

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER  
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 28 JANUARY, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

GMCA - Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Bernie Brown
Bury	Paul Lakin
Manchester	Carol Culley
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Debbie Brown
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Saleh
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Nicola Ward

GMCA

James Killan

TfGM

Steve Warrener

**1. Apologies**

That apologies be received and noted from Deputy Mayor Bev Hughes, Cllr Martyn Cox, Cllr David Molyneux, Joanne Roney, Tom Stannard and Tony Oakman.

**2. Chairs Announcements and Urgent Business**

1. That Members of the GMCA welcomed the opportunity to take part in events to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2022 and that it be a further reminder that there will never be room for racism, hate or discrimination in Greater Manchester.
2. That it be noted that the GM Mayor met with the Secretary of State on the 26 January 2022 as only he can enable a review, variate or withdrawal of the Clean Air Scheme. The Secretary of State has been requested to consider all options, in particular to lift the Government's legal direction on all ten Greater Manchester Local Authorities to provide more time for compliance to be achieved.
3. That it be noted that Members of the GMCA were committed to improving air quality and the health of residents but also recognised that major changes were needed to the current scheme. The request made to the Secretary of State followed previous articulations regarding the fear that the current scheme may not be successful in achieving compliance by 2024 but would cause real hardship to many businesses in GM as a result of recent changes to the supply chain and cost of inflation.
4. That it be note that there would be further engagement regarding the proposed Clean Air Zone in 7-10 days' time.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

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

**4. Minutes of the GMCA meeting – 17 December 2021**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 17 December 2021 be approved.

**5. Minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee – 17 December 2021**

That the minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee meeting held on 17 December 2021 be noted.

**6. Minutes of the GMCA Standards Committee – 17 December 2021**

That the minutes of the GMCA Standards Committee meeting held on 17 December 2021 be noted.

**7. Minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee – 21 January 2022**

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee meeting held on 21 January 2022 be noted.

**8. Minutes Overview & Scrutiny Committees – January 2022**

That the minutes of the Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 11 January 2022 and the Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 14 January 2022 be noted.

**9. Mayoral General Budget & Precept Proposals**

1. That the GM Mayor's proposal to increase the Mayoral General Precept to £102.95 (Band D) comprising of £71.20 for functions previously

covered by the Fire and Rescue Authority precept and £31.75 for other Mayoral General functions be considered.

2. That it be noted that the proposal for the Mayoral General Precept for 2022/23 is part of a multi-year strategy for setting the Mayoral precept baseline which will be adjusted in future years as further Mayoral functions are covered by the funding raised.
3. That the following be noted:
  - i) the overall budget proposed for the Fire and Rescue Service,
  - ii) the use of the reserves to support the revenue and capital budgets, and the assessment by the Treasurer that the reserves as at March 2023 are adequate,
  - iii) the proposed Fire Service capital programme and proposals for funding,
  - iv) the medium-term financial position for the Fire and Rescue Service covered by the Mayoral precept.
4. That the detailed budget proposals for other Mayoral functions be noted.
5. That the use of reserves as set out in Paragraph 3.3 of the report be noted.
6. That Members of the GMCA be asked to consider whether they would wish to submit any written comments to the Mayor in line with the legal process and timetable described in this report.
7. That it be noted that at its meeting on 11 February 2022 there will be an updated budget submitted, consistent with the precept proposals, to reflect final tax base and collection fund calculations and the final Revenue Support Grant settlement.

## **10. Greater Manchester Police & Crime Plan**

1. That the draft Standing Together Plan be noted.
2. That it be noted that the GM Police & Crime Panel would be given the opportunity to review and sign off the Plan at their meeting on the 31 January 2022.

**11. Greater Manchester Retrofit Action Plan**

1. That the draft GM Retrofit Action Plan and its contents be noted.
2. That the GM Retrofit Action Plan be approved for design & publication (attached at Annex 1 to the report).

**12. Greater Manchester International Strategy 2022-2025**

1. That the new Greater Manchester International Strategy be approved.
2. That the approach to developing the GM International Strategy Delivery Plan be noted.

**13. Greater Manchester Information Strategy and CA and Executive Leadership**

1. That the Greater Manchester Information Strategy be approved.
2. That it be agreed that GMCA Member (Cllr Martyn Cox) and Chief Executive (Alison McKenzie-Folan) lead and oversee implementation of the GM Information Strategy.

**14. City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Draft Programme Case**

1. That it be noted that the GMCA, as requested by Government on 20 July 2021, prepared and submitted to the Government's City Region Sustainable Transport Fund in early September, as part of the process

to secure up to £1.19 billion of capital funding for the period 2022/23 to 2026/27.

2. That it be noted that on 22 November 2021, the Secretary of State wrote to the GM Mayor to say that GMCA had be awarded an indicative allocation of £1.07 billion of capital funding conditional on the submission of a programme business case by the end of January 2022.
3. That the key planning assumptions that the draft Programme Case was based upon as set out in section 3 of the report be noted.
4. That the approval of the draft Programme Case be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA and TfGM in consultation with the GM Mayor and for submission to Government.
5. That it be noted that, following further review by Government and the announcement of the final award from Government, the final Programme Case will come to GMCA for approval.

#### **15. Bid to the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) Fund**

1. That approval be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Chief Executive of Stockport MBC, to approve the GMCA ZEBRA fund bid that has been produced in combination with Stockport MBC and Stagecoach Group Plc (Stagecoach). The bid seeks DfT funds of £36.9m alongside Stagecoach investment of approx. £37.2m and a GMCA contribution of £12.5m to support the introduction of 170 Zero Emission Buses in the south of GM by 2024.
2. That the conditions and details for this submission as set out in section 1 of the report be noted.
3. That the GMCA financial contribution of £12.5m be provisionally approved, that will be financed by prudential borrowings, noting that the

borrowings will be repaid to GMCA over the lifetime of the assets through a subsidy control clawback mechanism; and that it be further noted that in the event that the submission is successful, final approval would be sought once costs have been confirmed.

4. That it be noted that any assets created through this fund would be available for the future franchised GM bus network.

## **16. Greater Manchester Economic Dashboard and Economy Portfolio Update**

1. 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.
2. That the Leader of Bury Council, Eamonn O'Brien expressed his gratitude for their recent Good Employment Charter accreditation and urged other Greater Manchester Authorities to lead by example and make the pledge.

**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/Agenda-Template)**

This decision notice was issued 1 February 2022 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 7 February 2022.

### **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.