

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 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
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Tameside	Councillor Ged Cooney
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Bolton	Councillor Nadim Muslim
Co-Chair of GM Disabled People's Panel	Melvyn Bradley

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer	Gillian Duckworth
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
GMCA Director of Governance & Scrutiny	Julie Connor
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow

Salford	John Searle
Stockport	Michael Cullen
Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lee Teasdale

1. Apologies

That apologies be received from Councillor David Molyneux (Wigan), Tom Stannard (Salford) & Caroline Simpson (Stockport).

2. Chairs Announcements and Urgent Business

1. That White Ribbon Day be acknowledged and that the GMCA reaffirms its continued strong support.
2. That the update on the news arising from the Autumn Statement on the Greater Manchester funding model for devolution be received.
3. That the update on Greater Manchester Investment Zone expansion arising from the Autumn Statement be received.
4. That the concerns arising from the lack of updates within the Autumn Statement on local authority funding and the household support fund be acknowledged and that these concerns be voiced directly to the Government.
5. That it be advised that Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester will be attending the Government Covid Inquiry, alongside the GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to give evidence, noting that he would be advising that a devolved approach to Greater Manchester's emergency structure would have delivered a faster response to the pandemic.

6. That the update on the successes arising from Tranche 1 of the Bee Network and the identified areas for improvements be received.

3 Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes of the GMCA Meeting Held on 27 October 2023

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 27 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

5. Minutes of the Greater Manchester Bee Network Committee held on 26 October 2023

That the minutes of the Bee Network Committee meeting held on 26 October 2023 be noted.

6. Minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee held on 27 October 2023

That the minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee meeting held on 27 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

7. Minutes of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee Minutes held on 25 October 2023

That the minutes of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 25 October 2023 be noted.

8. Minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2023

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee meeting held on 15 November 2023 be noted.

9. Baird Review Update

That the statement from the Deputy Mayor updating on the progress of the Baird

Review be received.

10. Greater Manchester Business Board Membership Review

1. That the renewal of the seven existing private sector members' terms of office for another two-year term (Lou Cordwell, Lorna Fitzsimons, Vimla Appadoo; Marilyn Comrie; Steve Connor; Chris Oglesby and Justin Kelly) be endorsed.
2. That the recommendation that to two existing Board members continue as ex-officio members, representing the Growth Company and Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce (Mike Blackburn and Clive Memmott), be endorsed.
3. That that the appointment of the five new private sector members invited to join the Business Board (Devrim Celal; Laura Percy; Mike Wilton; Steve Rothberg; and James Byrne) be endorsed.

11. Greater Manchester Response to 2022 Big Disability Survey

1. That the progress made with the response to the 2022 Big Disability Survey and the issues which have been identified relating to its delivery be noted.
2. That the importance of its constituent organisations achieving a co-ordinated, multi-stakeholder, and effectively resourced Greater Manchester wide response, aimed at improving the lives of disabled people be actively endorsed.
3. That the comments contributed by Melvin Bradley, Co-Chair of the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel, be received.
4. That the ten Greater Manchester Local Authorities be requested to ensure that there were clear consistent arrangements in place to respond to the recommendations of the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel.

12. Greater Manchester Children & Young People Programme Update

1. That the commitment of all Greater Manchester Local Authorities to tackle the high costs and reliance on agency social workers, by signing up to the 'Greater Manchester Pledge', be noted.
2. That the progress to date on 'Project Skyline' and the intention to launch the procurement exercise for the proposed children's homes in the final quarter of 2023/24 be noted.
3. That the Greater Manchester level response to the challenge of how to increase the number of foster carers across the city-region be noted.
4. That the lobbying of Government for fair and sustainable funding for children's services continues, including an acceleration of the regulation and statutory guidance required to tackle the rising costs of placements for Looked After Children and the high cost associated with agency social workers, be supported.
5. That Greater Manchester Local Authorities be encouraged to identify areas of particular interest, within the Greater Manchester Children's programme, for the next thematic update from the Greater Manchester Children's Board to GMCA.

13. Greater Than Violence: A Ten-Year Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Strategy (key decision)

1. That the contents of the report and the accompanying Violence Reduction Strategy be noted.
2. That approval and commitment be given to a ten-year strategic plan to reduce violence across Greater Manchester.
3. That a commitment be given to work with the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and its partners to implement the commitments set out in the strategy.
4. That the update from the Mayor of Greater Manchester, on plans to work

to work with the Royal Foundation on pathways for vulnerable young people be received.

5. That the comments made by Councillor Nadim Muslim, on behalf of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, be received.
6. That it be noted that the Deputy Mayor will lead on the development of a detailed action plan over the coming months.

14. Innovation Greater Manchester

1. That the update on the work of Innovation Greater Manchester Partnership be noted.
2. That it be noted that the Innovation Greater Manchester Board approved a series of recommendations at its Board meeting of 12 October 2023, approving the creation of a triple helix Partnership arrangement, as set out in the report submitted.
3. That approval be given to the GMCA entering into such a Partnership Agreement and move to appoint a new Chair for Innovation Greater Manchester Partnership, and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Economic Portfolio Lead and the GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to agree the terms of the Partnership Agreement, in accordance with the terms set out in the report submitted.
4. That approval be given to the use of already committed resources to support the development of Innovation Greater Manchester in its new form in 2023/24 and to consider 2024/25 resources as part of the Retained Business Rates process.

15. Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme 3C Opportunity (key decision)

1. That it be noted that the GMCA has proceeded with a consortium bid for circ. £9m from Salix (NPBD) under the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Phase 3c.
2. That that the receipt and defrayment of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Phase 3c funding be advocated, with authority delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to sign all necessary legal agreements (subject to successful award).
3. That it be noted that the impact assessment revealed a positive impact for both environment and economy outcomes.
4. That a top slice from any capital grant awarded, to underpin the GMCA's cost of coordinating and project managing the scheme, be approved.
5. That the scale of the top slice will be confirmed on receipt of the grant.

16. Greater Manchester Brownfield Programme (key decision)

1. That approval be given to the allocation of up to £11.905m from the GM Brownfield programme funding devolved to GMCA, in line with the details contained at Appendix 1.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, acting in consultation with the GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to effect the necessary legal agreements for the individual grants between the GMCA and grant recipients.

17. Greater Manchester Housing Delivery Plan

1. That the contents of the paper be noted.
2. That intention to progress with development of the Housing Delivery

Plan, in line with the timeframe, be approved.

18. Mid-Year Treasury Review

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-Year Review Report 2023/24 be approved.

19. Greater Manchester Investment Recommendations (key decision)

1. That an equity investment of up to £350k to Wi-Q Limited be approved.
2. That an equity investment of up to £1m to SMIDSY Ltd (trading as “Beryl”) be approved.
3. That a loan novation of up to £12.95m to Chancerygate (Erdington) Ltd be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to review the due diligence information in respect of the above investments, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the investments, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investments noted above.

20. 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

21. Greater Manchester Investment Recommendations

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 19 above refers).

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [GMCA Agenda 24th November 2023](#)

This decision notice was issued 27 November 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 4 December 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.