that Local Authority senior leaders provide ongoing support to their district integrated locality teams and local networks, supporting culture change, system change and behaviour change.
4. That it be recommended that Local Authorities facilitate a meeting of key strategic leaders across the integrated system in each district in 2022.

**14. Devolved Adult Education Budget - Proposed Priorities and Approach for 2022/2023 onwards (Key Decision)**

1. That progress against the planned priorities be noted.
2. That the proposed process for continuing plan-led grant funding agreements and extension to the procured contracts for 2022/2023 academic year be agreed.
3. That the proposed refreshed objectives for the Adult Education Programme, in preparation for implementation from 2022/2023 academic year be agreed.



**15. GM Growth Locations Update (Key Decision)**

1. That the six GM Growth Locations, as set out in section 2 of the report, be endorsed.
2. That the work plan, progress update and next steps be noted.
3. That it be noted that further details on each of the Growth Locations would be shared at the 'A new era for Greater Manchester - Greener, Fairer and more Prosperous' event in January 2022.

**16. Delivering Net Zero Carbon Social Rented Homes : A Whole System Challenge for Greater Manchester (Key Decision)**

1. That a further report detailing a robust Delivery Plan will be submitted to the GMCA in the New Year.
2. That the GMCA support the call for more support from Central Government to enable Greater Manchester to reach its ambition and specifically for a change in the criteria to enable all GM Local Authorities to access the Affordable Homes Grant.
3. That the ambitions set out in the GM Mayor's manifesto to achieve the delivery of 30,000 net zero carbon social rented homes by 2038 be endorsed.
4. That the adoption of the whole system challenge approach to delivery of these ambitions, and the commencement of the work outlined be agreed.
5. That it be noted that significant support will be required from Government to achieve substantial and sustained progress toward our ambitions.

**17. Greater Manchester Go Neutral Smart Energy Framework (Key Decision)**

1. That the establishment of a Smart Energy call-off framework be approved.
2. That a call-off framework fee structure be approved.
3. That it be noted that if viable projects were achieved, GMCA partners may require additional support to access funds to further develop and deliver the projects.
4. That it be noted that the environmental outcome was to substantially reduce the carbon emissions of Greater Manchester's public estate, through new and additional renewable energy generation and storage capacity.

**18. Greater Manchester Economic Dashboard and Economy Portfolio Update**

1. That the GMCA request the Chancellor to provide support and assistance for all the business sectors and individuals who will be affected by the introduction of the new guidance in response next phase of the pandemic and that action is taken immediately.
2. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard and response be noted, including delivery of the Local Industrial Strategy and Greater Manchester Economic Vision.

**19. Local Growth Deal Programme Update (Key Decision)**

1. That the progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Transport schemes, as set out in Section 3 and 4 of the report, be noted.
2. That the progress made in relation to the Non-Transport Skills Capital and Economic Development and Regeneration (ED &R) programmes, as set out in Section 6 of the report, be noted.

3. In relation to the Stockport Mixed Use scheme:
  - that it be noted that the Full Business Case health check has recently been undertaken
  - that it be noted that GM Chief Executives have (in line with agreed governance) agreed the allocation of Growth Deal programme contingency allowance to the scheme
  - that the remaining contribution of £8.845 million from the Mayors Challenge Fund (MCF) to provide the full, overall, contribution to the scheme from the MCF of £11.263 million be approved
  - that Final Full Approval to the scheme be granted to enable a contract for the main construction works to be awarded and for the scheme to progress.
  
4. That the expenditure approval of Growth Deal funding for the remaining two packages of the Oldham Town Centre Regeneration works, as set out in Section 5 of the report, be agreed, subject to confirmation of the funding and approval by the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM.

**20. Greater Manchester Investment Framework: Conditional Project Approval (Key Decision)**

1. That an investment into My First Five Years Ltd of up to £750k be approved.
  
2. That a follow-on investment into Immersify Education Ltd of up to £200k be approved.
  
3. That a follow-on investment into Tootoot Limited of up to £100k be approved.
  
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of

the above Fund, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the investment, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investment noted above.

## **21. Exclusion of Press and Public**

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items on business on the grounds that this 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.

## **PART B**

## **22. Greater Manchester Investment Framework : Conditional Project Approval (Key Decision)**

**Clerk's Note:** This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 20 above refers).

That the report be noted.

**A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Democracy-Template - Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)**

This decision notice was issued 21 December 2021 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 on 29 December 2021.

## **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.