

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER  
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER,  
2023**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor of Greater Manchester	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
Deputy Mayor (Police, Crime & Fire)	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Nicholas Peel
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Stockport	Councillor Mark Roberts
Tameside	Councillor Ged Cooney
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bolton	Councillor Nadim Muslim
Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
Salford	Councillor John Merry

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Exec Director of Policy & Strategy	Simon Nokes
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Gillian Duckworth
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
GMCA Director of Governance & Scrutiny	Julie Connor
GMFRS Chief Fire Officer	Dave Russel
GMFRS Deputy Chief Fire Officer	Ben Norman

Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	James Binks
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lee Teasdale
NHS	Claire Norman

## **1. Apologies**

That apologies be received from City Mayor Paul Dennett (Salford), Councillor Mark Hunter (Stockport) & Joanne Roney (Manchester).

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

1. That the update following the introduction of Tranche 1 of the Bee Network on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be received.
2. That the update on the current issues around HS2 be received.
3. That it be noted that the Mayor was seeking an audience with the Prime Minister to gain further clarity on the HS2 line to Manchester proposals.
4. That the Deputy Mayor's update on the ongoing Baird Review be noted.
5. That it be requested that any persons who wished to engage with the Baird Review and had not already done so, to make contact within the next two weeks.

### **3 GMFRS Fire Cover Review**

1. That the GMCA notes that the GMFRS Fire Cover Review outcomes constitute a Mayoral Decision.
  
2. That the verbal update on outcomes of the GMFRS Fire Cover Review be received and noted. With the proposals highlighted as follows:
  - Introduce one additional wholetime fire engine at Manchester Central Community Fire Station – taking the total fleet from 50 to 51 pumps.
  - Invest an additional £340k in Prevention and Protection activities – targeting more resources to keeping people safe from emergencies before they happen.
  - Implement Enhanced Rescue Station proposals at Leigh and Ashton Community Fire Stations – strengthening the ability to respond to increasing numbers of complex emergencies.
  - Implement all proposals from the Strategic Review of Special Appliances – Implementing new technologies and ensuring specialist technical equipment is best located for where it is most needed across the city-region.
  - Crews will continue to be based on station 24/7 and day crewing arrangements will not be progressed at Sale and Offerton fire stations.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made in relation to any item on the agenda.

### **5. Minutes of the GMCA Meeting Held on 28 July 2023**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 28 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

### **6. Minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee held on 28 July 2023**

That the minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee meeting held on 28 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

**7. GMCA Audit Committee Minutes – 20 September 2023**

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee meeting held on 20 September 2023 be noted.

**8. GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 26 July & 16 August 2023**

1. That the minutes of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 26 July & 16 August 2023 be noted.
2. That it be noted that as part of the Trailblazer Devolution Deal, parallel scrutiny arrangements with members of parliament were being finalised, and that work would take place to ensure that these arrangements compliment the work of the existing GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**9. Greater Manchester Business Board – 19 July & 19 September 2023**

That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Business Board meetings held on 19 July & 19 September 2023 be noted.

**10. Bee Network Committee – 27 July 2023**

That the minutes of the Bee Network Committee meeting held on 27 July 2023 be noted.

**11. Appointments to Greater Manchester Bodies**

1. That the appointment of Cllr Imran Rizvi (Bury) as a member of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be approved.
2. That the appointment of Cllr Nathan Boroda (Bury) and Cllr Mohammed Iqbal (Bolton) as substitute members of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be approved.
3. That the appointment of Cllr Elliot Moss (Bury) to the GM Joint Clean Air Scrutiny Committee be noted.

## **12. Cost of Living and Economic Resilience**

That the latest assessment and emerging response be noted.

## **13. Greater Manchester Equality Panels Annual Report**

1. That the Annual Reports provided by the Disabled People's Panel, Youth Combined Authority, Women and Girls Equality Panel, Race Equality Panel, Faith and Belief Panel Advisory Panel, Older Peoples Equality Panel and LGBTQ+ Equality Panel be noted.
2. That the commitment of all Portfolios to proactively engage with Equality Panels (individually or collectively) on issues that impact communities-of-identity be endorsed.

## **14. Towards an Integrated Technical Education, Skills and Work City-Region**

1. That the update and proposed next steps be noted and endorsed.
2. That the proposals for new governance arrangements for GMCA's Education, Skills and Work portfolio, including the development of the Joint Oversight Board (JOB) with central government, in line with the Trailblazer Devolution Deal, and the proposed operation of a 'shadow' JOB ahead of full implementation in early 2024, be approved.
3. That the standing down of current Employment Skills and Work (ESW) governance be approved – primarily the Employment & Skills Advisory Panel (ESAP), with thanks for members' contributions to date.
4. That the establishment of a GMCA ESW Executive Member portfolio leads' forum, comprising the ten portfolio leads (e.g. Work & Skills or equivalent) be approved, with Leaders invited to nominate their relevant Executive Member portfolio lead.

5. That the progress of the Local Skills Improvement Fund (LSIF) application and delegate initial sign off for the submission to the Portfolio Leader for Technical Education, Skills & Work be noted.
6. That all individual districts be requested to engage with their local businesses to encourage involvement with the new ESW governance arrangements.

#### **15. Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Switchover**

1. That the report and progress towards supporting PSTN switchover in GM be noted.
2. That support be given to advocating that the Government should play a stronger and more active role in the PSTN switchover.
3. That the need to ensure that public sector organisations and their partners were undertaking appropriate steps to upgrade or mitigate be endorsed.
4. That the work between local authorities and industry to identify vulnerable households and the request that no-one is disconnected by industry until a suitable alternative connection is available be supported.
5. That the establishment of a GM PSTN Switchover working group to coordinate activity and communication, in partnership with ISPs and Local Authorities be endorsed.

#### **16. Business Plan for the Integrated Water Management Plan to 31 March 2024**

1. That the Business Plan for the Integrated Water Management Plan to 31 March 2024 (Annex A) be approved.
2. That the budget request this financial year (£207,758) to

operationalize the plan (paragraph 3.5) be approved.

3. That the request to create new fixed terms posted funded through retained business rates (paragraph 3.2) be approved.
4. That the allocation of a minimum of £250k is allocated to the Integrated Water Management Plan from FY 24/25 retained business rates (Paragraph 3.6) be approved.
5. That the comments raised by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted
6. That it be noted that an Integrated Water Management session would be held during the GM Green Summit on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

#### **17. Delivering the Bee Network: Acquisition of Bus Depots to Support Bus Franchising**

1. That the procedural changes for depot acquisitions for Tranches 2 and 3, in order to streamline the acquisition and leasing of depots, be approved.
2. That the changes to the decisions and delegations from the September 2022 GMCA meeting, set out in the Appendix, be noted.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, TfGM and GMCA, to agree the final terms of leases of bus depots both in respect of interim leaseback arrangements to existing operators and the franchise depot leases to be granted to the franchise bus operators for Tranches 2 and 3.
4. That authority be delegated to TfGM to manage, maintain and insure all of the bus depots on behalf of GMCA in accordance with the terms of an agreed Protocol between GMCA and TfGM referred to in earlier reports to the GMCA.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree the terms

of any agreement between the GMCA and TfGM to bring Tranche 1 leases in line with Tranches 2 and 3.

## 18. Annual Treasury Outturn Report

That the report be approved.

## 19. Greater Manchester Brownfield Programme

1. That the allocation of up to £14.9m of the Brownfield Housing Fund programme funding devolved to GMCA to the 7 projects identified at Appendix 1, be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, acting in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Housing and the Lead Member of the relevant district to approve increases of up to 10% on brownfield funding allocations previously approved by the Combined Authority and other variations to funding conditions in the period up to 31 March 2024.

## 20. Greater Manchester City Deal Receipts – Investment Approval Recommendation

1. That the following investments of City Deal Receipts in two Social Impact Funds, be approved as follows:

FUND	DISTRICT	CDR INVESTMENT
National Homelessness Property Fund 2	GM Wide	£6.5m
Resonance Supported Homes Fund	GM Wide	£2.5m

2. That the City Deal Receipts, which form part of the £119.8m GMCA was lending to Renaker's Bankside and Trinity D2 developments being increased from £20m to £21m, with the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund ("GMHILF") element of the loan reduced accordingly, be approved.



3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above loan, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the loan, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan noted above.

## **21. Greater Manchester Investment Framework, Conditional Project Approval**

1. That the loan facility of up to £950,000 to ClearCycle be approved.
2. That the investment into LoveRaw Limited (“LoveRaw”) of £500,000, approved under delegated authority be noted.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above loan, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the loan, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan noted above.

## **22. 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.

## **PART B**

## **26. Greater Manchester Investment Framework, Conditional Project Approval**

That the contents of the report be noted.

**Clerk's Note:** This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 21 above refers).

**A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Agenda for Greater Manchester Combined Authority on Friday, 29th September, 2023, 10.30 am - Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](#)**

This decision notice was issued 3 October 2023 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 10 October 2023.

### **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 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 the 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.