

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2021 AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE, WIGAN**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor
Police, Crime & Fire
Bolton
Bury
Manchester
Oldham
Rochdale
Salford
Stockport
Tameside
Trafford
Wigan

Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Baroness Bev Hughes

Councillor Martin Cox
Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Councillor Richard Leese
Councillor Arooj Shah
Councillor Neil Emmott
Councillor Paul Dennett
Councillor Elise Wilson
Councillor Brenda Warrington
Councillor Andrew Western
Councillor David Molyneux

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wigan

Councillor Nazia Rehman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA - Chief Executive
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive
GMCA Monitoring Officer
GMCA Treasurer
Bury
Oldham
Rochdale
Salford
Stockport
Tameside
Wigan
Office of the GM Mayor
GMCA
GMCA
GMCA
GMCA
TfGM

Eamonn Boylan
Andrew Lightfoot
Liz Treacy
Steve Wilson
Lynne Risdale
Helen Lockwood
Steve Rumbelow
Tom Stannard
Pam Smith
Steven Pleasant
Alison McKenzie-Folan
Kevin Lee
Steve Wilson
Sylvia Welsh
Nicola Ward
James Killin
Simon Warburton

GMCA 104/21 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor David Greenhalgh (Councillor Martin Cox attending), Carolyn Wilkins (Helen Lockwood attending) and Geoff Little (Lynne Risdale attending).

GMCA 105/21 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO THE GMCA - 2021/22

RESOLVED /-

That it be noted that Andy Burnham, as the GM Mayor, under part 5A, Section 4 of the GMCA Constitution is the Chair of the GMCA (ex-officio).

GMCA 106/21 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRS - 2021/22

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that Councillor Richard Leese Deputy Mayor, is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.
2. That it be noted that Councillor David Greenhalgh is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.
3. That the appointment of Councillor Brenda Warrington as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution be agreed.

GMCA 107/21 GREATER MANCHESTER APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS - 2021/22

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham presented a series of appointments to be considered by the GMCA.

RESOLVED /-

1. That Julie Connor, Assistant Director, Governance & Scrutiny be appointed as the Secretary of the GMCA.
2. That the Mayor's and Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, appointments to Portfolios for 2021/22 be noted as follows:

Portfolio	Lead Member	Lead Chief Executive
Safe & Strong Communities (Police and Fire)	Bev Hughes (GMCA)	Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham)
Green City Region	Neil Emmott (Rochdale)	Pam Smith (Stockport)
Economy & Business	Elise Wilson (Stockport)	Joanne Roney (Manchester)
Housing, Homelessness & Infrastructure	Paul Dennett (Salford)	Steve Rumbelow (Rochdale)
Resources &	David Molyneux (Wigan)	Steve Wilson (GMCA)

Investment		
Equalities	Brenda Warrington (Tameside)	Pam Smith (Stockport)
Policy & Reform, Transport	Andy Burnham (GMCA)	Eamonn Boylan (GMCA) – Policy & Transport Tony Oakman (Bolton) - Reform
Digital, Clean Air	Andrew Western (Trafford)	Sara Todd (Trafford)
Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships	Andrew Western (Trafford)	Tom Stannard (Salford)
Young People & Cohesion	Eamonn O’Brien (Bury)	Geoff Little (Bury)
Culture	David Greenhalgh (Bolton)	Alison McKenzie-Folan (Wigan)
Healthy Lives & Quality Care	Sir Richard Leese (Manchester)	Steven Pleasant (Tameside)
Community, Co-operatives & Inclusion	Arooj Shah (Rochdale)	Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham) Andrew Lightfoot (GMCA)

3. That it be noted that specific Portfolio Assistants would not be appointed and that Leaders may, if they so wish, appoint a Greater Manchester Local Authority Councillor to act as a Portfolio Assistant, under the Constitution, to assist with the delivery of their portfolio.
4. That the appointments by GM Local Authorities of members and substitute members to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for 2021/22 be noted as below. That it also be noted that all substitute members will be invited to attend meetings of the GMCA, to be able to speak but not vote (unless acting in the absence of their member) as provided for in the constitution.

District	Member	Substitute Member
GMCA	Andy Burnham	
Bolton	David Greenhalgh (Con)	Martyn Cox Con
Bury	Eamonn O’Brien (Lab)	Andrea Simpson (Lab)
Manchester	Richard Leese (Lab)	Bev Craig (Lab)
Oldham	Arooj Shah(Lab)	Amanda Chadderton (Lab)
Rochdale	Neil Emmott (Lab)	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	Elise Wilson (Lab)	Tom McGee (Lab)
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Bill Fairfoull (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	Catherine Hynes (Lab)
Wigan	David Molyneux (Lab)	Nazia Rehman (Lab)

5. That the appointment of the following GMCA members (**4 Labour & 1 Conservative**) to the GMCA Standards Committee for 2021/22 be approved as follows:

David Greenhalgh (Bolton) (Con)
 Paul Dennett (Salford) (Lab)
 Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab)
 Andrew Western (Trafford) (Lab)
 Brenda Warrington (Tameside) (Lab)

6. That the extension of the appointment Geoff Linnell, Co-opted Independent Member, to act as the Chair of the Standards Committee and Nicole Jackson, Independent Person, to assist the Monitoring Officer and Hearing Panel in dealing with allegations that members of the GMCA have acted in breach of the GMCA's Code of Conduct, to 30 November 2021 be approved, during which time a recruitment exercise will be undertaken.

7. That the appointment of the following GMCA members **(6 Labour & 1 Conservative)** to the GMCA Resources Committee for 2021/22 be approved as follows:

Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham (Lab)
 David Greenhalgh (Bolton) (Con)
 Richard Leese (Manchester) (Lab)
 Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab)
 Paul Dennett (Salford) (Lab)
 Brenda Warrington (Tameside) (Lab)
 David Molyneux (Wigan) (Lab)

8. That the appointment of the following members five members to the GMCA Audit Committee **(4 members - 3 Labour & 1 Conservative) and 2 substitute members)** for 2021/22 be approved as follows:

1	Bury	Mary Whitby	Lab
2	Oldham	Colin McLaren	Lab
3	Manchester	Sarah Russell	Lab
4	Trafford	Chris Boyes	Con
Substitute Members			
5	Salford	Tracy Kelly	Lab
6	Wigan	Joanne Marshall	Lab

9. That it be noted that the GMCA has previously agreed to extend the appointment of Gwyn Griffiths and Catherine Scivier as Independent members of the GMCA's Audit Committee for a further 3-year term of office, terminating on 30th June 2023.

10. That the final appointments to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committees for 2021/22 be agreed as follows:

**CORPORATE ISSUES & REFORM
 OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY**

1	Bolton	Samuel Rimmer (Con)
2 3	Bury	TBC (Lab) Tim Pickstone (Lib Dem)
4	Manchester	TBC (Lab)
5 6	Oldham	Colin McClaren (Lab) TBC (Lab)
7	Rochdale	Kallum Nolan (Lab)
8 9	Salford	Gina Reynolds (Lab) TBC (Lab)
10 11	Stockport	Wendy Wild (Lab) John McGahan (Con)
12	Tameside	Teresa Smith (Lab)
13 14	Trafford	Jill Axford (Lab) Nathan Evans (Cons)
15	Wigan	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH & SKILLS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY		
1 2	Bolton	Andrea Finney (Con) Susan Howarth (Lab)
3	Bury	Mary Whitby (Lab)
4 5	Manchester	Greg Stanton (Lab) TBC (Lab)
6	Oldham	George Hulme (Lab)
7 8	Rochdale	Ray Dutton (Lab) Mike Holly (Con)
9	Salford	Jim King (Lab)
10 11	Stockport	Kate Butler (Lab) Becky Senior (Lib Dem)

12	Tameside	Stephen Homer (Lab)
13	Trafford	Barry Brotherton (Lab)
14 15	Wigan	Charles Rigby (Lab) Michael Winstanley (Con)

HOUSING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY		
1	Bolton	John Walsh (Con)
2	Bury	Martin Hayes (Lab)
3 4	Manchester	Mandie Shilton-Godwin (Lab) TBC (Lab)
5	Oldham	Barbara Brownridge (Lab)
6 7	Rochdale	Linda Robinson (Lab) Kathleen Nickson (Con)
8	Salford	Stuart Dickman (Lab)
9 10	Stockport	Janet Mobbs (Lab) Colin MacAlister (Lib Dem)
11 12	Tameside	Mike Glover (Lab) Liam Billington (Con)
13 14	Trafford	Kevin Procter (Lab) Akilah Akinola (Lab)
15	Wigan	Fred Walker (Lab)

11. That it be agreed to appoint the following members to the GMCA Scrutiny Substitute Pool.

	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIB DEM	IND
Bolton	Akhtar Zaman	Stuart Hartigan	n/a	n/a
Bury	TBC	TBC	n/a	n/a

Manchester	n/a	n/a	TBC	n/a
Oldham	n/a	n/a	Hazel Gloster Sam Al-Hamdani	n/a
Rochdale	Tom Besford	n/a	n/a	n/a
Salford	n/a	Ari Leitner Karen Garrido	n/a	n/a
Stockport	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tameside	Adrian Pearce	Ruth Welsh	n/a	n/a
Trafford	n/a	Mussadak Mirza	n/a	n/a
Wigan	Debra Wailes	n/a	n/a	Paul Maiden

12. That the appointment to the Greater Manchester Waste & Recycling Committee (11 Labour, 3 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat), from the nominations received from the GM Local Authorities, for 2021/22 be approved as follows:

District	Member
Bolton	Adele Warren (Con)
Bury	Allan Quinn (Lab)
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins (Lab) Shaukat Ali (Lab)
Oldham	Peter Davis (Lab) Mohammed Alyas (Lab)
Rochdale	Wendy Cocks (Lab) Terry Smith (Lab)
Salford	David Lancaster (Lab) Robin Garrido (Con)
Stockport	Roy Driver (Lab) Helen Foster-Grime (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Allison Gwynne (Lab)
Trafford	Stephen Adshead (Lab) Dylan Butt (Con)
Wigan	NA

13. That it be noted that the appointment of the Chair of the GM Waste & Recycling Committee will be made at the GMCA meeting in July, on the recommendation of the GM Waste & Recycling Committee.
14. That the appointments to the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee for 2021/22 be agreed as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Hilary Fairclough (Con)	To be confirmed
Bury	Charlotte Morris (Lab)	Richard Gold (Lab)
Manchester	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Oldham	Norman Briggs (Lab)	To be confirmed
Rochdale	Janet Emsley (Lab)	Susan Smith (Lab)
Salford	Stephen Coen (Lab)	David Lancaster (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Leanne Feeley (Lab)	Mike Smith (Lab)
Trafford	Liz Patel (Lab)	Mike Freeman (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

15. That Councillor Andrew Western, as the Portfolio Lead for Skills, Employment & Apprenticeships, be appointed to the Skills and Employment Partnership for 2021/22.
16. That the appointment of ten members to the Skills and Employment Executive be agreed as follows:

District	Member
Bolton	Martyn Cox (Con)
Bury	Tamoor Tariq (Lab)
Manchester	To be confirmed
Oldham	Shaid Mushtaq (Lab)
Rochdale	John Blundell (Lab)
Salford	Philip Cusack (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed
Tameside	Ged Cooney (Lab)
Trafford	Mike Freeman (Lab)
Wigan	Dane Anderton (Lab)

17. That the appointments by the GM Local Authorities to the Health and Care Board for 2021/22 be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Susan Baines (Con)	Andrew Morgan (Con)
Bury	Andrea Simpson (Lab)	To be confirmed
Manchester	Richard Leese (Lab)	Bev Craig (Lab)
Oldham	Zahid Chauhan (Lab)	Arooj Shah (Lab)
Rochdale	Daalat Ali (Lab)	Shah Wazir (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Bill Fairfoull (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	Jane Slater (Lab)
Wigan	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)	James Moodie (Lab)

18. That the appointments by the GM Local Authorities to the Joint Health Commissioning Board for 2021/22 be noted as below and that those appointed to be requested to appoint their own substitute.

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Andrew Morgan (Con)	Anne Galloway (Con)
Bury	Andrea Simpson (Lab)	To be confirmed
Manchester	Bev Craig (Lab)	To be confirmed
Oldham	Zahid Chauhan (Lab)	To be confirmed
Rochdale	Daalat Ali (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	John Merry (Lab)	Damien Bailey (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	To be confirmed
Trafford	Jane Slater (Lab)	Andrew Western (Lab)
Wigan	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)	David Molyneux (Lab)

19. That the appointments to the GM Transport Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2021/22, be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Stuart Haslam (Con)	Stuart Hartigan (Con)
Bury	Kevin Peel (Lab)	Nathan Baroda (Lab)
Manchester	Emma Taylor (Lab)	Julie Connolly (Lab)
	Naeem Hassan (Lab)	John Farrell (Lab)
Oldham	Norman Briggs (Lab)	To be confirmed
Rochdale	Phil Burke (Lab)	Susan Emmott (Lab)
Salford	Roger Jones (Lab)	Mike McCusker (Lab)
Stockport	David Mellor (Lab)	Angie Clark (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Warren Bray (Lab)	To be confirmed
Trafford	Stephen Adshead (Lab)	James Wright (Lab)
Wigan	Joanne Marshal (Lab)	Paul Prescott (Lab)

20. That it be noted that the GM Mayor is a member of the GM Transport Committee and that Brenda Warrington, Leader of Tameside Council, be appointed to act as the Mayor's substitute member on the GM Transport Committee.
21. That it be agreed that Andrew Western, Leader of Trafford Council, be appointed as the GMCA member to the GM Transport Committee, and that Eamonn O'Brien, Leader of Bury Council, be appointed to act as the GMCA substitute member to the GM Transport Committee.
22. That the GM Mayor's appointments to the Transport Committee, ensuring that each district is represented and there is political balance of the Committee, be noted as follows:

Labour Appointments (5):

Mohammed Auyub (Bolton)

Shah Wazir (Rochdale)
Barry Warner (Salford)
Elise Wilson (Stockport)
Mark Aldred (Wigan)

Substitute Labour Appointments:

Tom McGee (Salford)
To be confirmed

Conservative Appointments (3):

Doreen Dickinson (Tameside)
Nathan Evans (Trafford)
Jackie Harris (Bury)

Substitute Conservative Members (3):

Linda Holt (Stockport)
Adam Marsh (Wigan)
To be confirmed

Liberal Democrat Members (2):

Howard Sykes (Oldham)
John Leech (Manchester)

Substitute Liberal Democrat Members (2):

Angie Clark (Stockport)

23. That it be noted that the GM Transport Committee shall select and recommend the appointment of a Chair by the GM Mayor.
24. That Councillor Neil Emmott, Leader of Rochdale Council, be appointed as the GMCA Green-City Region Portfolio Lead to the GM Green City Region Partnership Board for 2021/22.
25. That the appointments to the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2021/22, be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Adele Warren (Con)	Anne Galloway (Con)
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Nathan Boroda (Lab)
Manchester	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Oldham	Amanda Chadderton (Lab)	Steve Williams (Lab)
Rochdale	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Alison Gwynne (Lab)	Laura Boyle (Lab)
Trafford	Stephen Adshead (Lab)	Jane Slater (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

26. That the appointments to the Air Quality Administration Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2021/22, be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Adele Warren (Con)	Anne Galloway (Con)
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Nathan Boroda (Lab)
Manchester	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Oldham	Amanda Chadderton (Lab)	Steve Williams (Lab)
Rochdale	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Alison Gwynne (Lab)	Laura Boyle
Trafford	Stephen Adshead (Lab)	Jane Slater (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

27. That the appointment Andrew Western, of the Portfolio Lead for Clean Air, to the Air Quality Administration Committee be noted.
28. That the appointment to the Places for Everyone Joint Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2021/22, be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Toby Hewitt (Con)	Martyn Cox (Con)
Bury	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)	To be confirmed
Manchester	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Oldham	Arooj Shah (Lab)	Hannah Roberts (Lab)
Rochdale	Neil Emmott (Lab)	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	N/A	N/A
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Ged Cooney (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	James Wright (Lab)
Wigan	David Molyneux (Lab)	Paul Prescott (Lab)

29. That the appointment of 5 members (**4 Labour and 1 Conservative**) to the Board of Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Limited to the Greater Manchester Transport Committee for 2021/22 be delegated to the GM Transport Committee.
30. That the appointment of the following members to the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership for 2021/22 be approved:

Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham

Richard Leese (Manchester) (Lab)
Brenda Warrington (Tameside) (Lab)
Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab)

31. That the appointment of the following members to the Manchester Growth Company Board for 2021/22 be approved:

Elise Wilson (Stockport)
Paul Dennett (Salford)
Martyn Cox (Bolton)
Arooj Shah (Oldham)
Leanne Feeley (Tameside)
32. That the appointment of the GM Mayor to the Transport for the North Board for 2021/22 be noted.
33. That Councillor Mark Aldred be appointed as the substitute member of the TfN Board for 2021/22.
34. That Roger Jones (Salford) and Philip Massey (Rochdale) be appointed to the TfN Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22.
35. That the appointment of the following members to the Greater Manchester European Structural Fund (European Programmes) Local Management Committee for 2021/22 be approved:

Andrew Western (Skills & Employment),
David Molyneux (Resource & Investment) Finance)
Elise Wilson (Economy)
Keith Cunliffe (Wigan)
To be confirmed
36. That subject to any further changes the GMCA may wish to make, all appointments to made up to the GMCA Annual Meeting in June 2022

GMCA 108/21 REVIEW OF GMCA CONSTITUTION

The Monitoring Officer to the GMCA, Liz Treacy, took members through the key amendments to the constitution for approval.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the revised constitution accompanying this report, as the Constitution, of the GMCA be adopted.
2. That it be noted that the discharge of mayoral functions and the delegation of such responsibilities rests with the Mayor, and that the delegation of mayoral functions (and the arrangements in relation to such) set out in this constitution are for the information of the GMCA only.

3. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any changes of a typographical nature to the Constitution.

GMCA 109/21 SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES - 2021/22

RESOLVED /-

That the proposed meeting dates be agreed as below -

Friday 30 July 2021
August – to be confirmed
Friday 24 September 2021
Friday 29 October 2021
Friday 26 November 2021
Friday 17 December 2021
Friday 28 January 2022
*Friday 11 February 2022 (budget meeting)
Friday 25 March 2022
April - Recess
Friday 27 May 2022
Friday 24 June 2022

GMCA 110/21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham expressed his concern over the recent travel ban imposed by the Scottish Government to residents from certain areas of Greater Manchester with no prior notice. The issue had caused significant distress to those residents affected and the way it had been handled was of concern to the Mayor, not least in that the current system gave no ability to anticipate such bans.

The Dutchee of Lancaster, Sir Michael Gove had invited the Mayor to join a meeting of Ministers and First Ministers to discuss the details of the Scottish Policy at which he planned to seek clarity as to the exit strategy from such restrictions and determine how to ensure that there is prior notification of any such future bans to allow Local Authorities to advise their own residents accordingly.

Specifically, the GM Mayor would also be questioning the rationale for retaining the ban on residents from Bolton when their case numbers had fallen below many other areas in the UK where the ban was not in place, resulting in an inconsistent policy.

Members of the GMCA endorsed the proposed challenge, and appreciated the opportunity created by which the Mayor could have these conversations on behalf of the residents of Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the GM Mayor had been invited by the Dutchee of Lancaster to attend the UK meeting of Ministers and First Ministers to discuss the recently imposed travel ban of some GM residents (specifically those living in Bolton, Manchester and Salford) to Scotland.

2. That it be noted that the GM Mayor has requested that the Scottish Policy be published providing detail of the operating framework, including an exit strategy from restrictions, together with the establishment of a protocol to provide prior notification to those Local Authorities directly impacted.
3. That the GMCA endorse the proposal from the GM Mayor calling for the Scottish Government to release Bolton from the list of areas included in their current ban immediately, as their covid rate had significantly reduced.

GMCA 111/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

1. That Councillor Brenda Warrington declared an interest in relation to item 27 on the agenda, as a Board Member of the GM Pension Fund.
2. That Councillor Elise Wilson declared an interest in relation to items 14 and 24 as a Board Member of the Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation.

GMCA 112/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 28 May 2021 be approved.

GMCA 113/21 GREATER MANCHESTER INDEPENDENT INEQUALITIES COMMISSION

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Portfolio Lead for Age Friendly Greater Manchester and Equalities took the Combined Authority through a report which provided an update on the roll-out of the 'Good lives for all' report of the Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission, following its launch on 26th March 2021. Recent activities had included engagement with key stakeholders, equalities panels and partnerships to carry out a sense check and gauge initial feedback to the report and its recommendations.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the roll-out activity of the Commission report and the early feedback received be noted.
2. That that Local Authorities and Greater Manchester agencies be requested to share their current activities and plans in response to the Independent Inequalities Commission, to further inform the Greater Manchester development of next steps and actions.
3. That it be agreed to undertake a review of the membership of the Tackling Inequalities Board to ensure effective representation across districts and GM structures.

4. That an in-principle allocation of up to £250,000 to further develop and implement actions arising from the Commission's recommendations be agreed.

GMCA 114/21

CLEAN AIR PLAN UPDATE

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for Clean Air introduced a report which set out the proposed Greater Manchester final Clean Air Plan and policy following a review of all of the information gathered through the GM CAP consultation, evidence and modelling work. The report sought endorsement of the proposed plan, before it was to be considered by each of the GM Local Authorities.

The final proposals had been carefully considered and adjusted in response to an in-depth analysis of the recent consultation undertaken by TfGM, with specific focus on how it would impact the lives of local residents. As a result, the final proposals had been amended and did not include a charge to private vehicles.

However, the Clean Air Zone needed to be looked at through the lens of the universally acknowledged damage caused by nitro-oxides, contributing to over 12,000 deaths per year in Greater Manchester. Members of the Combined Authority reiterated that it was their moral obligation to address this issue and ensure no communities were adversely affected by poor air quality. However, they were also mindful of the challenging times for businesses during the recovery phase from the pandemic and therefore the timings of any policy changes needed to be carefully managed.

There had been a further £120m of funds approved by Government (in addition to the Hardship Fund) which was recognised by the Combined Authority as key to supporting businesses through this transition. This would allow for up to £5k to retrofit taxis and LGVs, and up to £16k to retrofit buses, coaches and HGVs to ensure that they met a Euro 6 standard.

The scheme would come into practice for HGVs and buses from 30 May 2022 to give time for other non-compliant vehicles to transition to a cleaner fleet before the scheme also was applied to taxis, coaches and LGVs. It was recognised that there could be a shortage of compliant vehicles, therefore retrofitting current fleet was a more welcomed approach than complete replacements. Taxis would also need to be registered within GM to be eligible for this support package, which was one of a range of measures detailed in the report.

The GM Mayor added that any changes would be fair and work well for everyone, however, was aware that there would inevitably be some further challenges along the way. Ultimately the health inequalities caused by poor air, often to the poorest communities could no longer be tolerated and the GMCA needed to take action.

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Leader of Tameside Council thanked Cllr Andrew Western and the GM Mayor for negotiations with Government resulting in the inclusion of the A628/A57 Mottram in the Clean Air Zone, the first time any piece of the strategic road network had been included as it was recognised that this would make a significant difference to the health of people in those communities. In regard to this, Members of the GMCA made a wider plea to Government that areas along any motorway network should also be included in any future zones.

Members also welcomed the consideration given to the feedback from the taxi and trade industries and the changes made to the proposals as a result. It was clear that their

concerns had been well balanced with the health inequality concerns and a desire to protect their businesses.

The CA recognised that as a result of the Clean Air Zone Greater Manchester would be in a better place, however it needed to remain ambitious in its air quality agenda and ensure further infrastructure changes were delivered to ensure the implementation could be successful.

In summary the GM Mayor also welcomed the move from Highways England to include the strategic road network in the GM Clean Air Zone but reflected that this was a much wider issue as to the lack of accountability of the motorway network in regards to its contribution to poor air quality. It was hoped that in the meantime, vehicles would stick to the strategic road network and stop taking short cuts along smaller roads and through residential areas reducing the current levels of safety and congestion issues.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan be noted.
2. That the progress in the distribution of Bus Retrofit funding be noted.
3. That the Ministers' agreement to include the sections of the A628/A57, in Tameside, which form part of the Strategic Road Network within the Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone (CAZ) be noted, including the request for Tameside MBC, TfGM and Highways England to establish the most appropriate solution for the charging mechanism to be applied on this section of the Strategic Road Network (SRN).
4. That the GM Clean Air Plan Policy, at Appendix 1 of the report be endorsed, noting the proposed implementation date of the Clean Air Zone is Monday 30 May 2022 and that this policy was to be agreed by the ten GM local authorities.
5. That the Equalities Impact Assessment, as set out at Appendix 2 of the report, be noted.
6. That the AECOM Consultation Report, as set out at Appendix 3 of the report, be noted.
7. That the proposed Response to the Consultation at Appendix 4, which has been prepared by TfGM on behalf of the ten GM local authorities be noted, and that it is to be agreed by the ten GM local authorities.
8. That the Impacts of COVID-19 Report, as set out at Appendix 5 of the report, be noted.
9. That the Modelling report of the final CAP package, as set out at Appendix 6 of the report, be noted, and in particular that the modelling outputs of the final plan scheme show the achievement of compliance with the legal limits for Nitrogen Dioxide in the shortest possible time and by 2024 at the latest as required by the Ministerial Direction.
10. That the economic implications of the CAP Report, as set out at Appendix 7 of the report, be noted.

11. That the update on the GM Minimum Licensing Standards, set out in section 3.1 of the report, be noted, and in particular that licensing conditions will not be used to support delivery of the GM Clean Air Plan.
12. That it be noted that the ten GM local authorities will be recommended to carry out a 6-week public consultation on the inclusion of motorhomes classified as MSP1 within the scope of Clean Air Zone charges and on the inclusion in the GM Clean Air Zone of the A575 and A580 at Worsley commencing on 1 September 2021.
13. That the reallocation of funding from the Try Before You Buy scheme to provide additional electric vehicles charging points dedicated for use by taxis be endorsed and that it be noted that it is to be agreed by the ten GM local authorities.
14. That it be noted that the GM Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee has the authority to make the Charging Scheme Order which establishes the GM Charging Scheme in line with the agreed GM Clean Air Plan Policy.
15. That it be noted that the ten GM local Authorities will be asked to delegate to the GM Charging Authorities Committee the authority to determine the outcome of the consultation on both the inclusion of motorhomes classified as MSP1 within the scope of Clean Air Zone charges and on the inclusion in the GM Clean Air Zone of the A575 and A580 at Worsley following the conclusion of that consultation.
16. That it be noted that the GM Charging Authorities Committee has the authority to vary the Charging Scheme Order if this is established as the most appropriate charging mechanism to be applied on sections of the A628/A57 part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in Tameside.
17. That it be noted that the Air Quality Administration Committee has the authority to agree the final form of the Operational Agreement for the Central Clean Air Service , and to authorise the making of the Agreement, on behalf of the ten GM local authorities.
18. That it be noted that the Air Quality Administration Committee has the authority to:
 - a. establish and distribute the funds set out in the agreed GM Clean Air Plan policy;
 - b. approve the assessment mechanism agreed with JAQU to ensure that Clean Air Funds can be adapted if necessary;
 - c. keep the use of the funds under review and to determine any changes in the amounts allocated to each and their use and
 - d. Monitor and evaluate the joint local charging scheme.
19. That authority be delegated to Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to approve the submission of the Interim Full Business Case if required and the Full Business Case (FBC) to the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit to support the GM Clean Air Plan and any supplementary information to that Unit.
20. That the Government be urged to include the motorway network within the remit for Clean Air Plans.

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham introduced a report which set out the progress that has been made on the development of a set of minimum licensing standards relating to taxi and private hire in Greater Manchester and outlined the timetable for consideration. It recognised the important role that taxis play in the GM transport system, their significant workforce size and the integral policy fit with Clean Air. Raising the standard of taxi provision would further build on GM's ambitions for a world class transport system.

The scheme has been consulted on, and consideration given to issues in relation to safety, driver training and vehicle standards and refined in line with the challenges identified by the trade. There were now two phases within the proposal, driver operation and LA standards was scheduled to be implemented from 21 July 2021 to ensure public safety was the number one priority. Phase two would focus on vehicle standards, emissions, age and ensuring vehicles were registered in GM and was scheduled to begin in September 2021. Alongside this phase would be the ability to access a proportion of £20m funding allocated to support the trade move to higher vehicle standards.

It was the Mayor's ambition to have one consistent taxi fleet, visibly registered to GM with a clear brand that would ensure residents were aware as to which vehicles had met the standards. It was anticipated that LA and driver standards would be completed by March 2022 and vehicle standards would be achieved by April 2023.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress of the Minimum Licensing Standards workstream be noted and the proposed approach and timeline be endorsed.
2. That the proposal to consider the final Standards recommendations in two stages; Stage 1 (Drivers, Operators and Local Authority) and Stage 2 (Vehicles) be noted.

GMCA 116/21 LIVING WITH COVID RESILIENCE PLAN - QUARTER 3 UPDATE

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham took Members through the Living with Covid Resilience Plan, Quarter 3 Update which provided an overview of the early stages of refreshing the Greater Manchester Strategy, and how it was being shaped and informed by the development and delivery of the Living with Covid Resilience Plan. Information was also provided in the report on the extensive work underway to develop Greater Manchester's collective ability to evidence, target and more effectively respond to inequalities present, and how these approaches were being developed and embedded as future ways of working.

There seemed to be a greater sense of stability as Greater Manchester began its second year of response to the pandemic, with much of the initial emergency response now embedded into business as usual. The latest spike in cases in Bolton was a reminder that every borough needed to remain agile to ensure it could respond promptly.

It was clear that there would be some further challenges, particularly as the furlough scheme ended and as a result of no-fault evictions recently having been reinstated. Many people were still reporting uncertainties in relation to their economic position, and this was reflected in the resident survey findings contained within the report.

The new refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy, planned to be presented to the GMCA in the Autumn and would build on elements contained within the Covid Resilience Plan.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the overall update on the system developments in response to the ongoing pandemic be noted.
2. That the proposed approach, work to date and further development in refreshing the Greater Manchester Strategy be noted.
3. That the overall progress being made to develop new mechanisms and ways of working to better understand and respond to inequalities be noted.
4. That the progress and development of activity being delivered to support attainment of the deliverables in the Living with Covid Resilience Plan be noted.
5. That it be noted that the refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy would be submitted to the GMCA in the Autumn 2021.

GMCA 117/21 STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MDC) DELIVERY PLAN 2021-2026

The GM Mayor Andy Burnham introduced a report which sought approval from the GMCA for the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan 2021-2026 and the Annual Action Plan which set out more detail on the commercially sensitive activities the MDC would undertake over the course of 2021 / 2022 to deliver the objectives in the full plan.

This was an exciting piece of work with national implications as a unique example of using mayoral powers to level up a town centre in a more creative and diverse way, bringing significant regeneration through an ambitious masterplan including housing, living spaces, transport and retail. The scheme had a real inspiring vision, and benefits could already be seen across the town.

Councillor Elise Wilson, Leader of Stockport Council added that in the midst of a national planning debate this scheme was an excellent example of forward thinking that would allow the town centre to be re-shaped in line with Stockport Council's values and proactively support the revival of the high-street. St Thomas' site, currently a brownfield site in disrepair would offer a range of housing options, which would all be affordable. There was already immense pride for the work of the Mayoral Development Corporation which it was clear had the ability to start to level up Stockport town centre and the district as a whole.

The GMCA recognised the MDC as a strong example of effective collaboration and commitment to support Stockport in attaining its new homes target of 1093 per year through the devolution offered through the use of these mayoral powers. The MDC was a key enabler for towns in the north as they often had viability challenges, and this initiative could become a template for how to turn around other town centres within Greater Manchester. Thanks were expressed to the leadership at Stockport Council for their pursuit of this opportunity and to Lord Kerslake for chairing the MDC and achieving such significant progress to date.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan May 2021 – March 2026 (Appendix A) be approved.
2. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Action Plan May 2021 – March 2022 (Appendix B) be approved.

GMCA 118/21 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure introduced a report which sought the Combined Authority's approval to the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans from FSG (Kara) Projects Ltd for 66 new homes, and to Newpark Gables LTD where planning permission had already been granted. It further sought approval for equity investment to City Heart LTD and Rise Homes LTD for 196 apartments as part of the new Stockport Interchange development. £5m had been previously agreed, but this was an increase of investment to £9.3m which was now seeking approval following adaptations to its building quality and design.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans detailed in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report be approved:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
FSG (Kara) Projects Ltd	Kara Street, Seedley	Salford	£5.126m
Newpark Gables Ltd	7 Old Hall Road	Salford	£1.455m

2. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund equity investment detailed in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report be approved:

DEVELOPER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	EQUITY
Cityheart Ltd and Rise Homes Ltd	Stockport Interchange	Stockport	£9.300m

3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

GMCA 119/21 UTILISATION OF GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND AND EVERGREEN FUND SURPLUSES AND INCLUSION OF BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND SITE

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure took Members through a report which sought approval to utilise some of the surpluses generated from the continued investment of the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund and Evergreen Fund to create three posts within the GMCA and provide grant funding to individual Districts to bring forward development proposals across GM. The report also sought approval for the inclusion of an additional site to be awarded a Brownfield Housing Fund grant.

The three posts within the GMCA would be for a Transaction Manager, a Strategic Planner and a Quantity Surveyor to support the fund, and further grant funding to each GM Local Authority to bring forward development proposals for schemes and also broader growth proposals.

The additional brownfield site proposed for funding through the Brownfield Housing Fund Grant was at Northern Gateway, Gould St in Manchester. Councillor Richard Leese, Leader of Manchester City Council added that this scheme would offer a range of housing options and be a key contributor to achieving Greater Manchester's housing ambitions. It would include 22 new units, some of which would be carbon negative.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the acceptance of £3m of Evergreen Surpluses from the Evergreen Holdings Fund Board be approved.
2. That the proposal to enter Grant Funding Agreements with each of the 10 GM Districts to allocate revenue funding, as outlined within the report. Be approved.
3. That the creation of additional required roles be approved with formal appointment of relevant posts to be referred to the Resources Committee.
4. That the allocation of £2.125m of Brownfield Housing Fund grant monies, as set out in Section 4 of the report, be approved.
5. 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.

GMCA 120/21 THE MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham set out the schemes contained within the report which required approval in order to progress the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund Programme. Specifically, it sought approval for phase two of the Manchester Beswick Scheme and phase 1 of the GM Bike Hire Scheme that would offer a docked bike hire programme initially to the urban core of Manchester, Salford and Trafford.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the release of up to £0.573 million MCF funding for the Manchester Beswick Phase 2 scheme be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable the signing of the necessary legal agreements, as set out in section 2 of the report.
2. That the release of up to £11.88 million MCF funding for the Greater Manchester Bike Hire scheme (Phase 1) be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable the signing of the necessary legal contracts for the scheme, as set out in section 2 of the report (and approve TfGM entering into such contracts).
3. That it be noted that the 'Streets for All' report will be submitted to the GMCA in July 2021.

GMCA 121/21 LOCAL TRANSPORT GRANT AND POTHOLE CHALLENGE FUNDING

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham introduced a report which set out the final allocation of the devolved Local Transport Grant, which included funding for the Integrated Transport Block and Highways Maintenance Block and Incentive Element totalling £35.7m. The funding for 2021/22 was confirmed later than in previous years and was not received in time to be included in the 2021/22 budget approved by GMCA on 12th February 2021. The Government has also recently confirmed the allocation for the Pothole and Challenge Fund of £15.5m.

Members of the GMCA were disappointed by the recent Government announcement regarding the Highways Maintenance Fund, it was hoped that the share of this fund being returned to Local Authorities would go some way to mitigating against this budget deficit.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposed allocations for Highways funding to Districts and the proposed allocation of the Integrated Transport Block Funding for 2021/22 be approved.
2. That the update to the 2021/22 GMCA Capital Programme be approved.
3. That it be noted that the funding allocations for future years will be the subject of future reports to GMCA.

GMCA 122/21 MONTHLY ECONOMIC UPDATE

Councillor Elise Wilson, Portfolio Lead for Economy took Members through the latest Economic Resilience Dashboard, which had begun to indicate the impact of the lifting of some of the covid restrictions and the new relationship with the EU. Specifically it had highlighted the recruitment challenges for the tourism, manufacturing, health & social care, leisure and construction industries which would be observed over the next few months to understand the severity of the issues.

A recent report had highlighted Greater Manchester as the fastest growing technology city region in the EU, outside London which was a significant recognition for the conurbation.

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader of Bury Council reported that he and the GM Mayor had met with Capita regarding their proposed relocation of their site outside of Greater Manchester and the impact that it would have to the 500 employees who also live here. The conversations were welcomed, and a request was made that they look again at a working from home offer for their staff that would support their needs and also the wider GM economy. Thanks were also expressed to the ongoing support of the Communication Workers Union in this matter.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard be noted.
2. That it be noted that PROGRESS21 had been rescheduled and would now take place on 23 September 2021.

3. That it be noted that the GM Mayor and Leader of Bury Council had met with Capita regarding their proposed relocation of business from Bury to Preston-Brook, Runcorn, with a resulting loss over 500 jobs across GM. It was hoped that the meeting would have a positive impact on the discussions and that a positive outcome could be reported to the GMCA in July 2021.

GMCA 123/21 GMCA CAPITAL OUTTURN 2020/2021

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources introduced a report which informed Members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority of the capital outturn for 2020/21.

RESOLVED /-

That the 2020/21 actual outturn capital expenditure of £420.3 million compared to forecast for 2020/21 presented to GMCA on 12 February 2021 of £427.6 million be noted.

GMCA 124/21 GMCA PROVISIONAL REVENUE OUTTURN 2020/21

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources introduced a report which informed Members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority provisional revenue outturn for 2020/21.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that Mayoral General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is breakeven after transfer to earmarked reserves.
2. That it be noted that the Mayoral General – GM Fire & Rescue provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is an underspend of £477k after transfer to earmarked reserves. The underspend will be transferred to Fire General Fund.
3. That it be noted that the GMCA General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is breakeven after transfer to earmarked reserves.
4. That it be noted that the Waste and Resourcing provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is breakeven after transfers from earmarked reserves and agreed return of levy and reserves to Districts.
5. That it be noted that the GMCA Transport provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is breakeven.
6. That it be noted that the TfGM provisional revenue outturn position for 2020/21 is breakeven.
7. That it be noted that the Government has extended the statutory deadline for the publication of the 2020-21 draft accounts by two months to 31st July 2021.

8. That it be noted that the final position is subject to the submission of the audited accounts to be finalised by 30th September 2021 and to be reported to the GMCA Audit Committee prior to the deadline.

GMCA 125/21 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources introduced a report which sought approval for an investment to The Modular Analytics Company Limited that would be made from recycled funds.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the funding application for The Modular Analytics Company Limited (investment of up to £750,000) be approved and progressed to due diligence.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above company, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investment noted above.

GMCA 126/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED /-

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.

GMCA 127/21 STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MDC) DELIVERY PLAN 2021-2026

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 117/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 128/21 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute GMCA 118/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 129/21 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute GMCA 125/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 130/21 BUS FRANCHISING - LAND ACQUISITION

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive of the GMCA & TfGM introduced a report which sought approval for the acquisition of land for the Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Scheme.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report be noted,
2. That the acquisition of land be approved for the purposes of the Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Scheme.
3. That the proposed increase in the capital programme be approved for the purposes of the acquisition of land for the Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Scheme.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to agree the final terms of all necessary agreements for the purchase of the land.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to complete and execute all necessary legal agreements.
6. That authority be delegated to TfGM to agree the best commercial terms in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer.

Signed by the Chair:

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