

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GM CLEAN AIR QUALITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE HELD TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:

GMCA	Andrew Western (Chair)
Bolton	Anne Galloway
Bury	Alan Quin
Oldham	Abdul Jabbar
Salford	Sophia Lindon
Tameside	Allison Gwynne
Trafford	Stephen Adshead
Wigan	Paul Prescott
Wigan	Joanne Marshall

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bolton	John Dyson
GMCA	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Kerry Bond
GMCA	Liz Treacy
GMCA	Ninoshka Martins
TfGM	Kate Mooney
TfGM	Frank Tudor
TfGM	Megan Black
TfGM	Simon Warburton

AQC 21/08 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adele Warren (Bolton), Sara Rowbotham, Mike McCusker (Salford) and Tom McGee.

AQC 21/09 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2021/22

Liz Treacy, Monitoring Officer, GMCA opened the meeting and invited nominations for the role of Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

The Committee agreed the appointment of Councillor Andrew Western (Trafford) as Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED/-

That Councillor Andrew Western (Trafford) be appointed as Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
WIGAN

AQC 21/10 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair invited nominations for the role of Vice-Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

The Committee agreed the appointment of Councillor Allison Gwynne (Tameside) as Vice-Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED/-

That Councillor Allison Gwynne (Tameside) be appointed as Vice-Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

**AQC 21/11 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GM CLEAN AIR QUALITY
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE 2021/22**

The Committee was asked to note its Membership for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED/-

That the Membership for the 2021/22 Municipal Year be noted.

**AQC 21/12 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT AND ANNUAL
DECLARATION FORM**

Members were reminded of their obligations under the GMCA Members' Code of Conduct and were requested to complete an annual declaration of interest form, which had been emailed to them by the Governance & Scrutiny Officer.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the GMCA's Member Code of Conduct (Appendix A of the report) be noted.

AQC 21/13 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members were provided with the GM Clean Air Quality Administration Committee's Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED/-

That the Committee's Terms of Reference be noted.

AQC 21/14 SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES 2021/22

Members were advised that the next meeting will take place mid-October and that future meetings will be scheduled as and when business arises.

RESOLVED/-

1. That a meeting of the GM Clean Air Administration Committee be scheduled for mid-October.
2. That following the mid-October meeting the Committee reconvene as appropriate.

AQC 21/15 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no Chair's announcements or urgent business.

AQC 21/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

AQC 21/17 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee, held on 23 March 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GM Clean Air Quality Administration Committee, held on 23 March 2021, be approved as a correct record.

AQC 21/18 GM CLEAN AIR PLAN - BUS REPLACEMENT FUNDS

Consideration was given to a report that outlined the details of the Clean Bus Fund Replacement scheme designed to distribute the bus replacement funds as set out in the agreed GM Clean Air Plan policy.

It was requested that section 1.4 that reads "*The GMCA – Clean Air Update report on 29 May 2020 detailed that GM had been awarded £15.4m for bus retrofit and as set out in the GMCA - GM Clean Air Final Plan report on 25 June 2021, GM has been awarded £3.4m to support bus replacement by small and medium size companies. This figure includes the JAQU estimated delivery costs at 5%*" be amended to read "*The GMCA – Clean Air Update report on 29 May 2020 detailed that GM had been awarded £15.4m for bus retrofit and as set out in the GMCA - GM Clean Air Final Plan report on 25 June 2021, GM has been awarded £3.4m to support bus replacement by small and medium size companies. This figure includes the JAQU estimated delivery costs at 5%.*"

RESOLVED/-

1. That section 1.4 of the report be amended to reflect the correct date i.e., 25 June 2021.
2. That the establishment and distribution of the bus replacement funds be approved.

AQC 21/19

GM CLEAN AIR PLAN - CLEAN AIR ZONE: CAMERA AND SIGN INSTALLATION

Consideration was given to a report that updated members on the installation of ANPR cameras and road signs required for the GM Clean Air Zone.

Given the geographic scale of the zone, over 2,300 road signs and almost 1,000 automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras would be installed on the highway network from the end of October 2021. The first ANPR camera was installed on Vernon Street, Bolton in August, and till date over 65 cameras had been installed.

The following comments were made:

The report was welcomed, and the need for the committee to receive regular updates as work progresses was noted. Members were advised that TfGM had been closely working with Districts to ensure that plans are on track for the formal launch on 30 May 2022.

ANPR cameras are to be built and mounted on either lamp posts or dedicated poles however it was highlighted that certain columns were not suitable for use. Therefore, clarity was sought on how additional costs of upgrading columns would be met. Members were advised that as part of the programme for work, lighting columns were tested for suitability and that additional charges for upgrading columns had been factored into the scheme.

RESOLVED/-

That the progress of the installation of the cameras and signs required for the GM Clean Air Zone be noted.