

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, 7th February, 2025

TIME: 9.30 am

VENUE: Trafford Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Chairs' Announcements and Urgent Business (if any)
- 3. Declarations of Interest

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4. Minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Resources Committee 5 - 8 held on 25 October 2024

To approve the minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee held on 25 October 2024

5. Update on GMCA Group arrangements

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Report of Caroline Simpson, Group Chief Executive, GMCA, GMFRS & TfGM.

BOLTON	MANCHESTER	ROCHDALE	STOCKPORT	TRAFFORD
BURY	OLDHAM	SALFORD	TAMESIDE	WIGAN

Name	Organisation	Political Party
GM Mayor Andy Burnham	GMCA	Labour
Councillor Bev Craig	Manchester CC	Labour
City Mayor Paul Dennett	Salford City Council	Labour
Councillor Mark Hunter	Stockport	Liberal Democrats
Councillor David Molyneux	Wigan Council	Labour
Councillor Eamonn O'Brien	Bury Council	Labour
Councillor Tom Ross	Trafford	Labour

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Declaration of Councillors' Interests in Items Appearing on the Agenda

Name and Date of Committee.....

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Quick Guide to Declaring Interests at GMCA Meetings

Please Note: should you have a personal interest that is prejudicial in an item on the agenda, you should leave the meeting for the duration of the discussion and the voting thereon.

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Your personal interests must be registered on the GMCA's Annual Register within 28 days of your appointment onto a GMCA committee and any changes to these interests must notified within 28 days. Personal interests that should be on the register include:

- 1. Bodies to which you have been appointed by the GMCA
- 2. Your membership of bodies exercising functions of a public nature, including charities, societies, political parties or trade unions.

You are also legally bound to disclose the following information called Disclosable Personal Interests which includes:

You, and your partner's business interests (eg employment, trade, profession, contracts, or any company with which you are associated).

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Failure to disclose this information is a criminal offence

Step One: Establish whether you have an interest in the business of the agenda

- 1. If the answer to that question is 'No' then that is the end of the matter.
- 2. If the answer is 'Yes' or Very Likely' then you must go on to consider if that personal interest can be construed as being a prejudicial interest.

Step Two: Determining if your interest is prejudicial

A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest:

- 1. where the wellbeing, or financial position of you, your partner, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association (people who are more than just an acquaintance) are likely to be affected by the business of the meeting more than it would affect most people in the area.
- 2. the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

For a non-prejudicial interest, you must:

- 1. Notify the governance officer for the meeting as soon as you realise you have an interest.
- 2. Inform the meeting that you have a personal interest and the nature of the interest.
- 3. Fill in the declarations of interest form.

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If your interest relates to a body to which the GMCA has appointed you to, you only have to inform the meeting of that interest if you speak on the matter.

For prejudicial interests, you must:

- 1. Notify the governance officer for the meeting as soon as you realise you have a prejudicial interest (before or during the meeting).
- 2. Inform the meeting that you have a prejudicial interest and the nature of the interest.
- 3. Fill in the declarations of interest form.
- 4. Leave the meeting while that item of business is discussed.
- 5. Make sure the interest is recorded on your annual register of interests form if it relates to you or your partner's business or financial affairs. If it is not on the Register update it within 28 days of the interest becoming apparent.

You must not:

Participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your disclosable pecuniary interest during the meeting participate further in any discussion of the business,

participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

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Agenda Item 4

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT:

Andy Burnham Mayor of Greater Manchester

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien Bury
City Mayor Paul Dennett Salford
Councillor Tom Ross Trafford
Councillor David Molyneux Wigan

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Joanna Midgely Manchester
Councillor Mark Roberts Stockport

Caroline Simpson Group Chief Executive, GMCA, FMFRS & TfGM

Kevin Lee Office of the GM Mayor

Sylvia Welsh GMCA

RC/09/24/25 Apologies

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor Bev Craig (Manchester) and Councillor Mark Hunter (Stockport).

RC/10/24/25 Chairs Announcements and Urgent Business

There were no Chair's announcements.

RC/11/24/25 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

RC/12/24/25 Minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Resources Committee held

on 12 July 2024

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2024 be approved as a correct record.

RC/13/24/15 GMCA Update on Group Arrangements

Caroline Simpson, Group Chief Executive Officer, introduced a report which provided the Resources Committee with an update on the Senior Leadership structure of the new Group arrangements following her appointment as Group Chief Executive Officer and seeking input and support for the next stages of development.

The report also set out some key appointments and requests for approval for changes to existing delegations that will support the direction of travel that was proposed, whilst ensuring full accountability and transparency.

In introducing the report, the GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, suggested that it has been a fantastic start for the Group Chief Executive Officer, with the change programme already being felt across the Group in terms of relationships and strategies, albeit that GMFRS and TfGM have retained their individual identities.

The Group Chief Executive assured the Committee that the Senior Leadership structure was not a merger or a dilution of identity and was an alignment of leadership and vision, with opportunities to work closer across the GM system, including health and GMP.

The Committee was advised that it was proposed to submit a report of the Group Chief Executive's utilised delegations to the Resources Committee on an annual basis.

A further report will be submitted to the Resources Committee in January 2025 regarding the outcomes of the engagement of independent HR/OD support to identify where senior leadership roles were changing in terms of scope and responsibilities and review appropriate renumeration.

Members confirmed that the strategic coherence across the ten GM Local Authorities and GMCA was very good, recognising that further work was required to align with health and housing, in particular the development partnership with Homes England, which needs to be more regionalised. Work will continue with both GM Health and Homes England, who were now helpfully located within the GMCA offices, which should assist with developing relationships.

Influencing Government was highlighted as a priority, with the majority of responsibility currently sitting with the Mayor and GM Chief Executives, suggesting that there was further potential to grow the leadership across the Group.

The closer working relationship with TfGM has resulted in the strategic alignment of shared objectives and has worked well.

It was important to ensure that as the GMCA progressed that the GM's Local Authorities were not left behind.

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, assured the Committee that the change programme across the Group had been carefully considered, and was focussed on being disciplined with a view to relieving financial pressures on Local Authorities.

RESOLVED/-

 That the direction of travel for the GMCA/TFGM Group structure and senior leadership arrangements in the context of the Single Integrated Settlement and the next phase of growth and system working across Greater Manchester be noted and endorsed.

- 2. That Steve Warrener, current interim Managing Director of TfGM, be confirmed as the permanent Managing Director of TFGM.
- 3. That the engagement of independent HR/OD support to identify where senior leadership roles are changing in terms of scope and responsibilities and review appropriate renumeration be supported.
- 4. That the intention to utilise a current Senior Leadership role in TFGM to support wider system change and integration across the group arrangements be supported.
- 5. That the GMCA be recommended to approve a) the extension of delegations to the Group Chief Executive and b) changes to the terms of reference of this Committee to be included within the GMCA Constitution regarding staffing matters to align with common practice in local government, as set out in the report.
- 6. That the intention through the budget setting process for 2025/26 to release funding back into the 10 local authorities in light of the above arrangements and efficiencies to be gained as part of the proposals in the report, be noted.
- 7. That the reframing of the Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire Directorate to Safer Stronger Communities Directorate, be noted.
- 8. That the intention to present a further report to the Committee in early 2025 with a more detailed update on potential opportunities for further integration and efficiencies, as well as an update and proposed approach for the next level of leadership in GMCA and TFGM, be noted.

Agenda Item 5



Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Resources Committee

Date: 7 February 2025

Subject: Update on GMCA Group arrangements

Report of: Caroline Simpson, Group Chief Executive Officer, GMCA, GMFRS and TfGM

Purpose of Report

This report provides the Committee with an update on the progress made since the last paper in October 2024 in relation to the development of the new Group arrangements, developing our ways of working and ensuring clarity and fairness in our pay and grading structures.

Whilst much of this activity falls within existing delegations, this report will ensure the Resources Committee are sighted on all developments to ensure full transparency.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- 1. Note the progress made since the last update to Resources Committee
- 2. Endorse the inclusion of the proposed pay scales and progression criteria for SM3, in line with necessary consultations
- 3. Grant the Group Chief Executive the delegated authority to continue to work with Korn Ferry to ensure that the most senior posts are appropriately graded and aligned to the relevant pay grade.
- 4. Note the extended role of the Director of Strategy, Economy and Research, which will be regraded to SM3 and renamed Director of Strategy
- 5. Recommend to GMCA the establishment of a 2-year fixed term Chief Transformation at GMCA Grade SM3 (subject to job evaluation)

- 6. Endorse the engagement of interim support to progress Group Organisational Development priorities.
- 7. Recommend to GMCA the establishment of seven fixed-term Senior Programme Director posts, at up to grade SM3 to support delivery of Growth Location programmes.

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Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

The proposals in this paper will not have a direct impact on equalities, carbon and sustainability.

Risk Management

Risk to achieving the ambitions and objectives of GMCA without appropriate structures in place.

Legal Considerations

The establishment of posts within this report are in accordance with the legislative requirements of the GMCA and its Constitution

Financial Consequences - Revenue

Financial implications are kept to a minimum through reviewing and regrading of existing GMCA posts or funding through existing budgets and funding streams. Changes to posts will be incorporated into existing 2025/26 budgets.

Financial Consequences – Capital

N/A

Number of attachments to the report:

N/A

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

N/A:

Background Papers

Resources Committee Paper of 25th October 2024

Resources Committee Paper 22nd July 2022

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

No

Bee Network Committee

N/A

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

N/A

1. Introduction

- 1.1. My previous paper to the Committee in October 2024 set out how important it is for the GMCA group of organisations (GMCA, GMFRS and TfGM) to work efficiently and effectively together, to deliver our ambitions for the people of Greater Manchester.
- 1.2. Greater collaboration across the group will in turn enable more coordinated engagement and collaboration with the ten local authorities, with our partners in Health and with Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to deliver the ambitions we set out in the Greater Manchester Strategy.
- 1.3. This paper provides an update on the recommendations approved in the last Resources Committee paper and seeks the Committee's endorsement and support for the direction of travel and next steps. The recommendations in this report are made in the context of evolutionary, thoughtful and opportunity-led change, taken in discrete steps so as not to put at risk our delivery activities.

2. Context

- 2.1. We are moving at even greater pace, since the last paper to Resources Committee only a few months ago, we have completed the roll out of Bus Franchising with our final, and largest tranche going live in January 2025, we are working hard to prepare for the Integrated Settlement from April this year.
- 2.2. On 16th December 2024 the Government published the English Devolution White Paper which was welcomed in GM, and we have committed to engaging with Government to pilot 'task and finish group' to explore the practical ways in which we can go further. The group, will explore: employment support; 16-19 skills; the alignment of housing and transport and expanding devolution and partnership working into areas such as business support and regional innovation funding are all areas where we think rapid progress can be made.

- 2.3. Our refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy will be published in the next few months, supported by our 10-year Growth and Delivery Plan, these will clearly set out the scale and scope of what we need to deliver across the GM system so it is absolutely vital we set ourselves up to realise those outcomes.
- 2.4. The scale and complexity of what we are being asked to deliver is huge. In 2025/26 GMCA, including Police funding, will be a £3bn organisation. We are the largest Mayoral Combined Authority in England and we are leading the way in terms of English Devolution. The Government and other regions are looking to Greater Manchester and the West Midlands through our trailblazer deals to lead English Devolution and set the precedent for others. We need to make sure that we have the right people in the right roles to meet these challenges.

3. Need for integration

- 3.1. To successfully deliver real local devolution, we need to ensure we have the skills, capacity and mechanisms to deliver integrated policies, decisions, programmes and services that contribute to the outcomes in the GMS. The outcomes will be achieved through a combination of activities, that together achieve the best results at the best value. GMCA plays a pivotal role in convening our GM system and it requires strategic leadership and capability. At the same time our Corporate Services are essential to enable the system. We need some growth in both our delivery functions and our corporate services whilst at the same time driving efficiency and quality through our ways of working.
- 3.2. Whilst recognising some growth is needed, it is important that existing roles and talent are utilised fully within our group organisations to keep incremental costs to a minimum and achieve the commitment to phase out the levy paid by local authorities for GMCA corporate services over the next four years.

4. Progress since October 2024

4.1. Resources Committee and GMCA approved a number of recommendations in the October 2024 meeting:

- The changes that the GMCA approved in relation to delegations to me as Head
 of Paid Service to establish new and additional posts up to Deputy Chief Officer
 have been reflected in the GMCA Constitution.
- Steve Warrener has been appointed to the role of permanent Managing Director of TfGM.
- We have initiated a programme of work to review Corporate Services across the group to identify how we can work better and more efficiently and effectively together.
- 4.2. In addition, to progress our priorities around growth and delivery, a small number of changes have been made to senior leadership roles within GMCA. The responsibilities of the Director of Place role have been extended, renaming it Director of Sustainable Growth and Infrastructure. This important role will have the overarching functional responsibility to develop and oversee the 10-year GM growth and infrastructure pipeline. These extended responsibilities mean that the roll has been regraded from SM4 to SM3. At the same time, we have taken the opportunity to reevaluate a senior post within the Strategy team upon the retirement of a colleague and reduced its responsibilities, this has resulted in the role moving down a grade (from SM3 to SM4). The net effect of these changes means there are no additional resourcing costs.

5. Evolving the GMCA pay structure

5.1. In July 2022, Resources Committee authorised the previous GMCA Chief Executive to progress proposals to introduce a more modern, streamlined and progressive pay and grading structure for GMCA (non-operational workforce) for all roles above Grade 11. This was needed to ensure flexibility, fairness, transparency and

- compliance with equality legislation as set out within the Equality Act 2010, in a way that had minimal impact on the budget and on the workforce.
- 5.2. In order to develop the pay and grading structure, benchmarking was conducted on public sector pay, including GM Local Authorities' pay and grading structure.
- 5.3. The structure was based on the LGA Job Evaluation scheme and comprises 7 grades, SM7 to SM1 with SM1 being the most senior defined as the joint Chief Executive Officer (GMCA and TfGM). At the time, the most senior roles (SM3, SM2 and SM1) were excluded from the benchmarking exercise and remained on spot salaries.
- 5.4. Grades SM7-SM4 each contain pay progression with 5 equal spinal column points. Based on 2024/25 pay scales, the following salaries are associated with each of those grades.

Scale Point	Grade	Annual Salary
53		£64,658.16
54		£65,856.02
55	SM7	£67,479.80
56		£68,892.75
57		£70,304.63
58		£71,604.72
59		£73,771.52
60	SM6	£75,938.33
61		£78,105.14
62		£80,271.95

Scale Point	Grade	Annual Salary
63		£81,572.03
64		£83,738.84
65	SM5	£85,905.64
66		£88,072.45
67		£90,239.26
68		£93,706.15
69		£96,955.83
70	SM4	£100,206.57
71		£103,456.25
72		£106,706.99

- 5.5. It is important to ensure that roles at the most senior levels of the organisation are equally and fairly benchmarked to provide transparency and objectivity in relation to determining their remuneration. This report therefore proposes to also include pay scales for grade SM3.
- 5.6. The pay scales for SM3 are proposed to be as follows:

Scale point	Grade	Annual Salary
73		£111,256.75
74		£116,674.31
75	SM3	£122,090.78
76		£127,508.34
77		£132,924.82

- 5.7. The 2022 paper also described progression for those grades. Progression Reviews are built into the system and take place at the 2nd and 4th scale points within each Band. Instead of automatic progression, each employee will need to demonstrate that they meet the standards set before they can progress to the next scale point i.e. the 3rd and then the final SCP within the band. It is proposed that the same progression criteria is applied to the SM3 grade.
- 5.8. Resources Committee is requested to endorse the inclusion of the proposed pay scales and progression criteria for SM3, in line with necessary consultations.
- 5.9. There are a small number of other very senior, unique roles (for example the Group Chief Finance Officer) which have increased in scale, complexity and responsibilities since the postholders were appointed. Whilst bearing in mind affordability, it is absolutely vital that we are able to attract and retain the best talent in these senior roles to enable our ambitions.
- 5.10. Korn Ferry have been engaged to review these roles. Using benchmarking of public and not for profit organisations, their recommendation is that salaries for GMCA roles between SM3 and SM1 (so therefore SM2) be in the range of £145,163 to £185,457, depending on the responsibilities of each role. The most senior roles within the organisation will therefore be graded between SM1 and SM3.
- 5.11. Resources Committee is requested to grant the Group Chief Executive the delegated authority to continue to work with Korn Ferry to ensure that these most senior posts are appropriately graded aligned to the relevant pay grade

6. Roles working across the Group of organisations

6.1. The last report to Resources Committee outlined further opportunities for more integrated working at a GM system level, at a GMCA Group level and together with our Local Authorities. There are a number of key roles within GMCA that will enable these opportunities.

6.2. **Director of Strategy (Group)**

This role is essential to operate at Group level and drive our strategic thinking and planning across the GM system in order to achieve the ambitions set out in the GMS. The role will also be critical to developing and maintaining relationships across key stakeholders within central and local Government and across our stakeholders across the city region.

- 6.3. The key responsibilities of this role will include
 - Shaping the future direction of devolution in Greater Manchester and negotiations with Government
 - Leading devolution negotiations and the strategic framework for the allocation of Integrated Settlement resources in line with strategic objectives and for the Integrated Settlement outcomes framework
 - Overseeing the development, delivery and monitoring of the Greater
 Manchester Strategy and the 10-year Growth and Prevention plan
 - Lead and coordinate Government relations with Senior Civil Servants and coordinate GMCA engagement with sector partnerships
 In addition, the role holder will have line management responsibilities for the Strategy, Research and analytical functions at GMCA.
- 6.4 The role represents an extension of the responsibilities of the existing Director of Strategy, Economy and Research post within GMCA.. It has been re-evaluated as an SM3 role and will be renamed Director of Strategy. Whilst it will continue to report to the Managing Director, GMCA it will form an important part of the Group Leadership Team.
- 6.5 Resources Committee are requested to note the extended role of the Director of Strategy, Economy and Research, re-evaluated at grade SM3 to be called Director of Strategy.

6.4. Chief Transformation Officer (2-year fixed term contract)

The previous Resources Committee paper highlighted the importance of developing the appropriate change and transformation skills within the senior leadership team.

- We have since developed a role profile for a Chief Transformation Officer, that will report to the Group Chief Finance Officer.
- 6.5. The Chief Transformation Officer (CTO) is responsible for leading transformation and integration across the Group. This will include developing a consistent, strategic approach to transformation across the group; ensuring a culture of continuous improvement is in place; alignment between all transformation and change programmes; and leading the delivery of the Corporate Services change programme including the group approach to corporate services.
- 6.6. The post holder will lead a central transformation resource providing expert advice and support across the GMCA Group of GMCA, GMFRS and TFGM.
- 6.7. The pay and grading of this post will align to the GMCA Senior Pay Structure, at a grade SM3.
 - 6.8. Resources Committee are requested to recommend to GMCA the establishment of a 2-year fixed term Chief Transformation up to grade SM3 (subject to job evaluation)
 - 6.9. Formal approval for the post will be sought from GMCA on 7th February 2025 as part of the Budget Paper.

6.10. Organisational Development Support (interim support across all group organisations)

- 6.11. This report is also seeking support for some interim Organisational Development support in a group-wide capacity to help me shape and frame my thinking around how we develop as a group whilst retaining the identity, purpose and independence of its constituent parts.
- 6.12. The immediate priorities for this role will be to progress our ambitions in relation to EDI, talent management, leadership, culture and values and our policies.
- 6.13. The role will sit as part of the Group Leadership Team for a period of 12 months. I will initiate an appropriate recruitment process to access the interim market and will be seeking a high-calibre, experienced individual. It is expected the cost of this support for 12 months will be in the region of £144k.
- 6.14. Resources Committee endorsement is sought to proceed in securing interim support to progress Group Organisational Development priorities.

7. Working differently to support key programmes

We are looking at ways to work differently to support our key priorities and programmes.

7.1. Growth Locations

- 7.2. To support the delivery of our Growth Locations we are proposing to use funding that we receive in a different way. Instead of passing smaller portions of revenue funding to local authorities for short-term consultancy work we will pool this funding and invest in fixed-term staff resource over a longer period of time, building capacity and capability in the system as well as pushing on with our pipeline and delivery ambitions. The post holders will be wholly seconded to the Growth Location they are appointed to and will report to the relevant Local Authority Chief Executive Officer(s), as well as collaborating with key regional and national stakeholders. Their key objective will be to ensure the successful delivery of complex major development projects that align with the agreed vision.
- 7.3. It may be these roles are fulfilled through interim or consultancy but in the event they are sought through fixed-term posts this report is seeking a provision to establish these posts within GMCA, on a grade up to SM3 (subject to role evaluation). Each post will be funded through grant funding and only appointed once that funding has been identified.
- 7.4. Resources Committee support is requested to recommend to GMCA the establishment of seven fixed-term Senior Programme Director posts, up to grade SM3.
- 7.5. Formal approval for the posts will be sought from GMCA on 7th February 2025.

7.6. **Housing First**

7.7. In September 2024, GMCA welcomed the launch of the Housing First Unit, and approved the Housing First vision for Greater Manchester. Critical to the success of Housing First unit is the co-production with partners of a 'Housing First roadmap' setting out the route to building a more effective housing system, focussing on three key pillars: Supply, Standards and Support. Leads have been established for each of these pillars but there is need for interim senior officer capacity to support this complex and cross-cutting programme. GMCA will seek interim resource to

support this programme.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. There are inevitably some costs associated with the increasing complexity and scale of the organisation, and to set GMCA up for the future as an employer of choice so that we can attract, develop and retain talent.
- 8.2. Resources Committee will recall that the last paper committed to phasing out the cost of running the GMCA organisation from the Local Authority levy. That phasing out will commence in 2025/26, with a £650k reduction in the levy charge to Local Authorities.
- 8.3. The financial implications of the recommendations in this paper are minimised by reviewing and regrading existing roles within the Combined Authority structure wherever possible or by using funding differently to build capacity and capability within our GM system that can be directed to where it is needed. The costs relating to interim or fixed term roles to progress our ways of working and organisational development activities are incorporated into 2025/26 budgets and funding for the Housing First and Growth Location roles will be through Housing Investment surpluses.