

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON 26 JULY 2019 AT OLDHAM CIVIC CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bolton	Councillor David Greenhalgh
Bury	Councillor David Jones
Manchester	Councillor Sue Murphy
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Elise Wilson
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rochdale	Councillor Sara Rowbotham
Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
Tameside	Councillor Leanne Feeley

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Caroline Wilkins
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Charlotte Ramsden
Stockport	Mark Fitton
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
GMCA	Claire Norman
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
WIGAN

GMCA 154/19**APOLOGIES****RESOLVED /-**

That apologies were received from Councillor Richard Leese (Manchester) – Councillor Sue Murphy attending, Councillor Jenny Bullen (Wigan), Councillor Bev Craig (Manchester), Councillor Mark Aldred (GM Transport Committee), Eamonn Boylan (GMCA & TfGM), Jim Taylor (Salford) – Charlotte Ramsden attending and Pam Smith (Stockport) – Mark Fitton attending.

GMCA 155/19**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The GM Mayor informed the meeting that the Good Employment Charter had been launched this week and building on that the GMCA Resources Committee had just received a report earlier today advising that the GMCA was the first Combined Authority to virtually eliminate its gender pay gap (0.1%).

RESOLVED /-

That it be noted that the GMCA was the first Combined Authority to virtually eliminate its gender pay gap (0.1%) and that the GMCA record its thanks Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and officers at the GMCA who have enabled this to be achieved.

GMCA 156/19**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST****RESOLVED /-**

That it be noted that Councillor Sue Murphy declared a personal interest in relation to items 17 (Skills Investment – Programme & Priorities) and 19 (Devolution of the Adult Education Budget) as the Chair of the LTE Group (Manchester College and Total People).

GMCA 157/19**GMCA APPOINTMENTS****RESOLVED /-**

1. That the appointment of Councillor David Jones (Leader of Bury Council) to the GMCA, following the resignation of Councillor Rishi Shori be noted.
2. That the appointment of that Councillor David Jones as portfolio lead for Young People & Cohesion be noted.

3. That the appointment of Councillor David Jones (Bury) as a substitute member to the Health and Social Care Board be noted.
4. That the appointment of Councillor Martyn Cox (Bolton) to the Manchester Growth Company Board be approved.
5. That the appointment of Councillors Jude Wells (Stockport), David Molyneux (Wigan) and David Jones (Bury) as substitutes members to the Joint Health Commissioning Board be noted.
6. That the appointment of Councillor Beth Mortenson and Councillor David Jones (as substitute) by Bury MBC to the Greater Manchester Transport Committee be noted.

GMCA 158/19 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2019

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held 28 June 2019 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meeting held 28 June 2019 be approved as a correct record, subject to the removal of Councillor Aasim Rashid and the inclusion of Councillor Faisal Rana (Rochdale) to the list of those in attendance at the meeting.

GMCA 159/19 GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD IN JULY 2019

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 12 July 2019 be noted.
2. That the minutes of the Housing, Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 11 July 2019 be noted.
3. That the minutes of the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 16 July 2019 be noted.

GMCA 160/19 GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 27 JUNE & 12 JULY 2019

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee meetings held on 27 June & 12 July 2019 be noted.
2. That the appointment of Steve Wilson as the GMCA Treasurer, as recommended by the GMCA Resources Committee on 12 July 2019 be approved.

GMCA 161/19 GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12 JULY 2019

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Transport Committee held 12 July 2019 be noted.
2. That the decision of the GM Mayor to appoint Councillor Mark Aldred as the Chair of the GMC Transport Committee be noted.

GMCA 162/19 GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18 JULY 2019

RESOLVED/-

1. That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Waste & Recycling Committee held 18 July 2019 be noted.
2. That the appointment of Councillor Alison Gwynne as the Chair of the GM waste & Recycling Committee, as recommended by the Committee be agreed.

GMCA 163/19 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15 JULY 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership held on the 15 July 2019 be noted.

GMCA 164/19 GREATER MANCHESTER MODEL – WHITE PAPER ON UNIFIED PUBLIC SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GREATER MANCHESTER

The GM Mayor introduced a report providing Members with an overview of the updated White Paper on Unified Public Services for the people of GM and thanked colleagues across the GMCA for the efforts undertaken within local authorities to progress the GM Model which was based on a shared journey across organisations

and a joint vision for place based architecture for early intervention. It had been said that this model had the potential to establish the first population health system in the UK, and the report specifically highlighted its strategic significance in relation to the GM Spending Review submission and the ongoing conversations with Government in relation to pertaining the future freedoms and flexibilities to support its delivery. Members were thanked for their valuable scrutiny of the model, and comments received during the consultation phase had been incorporated into this final draft. Comments had been received specifically from the political group in Stockport and they had been incorporated. The challenge now was to implement the model.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the updated version of the White Paper on Unified Public Services for the People of GM, which actively supported the place-led approach to implementation be endorsed.
2. That the significance of the White Paper as part of GMCA's spending review submission be noted.
3. That the points made by stakeholders and localities following the extended local engagement and consultation phase be noted.
4. That it be agreed that through existing GMCA arrangements, political leaders and senior officers, take an active role in the decision making around future progress of the model, as set out in the White Paper, in particular agreeing governance structures.
5. That it be noted that implementing the GM Model, as described in the White Paper, does not require, and was not intended for, any transfer of statutory responsibilities from public bodies to the GMCA.
6. That the input and challenge from Stockport MBC politicians to increase political participation in place-based working be welcomed.

GMCA 165/19

GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMME

Councillor David Jones, Portfolio Lead for Young People and Cohesion, introduced a report that provided an update on the school readiness programme and sought approval to use the £2.1m received from the GM Health & Care Partnership Transformation Fund to deliver the programme as outlined in the Delivery Plans.

Members of the GMCA welcomed the investment within early years, and commented that following previous investment outcomes were being realised within the lives of children and young people as they progressed through education, training and into the workplace. Recent figures had highlighted that there were 200 more children

across GM achieving the school readiness levels at the end of 2018-19 compared to the previous year, further evidencing the importance of early year's intervention.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be agreed that the school readiness programme delivery plans for 2019/20 - 20/21 be funded through the £2.1m received from the Health & Care Partnership Transformation Fund.
2. That the allocation of the funding to the programme areas outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report be approved.

GMCA 166/19 IMPLEMENTING THE GREATER MANCHESTER FIVE-YEAR ENVIRONMENT PLAN

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, introduced a report that provided an indicative budget from retained business rates for approval. The funding identified was clearly insufficient to deliver the ambitious action plan, however it will support opportunities to identify match funding to act as a lever to access other funding sources. An additional recommendation was tabled at the meeting requesting the GMCA to declare a climate change emergency recognising the significance of the issue we are facing. In stating this, the GMCA were further emphasising the need for actions to ensure that our climate change ambitions can be delivered.

GM has already come a long way in tackling the climate crisis, and the Five Year Environment Plan provides a strong platform to tackle the crisis with clear and transparent deliverable actions identified to achieve the 2038 goal for climate change to be reached.

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Leader of Tameside Council and Chair of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund expressed her support of the call to declare a climate change emergency and informed the CA that although the Pension Fund was a separate entity it was strongly aligned to the ambitions of the Environment Plan. Efforts to manage the risk that climate change has on pension investments had already been taken, and an ongoing commitment to responsible investment had been made. Greater Manchester Pension Fund had in fact pledged 2 years ahead of the Government to become 100% net carbon neutral by 2050 at the very latest, but will be continuing to work hard to achieve this sooner. These efforts to date have been recognised by the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee describing the GM Pension Fund as having the highest levels of engagement of all UK Pension Funds to manage the risks that climate change poses to UK pension investments.

Despite recent discussions with Fossil Free GM, on the 19 July whilst a meeting was taking place, a non-peaceful protest took place outside Guardsman Tony Downes building. Resulting in high levels of distress for those who were in the building, the

family of Tony Downes and others who witnessed the graffiti and abuse given by the supporters of Fossil Free GM.

The GM Mayor advised that it was important to recognise that the GM Pension Fund supported the ambitions of the GM Five Year Environment Plan. He also condemned the actions of the protestors at the Pension Fund building.

Further members of the GMCA endorsed the Five Year Environment Plan and emphasised the importance of delivering on the actions it sets out to ensure GM can meet its commitments to carbon neutrality. They recognised the key role that the voluntary and community sector had in supporting behavioural change, and the need to scale up the positive work that was already taking place in certain areas of GM. However, Members urged that Government needed to take an active role in supporting GM to deliver this agenda, given the current economic climate and public sector resource constraints it was difficult for local authorities to deliver the Governments 2050 targets, let alone their local targets. The meeting was also reminded that GM had established a strategic policy framework to deliver zero carbon homes by 2028.

Members acknowledged the work of GM Authorities in progressing their green principles. The positive role of the GM Pension Fund and Manchester Airport was also welcomed, further emphasising the credible and advanced position of Greater Manchester in relation to carbon neutrality.

Councillor David Greenhalgh, added his support to the recommendations with a plea that realistic goals and realistic outcomes be established.

Councillor Brenda Warrington was thanked for her work as the Chair of the GM Pension Fund in progressing the carbon neutrality agenda.

Councillor Andrew Western was thanked for his work on this agenda, progressing GM towards the 2038 carbon neutral goal and further supporting the Government's ambitions.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the release £1m from the retained business rates reserve (over 19/20-21/22) to support the implementation of the 5 Year Environment Plan be agreed.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead and Lead Chief Executive for Green City Region, for individual expenditure decisions within this £1m, including approval of any consequent grants to districts from this money where appropriate.
3. That the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report 'Global warming of 1.5°' published on 8 October 2018, be noted in particular:

- That human activities were estimated to have already caused approximately 1.0°C of global warming above pre-industrial levels
 - That if we continue at the current rate, we are likely to surpass the Paris Agreement target of 1.5°C as early as 2030
 - That at the current level of commitments, the world was on course for 3°C of warming with irreversible and catastrophic consequences for humans and the natural world
4. That the GMCA believed that:
- The impacts of global temperature rise above 1.5°C, were so severe that Governments at all levels must work together and make this their top priority
 - As well as large-scale improvements in health and wellbeing around the world, bold climate action could deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities
 - As urban populations increased, greater consideration of how urban systems could develop sustainability would be required
5. That the GMCA declare a 'climate emergency' to support the delivery of the GM 5 Year Environment Plan.
6. That it be agreed to establish a Green City Region Board and Partnership Group, building on the existing Low Carbon Hub Board, with a remit to:
- Monitor progress against the carbon budgets set out in the 5 Year Environment Plan and to achieve a challenging target date of 2038 for carbon neutrality or earlier if possible
 - Take a mission based approach to achieving this target date as part of our Local Industrial Strategy agreed with Government, and to ensure we maximise the economic opportunities presented by the move to carbon neutrality
 - Consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the GMCA's activities
 - Make recommendations and set an ambitious timescale for reducing these impacts in line with the tasks set out in the 5 Year Environment Plan
 - Assess the feasibility of requiring all report risk and procurement assessments to include Carbon Emission Appraisals, including presenting alternative approaches which reduce emissions wherever possible

- Report to GMCA every six months on progress and actions required to take to address this emergency and how it will work with GM Districts to develop a Mission Based Approach to implementation
7. That it be agreed to task a director level officer with responsibility for reducing as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the GMCA's activities.
 8. That it be agreed to equip staff, particularly those involved with buildings, energy and transport management and procurement of goods and service, with an awareness of the CO2 costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions.
 9. That it be agreed that reducing emissions from aviation was an important international issue, which has been accounted for prior to setting GM's carbon reduction targets. Since 2015, Manchester Airport's direct emissions, including those from the airports terminals, infrastructure and owned vehicles, have been carbon neutral. There was a long-term plan to reduce emissions from UK aviation – the Sustainable Aviation Carbon Roadmap. In the future, the aviation industry would be a significant buyer of 'market-based measures' for carbon capture and storage. GM will work with Manchester Airport and others to explore the opportunity to provide local carbon sequestration credits, building upon our aspiration of a green economy with enriched habitats.
 10. That tackling climate change was everybody's responsibility.
 11. That it be noted that the work of the GM Pension Fund (GMPF) in addressing Climate Change, more specifically to become 100% net carbon neutral by 2050 at the latest, was aligned with the additional recommendations tabled at the meeting.
 12. That it be noted that the GMPF does not hold any direct holdings in fracking.
 13. That the GMCA agree that the recent activity of Fossil Free GM in attacking Guardsman Tony Downes House, GMPF offices, was disappointing and unacceptable, notwithstanding the cost to the public in responding to the incident.
 14. That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor Brenda Warrington for her work as Chair of GMPF in supporting the work to address climate change.
 15. That it be agreed that the GM Mayor write to the Prime Minister to inform them that GMCA has declared a climate emergency, with a request from Government to provide the resources and powers necessary to deal with it.
 16. That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor Andrew Western for his work on the Green City Region Agenda, and the implementation of the 5 Year

Environment Plan which would be a significant contributor towards the achievement of the Government's low carbon targets.

GMCA 167/19 CLEAN AIR UPDATE

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, introduced a report, which provided an update on the progress in developing the GM Clean Air Plan, summarising the Government's feedback on the Outline Business Case and outlining plans for the schedule of works to develop the full business case.

Members were advised that GM's submission, included a series of 'asks' of Government to support delivery, including support for the retrofitting of commercial vehicles, and the potential for a scrappage/swapping scheme. Currently similar schemes are already available in London, such as the clean taxi fund that should equally be available for GM.

The Government's response to the Outline Business Case has been disappointing with a request for further details and evidence. GM was aware that significant action was required to reduce air pollution and the impact on health. However, it has been made clear that support was needed to implement measures to upgrade vehicles before a charge could be introduced given the negative impact on the most disadvantaged communities and small businesses.

The GM Mayor added that there should not be a single business impacted negatively as a result of this scheme and it must be implemented in partnership with Government for it to be successfully integrated across GM. He advised that he would seek a meeting with the Secretary of State and continue to press for meetings on this issue.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the additional information requested in response from Government to the submission of the Outline Business Case (OBC) was largely already included in the OBC.
3. That it be noted that correspondence with the new Secretary of State had already begun.
4. That it be noted that work will continue to press for meetings with Ministers with a view to seeking Government funding to deliver the Clean Air Plan in a managed way so that there was no impact on small businesses and individuals.

Councillor Allen Brett, Portfolio Lead for Community, Cooperatives & Inclusion, introduced a report that provided an update on the work which had taken place presenting information on the policy paper development by the reference group to support for Reform White Paper, Local Industrial Strategy and Health and Care Prospectus. The report also sought a review of the investment in the voluntary, social and community enterprise sector in light of the policy paper including grant funding towards to implementation of a Voluntary Sector, Community and Social Enterprise Accord. Members were reminded that the deadline for the call for evidence by the GM Co-Operative Commission to inform the Co-operative model for GM was the 1 September, with evidence was still required for transport and housing.

The meeting was also reminded of the significant outcomes where contracts had been awarded to voluntary sector organisations.

The GM Mayor added that the success of ‘a bed every night’ could also be highly attributed to the support of the voluntary and community sectors, and thanked GM colleagues for all the support to the programme throughout phase 1, and continued support as the programme moved into phase 2.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the update provided on progress made to deliver the GM VCSE Accord be noted.
2. That the development of the VCSE Policy Paper be noted.
3. That the role of the Voluntary Sector & Community Enterprises in delivering and responding to the needed of the community be acknowledged.
4. That the proposal to review GMCA investment with VCSE organisations in the light of the evolving GM policy context, including the grant funding which goes into VCSE infrastructure organisations at a GM level, with report to be submitted on completion of this review, be approved
5. That it be noted that the deadline for the call for evidence by the GM Co-Operative Commission to inform the Co-operative model for GM was the 1 September, with evidence still required for transport and housing.
6. That the arrangements for Phase 2 of a ‘Bed Every Night’ programme would be made available following the next meeting of the Homelessness Programme Board.

Councillor Sue Murphy, Manchester City Council introduced a report which provided an update on the preparation underway across GM for Brexit and the potential mitigating actions to minimise the impact should the UK exit the EU without a deal. There had been recent rapid changes in relation to Brexit not least the appointment of a new British Prime Minister and the potential of a no-deal exit from the EU seeming more likely. Clarity was still outstanding on the progress of the Shared Prosperity Fund. Any devolution of powers back to the UK needed to be devolved to the regions rather than held centrally by Government.

There were concerns that the potential funding identified for a 'no deal' scenario was determined no longer required by Government's newly appointed Cabinet. Members felt that those funds were necessary more than ever to mitigate the economic position following the result of no-deal Brexit. It was also felt that some residents were not aware of the potential impact of a no-deal Brexit and the GMCA should continue to share its knowledge of the realistic outcomes with communities, businesses and residents.

Councillor David Greenhalgh added that this new cabinet seemed to be more united and had already made it clear to the EU that they would prefer a deal, but would also be prepared to leave without one if necessary. He urged the GMCA to show a collaborative approach to Government in order to achieve the best outcomes for all.

Members asked that future reports to the GMCA regarding Brexit, include specific detail as to the actual impact of a no-deal scenario on the business sectors and residents of GM and that detailed information be sought from Government to assist GM in planning for these outcomes.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report and the increased likelihood of a 'No Deal' announcement and the detrimental impact on the residents of GM and the preparedness work underway be noted.
2. That clarification be sought on funding as soon possible, in particular the Shared Prosperity Fund as a replacement for European Funding, particularly to deal with any economic shock that may occur as a result of Brexit.
3. That GM should push for a Devolution Agreement that was fit for purpose to deal with repatriation and those powers that were returning to the UK. Those powers need to be devolved and not held centrally by Government.
4. That the update on the work of a cross-party group undertaken with the LGA be noted.

5. That future Brexit reports have a specific details on the impact of 'No-Deal' Brexit on residents and businesses.

GMCA 170/19 SKILLS INVESTMENT – PROGRAMME & PRIORITIES

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships took Members through a report which set out an approach for bringing forward innovative skills provision linked to employer needs to further strengthen the skills gap and builds upon the sector approach as detailed in the GM Industrial Strategy.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposed programme and priorities identified for an “Investment Pot for Skills” be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Lead Chief Executive for Skills in consultation with the Skills Portfolio Lead to approve the development of a prospectus.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Skills Portfolio Lead and Chief Executive, to approve individual investment decisions following commissioning.

GMCA 171/19 DEVOLUTION OF THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET

Councillor Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships introduced a report which provided an update on the progress of the devolution of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) to the GMCA from the 1 August 2019 together with an update on the commissioning of AEB provision following the conclusion of the a recent procurement exercise.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the conclusion of the Adult Education Budget commissioning process and the selected providers be noted.
2. That the significant flexibilities that the devolution of the Adult Education Budget has enabled GM to introduce, to improve outcomes for GM resident, as set out in the report, be welcome, including:
 - Ensuring free education and training for all residents without a first level 2 qualification
 - Providing free learning for employed residents earning below the national living wage
 - Providing funded units of advanced training and education at level 3

- Providing free British Sign Language (BSL) provision for residents for whom BSL is their first language, bringing BSL into line with entitlements around English
- Testing the impact of packages of wraparound support for priority sectors, including licence to practice (LTP) where it is linked to a job outcome
- Ensuring that all providers delivering GMCA funded AEB provision (including colleges) are Good or Outstanding
- Better aligning adult skills provision and employment support for residents
- Ensuring value for money and maximising the funding going to front-line delivery

GMCA 172/19 NIGHT TIME ECONOMY BLUEPRINT

The GM Mayor introduced the GM Night Time Economy Blueprint which outlined the draft GM Night Time Economy Blue Print developed by the Night Time Economy Advisor, Sasha Lord and the draft survey co-developed by TfGM.

The GM Mayor welcomed Sasha Lord to the meeting and invited him to share his vision for the Blueprint who explained that the night-time economy had been classified as any activities taking place between 6pm-6am. There were well-established arrangements in place to support the night-time economy across GM; the role of the Advisor could help to further strengthen those arrangements through a clear focus on the key points of commonality – safety, connectivity, diversity, skills, careers & wellbeing and regeneration & international reputation.

The GM Mayor thanked Sasha Lord and the Panel for their work to date acknowledging the importance of the night time workforce. The Blueprint would support the regeneration of town centres, and members of the GMCA were urged to take up the offer of the bespoke support available from the Night-time Economy Advisor. Some GM Local Authorities had already engaged, resulting in the re-energisation of their town centre task forces, town centre partnerships and had encouraged new thinking about the local night-time offer including the role of cultural offers to revive town centres.

Members shared some particular night time economy successes such as Altrincham Market (Trafford) and The Fire Within (Wigan) which had been further catalysts for economic growth and aspirations towards purple flag awards.

It was felt that this Blueprint was a strong strategic document that linked across a number of GM ambitions. The GM Mayor requested the Panel consider the role they could play in encouraging night time businesses to sign up to the Good Employment Charter. The potential to dovetail the work with the Town Centre Challenge submissions was also highlighted.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the content of the Night-time Economy Blueprint be agreed.
2. That the contents of the Night-time Transport Survey be noted.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to Sasha Lord and GMCA members and officers for progressing work on the Blueprint.
4. That the panel be requested to look at ways to encourage night-time employers to sign up to the Good Employment Charter.

GMCA 173/19 GMCA CAPITAL UPDATE 2019/20

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources & Investment introduced a report that presented an update in relation to the GMCA 2019/20 capital expenditure programme.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the current 2019/20 forecast compared to the 2019/20 capital budget be noted.
2. That the giving of grants to GM Districts where applicable be approved.
3. That the revised budget for the Clean Bus Fund following award of grant allocations for 2019/20, as detailed in paragraph 5.6 of the report, be approved.
4. That Full Approval for the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Salford Delivery Package 4 Pendleton town centre and the associated release of funding of £2.823 million from the Local Growth Deal to enable the delivery of the scheme as detailed in section 7 be granted.
5. That the addition to the Capital programme of four schemes within the Growth Deal minor works programme, as detailed in section 9 of the report, be approved.
6. That the transfers to GM Districts for the Highways Maintenance, National Productivity Fund and Pot-Hole Funding, as detailed in paragraph 10.4 of the report, be approved.
7. That the addition to the Capital programme for Homes Communities Agency Empty Homes Programme, as detailed in paragraph 11.5 to 11.6 of the report, be approved.
8. That the revised budget for the Pankhurst Centre, which will now be spent in 2019/20 and 2020/21, as detailed in paragraph 11.18 of the report, be approved.

9. That the decision that has been taken by the LEP board in July with regards to management of Local Growth Deal be approved and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to amend the funding sources and allocations as set out in Para 11.19, including approval of any consequent grants to districts from this money where appropriate.

GMCA 174/19 GMCA REVENUE UPDATE 2019/20

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources & Investment introduced a report which informed the GMCA of the 2019/20 forecast revenue outturn position at the end of June 2019 that showed a good position with the Controlling Migration Fund being returned back to Local Authorities.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Mayoral General forecast revenue outturn position for 2019/20 which shows an underspend against budget of £1.6 million be noted.
2. That the Mayoral General – Fire forecast revenue outturn position for 2019/20 which shows an underspend against budget of £1.8 million be noted.
3. That it be noted that the Mayoral General – Fire forecast does not incorporate the potential outcomes of the decision making process on the Programme for Change Outline Business Case.
4. That the GMCA General budget forecast revenue outturn position for 2019/20, which was in line with budget, be noted.
5. That the Transport forecast revenue outturn position for 2019/20, which was in line with budget, be noted.
6. That the GM Waste forecast revenue outturn position for 2019/20, which was in line with budget, be noted.
7. That the TfGM forecast revenue outturn position for 2019/20, as detailed paragraph 4.1 of the report, be noted.
8. That the increase to the Mayoral General – Fire budget of £0.8 million, as detailed in paragraph 3.8 of the report, be approved.
9. That the increase to the GMCA General budget of £24.6 million, as detailed in paragraphs 3.9 – 3.27 of the report, be approved.
10. That the increase to the Transport budget of £5 million, as detailed in paragraph 3.29 of the report, following confirmation of grant balances in earmarked reserves, be approved.

11. That the adjustment to the Transport Levy, as detailed in paragraphs 3.30 – 3.33 of the report, following the Transport Order approval in April 2019, be approved.
12. That it be agreed that the grants payable to GM Districts would be reduced by the same value of the Transport levy adjustment.
13. That the refunds to GM Districts in regards to Waste, as detailed in paragraph 3.35 of the report, be approved.
14. That the disbursement of £0.85 million between the 10 GM Districts for the Controlling Migration Fund, as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report, be approved.

GMCA 175/19 CONCESSIONARY PASS UPDATE

The GM Mayor Andy Burnham introduced a report that sought approval for an annual charge for older people to access the enhanced concessionary travel scheme, which enabled free travel within GM. He reminded the GMCA that the incentive was to provide a comparative charging scheme for other concessionary passes. Bus travel would remain completely free for older people, with the option to access an enhanced scheme that offers free travel on rail and Metrolink for £10 a year. He confirmed that money generated from this charge would be invested into improving bus services.

Members of the GMCA expressed some concern regarding implementing an annual charge for free Metrolink and rail services, however were aware that difficult decisions had to be made in order to ensure bus reform could be delivered, and that this proposal would further bring some parity across concessionary passes. However, Members urged that these type of charges do not mitigate the need for sustainable funding for the public transport network.

Members further added that there needed to be a clear communications plan to ensure passengers clearly understood the scheme.

The GM Mayor summarised that the key to this proposal was equal treatment across all concessionary fares and that at 19p per week for free rail and Metrolink was a relatively cost effective way for older people to travel.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposal to introduce an annual charge of £10 for 'older people', as defined in paragraph 1.14 of the report, to access the enhanced (Metrolink and train only) local concessionary travel scheme within GM be approved.

2. That it be noted that this proposal does not change any person's eligibility for the statutory English National Concessionary Scheme (ENCTS) under the Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 that allows free off-peak travel on all local bus services anywhere in England from 09:30 until 23:00 on weekdays and all day at weekends and on Bank Holidays, or the local enhancement that extends the statutory scheme to midnight on weekdays in GM.
3. That it be noted that this was forecast to generate an annual income of c£1.25 million that will be ring fenced for investment in transport services, including, in particular, the bus network and the continued provision and enhancement of local concessionary travel schemes.
4. That it be noted that a detailed delivery plan will be developed. The plan would include an assessment of the development and implementation costs associated with the proposal that would be funded from a top slice from the first year's (2019/20) income and from existing budgets, with the final allocation being determined in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer.
5. That it be noted that, based on an initial assessment, it was considered that January 2020 was the earliest date that the proposal could be implemented.
6. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and the TfGM Director of Finance and Corporate Services, in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer to approve the required decisions to ensure the delivery of the proposal, including any updates required to the Local Concessionary Travel Scheme.
7. That it be agreed that there was still some work to be undertaken on the public messaging to avoid any confusion.

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GREATER MANCHESTER RAIL PROSPECTUS

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham took Members through a report that informed the GMCA of the plan to publish a GM Prospectus for Rail, including proposed content, timescale and objectives. He reported that rail commitments were now more visible across all political parties, but that substantial Government investment into the rail industry in GM was needed to ensure the delivery of a truly integrated public transport service.

Greater Manchester would like to see fully devolved rail services to the GMCA and Mayor, enabling the development of tram/train services to strengthen and widen the transport offer.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the development of the GM Prospects for Rail be endorsed.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor to approve the final draft of the prospectus.

GMCA 177/19 HS2 PHASE 2B DESIGN REFINEMENT CONSULTATION – GM RESPONSE APPROACH

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham introduced a report that provided an overview of the proposed approach to responding to the HS2 Phase 2B Design Refinement Consultation.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor and the lead planning authority to approve the final response to the consultations.

GMCA 178/19 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK / GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUNDS – DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources & Investment, introduced a report which sought agreement to temporarily delegate authority to officers, in conjunction with the relevant Portfolio Holder to approve projects for investment.

RESOLVED /-

1. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive Officer and GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the GM Mayor and the Portfolio Lead for Resources & Investment, to approve GM Investment Framework funding and approve any urgent variations on amounts and terms for already approved loans during the period 27 July to 26 September 2019.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the GM Mayor and the Portfolio Lead for Planning, Housing & Homelessness, to approve GM Housing Investment Loan Fund funding and approve any urgent variations on amounts and terms for already approved loans during the period for the period 29 July 2019 to 26 September 2019.
3. That it be noted that recommendations approved under the delegation would be subject to the usual due diligence processes and would be reported to the GMCA at the next available meeting.

