

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AGMA STATUTORY FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2022  
AT 10:00 AM AT THE MECHANICS INSTITUTE, MANCHESTER CITY CENTRE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Martyn Cox (Chair)

Councillor Hilary Fairclough

Councillor Charlotte Morris

Councillor Janet Emsley

Councillor Leanne Feeley

Councillor Elizabeth Patel

Councillor Joanne Marshall

Bolton Council

Bury Council

Rochdale Council

Tameside Council

Trafford Council

Wigan Council

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Philip Cooke

Sam Elliott

Marie-Claire Daly

Alison Gordon

Jenny Hollamby

Manchester City Council

Bolton Council

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**SFC/1/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Prescott (Wigan), Tim Whiston (Manchester), and Norman Briggs (Oldham).

**SFC/2/22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2021/22  
MUNICIPAL YEAR**

That the GMCA Portfolio Lead for Culture be Chair of the AGMA Statutory Functions Committee for 2021/22.

BOLTON  
BURY

MANCHESTER  
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE  
SALFORD

STOCKPORT  
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD  
WIGAN

A nomination was made for Councillor Janet Emsley to be appointed Vice-Chair. There being no other nominations made, and upon a motion being proposed and seconded, it was:

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the appointment of Councillor Martyn Cox, GMCA Portfolio Lead for Culture as Chair of the AGMA Statutory Functions Committee for 2021/22 be noted.
2. That Councillor Janet Emsley be appointed as Vice Chair of the AGMA Statutory Functions Committee for 2021/22.

**SFC/3/22 MEMBERSHIP OF THE AGMA STATUTORY FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE 2021/22**

The 2021/22 Membership of the Committee was presented to the Committee, as detailed below:

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute Member</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	Martyn Cox (Con) Chair as GMCA Portfolio Lead for Culture	
<b>Bolton</b>	Hilary Fairclough (Con)	Stuart Haslam (Con)
<b>Bury</b>	Charlotte Morris (Lab)	To be appointed
<b>Manchester</b>	Tim Whiston (Lab)	To be appointed
<b>Oldham</b>	Norman Briggs (Lab)	To be appointed
<b>Rochdale</b>	Janet Emsley (Lab)	Susan Smith (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Stephen Coen (Lab)	Anne-Marie Humphreys (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	To be appointed (Lab)	To be appointed (Lab)
<b>Tameside</b>	Leanne Feeley (Lab)	Mike Smith (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Liz Patel (Lab)	Mike Freeman (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

**RESOLVED/-**

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

**SFC/4/22 MEMBER'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND ANNUAL DECLARATION FORM**

Members were reminded of their obligations under the GMCA Members Code of Conduct and to complete an annual declaration of interest form which would be published on the GMCA website.

**RESOLVED/-**

That Members complete an annual declaration of interest form and return it to the Governance and Scrutiny Team for publication on the GMCA website.

**SFC/5/22 TO NOTE THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RESOLVED/-**

That the Committee noted its Terms of Reference for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

**SFC/6/22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no Chair's announcements or urgent business.

**SFC/7/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED/-**

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

**SFC/8/22 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2021**

**RESOLVED/-**

That the Committee approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 April 2021 as an accurate record.

**SFC/9/22      GREATER MANCHESTER COUNTY RECORD OFFICE AND  
GREATER MANCHESTER ARCHIVES AND LOCAL STUDIES  
PARTNERSHIP**

Members received an update on the progress of Archives+ and the Greater Manchester Archives and Local Studies Partnership. Manchester Central Library had reopened after the first COVID-19 lockdown and had remained popular with the public, moving from thirteenth to eighth in the list of the best things to do in Manchester. Manchester Central Library had been chosen as one of three locations in England and Wales to provide full records from the 1921 census to the public, free of charge. Several projects would take place in the next 12 months, including a review of archival material relating to the BBC for a celebration of its 100-year anniversary in October.

A Member called on the Committee to lobby for greater free of charge access to the 1921 census due to the fact that the 1931 records had been destroyed and the 1941 census had not taken place because of World War 2, meaning that the 1921 census would be the last available census for some people.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the Committee noted the progress of Archives+ and the Greater Manchester Archives and Local Studies Partnership.
2. That the Committee noted that Manchester Central Library was one of three locations in England and Wales where individuals could view full records free of charge from the 1921 census.
3. That Manchester Central Library would inform the National Archives of the Committee's support for expanding free of charge access to the 1921 census.

**SFC/10/22 THE FOREVER MANCHESTER, GREATER MANCHESTER RELIEF  
FUND, ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2020-21**

**RESOLVED/-**

That the report be noted.

**SFC/11/22 DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

That meetings be organised in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference (at least twice a year) and circulated to Members.

**RESOLVED/-**

That dates and times be circulated to Members.