

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY HELD ON 24 JUNE 2022 AT GUARDSMAN TONY DOWNES HOUSE,
MANCHESTER ROAD, DROYLSDEN**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Deputy Mayor for Police & Fire	Beverley Hughes
Bolton	Councillor Hilary Fairclough
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Amanda Chadderton
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	Councillor John Merry
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Tameside	Councillor Gerald Cooney
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	John Searle
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Trafford	Sarah Saleh
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Julie Connor

GMCA

Sylvia Welsh

GMCA

Nicola Ward

GMCA 96/22 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED/-

That apologies be received and noted from City Mayor Paul Dennett, Councillor Martyn Cox and Tom Stannard.

GMCA 97/22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR – 2022/23

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 98/22 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRS – 2022/23

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be noted that City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Deputy Mayor, is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.
2. That it be noted that Councillor Martyn Cox is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.
3. That it be noted that Councillor Mark Hunter is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.

GMCA 99/22 GMCA SCRUTINY REVIEW

Clive Memmott, Chief Executive of the GM Chamber of Commerce and the Independent Chair of the Scrutiny Review Task Group, took Members through the recommendations contained within report from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS), which had been

commissioned by the GMCA. The review had examined the effectiveness and impact of the GMCA's approach to overview and scrutiny, with a focus on improving the function.

The report found that a 'less is more' approach would be beneficial so that members could conduct more in-depth scrutiny on the most important issues without being overburdened. Remuneration had been discussed by members of the task group and it was noted that the decision to provide remuneration to committee members was dependent on the provisions within the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill becoming law and subject to recommendations of the GM Independent Remuneration Panel. The schedule for scrutiny had also been identified as an area for improvement, and the report concluded that matters should be brought before the committee well in advance of decisions being taken. This would allow scrutiny to have a greater impact as it would provide time for policies to be amended in light of the questions and concerns raised by the committee. The report proposed that a single committee of 20 members, supported by task and finish groups, would be better able to scrutinise the work of the Combined Authority and the Mayor. It was acknowledged that the proposed changes to the overview and scrutiny process would need to be monitored through a transitional period, and the Chair of the Scrutiny Review Task Group offered to oversee their implementation

Members were supportive of the recommendations and were optimistic that the proposals would improve the scrutiny function. The importance of scrutiny was also reflected upon, and it was noted that providing remuneration would raise the status of scrutiny at the Combined Authority and show recognition for members' work.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the existing three overview and scrutiny committees be disestablished and that a single overview and scrutiny committee, consisting of 20 members and 20 additional members in a substitute pool, be established, as recommended by the Review.
2. That it be noted that the committee Chair and Vice Chair will be members of an opposition party to the GM Mayor, in accordance with legislation. That it be further noted that the review report includes a role description for the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee.

3. That the recommendation that Members should be nominated to the scrutiny committee and pool by districts based on their interests and skills with reference to the role description be endorsed. That it also be noted that the role description should set out clear accountabilities to the GMCA and to the nominating local authority, and that the length of term should be for two years (where possible) to ensure continuity.
4. That it be approved that scrutiny's role be strengthened and recognised as threefold:
 - to review and evaluate the performance of the Mayor and GMCA, and the way they work with their partners to deliver for local people,
 - to contribute to policy development in respect of high profile, complex issues affecting the whole of Greater Manchester,
 - to investigate more cross-cutting issues, with a particular focus on the GMCA's forthcoming responsibilities in respect of the 'missions' in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.
5. That training and support be provided to scrutiny members and officers to strengthen their existing skills in line with the role descriptions and covering the fundamentals of scrutiny as well as some of the substantive policy issues for which the GMCA is responsible.
6. That it be noted that the full package of measures detailed in the review report when taken together aim to achieve a strengthened and more effective scrutiny function, recognising that there will need to be a transitional period of implementation in the first year and that this will be monitored by the scrutiny function itself, supported by the independent review group and reported back to the CA at an appropriate time.
7. That it be agreed in principle that scrutiny committee members should be remunerated for their work and that the CA Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to convene to consider the new approach, including the scrutiny member role description, and to determine an appropriate level of allowance. That it be further agreed that once the Panel has made its recommendation, officers will bring back options for how such an allowance can be paid, including back dating, and any budget implications.
8. That the GMCA Constitution be amended as necessary to reflect the above recommendations.

**GMCA 100/22 GREATER MANCHESTER APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS –
2022/23**

Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, 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 appointments to Portfolios for 2022/23 be noted as follows:

Portfolio	Lead Member
Safe & Strong Communities (Police and Fire)	Bev Hughes (GMCA)
Green City Region Waste	Martyn Cox (Bolton)
Economy, Business & International	Bev Craig (Manchester)
Place Based Regeneration & Housing Clean Air	Andrew Western (Trafford)
Resources & Investment	David Molyneux (Wigan)
Equalities, Inclusion & Cohesion	Amanda Chadderton (Oldham)
Policy & Reform, Transport	Andy Burnham (GMCA)
Communities & Co-operatives	Ged Cooney (Tameside)
Education, Skills, Work, Apprenticeships & Digital	Eamonn O’Brien (Bury)
Young People	Mark Hunter (Stockport)
Culture	Neil Emmott (Rochdale)
Healthy Lives & Quality Care	Paul Dennett (Salford)

Homelessness & Places for Everyone	
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3. That the appointments by GM Local Authorities of members and substitute members to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for 2022/23 be noted as below.

District	Member	Substitute Member
GMCA	Andy Burnham	-
Bolton	Martyn Cox (Con)	Hilary Fairclough Con)
Bury	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)	Charlotte Morris (Lab)
Manchester	Bev Craig (Lab)	Luthfur Rahman (Lab)
Oldham	Amanda Chadderton (Lab)	Elaine Taylor (Lab)
Rochdale	Neil Emmott (Lab)	Dalaat Ali (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	Mark Hunter (Lib Dem)	Wendy Meikle (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Ged Cooney (Lab)	Bill Fairfoull (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	Catherine Hynes (Lab)
Wigan	David Molyneux (Lab)	Nazia Rehman (Lab)

4. 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.
5. That Paul Dennett (Salford) (Lab), Ged Cooney (Tameside) (Lab), Amanda Chadderton (Oldham) (Lab), Bev Craig (Manchester) (Lab), and Martyn Cox (Bolton) (Con) be appointed to the GMCA Standards Committee for 2022/23.
6. That Andy Burnham (GM Mayor) (Lab), Andrew Western (Trafford) (Lab), Paul Dennett (Salford) (Lab), Bev Craig (Manchester) (Lab), David Molyneux (Wigan) (Lab), Mark Hunter (Stockport) (Lib Dem) and Martyn Cox (Bolton) (Con) be appointed to the GMCA Resources Committee for 2022/23.

7. That Peter Williams (Rochdale) be appointed to the GMCA Audit Committee for 2022/23.
8. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Waste & Recycling Committee for 2022/23 be agreed as follows:

District	Member
Bolton	Nadim Muslim (Con)
Bury	Allan Quinn (Lab)
Manchester	Shaukat Ali (Lab) Lee Anne Igbon (Manchester) (Lab)
Oldham	Umar Nasheen (Lab) Mohammed Alyas (Lab)
Rochdale	Angela Brown (Lab) Shahid Mohammed (Lab)
Salford	David Lancaster (Lab) Bob Clarke (Con)
Stockport	Roy Driver (Lab) Mark Roberts (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Denise Ward (Lab)
Trafford	Stephen Adshead (Lab) Dave Morgan (Con)
Wigan	NA

9. 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.
10. That the establishment of the new GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be approved and that 20 members (15 Labour, 3 Conservative & 2 Liberal Democrat)

and 20 substitute members (15 Labour, 3 Conservative & 2 Liberal Democrat) be appointed as follows:

Scrutiny Committee members

	District	Name
1	Bury	Nathan Boroda (Lab)
2	Bolton	Hamid Khurram (Lab)
3	Bolton	Champak Mistry (Lab)
4	Manchester	Greg Stanton (Lab)
5	Manchester	Mandie Shilton-Goodwin (Lab)
6	Oldham	Colin McLaren (Lab)
7	Oldham	Umar Nasheen (Lab)
8	Rochdale	Tom Besford (Lab)
9	Salford	John Mullen (Lab)
10	Salford	Jim King (Lab)
11	Stockport	Elise Wilson (Lab)
12	Stockport	Amanda Peers (Lab)
13	Tameside	Nala Sharif (Lab)
14	Trafford	Barry Brotherton (Lab)
15	Wigan	Joanne Marshall (Lab)
16	Rochdale	Mike Holly (Con)
17	Bolton	John Walsh (Con)
18	Wigan	Kath Houlton (Con)
19	Manchester	John Leech (Lib Dem)
20	Salford	Alex Warren (Lib Dem)

Pool members

	District	Name
1	Bury	Mary Whitby (Lab)
2	Bolton	Nick Peel (Lab)
3	Bolton	Martin Donaghy (Lab)
4	Manchester	Paula Sadler (Lab)
5	Manchester	Linda Foley (Lab)

6	Oldham	Chris Goodwin (Lab)
7	Oldham	Nazrul Islam (Lab)
8	Rochdale	Patricia Dale (Lab)
9	Salford	Mishal Saeed (Lab)
10	Salford	Stuart Dickman (Lab)
11	Stockport	To be confirmed (Lab)
12	Stockport	Rory Leonard (Lab)
13	Tameside	Jacqueline Owen (Lab)
14	Trafford	Jill Axford (Lab)
15	Wigan	Charles Rigby (Lab)
16	Stockport	Mike Hurleston (Con)
17	Tameside	Liam Billington (Con)
18	Bolton	Marie Brady (Con)
19	Oldham	Hazel Gloster (Lib Dem)
20	Oldham	Sam Al Hamdani (Lib Dem)

11. That the appointments by the GM Local Authorities to the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee for 2022/23 be agreed as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Hilary Fairclough (Con)	Anne Galloway (Con)
Bury	Charlotte Morris (Lab)	Richard Gold (Lab)
Manchester	Tim Whiston (Lab)	To be confirmed
Oldham	Elaine Taylor (Lab)	Mohammed Alyas (Lab)
Rochdale	Susan Smith (Lab)	Janet Emsley (Lab)
Salford	Stephen Coen (Lab)	Barbara Bentham (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Vimal Choksi (Lab)	Sangita Patel (Lab)
Trafford	Joanne Harding (Lab)	Liz Patel (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

12. That the Portfolio Lead for Skills, Employment & Apprenticeships, be appointed to the Skills and Employment Executive for 2022/23.

13. That the appointments by the GM Local Authorities to the Skills and Employment Executive be agreed as follows:

District	Member
Bolton	Adele Warren (Con)
Bury	Charlotte Morris (Lab)
Manchester	Gavin White (Lab)
Oldham	Shoab Akhtar (Lab)
Rochdale	John Blundell (Lab)
Salford	Philip Cusack (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed
Tameside	David Sweeton (Lab)
Trafford	Liz Patel (Lab)
Wigan	Dane Anderton (Lab)

14. That the appointments by the GM Integrated Care Partnership for 2022/23 be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute Member
Bolton	Andrew Morgan (Con)	Susan Baines (Con)
Bury	Tamoor Tariq (Lab)	Tom Pilkington (Lab)
Manchester	Bev Craig (Lab)	To be confirmed
Oldham	Barbara Brownridge (Lab)	Marie Bashforth (Lab)
Rochdale	Daalat Ali (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Eleanor Wills (Lab)	Jacqueline Owen (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	Jane Slater (Lab)
Wigan	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)	James Moodie (Lab)

15. That the Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, be appointed to the GM Green City Region Partnership Board for 2022/23.

16. That the appointments to the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2022/23, be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Nadim Muslim (Con)	Anne Galloway (Con)
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Kevin Peel (Lab)
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins	Linda Foley (Lab)
Oldham	Abdul Jabbar (Lab)	To be confirmed
Rochdale	Tricia Ayrton (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Mike McCusker (Lab)	Jane Hamilton (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Denise Ward (Lab)	To be confirmed
Trafford	Aiden Williams (Lab)	Stephen Adshead (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

17. That the appointments to the Air Quality Administration Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 202/23, be noted as follows:

District	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Nadim Muslim (Con)	Anne Galloway (Con)
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Kevin Peel (Lab)
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins (Lab)	Linda Foley (Lab)
Oldham	Abdul Jabbar (Lab)	To be confirmed
Rochdale	Tricia Ayrton (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Mike McCusker (Lab)	Jane Hamilton (Lab)
Stockport	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Tameside	Denise Ward (Lab)	To be confirmed
Trafford	Aiden Williams (Lab)	Stephen Adshead (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

18. That the appointment of the Portfolio Lead for Clean Air, to the Air Quality Administration Committee be noted.

19. That the GM Transport Committee be requested to appoint 5 members from the Committee (4 Labour and 1 Conservative) to the Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Limited Board for 2022/23.
20. That Andy Burnham (GM Mayor) (Lab), Bev Craig (Manchester Lab), Eamonn O'Brien (Bury) (Lab) and Councillor Amanda Chadderton (Oldham) (Lab) be appointed to the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership for 2022/23.
21. That Bev Craig (Manchester) (Lab), Andrew Western (Trafford) (Lab), Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab), Nazia Rehman (Wigan) (Lab) and Jaqueline North (Tameside) (Lab) be appointed to the Growth Company Board for 2022/23.
22. That the following portfolio leads, Education, Skills & Employment & Digital, Resource & Investment, Economy & Business, Green City Region and Equalities, Inclusion & Cohesion be appointed to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Board for 2022/23.
23. That subject to any further changes the GMCA may wish to make, all appointments to be made up to the GMCA Annual Meeting in June 2023.

GMCA 101/22 REVIEW OF GMCA CONSTITUTION

Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, took Members through the key amendments to the Constitution for approval.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the revised Constitution be adopted as the Constitution of the GMCA.
2. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any changes of a typographical nature to the Constitution.

GMCA 102/22 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS DATES AND VENUES – 2022/23

RESOLVED /-

That the proposed meeting dates be agreed as below:

Friday 29 July 2022

Friday 30 September 2022

August Recess

Friday 28 October 2022

Friday 25 November 2022

Friday 16 December 2022

Friday 27 January 2023

Friday 10 February 2023 (Budget meeting)

Friday 31 March 2023

April (to be confirmed)

GMCA 103/22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, led tributes following the recent death of the former Leader of Bolton Council, Councillor Cliff Morris, who had been a member of AGMA and then the Combined Authority. Councillor Morris had been a councillor for the Halliwell ward in Bolton from 1983 until 2022, which was noted as a remarkable length of service.

An update was also provided in relation to the Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone. It was announced that the Air Quality Administration Committee would meet on 1 July 2022 and, in accordance with the deadline set by the Government, the committee would seek to agree the proposal for a non-charging Category B Clean Air Zone. Extensive further work had been undertaken by Transport for Greater Manchester and there was confidence that the proposals would achieve compliance with legal air quality limits by the new 2026 deadline. Government had indicated that it expected to see a smaller charging zone in Greater Manchester covering Manchester city centre, however the evidence supported Greater Manchester's proposals for a non-charging zone across the whole of the city region. It was noted that GM was more in favour of a non-charging zone whereby incentives would be provided to support residents to upgrade their vehicles in light of the new evidence and the cost-of-living pressures affecting GM residents.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GMCA wished to pass on their condolences to the family and friends of Councillor Cliff Morris following his recent passing and express thanks for his work in Greater Manchester throughout his many years of public service.
2. That it be noted that the Air Quality Administration Committee would meet again on the 1 July to reaffirm Greater Manchester's proposal for a Category B (non-charging) Clean Air Zone.

GMCA 104/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

There were no declaration of interest received in relation to any item on the agenda.

GMCA 105/22 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2022

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 27 May 2022 be approved.

**GMCA 106/22 MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
25 MARCH 2022**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 25 March 2022 be noted.

GMCA 107/22 APPOINTMENT OF GMCA MONITORING OFFICER

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM, took the GMCA through a report which provided an update on the recruitment and selection process for the position of GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, following the announcement of the intended phased retirement by the current GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer in September/October 2022.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the recruitment and selection process followed to appoint to this post be noted.
2. That the appointment of Gillian Duckworth as GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer at a salary of £130,000 per annum be approved and the that the Chief Executive GMCA & TfGM be authorised to negotiate a start date.

GMCA 108/22 GMCA PROVISIONAL CAPITAL OUTTURN 2021/22

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources and Investment, introduced a report which informed members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority provisional capital outturn for 2021/22.

RESOLVED /-

That the 2021/22 provisional outturn capital expenditure of £499.275 million compared to the forecast position, presented to the GMCA on 11 February 2022 of £379.917 million, which is a variance of £19.358 million in spend compared to forecast, be noted.

GMCA 109/22 GMCA PROVISIONAL REVENUE OUTTURN 2021/22

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources and Investment, took the GMCA through a report which informed members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority provisional revenue outturn for 2021/22.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the Mayoral General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was breakeven after transfer to earmarked reserves.
2. That it be noted that the GMCA General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was breakeven after transfer to earmarked reserves.
3. That it be noted that the Mayoral General – GM Fire & Rescue provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was £1.970 million underspend after transfer to earmarked reserves which was planned to be transferred to the Fire & Rescue Capital Programme Reserve.

4. That it be noted that the Waste and Resourcing provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was 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 2021/22 was underspend of £11.9 million which was planned to be transferred to Transport Capital Programme Reserve.
6. That it be noted that TfGM provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was breakeven.
7. That it be noted that the Government has extended the statutory deadline for the publication of the 2021/22 draft accounts by two months to 31st July 2022.
8. That it be noted that the final position was subject to the submission of the audited accounts to be finalised by 30 November 2022 and to be reported to the GMCA Audit Committee prior to the deadline.

**GMCA 110/22 CITY REGION SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SETTLEMENT FINAL
SCHEME LIST**

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which updated the GMCA on the proposed final Scheme List for the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS). The GMCA had been awarded an allocation of £1.07 billion of capital funding under the CRSTS, pending the confirmation of schemes and agreement to a set of conditions.

It was noted that the process of bus franchising was proceeding at pace and there were ambitions to align the capital funding provided by the CRSTS with the introduction of the improved services brought about by bus franchising. It was anticipated that the first franchised services would run in Wigan and Bolton from September 2023. The franchising process would continue across the city region, with the anticipated completion of franchising across the conurbation by the end of 2024.

In addition, it was noted that the business case for the CRSTS included provision for the extension of Metrolink to Stockport and other areas in the north of Greater Manchester,

including Heywood and Middleton. The vision for the Bee Network included greater integration so that the Metrolink and the bus network would operate as one system and ticketed as one journey with the potential for further integration with rail services in the future.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the GMCA, as requested by Government, prepared and submitted a Programme Case to the Government's City Region Sustainable Transport Fund in January 2022.
2. That it be noted that on 1 April 2022, the Secretary of State wrote to the GM Mayor to say that GMCA had been awarded an allocation of £1.07 billion of capital funding conditional on agreeing a final Scheme List.
3. That the consideration, approval and submission to Government of the final CRSTS Scheme List be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor.

GMCA 111/22 TOWARDS THE BEE NETWORK – NETWORK REVIEW, MARKET RENEWAL AND BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, took the GMCA through a report which updated members on a planned public transport Network Review and Market Renewal (NRMR) programme of works and sought delegated approval for the submission of the Network Review to Government. The review had been required by Government in response to the uncertainty that had been facing bus services following the COVID-19 pandemic. There was also a requirement to improve services as part of the Bus Back Better strategy and work had been underway to make sure that the response was comprehensive, taking account of all funding and requirements. It had been made clear by Government that there would be no further recovery funding available for the bus network from October 2022. It was reported that the bus network had been operating at around 80% of its pre-pandemic patronage, and Metrolink had been operating at around 70%. Consequently, it was anticipated that the discontinuation of recovery funding would create significant further challenge.

The report also updated members on the draft Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and sought delegated approval for the submission of the BSIP to Government. Greater

Manchester had been awarded in the region of £90 million and the funds were now available for use. The Government had suggested that the funding should initially be used to lower fares, which reflected Greater Manchester's long-held ambitions for a London-style public transport model. From September 2022, there would be a simpler fare scheme, with flat rates for different journey options, pending approval from Government and negotiation with bus operators. There would be a high-profile publicity campaign to advertise the new, lower prices and encourage residents to support the Bee Network to make it a success.

The proposal for lower bus fares had been supported by Members in light of the cost-of-living crisis. Councillor Hunter raised some concerns regarding the long-term sustainability of a capped fare structure. He also highlighted that some local authorities, including Stockport did not yet have Metrolink connectivity and consequently would not receive the associated benefits brought by an increase in Metrolink patronage. He asked for his concerns to be placed on record.

The Mayor confirmed that there would be a review at the end of the year, and it was hoped that the GMCA could work with Government to find long-term support for the plan. He added that the potential risks of using the Government funding to lower fares were acknowledged, but it was emphasised that the funds would improve public transport in accordance with Greater Manchester's long-held ambitions. The campaign to encourage residents to use public transport aimed to increase patronage, which would mitigate the risks of funding shortfalls for the new scheme. Transport for Greater Manchester had identified scope for significant growth in public transport usage and there were expectations that this growth would occur with improved ticketing options and integration across different modes of public transport. A system of annual review would be put in place to make sure that the risks were routinely monitored. Discussions with the Transport Minister, Baroness Vere, had confirmed that there would be no ongoing recovery funding but there was an expectation that there would be recurrent BSIP funding.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the challenges and opportunities facing the public transport network and the conditions and details for the Market Renewal programme of work as set out in the report be noted.

2. That the development of a Network Review as a condition of recovery funding from the Department for Transport be noted.
3. That approval for the submission of the draft Network Review to the Department for Transport by 30 June be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester.
4. That the indicative award of £94.8 million for the Bus Service Improvement Plan and the proposal to initially use these funds for bus fare reductions in response to the cost-of-living crisis be noted.
5. That the plan for lower bus fares via maximum £2 single fares (£1 for children), with a maximum £5 day ticket, from September subject to agreement with Government and bus operators be noted.
6. That approval for the submission of the draft Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) Delivery Plan to the Department for Transport by 30 June be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester.
7. That it be agreed that the GMCA will receive regular reports on the Network Review and Market Renewal programme in future meetings, including the medium-term funding strategy.

GMCA 112/22 LEVELLING UP FUND: LARGE TRANSPORT BID

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM, presented a report which sought approval to delegate the decision to submit the Levelling Up Fund large transport bid for approval to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester. Three projects had been identified for the bid process, including cycling and walking improvements in and Atherton, Tyldesley, Leigh and Higher Folds as well as Stockport, and improvements on the inner ring road in the Regional Centre to support active travel connectivity and safety.

RESOLVED /-

1. That approval to approve and submit the GM Round 2 Levelling Up Fund large transport bid be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester.
2. That it be noted that the Department for Transport encourage a 10% local contribution to be provided, which is being sought via the relevant local authorities.
3. That the GMCA would welcome the active support of each Local Authority to share the GM wide campaign to encourage people back onto the public transport network.

GMCA 113/22 LOCAL GROWTH DEAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM, took Members through a report which provided the Combined Authority with an update in relation to the progress made on the Local Growth Deal (LGF) Programme (tranches 1, 2 and 3). There had been good progress on nearly all the schemes but there were concerns around the delivery of new platforms at Salford Central Station, which would enable higher speed trains from Liverpool to stop at Salford Central. Work would continue to engage partners to find a solution.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Transport schemes as set out in sections 3, 4 and 5 of the report be noted.
2. That the progress made in relation to the Non-Transport Skills Capital and Economic Development and Regeneration (ED&R) programmes set out in section 6 of the report be noted.

GMCA 114/22 GREATER MANCHESTER ECONOMIC DASHBOARD AND ECONOMY PORTFOLIO UPDATE

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, presented a report which provided the latest version of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience dashboard as well as an overview of activity related to the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy and the Economy portfolio. In April 2022, the rate of inflation had reached 9% and the Bank of England had announced that it expected CPI inflation to reach 10% in quarter 4 of 2022, which was the highest rate of inflation for 40

years. It was also anticipated that there would be an additional 40% rise in energy costs in October 2022 and it was noted that the Government had taken measures to support residents through a series of one-off payments.

The Greater Manchester Residents Survey, had found that finances were a concern for 68% of residents, and 30% said that finances were a big concern. This was particularly pronounced in residents facing disadvantage, including residents with disabilities, carers, parents with children under five or in college, those aged 25-34 and in respondents who identified as Asian.

Work across the city region had been continuing to provide support to residents and businesses. The Good Employment Charter and the campaign for Greater Manchester to become a real living wage city region had continued to grow, and in the coming months it was noted that it would be important for GM to challenge itself and find ways of supporting those in need.

RESOLVED /-

That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard and response, including delivery of the Local Industrial Strategy and Greater Manchester Economic Vision, be noted.

GMCA 115/22 UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND – MULTIPLY SCHEME

Councillor Bev Craig, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work, Apprenticeships and Digital City Region, took the GMCA through a report which sought approval for the proposed Multiply Scheme Investment Plan for Greater Manchester, which would be funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for up to £14 million and would cover the financial years 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025. Pending the Combined Authority's approval, the Investment Plan would be submitted to Government on 30 June 2022. The Multiply scheme would help to improve numeracy at level 2 for residents aged over 19. The wider adult skills system in Greater Manchester had been developing well over time and combined with GM's ability to engage with businesses it was noted that there was a strong foundation in GM for the success of the Multiply scheme.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposed Multiply Scheme Investment Plan for Greater Manchester, which is funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, for up to £14 million and covering the financial years from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025 as set out in section 2 of the report, be noted.
2. That the proposed UKSPF-funded Multiply Scheme Investment Plan for Greater Manchester with a maximum value of £14 million be approved and that formal approval of the final investment plan be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive.

GMCA 116/22 SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PLAN

Councillor Neil Emmott, Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, introduced a report which sought approval for the publication of the Greater Manchester Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Action Plan. The SCP Plan would form part of a suite of documents supporting the GM 5-year Environment Plan and once approved, the SCP Plan would provide the framework for Greater Manchester's key activities in this area of work over the coming years. The plan would also help GM's businesses move to a model of reusing and recycling material, and it would help residents to move towards more sustainable lifestyle choices. It was noted that these actions would contribute to GM achieving its target of being net zero carbon by 2038.

RESOLVED /-

That the SCP Plan be approved for publication.

GMCA 117/22 STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – BUSINESS PLAN

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, presented a report which sought the GMCA's approval for the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan 2022-27 and the Annual Action Plan, which set out more detail on the commercially sensitive activities the MDC would undertake over the course of 2022/2023 to deliver on the objectives in the full plan. The MDC had continued to be successful, and the plan would support strategic activity within the area over five years to deliver further success. It was anticipated that the plan to extend Metrolink to Stockport would enhance the MDC even further, offering residents across Greater Manchester greater access to the area.

Councillor Hunter highlighted that the MDC had received all-party support in Stockport since its inception, which had sent a strong message to investors and developers to encourage investment. Stockport MDC had created a template for other growth locations across the city region and had raised the profile of Stockport across the country, showing other areas what successful regeneration could look like.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan May 2022 – March 2027 (Appendix A) be approved.
2. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Action Plan May 2022 – March 2023 (Appendix B) be approved.

GMCA 118/22 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Steve Rumbelow, Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, introduced a report which sought the Combined Authority's approval to a GM Housing Investment Loans Fund ('GMHILF') loan to Gingerbread Properties Limited. The loan would be used to acquire and refurbish properties across Greater Manchester over a three-year period, with an aim of refurbishing 12 properties per annum. The properties would be refurbished to a safe and decent standard and would then be let to local authorities or charities to provide housing to those experiencing acute housing need, including those experiencing homelessness. All properties would be provided on lease terms that would allow the partners to charge affordable rent.

With the addition of the proposed loan, the total value of loans approved through the Fund would total £601.6 million, and the number of new homes supported would be 8001.

RESOLVED /-

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

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Gingerbread Properties Ltd	Various	GM Wide	£1.000m

2. 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 119/22 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources and Investment, presented a report which sought approval for loans to Romaco Limited and Evergreen House limited, and a follow-on investment into Bankifi Limited. The investments would be made from recycled funds.

Romaco Limited were a specialist finance provider, offering commercial property and residential buy to let mortgages. The loan would be used to provide additional capacity for the business to continue to lend to regional SME borrowers. Evergreen House Limited would use the loan to support the ongoing development of a digital platform which would provide information and software solutions to healthcare providers. Bankifi Limited provided products to banks which could be sold to customers to assist with financial management. The funding provided by the Combined Authority would support the creation of jobs in Greater Manchester for all companies.

The Mayor added that Greater Manchester has a good track record for using investments for future growth, and with no losses accrued as a result of property loans, this was a strong example of how the GMCA delivers on innovative regeneration.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the loan facility of up to £3 million to Romaco Limited be approved.
2. That the loan facility of up to £3.5 million to Evergreen House Limited be approved.
3. That the follow-on investment into Bankifi Limited of up to £350,000 be approved.

4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review due diligence information in respect of the above loans, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the loans/investment, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans/investment noted above

GMCA 120/22 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 121/22 STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
BUSINESS PLAN**

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute GMCA 117/22 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 122/22 GM HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT
APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION**

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Minute GMCA 118/22 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 123/22 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 119/22 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

Signed by the Chair: