

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRESENT:

Andy Burnham	Mayor of Greater Manchester
Councillor Eamonn O'Brien	Bury
Councillor Tom Ross	Trafford
Councillor David Molyneux	Wigan

ALSO PRESENT:

Eamonn Boylan	Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM
Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Chief Executive, GMCA
Gillian Duckworth	Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, GMCA
Steve Wilson	Treasurer, GMCA
Julie Connor	Director, Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA
Kevin Lee	Mayor of Greater Manchester's Office
Councillor Mark Roberts	Stockport

RC/09/23/4 Apologies

Apologies were received and noted from Councillors Bev Craig (Manchester), Mark Hunter (Stockport) and Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett.

RC/10/23/4 Chairs Announcements & Urgent Business

There were no Chairs Announcements or Urgent Business.

RC/11/23/4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made in relation to any item on the agenda.

RC/12/23/4 Minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee held on 28 July 2023

That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 28 July be approved as a correct record.

RC/13/23/4 Recruitment of GMCA Deputy Monitoring Officer

Gillian Duckworth introduced a report seeking approval for the establishment of a second post of GMCA Deputy Monitoring Officer within its structure.

The Chair advised the Committee that there had been outstanding legal support throughout the Bus Franchising process and the creation of the new post will help build a strong legal team and create resilience.

RESOLVED/-

That the establishment of a second permanent role of Deputy Monitoring Officer within the GMCA organisational structure be approved.

RC/14/23/4 Transport Commissioner Contract Extension

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, introduced a report seeking approval for the extension of the contract of the Greater Manchester Transport Commissioner until 30 April 2024.

The Committee was advised that Vernon Everitt had played a pivotal role in the bus franchising work and the plans to bring rail services into the Bee Network. He had provided invaluable and critical support for the launch of the Bee Network in Greater Manchester, by utilising his expertise from his experience in London.

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM added that Vernon was the most respected transport professional in the country and provided a level of insight, in the most challenging of circumstances, demonstrating and evidencing why he had been engaged.

In conclusion, the Committee was also informed that a piece of work would be undertaken on lessons learned from the Bee Network tranche 1 launch to be implemented for the following tranches.

RESOLVED/-

That the contract extension of Vernon Everitt, as Transport Commissioner, on the terms outlined in paragraph 2.6. of the report, be approved.