

GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 13 December 2023

Subject: Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
and Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Report of: Nicola Ward, Statutory Scrutiny Officer, GMCA

Purpose of Report:

To provide an opportunity for the Committee to review their draft Work Programme for January 2024 – March 2024 (Appendix A) and provide the Committee with the latest Forward Plan of Key Decisions (Appendix B) to ensure that they are informed of the forthcoming decisions to be taken by the GMCA, GM Mayor or any delegated officer or committee.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to –

1. Consider the proposed Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme for January 2024 – March 2024.
2. Use the Forward Plan of Key Decisions to identify any potential areas for further scrutiny.

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GMCA Overview and Scrutiny draft Work Programme January – March 24

10 January – Information briefing on GM budgets – Steve Wilson

24 January

Item	Lead member / officer	Trajectory of item	Ask of scrutiny
Mayoral budget proposals	GM Mayor / Steve Wilson	GMCA January	To consider the proposals set out within the Mayoral budget and precept.
Vision Zero	The Mayor	GMCA January	To consider TfGM's vision zero for deaths or serious injuries on the road network.

Mid February – Information briefing on Digital – Phil Swan

7 February

Item	Lead member / officer	Trajectory of item	Ask of scrutiny
GM Budgets	David Molyneux / Steve Wilson	GMCA February	To consider the GM budget proposals including the GMCA General Budget, GMFRS

			budget, GM Waste Budget and GM Transport Budget.
Bus Franchising Tranche 3	GM Mayor / Anne Marie Purcell	GMCA Feb / March	To consider the preferred bidder for tranche 3 of bus franchising.

21 Feb

Item	Lead member / officer	Trajectory of item	Ask of scrutiny
Housing Standards / Good Landlord Charter	Ged Cooney / Steve Fyfe		
Early Years Education	Mark Hunter / Miriam Loxham		To consider the latest DfE data on school readiness and challenged around early years education.

Mid March – Information briefing

20 March

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Fair Funding Protocol for the Voluntary and Community Sector	Arooj Shah / Anne Lythgoe	Approved GMCA in October 2023	To consider how effectively it has been implemented, hear first-hand experience from community representatives and determine its future direction.
5 Year Environment Plan	Tom Ross / Mark Atherton	Anticipated publication in October 2024	To contribute to the development of the forthcoming 5 Year Environment Plan

<p>What is a Forward Plan of Key Decisions?</p> <p>The Register is a published list of the key decisions which are due to be taken by the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) • Greater Manchester Elected Mayor • Joint GMCA & AGMA Executive Board • Transport for Greater Manchester Committee • GMCA Resources Committee • GMCA’s Waste & Recycling Committee • Statutory Officers of the GMCA <p>These decisions must be published on the Register at least 28 clear days before the decision is to be taken, whether in public or private. The Register is updated at least once a</p>	<p>What is a Key Decision?</p> <p>A key decision defined by ‘the Order’ is a decision which, in the view of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee, would result in any of the decision makers listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) incurring expenditure over £500,000, or making significant savings of £500,000 or more relating to the budget for the service area to which the decision relates; or (ii) be significant in terms of its effects on persons living or working in an area of more two or more wards or electoral divisions of Greater Manchester. 	<p>How to find out more on these proposed decisions</p> <p>The report (other than those which contain confidential or exempt information) relating to these decisions will published on the GMCA’s website five working days before the decision is to be made see www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk.</p> <p>For general information about the decision- making process please contact:</p> <p>Julie Connor - Secretary to the GMCA julie.connor@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</p>
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<p>month.</p> <p>This Register of Key Decisions has been prepared in accordance with Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 ('the Order').</p> <p>The Register is published on the GMCA's website www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk and hard copies are available at the offices of:</p> <p>Greater Manchester Combined Authority & Greater Manchester Mayor Tootal Buildings Oxford Street Manchester M1 6EU</p>	<p>The GMCA's has an Overview & Scrutiny Committee whose role is to contribute to the development of GMCA's strategies and policies, to scrutinise decisions of the decision-makers listed above and to consider any matter affecting those who live, work, study or run businesses in Greater Manchester.</p>	
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Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	Documents to be considered	Portfolio Lead	Lead Director	Officer Contact
Green City Region							
Investment in recycling processing infrastructure	To approve the investment in a materials recovery facility that enables GMCA to accept and process a wider range of recyclable materials in line with the	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 31 Dec 2023	Report with recommendations	Councillor Tom Ross		David Taylor david.taylor@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	framework for consistency of collections.						
Future service provision for waste management in Greater Manchester	To approve the delivery model for GMCA waste management services from April 2026	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Tom Ross		David Taylor david.taylor@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
GMCA ECO4 and GBIS Flex Sol V5	Approve the GMCA Energy Company Obligation 4 and Great British Insulation Scheme Flexible	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	15 Dec 2023	Report with recommendations	Councillor Tom Ross		Anees Mank Anees.Mank@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	Eligibility Statement of Intent Version 5.						
Biowaste management strategy and procurement of treatment capacity	To approve the strategy for management of biowaste and to commence a procurement for future treatment capacity	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Tom Ross		David Taylor david.taylor@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Transport							
Bus Franchising	To approve the award of:	Chief Executive	Between 1 Dec 2023 and	Report with recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener

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	(i) the franchise contracts relating to bus franchising; (ii) contracts for the provision of various franchise scheme related services and goods (including all contracts for the provision of equipment,	Officer GMCA & TfGM GM Mayor Greater Manchester Combined Authority	29 Feb 2024 Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024 Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		steve.warrener@tfgm.com

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	<p>hardware, software and background IT infrastructure that are required to support and/or facilitate the delivery, and ongoing operation, of franchised bus services and the overall franchising scheme); and (iii) contracts for the acquisition</p>						

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	and/or lease of land, sites or other assets (comprising real estate or otherwise) in connection with the delivery, and ongoing operation, of franchised bus services and the overall franchising scheme.						
City Region Sustainable Transport	To approve allocations and Governance	Chief Executive Officer GMCA	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report and recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA	

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Settlement (CRSTS)	and Assurance arrangements for specific schemes as and when required.	& TfGM Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024			& TfGM	
Bus Depot Acquisitions	To negotiate and approve procedural changes for the acquisition of bus depots to support Tranches 2 and 3 bus franchising, within previously	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024 Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	28 Delivering the Bee Network - Bus Fares Fleet Depots and CRSTS	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com

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	approved capital and revenue budgets for bus franchising.						
Bus Depot Leases Tranche 2 and 3	To agree the final terms of leases of bus depots both in respect of interim leaseback arrangements to existing operators and the franchise depot subleases to	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elliott@tfgm.com

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	be granted to the franchise bus operators for Tranches 2 and 3.						
Bus Depot Acquisitions Treasurer Decision Tranches 1, 2 & 3	To agree the terms of any agreement between GMCA and TfGM to bring Tranche 1 leases in line with Tranches 2 and 3.	Treasurer GMCA	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elliott@tfgm.com
Subsidised Services	To approve forthcoming changes to subsidised bus	Bee Network Committee Chief	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with Recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Stephen Rhodes stephen.rhodes@tfgm.com

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	services.	Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024		Andy Burnham		
Active Travel Programme	Approval to release funding to progress the development and delivery of cycling and walking schemes and programmes.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with Recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com
Local Growth Deal (1, 2 and 3) six monthly progress update	To grant Full or Conditional Approval and/or release funding /	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with Recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com

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	approve expenditure and allocate/reallocate funding across the programme for schemes within the Growth Deal 1,2,3 and/or the Transforming Cities Fund.						
Active Travel Capital Pipeline	To approve CRSTS funding to enable continued	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Richard Nickson richard.nickson@tfgm.com

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	delivery of the Active Travel pipeline.						
Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Fund 2 Bid Submission	<p>Agree in principle to submit a bid to DfT for the ZEBRA 2 fund and delegate full approval of the full business case to the Chief Executive of GMCA & TfGM.</p> <p>Agree the submission of</p>	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM, Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendations			Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com

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	a full business case bid to the DfT for the ZEBRA 2 Fund.						
Bee Network Advertising Policy	To review the Bee Network Advertising Policy to ensure it aligns with and support the objectives of the Greater Manchester Strategy.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com
Local Transport Plan	To note the preparation and review	Greater Manchester Combined	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Martin Lax martin.lax@tfgm.com

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	process and approve the Local Transport Plan as and when a decision is required.	Authority Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 31 Mar 2024		GM Mayor Andy Burnham		
Transport Network Planning and Review Process	To approve the proposed approach to reviewing and developing the franchised bus network through a programme of network reviews.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Stephen Rhodes stephen.rhodes@tfgm.com

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	<p>To approve the proposed network planning guidelines.</p> <p>To approve the 12-month programme of network reviews.</p>						
Quality Bus Transit	To approve CRSTS funds to upgrade existing pedestrian crossings on three Quality Bus Transit	<p>Greater Manchester Combined Authority</p> <p>Bee Network Committee</p>	<p>Between 1 Dec 2023 and 31 Mar 2024</p> <p>Between 1 Dec 2023 and 31 Mar 2024</p>	Report with recommendations	<p>GM Mayor Andy Burnham</p> <p>GM Mayor Andy Burnham</p>		<p>Anthony Murden</p> <p>Anthony.murden@tfgm.com</p>

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	corridors.						
Sale West to Altrincham Network Improvements	To approve CRSTS funds to implement signal priority for late running buses and install permit automatic traffic counters on the Sale West to Altrincham corridor.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024 Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with recommendations	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Anthony Murden Anthony.murden@tfgm.com
Technical Education & Skills							
ESF Skills for Growth	To proceed with the	Chief Executive	Between 1 Dec 2023 and	Report with recommendations	Councillor Eamonn	Treasurer GMCA	Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh

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Commissioning	procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills for Growth programme.	Officer GMCA & TfGM	29 Feb 2024	ons	O'Brien		@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
GM Adult Skills Programme (including devolved Adult Education Budget and Free Courses for Jobs funding)	To approve a cost of delivery exceptional payment to AEB Skills Providers for the 2022/2023 academic year.	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien		Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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2022/2023 academic year update and 2023/2024 academic year forward plan	<p>To note progress of the 2023/2024 Adult Education Budget commissioning process and where applicable, the selected skills providers</p> <p>To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to take forward</p>						

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	<p>the AEB commissioning , including to contract award.</p> <p>To approve the proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded further education institutions.</p> <p>To grant delegated</p>						

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	authority to the GMCA Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise during discussions between each institution and GMCA.						
Skills Bootcamps 2023 - 2024: Phase 2 commissioning ; Sector 3 (recommissioning): Adv	To proceed with the procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM	Treasurer GMCA	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	National Skills Funding (CA report Feb 2023)	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien		Hannah Vincent hannah.vincent@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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Manufacturing; Sector 8: Security; Sector 9: Residential Childcare	Skills Bootcamps programme.						
Resources and Investment							
Greater Manchester Business Funds	To conditionally approve business investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Kirsteen Armitage kirsteen.armita ge@greaterma nchestre- ca.gov.uk

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	existing investments, including where relevant negotiated settlements.						
Revenue and capital budget updates	Approve revisions to revenue budget and capital programme. July / October and February.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux		Rachel Rosewell rachel.rosewell@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Mayoral General Budget 2024/25 and Precept	Consideration of the GM Mayor's proposal for the 2024/25	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	26 Jan 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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Proposals including GMFRS	Mayoral General Precept including the Fire and Rescue Authority precept and whether Members of GMCA would wish to submit any written comments to the Mayor in line with the legal process and timetable.						
GMCA	To approve the	Greater	9 Feb 2024	Report with	Councillor		Steve Wilson

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General Revenue Budget 2024/25	2024/25 budget relating to the GMCA functions (excluding transport and waste), including local authority contributions and use of reserves.	Manchester Combined Authority		recommendations	David Molyneux		Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Transport Revenue Budget 2024/25	To approve the 2024/25 GMCA budget relating to transport functions including the	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	levy and statutory charge to GM local authorities and use of reserves.						
Mayoral General Revenue Budget 2024/25 including GMFRS	To approve the 2024/25 Mayor's General budget, including the Fire and Rescue Authority, use of reserves and calculation of the precepts	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	and council tax rates.						
Waste and Recycling Revenue Budget 2024/25	To approve the 2024/25 waste budget, levy to GM local authorities and use of reserves.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
GMCA Capital Programme 2023-2027	To approve the capital programme, including the quarter 3 update to the 2023/23 budget and the 2024/25 budget and	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	forward plan.						
GMCA Revenue Update Quarter 3 - 2023/24	Approve any revisions to the 2023/24 GMCA revenue budgets at the end of quarter 3.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Approval of the GMCA Capital Strategy for 2024/25	To approve the 2024/25 GMCA Capital Strategy with sets out the overarching principles and processes by which capital and	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux		Lindsey Keech lindsey.keech@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	investment decisions will be made.						
Approval of the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25	To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Borrowing Limits and Prudential Indicators for 2024/25 to 2026/27.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor David Molyneux		Lindsey Keech lindsey.keech@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Housing							
GM City Deal Receipts -	The approval of investments	Greater Manchester	Between 1 Dec 2023 and	Report	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Michael Walmsley

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Investment Approval Recommendations	funded with City Deal Receipts received from Homes England.	Combined Authority	29 Feb 2024				Michael.Walmsley@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
GM Brownfield Programme	The allocation of funding from GMCA's brownfield programme to residential developments in GM.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with recommendations	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walmsley@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Housing Funds	To conditionally approve housing investments to	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with Recommendations	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walmsley@greatermanchester-

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	proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments						ca.gov.uk
Agreement to using further Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund surpluses	To agree the further use of Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund (GMHILF) surpluses to support the delivery of the GM Housing	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with Recommendations	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walmsley@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	Strategy						
Greater Manchester Property Funds	To conditionally approve property investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with Recommendations	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcintosh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
GM Brownfield Programme - Year 2 and 3 Methodology and Allocations	1. Approve the methodology for prioritising schemes in Year 2 and 3	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	GM Brownfield Fund- Year 2 and 3 Methodology and Spend Allocation	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcintosh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	<p>of the GM Brownfield programme, as set out in Section 2 and Appendix 1</p> <p>2. Approve the allocation of up to £115m of the overall £150m funding devolved to GMCA</p> <p>3. Delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer, acting in</p>						

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	conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer, to effect the necessary legal agreements						
Economy, Business and Inclusive Growth							
UKSPF E23 Addressing Inequalities in Business Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree the recommendations of the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board on the proposal for the UKSPF 	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	15 Dec 2023	Report with recommendations	Councillor Bev Craig		John Wrathmell john.wrathmell@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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	<p>E23 programme: Addressing Inequalities in Business Support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To grant delegated authority for the award of contracts to the GMCA Treasurer in consultation with the Resources and Investment Portfolio Leader and 						

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	Lead Chief Executive for Economy, Business and International.						
UK Shared Prosperity Fund- Support for the Social Economy	To agree the contract award for the UKSPF Support for the Social Economy Programme, following an open and competitive procurement process.	Treasurer GMCA	Between 1 Dec 2023 and 31 Dec 2023	Report with recommendations	Councillor Bev Craig		John Wrathmell john.wrathmell@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk