

Forward Plan of Key Decisions: 1 February 2024 to 30 April 2024

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## What is a Forward Plan of Key Decisions?

The Register is a published list of the key decisions which are due to be taken by the:

- Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)
- Greater Manchester Elected Mayor
- Joint GMCA & AGMA Executive Board
- Transport for Greater Manchester Committee
- GMCA Resources Committee
- GMCA's Waste & Recycling Committee
- · Statutory Officers of the GMCA

These decisions must be published on the Register at least 28 clear days before the decision is to be taken, whether in public or private. The Register is updated at least once a

## What is a Key Decision?

A key decision defined by 'the Order' is a decision which, in the view of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, would result in any of the decision makers listed:

- (i) incurring expenditure over £500,000, or making significant savings of £500,000 or more relating to the budget for the service area to which the decision relates; or
- (ii) be significant in terms of its effects on persons living or working in an area of more two or more wards or electoral divisions of Greater Manchester.

## How to find out more on these proposed decisions

The report (other than those which contain confidential or exempt information) relating to these decisions will published on the GMCA's website five working days before the decision is to be made see <a href="https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk">www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</a>.

For general information about the decision- making process please contact:

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month.

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<u>Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny</u>

<u>Committees, Access to Information and Audit</u>

<u>Committees) Order 2017</u> ('the Order').

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Tootal Buildings
Oxford Street
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The GMCA's has an Overview & Scrutiny Committee whose role is to contribute to the development of GMCA's strategies and policies, to scrutinise decisions of the decision-makers listed above and to consider any matter affecting those who live, work, study or run businesses in Greater Manchester.



Decision title	What is the	Decision	Planned	Documents to	Portfolio Lead	Lead Director	Officer				
	decision?	Maker	Decision	be			Contact				
			Dates	considered							
Green City Reg	Green City Region										
Biowaste management strategy and procurement of treatment capacity	To approve the strategy for management of biowaste and to commence a procurement for future treatment capacity	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Tom Ross		David Taylor david.taylor@g reatermanches ter-ca.gov.uk				
Net Zero Accelerator Funding	The approval to accept up to £7m Net Zero Accelerator funding via draw down funding from DESNZ potentially via Cambridge and Peterborough Combined	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	23 Feb 2024	DESNZ Net Zero Accelerator Funding Opportunity	Councillor Tom Ross		Sean Owen				

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Future service provision for waste management in Greater Manchester	Authority  Approval to be the accountable body for the region.  Approval for delegated approvals to the treasurer and city solicitor.  To approve the delivery model for GMCA waste management services from April 2026	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Tom Ross		David Taylor david.taylor@g reatermanches ter-ca.gov.uk
Transport							
Bus Franchising	To approve the award of:  (i) the franchise contracts relating to bus franchising; (ii) contracts for	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM GM Mayor	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024 Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com

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	the provision of various franchise scheme related services and goods (including all contracts for the provision of equipment, hardware, software and background IT infrastructure that are required to support and/or facilitate the delivery, and ongoing operation, of franchised bus services and the overall franchising scheme); and (iii) contracts for the acquisition and/or lease of land, sites or other assets (comprising real estate or	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024		GM Mayor Andy Burnham		

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	connection with the delivery, and ongoing operation, of franchised bus services and the overall franchising scheme.						
City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)	To approve allocations and Governance and Assurance arrangements for specific schemes as and when required.	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM  Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 31 Jul 2024 Between 1 Feb 2024 and 31 Jul 2024	Report and recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	
Bus Depot Acquisitions	To negotiate and approve procedural changes for the acquisition of bus depots to support Tranches 2 and 3 bus franchising, within previously approved capital	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM  Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024 Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	28 Delivering the Bee Network - Bus Fares Fleet Depots and CRSTS	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com

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	and revenue budgets for bus franchising.						
Bus Depot Leases Tranche 2 and 3	To agree the final terms of leases of bus depots both in respect of interim leaseback arrangements to existing operators and the franchise depot subleases to be granted to the franchise bus operators for Tranches 2 and 3.	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elli ott@tfgm.com
Bus Depot Acquisitions Treasurer Decision Tranches 1, 2 & 3	To agree the terms of any agreement between GMCA and TfGM to bring Tranche 1	Treasurer GMCA	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elli ott@tfgm.com

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	leases in line with Tranches 2 and 3.						
Subsidised Services	To approve forthcoming changes to subsidised bus services.	Bee Network Committee Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024 Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Stephen Rhodes stephen.rhode s@tfgm.com
Active Travel Programme	Approval to release funding to progress the development and delivery of cycling and walking schemes and programmes.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com
Local Growth Deal (1, 2 and 3) six monthly progress update	To grant Full or Conditional Approval and/or release funding / approve expenditure and	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com

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	allocate/realloca te funding across the programme for schemes within the Growth Deal 1,2,3 and/or the Transforming Cities Fund.						
Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Fund 2 Bid Submission	Agree in principle to submit a bid to DfT for the ZEBRA 2 fund and delegate full approval of the full business case to the Chief Executive of GMCA & TfGM.  Agree the submission of a full business case bid to the DfT for the	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM, Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with recommendati ons			Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com

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	ZEBRA 2 Fund.						
Bee Network Advertising Policy	To review the Bee Network Advertising Policy to ensure it aligns with and support the objectives of the Greater Manchester Strategy.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com
Transport Network Planning and Review Process	To approve the proposed approach to reviewing and developing the franchised bus network through a programme of network reviews.  To approve the proposed network	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Stephen Rhodes stephen.rhode s@tfgm.com

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	planning guidelines.  To approve the 12-month programme of network reviews.						
Sale West to Altrincham Network Improvements	To approve CRSTS funds to implement signal priority for late running buses and install permit automatic traffic counters on the Sale West to Altrincham corridor.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 29 Feb 2024 Between 1 Feb 2024 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Anthony Murden Anthony.murd en@tfgm.com
City Centre Bus and Streets for All Connectivity Programme	To approve CRSTS funding to continue development of the City Centre Bus and Streets	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 31 May 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Anthony Murden Anthony.murd en@tfgm.com

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	for All Connectivity Programme ready for OBC submission.						
Rapid Transit Extensions CRSTS funding drawdown	To approve CRSTS funding to continue developing the Rapid Transit Extensions package.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 31 May 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jack Rodgers jack.rodgers@t fgm.com
Integrated Measures Ticketing	To approve CRSTS funding to support the development of the Full Business Case and delivery	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 31 May 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Helen Humble helen.humble @tfgm.com
Bus Pinch Points and Maintenance Programme	To approve CRSTS funding to continue developing and delivering the Bus Pinch Points and Maintenance Programme.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 31 May 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Anthony Murden Anthony.murd en@tfgm.com
Manchester:	To approve CRSTS funds to	Bee Network	Between 1	Report with	GM Mayor		Hayley Fails

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Transforming Deansgate	develop Manchester's Transforming Deansgate Streets for All scheme.	Committee	Feb 2024 and 31 May 2024	recommendati ons	Andy Burnham		hayley.fails@ manchester.go v.uk
Metrolink Renewals and Enhancements Programme (MREP)	To approve CRSTS funding for the Metrolink Renewals and Enhancements Programme (MREP).	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 31 May 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Daniel Vaughan daniel.vaugha n@tfgm.com
Technical Educ	cation & Skills						
ESF Skills for Growth Commissionin g	To proceed with the procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills for Growth programme.	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien	Treasurer GMCA	Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
GM Adult Skills	To approve a cost of delivery	Chief Executive	Between 1 Feb 2024 and	Report with recommendati	Councillor		Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh

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Programme (including devolved Adult Education Budget and Free Courses for Jobs funding) 2022/2023 academic year update and 2023/2024 academic year forward plan	exceptional payment to AEB Skills Providers for the 2022/2023 academic year.  To note progress of the 2023/2024 Adult Education Budget commissioning process and where applicable, the selected skills providers  To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to take forward the AEB commissioning, including to contract award.  To approve the proposed	Officer GMCA & TfGM	30 Apr 2024	ons	Eamonn O'Brien		@greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk

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	indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant- funded further education institutions.  To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise during discussions between each institution and GMCA.						
Skills Bootcamps 2023 - 2024: Phase 2 commissioning ; Sector 3 (recommissioni ng): Adv Manufacturing;	To proceed with the procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills Bootcamps programme.	Treasurer GMCA	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	National Skills Funding (CA report Feb 2023)	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien		Hannah Vincent hannah.vincen t@greaterman chester- ca.gov.uk

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Sector 8: Security; Sector 9: Residential Childcare							
GM Devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) and Free Courses for Jobs (FCFJ) Update and Key Decisions	To note update on latest AEB close of academic year 2022/2023.  To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to take forward additional AEB and / or FCFJ commissioning, and / or grant funding including to contract / grant funding agreement award.  To approve the	Greater Manchester Combined Authority GM Mayor	March 2024 March 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien  Councillor Eamonn O'Brien		Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk

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	proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grantfunded further education institutions.  To approve the proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM procured providers as per the commissioning processes subject to annual terms and conditions being met.						
	To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to						

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	agree any minor changes that arise during discussions between the grant funded or procured organisations and GMCA.  The Mayor, to approve the proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grantfunded Local Authorities and to grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to approve any minor changes that arise.						

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Greater Manchester Business Funds	To conditionally approve business investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments, including where relevant negotiated settlements.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Kirsteen Armitage kirsteen.armita ge@greaterma nchestre- ca.gov.uk
Revenue and capital budget updates	Approve revisions to revenue budget and capital programme. July / October and Feburary.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Rachel Rosewell rachel.rosewell @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
GMCA General Revenue Budget 2024/25	To approve the 2024/25 budget relating to the GMCA functions (excluding	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk

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	transport and waste), including local authority contributions and use of reserves.						
Transport Revenue Budget 2024/25	To approve the 2024/25 GMCA budget relating to transport functions including the levy and statutory charge to GM local authorities and use of reserves.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Mayoral General Revenue Budget 2024/25 including GMFRS	To approve the 2024/25 Mayor's General budget, including the Fire and Rescue Authority, use of reserves and calculation of	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk

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	the precepts and council tax rates.						
Waste and Recycling Revenue Budget 2024/25	To approve the 2024/25 waste budget, levy to GM local authorities and use of reserves.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
GMCA Capital Programme 2023-2027	To approve the capital programme, including the quarter 3 update to the 2023/23 budget and the 2024/25 budget and forward plan.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
GMCA Revenue Update Quarter 3 - 2023/24	Approve any revisions to the 2023/24 GMCA revenue budgets at the end of quarter 3.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Approval of the GMCA Capital	To approve the 2024/25 GMCA	Greater Manchester	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati	Councillor		Lindsey Keech lindsey.keech

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Strategy for 2024/25	Capital Strategy with sets out the overarching principles and processes by which capital and investment decisions will be made.	Combined Authority		ons	David Molyneux		@greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Approval of the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25	To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Borrowing Limits and Prudential Indicators for 2024/25 to 2026/27.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Lindsey Keech lindsey.keech @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
GMCA Water, Wastewater and Ancillary Services	Agree to award the water, wastewater and ancillary services contract to winning bidder	Treasurer GMCA	March 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Mathew Chard chardm@man chesterfire.gov .uk

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	via CCS framework agreement, for a duration of 4 years (initial 2 years with 2 year extension option)						
Housing							
GM City Deal Receipts - Investment Approval Recommendati ons	The approval of investments funded with City Deal Receipts received from Homes England.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk
GM Brownfield Programme	The allocation of funding from GMCA's brownfield programme to residential developments in GM.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Housing Funds	To conditionally approve housing investments to	Greater Manchester Combined	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm

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	proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments	Authority				Officer GMCA & TfGM	sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk
Agreement to using further Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund surpluses	To agree the further use of Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund (GMHILF) surpluses to support the delivery of the GM Housing Strategy	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Property Funds	To conditionally approve property investments to proceed to due diligence and/or	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcinto sh@greaterma nchester- ca.gov.uk

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	note commercial changes to existing investments.						
Economy, Bus	iness and Inclus	ive Growth					
UK Shared Prosperity Fund- Support for the Social Economy	To agree the contract award for the UKSPF Support for the Social Economy Programme, following an open and competitive procurement process.	Treasurer GMCA	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Bev Craig		John Wrathmell john.wrathmell @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Investment Zone first year allocations	The allocation of the first £9m of Greater Manchester's Investment Zone funding for the FY 2024/25.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	23 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Bev Craig		John Wrathmell john.wrathmell @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Homelessness			1	1			

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GM Refugee Homelessness Prevention Service	Award of grant allocations under the new GM Refugee Homelessness Prevention Service	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with recommendati ons	City Mayor Paul Dennett		Joe Donohue joseph.donohu e@greaterman chester- ca.gov.uk
Culture Strategy 2024- 2029	To approve the Culture Strategy 2024-2029.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	31 May 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Neil Emmott		Marie-Claire Daly Marie- Claire.Daly@g reatermanches ter-ca.gov.uk