

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER  
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY,  
2022**

**PRESENT:**

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Deputy Mayor for Police & Fire	Beverley Hughes
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 David Molyneux

**OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Police and Crime Panel Chair	Councillor Janet Emsley
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**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	Carol Culley
Oldham	Harry Catherall

Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	James Killan
TfGM	Steve Warrener

### **1. APOLOGIES**

That apologies be received and noted from Cllr Elise Wilson and Joanne Roney.

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

That following a decision of Government to delay the legal direction for GM Local Authorities to ensure all vehicles comply to the Clean Air standards by 2026, a full public statement outlining the next steps would be published next week.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **4. MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING - 28 JANUARY 2022**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 28 January 2022 be approved.

### **5. MINUTES OF THE GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 28 JANUARY 2022**

That the minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee meeting held on 28 January 2022 be noted.

### **6. MINUTES OF THE GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES -**

## **FEBRUARY 2022**

1. That the minutes of the Housing, Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 1 February 2022 and Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 4 February 2022 be noted.
2. That the GMCA note the concerns raised at the GMCA Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee, raised at the meeting held on 4 February, in relation to the 40% decline in the number of Computing and IT students at GCSE level nationally between 2015 and 2020 at a time when the digital economy was rapidly growing in Greater Manchester and that only 11% of students took computer science, with young people in areas of deprivation having less access to school computer science courses, and that the numbers of girls choosing computer science as a course remains at only 23%.
3. That in response to those concerns, further work would be undertaken in conjunction with the Work and Skills portfolio to ensure that young people were prepared to take on employment within this growing sector.

### **7a GMCA REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2022/23 OVERVIEW**

1. That the summary report be noted.
2. That the GMCA record its thanks to the GMCA Treasurer, his team at the GMCA and the GM Local Authority finance team across GM for their work in the preparation of the 2022.23 budgets.
3. That the feedback from the virtual session with the GMCA Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received and that it be noted that following these discussions the Scrutiny Chair had agreed to exempt the suite of GMCA budget reports from call-in.

### **7b MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET & PRECEPT PROPOSALS 2022/23**

1. That the Mayor's General budget for 2022/23, as set out in the report, together with the calculation of the precepts and Council Tax rates set out in Appendix 2, be approved.
2. That 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 approved.
3. That the overall budget for the Fire and Rescue Service for 2022/23 covered by the Mayoral precept and the medium-term financial position for the Fire and Rescue Service be approved.
4. That the use of reserves as set out in section 3 of the report be approved, noting that the assessment by the GMCA Treasurer that the reserves as at March 2022 are adequate.
5. That it be noted that in accordance with legal requirements, the minutes will record the names of those Members voting for or against the Mayor's budget and precept proposals.

	GMCA Member	Yes	No
Bolton	Cllr M Cox	✓	
Bury	Cllr E O'Brien	✓	
Manchester	Cllr B Craig	✓	
Oldham	Cllr A Shah	✓	
Rochdale	Cllr N Emmott	✓	
Salford	Mr P Dennett	✓	
Stockport	Cllr T McGee	✓	
Tameside	Cllr B Warrington	✓	
Trafford	Cllr A Western	✓	
Wigan	Cllr D Molyneux	✓	

6. That it be noted that the GM Police, Fire and Crime Panel had discussed and noted the proposed GMFRS precept increase at their meeting on the 10 February 2022.
7. That the final Business Rate collection figure from all GM Authorities be noted as £60,000 and that an updated set of Business Rates figures would be circulated in due course.
8. That it be noted that the final table at item 3.1 be amended as follows:

Closing reserves 2021/22 - £41,820

Closing reserves 2022/23 - £42,462

9. That the GMCA Treasurers Statement in providing an assurance that the GMCA Mayoral General Budget proposals were robust and the reserves were adequate, be noted.

**6c GMCA TRANSPORT REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23**

1. That the issues which were affecting the 2022/23 transport budgets, as detailed in the report, be noted.
2. That the GMCA budget relating to transport functions funded through the levy, as set out in the report for 2022/23, be approved.
3. That a Transport Levy on the District Councils in 2022/23 of £105.773 million, apportioned on the basis of mid-year population 2020, be approved.
4. That a Statutory Charge of £86.7 million to District Councils in 2022/23, as set out in Part 4 of the Transport Order, apportioned on the basis of mid-year population 2020, be approved.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in conjunction with the TfGM Finance and Corporate Services Director, to make the necessary adjustments between capital funding and revenue reserves to ensure the correct

accounting treatment for the planned revenue spend for the following schemes, detailed in paragraph 4.36:

- Mayor's Challenge Fund 2022/23 project and programme management costs of up to £1.9 million.
  - Active Travel Fund (Round 2) £0.25 million of revenue funding for associated programme management and assurance costs.
6. That the proposal to increase fees and charges where applicable, in line with inflation and to approve the increases proposed to Bus stop closure charges, as set out in paragraphs 4.59 and 4.60 of the report, be approved.
  7. That the use of Transport reserves in 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in section 5 of the report, be approved.
  8. That it be noted that the funding for Bus Franchising in 2022/23 was approved as part of the Mayoral Budget 2022-23, also on this agenda.
  9. That it be noted that the Corporate Issues and Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee had discussed their concerns regarding the risks to the budget associated with the uncertainty surrounding more longer-term funding for bus and Metrolink services and that those concerns were echoed by the GMCA Treasurer.

**7d GMCA REVENUE GENERAL BUDGET 2022/23**

1. That the budget relating to the GMCA functions excluding transport and waste in 2022/23, as set out in section 2 of the report, be approved.
2. That District contributions of £8.603 million, as set out in section 3 of the report, be approved.
3. That the use of reserves, as set out in section 4 of the report, be approved.

**7e GM WASTE BUDGET AND LEVY 2022/23 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN TO 2024/25**

1. That the forecast outturn for 2021/22 be noted.

2. That the proposed 2023/23 Trade Waste rate of £118.30 to allow forward planning by Districts be noted.
3. That the capital programme for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be noted.
4. That the budget and levy for 2022/23 of £164.8m (1.5% increase) be noted.
5. That the risk position set out in the Balances Strategy and Reserves be noted.
6. That it be noted that due to the volatility within the waste sector, there was a risk that the significant budget underspend may not be retained in 2022/23.
7. That it be noted that it remained the intention of the GMCA to return a minimum of £10m million to those GM Authorities who held a GM waste contract.

#### **7f GMCA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22-2024/25**

1. That the current 2021/22 forecast of £479.9 million, compared to the 2021/22 quarter 2 capital forecast of £625.7 million, be noted.
2. That the capital programme budget for 2022/23 and the forward plan, as detailed in the report and in Appendix A be approved.
3. That it be noted that as the anticipated funding through the City Region Sustainable Transport Fund of £1.07b had not yet been finalised, a further capital budget report would be submitted to the GMCA once the details had been agreed.

#### **8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2022/23**

1. That the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy to apply from the 1 April 2022, be approved, in particular:
  - a. The Treasury and Prudential Indicators listed in Section 4.
  - b. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Strategy in Section 3.
  - c. The Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation at Appendix F.

- d. The Borrowing Strategy outlined in Section 4.
  - e. The Annual Investment Strategy detailed in Section 5.
  - f. Delegation to the Treasurer to step outside of the investment limits to safeguard the GMCA's position as outlined in section 5.21.
2. That the change in the Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy be approved to enable it to apply in 2021/22.

## **9. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2022/23**

That the Capital Strategy for 2022/23 be approved.

## **10. GMCA REVENUE UPDATE QUARTER 3 2021/22**

1. That an increase to the Mayoral budget of £125k to be funded from reserves, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be approved.
2. That an increase to the Fire and Rescue Service budget of £539k to be fully funded from reserves, as set out in Section 4 of the report, be approved.

## **11. A BED EVERY NIGHT 2022-2025 PROGRAMME**

1. That the A Bed Every Night service developments over the coming three years be noted.
2. That the A Bed Every Night budget for 2022/23 (£5,850,000) be approved.
3. That the direction of travel towards a more equitable allocation of funds to Local Authorities, pending reviews on the total budget required and evidence of the need for variance in Local Authorities allocations for 2023/24 and 2024/25, be approved.
4. That the continuation of the Greater Manchester Housing First pilot be noted and that the ongoing delivery be supported.
5. That the submission of the Greater Manchester Rough Sleeper Initiative bid be noted and the planned delivery supported.
6. That the GMCA record its thanks to the GMCA and Local Authority teams working to increase the profile of the Mayors Charity for their significant work to date.

## **12. NATIONAL SKILLS FUND**



1. That the overall progress of the Skills Bootcamps Pilot be noted.
2. That the proposed approach to new Skills Bootcamp delivery in 2022/23 be noted.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships and Digital City Region, to agree section 14 grant conditions, the commissioning route and award of individual grants/contracts.
4. That it be noted that Tameside Council would like to contribute to the planning of future Skills Bootcamps.
5. That it be noted that the GM Mayor would continue to pursue further skills funding devolution through ongoing conversations with the Levelling Up Secretary.

### **13. GMCA RESPONSE TO THE HS2 PHASE 2B HYBRID BILL ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT CONSULTATION**

1. That it be noted that the HS2 Phase 2b Crewe to Manchester hybrid Bill was deposited on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
2. That the Bill process that TfGM will be required to follow to respond to the Environmental Statement consultation; consultation period of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 be noted.
3. That the submission of a response to the consultation on the Environmental Statement for HS2 Phase 2b Crewe to Manchester Bill be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor, to approve a response to the consultation on the Environmental Statement for the Crewe to Manchester HS2 Phase 2b Bill.
5. That a further report would be submitted to the GMCA on the Parliamentary and Select Committee process for HS2 Bill and that it be noted that representations, including specifically the underground Station at Manchester Piccadilly and the significant implications for wider connectivity, including Tameside, would be raised as part of the formal petitioning process.

### **14. GMCA CORPORATE PLAN**

1. That the Corporate Plan, including summary version, noting the organisation's key achievements and priorities for the coming years be noted.
2. That the Corporate Plan, summary document, the approach to develop annual

business plans to sit alongside the corporate plan and an effective performance framework to monitor progress in delivering the activities, set out in the report, be endorsed.

#### **15. GM BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND: FURTHER FUNDS BID**

1. That receipt of the DLUHC Further Brownfield Housing Funds and allocation of grant funding to those sites, as set out within para 2.3 of the report, and the entering into individual Grant Agreements for those recommended sites, be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer, to agree the final terms of all the necessary agreements.

#### **16. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND**

1. That the release of up to £5.4 million of MCF funding for the Bury and Salford schemes, as set out in section 2 of the report, in order to secure full approval and enable the signing of the necessary legal agreements, be approved.
2. That the planned continuation of the Mayor's Challenge Fund Cycling and Walking Programme into 2022/23, in support of continued scheme delivery across Greater Manchester, be noted.
3. That it be noted that at the start of the new municipal year there would be an opportunity to set out the new leadership and governance arrangements for the cycling and walking programme.
4. That a future report would be submitted to the GMCA on the widening of the pilot scheme undertaken in Tameside regarding junction zebra crossings.

#### **17. 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.

#### **18. A BED EVERY NIGHT 2022-25 PROGRAMME**

That the financial modelling for A Bed Every Night income and expenditure in years 2023/24 and 2024/25 be noted.

**A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [GMCA 11.02.22](#)**

This decision notice was issued 15 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 21 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.