

Forward Plan of Key Decisions: 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024

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## What is a Forward Plan of Key Decisions?

The Register is a published list of the key decisions which are due to be taken by the:

- 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

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 month.

## What is a Key Decision?

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:

- (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.

## How to find out more on these proposed decisions

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 <a href="https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk">www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</a>.

For general information about the decision- making process please contact:

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<u>Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny</u>

<u>Committees, Access to Information and Audit</u>

<u>Committees) Order 2017</u> ('the Order').

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Oxford Street
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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.



Decision title	What is the	Decision	Planned	Documents to	Portfolio Lead	Lead Director	Officer
	decision?	Maker	Decision	be			Contact
			Dates	considered			
Green City Reg	jion						
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 recommendati ons	Councillor Tom Ross		David Taylor david.taylor@g reatermanches ter-ca.gov.uk
Transport							
Highways Maintenance	To approve the drawdown of Highways Maintenance funding and allocation of funding.	Bee Network Committee	Between 2 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Dave Abdy Dave.Abdy@tf gm.com

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Bus Franchising	To approve the award of:  (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, hardware, software and background IT infrastructure that are required to support and/or facilitate the	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM  GM Mayor  Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2024 Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024 Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024 And 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com

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	delivery, and ongoing operation, of franchised bus services and the overall franchising scheme); and (iii) contracts for the acquisition 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	To approve allocations and	Chief Executive	Between 1 Jan 2024 and	Report and recommendati	GM Mayor	Chief	

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Transport Settlement (CRSTS)	Governance and Assurance arrangements for specific schemes as and when required.	Officer GMCA & TfGM Greater Manchester Combined Authority	31 Mar 2024  Between 1  Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	ons	Andy Burnham	Executive Officer GMCA & 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 approved capital and revenue budgets for bus franchising.	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM  Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024  Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 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
Bus Depot Leases	To agree the final terms of	Chief Executive	Between 1 Jan 2024 and	12 Delivering the Bee	GM Mayor		Jacqueline Elliott

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Tranche 2 and 3	leases of bus depots both in respect of interim leaseback arrangements to existing operators and the franchise depot subleases to be granted to the franchise bus operators for Tranches 2 and 3.	Officer GMCA & TfGM	31 Mar 2024	Network	Andy Burnham		Jacqueline.Elli ott@tfgm.com
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 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elli ott@tfgm.com
Subsidised Services	To approve forthcoming	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Jan 2024 and	Report with Recommendati	GM Mayor	Chief	Stephen Rhodes

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	changes to subsidised bus services.	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	31 Mar 2024  Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	ons	Andy Burnham  GM Mayor  Andy Burnham	Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	stephen.rhode s@tfgm.com
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 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	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 / approve expenditure and allocate/realloc ate funding across the programme for	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com

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	schemes within the Growth Deal 1,2,3 and/or the Transforming Cities Fund.						
Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Fund 2 Bid Submission	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.  Agree the submission of a full business case bid to the DfT for the ZEBRA 2 Fund.	Bee Network Committee, Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons			Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com

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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 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com
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.  To approve the proposed network planning guidelines.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Stephen Rhodes stephen.rhode s@tfgm.com

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	To approve the 12-month programme of network reviews.						
Improving Journeys Orbital Routes (Quality Bus Transit)	To approve CRSTS funds to upgrade existing pedestrian crossings on three Quality Bus Transit corridors across the Improving Journeys Orbital Routes corridors.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 30 Apr 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Anthony Murden Anthony.murd en@tfgm.com
Sale West to Altrincham Network Improvements	To approve CRSTS funds to implement signal priority for late running buses and install permit automatic traffic counters	Greater Manchester Combined Authority Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 29 Feb 2024 Between 1 Jan 2024 and 29 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Anthony Murden Anthony.murd en@tfgm.com

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	on the Sale West to Altrincham corridor.						
Vision Zero Strategy	To approve and formally adopt the Vision Zero Strategy for Greater Manchester.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Peter Boulton Peter.Boulton @tfgm.com
Technical Edu	cation & Skills						
ESF Skills for Growth Commissionin g	To proceed with the procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills for Growth programme.	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien	Treasurer GMCA	Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
GM Adult Skills Programme	To approve a cost of delivery exceptional	Chief Executive Officer GMCA	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Eamonn		Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh @greatermanc

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(including devolved Adult Education Budget and Free Courses for Jobs funding) 2022/2023 academic year update and 2023/2024 academic year forward plan	payment to AEB Skills Providers for the 2022/2023 academic year.  To note progress of the 2023/2024 Adult Education Budget commissioning process and where applicable, the selected skills providers  To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to take forward the AEB commissioning , including to	& TfGM			O'Brien		hester-ca.gov.uk

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	contract award.						
	To approve the proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grantfunded further education institutions.						
	To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise during discussions between each institution and GMCA.						
Skills Bootcamps	To proceed with the	Treasurer GMCA	Between 1 Jan 2024 and	National Skills Funding (CA	Councillor		Hannah Vincent

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2023 - 2024: Phase 2 commissioning ; Sector 3 (recommissioni ng): Adv Manufacturing; Sector 8: Security; Sector 9: Residential Childcare	procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills Bootcamps programme.		31 Mar 2024	report Feb 2023)	Eamonn O'Brien		hannah.vincen t@greaterman chester- ca.gov.uk
Resources and	Investment						
Greater Manchester Business Funds	To conditionally approve business investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments, including	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 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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	where relevant negotiated settlements.						
Revenue and capital budget updates	Approve revisions to revenue budget and capital programme. July / October and Feburary.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Rachel Rosewell rachel.rosewell @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Mayoral General Budget 2024/25 and Precept Proposals including GMFRS	Consideration of the GM Mayor's proposal for the 2024/25 Mayoral General Precept including the Fire and Rescue Authority precept and whether Members of GMCA would wish to submit	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	26 Jan 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk

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	any written comments to the Mayor in line with the legal process and timetable.						
GMCA General Revenue Budget 2024/25	To approve the 2024/25 budget relating to the GMCA functions (excluding transport and waste), including local authority contributions and use of reserves.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Transport Revenue Budget 2024/25	To approve the 2024/25 GMCA budget relating to transport functions including the levy and statutory	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk

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	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 and council tax rates.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
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 recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
GMCA Capital Programme	To approve the capital	Greater Manchester	9 Feb 2024	Report with recommendati	Councillor		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson

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2023-2027	programme, including the quarter 3 update to the 2023/23 budget and the 2024/25 budget and forward plan.	Combined Authority		ons	David Molyneux		@greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
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 recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- 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 investment	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	22 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Lindsey Keech lindsey.keech @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk

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	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 recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Lindsey Keech lindsey.keech @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Housing							
GM City Deal Receipts - Investment Approval Recommendati ons	The approval of investments funded with City Deal Receipts received from Homes England.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk
GM Brownfield Programme	The allocation of funding from GMCA's brownfield	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater

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	programme to residential developments in GM.						manchester- ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Housing Funds	To conditionally approve housing investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- 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 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk

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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 Jan 2024 and 31 Mar 2024	Report with Recommendati ons	Councillor Gerald Cooney	Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM	Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcinto sh@greaterma nchester- 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 of the GM Brownfield programmme, as set out in Section 2 and Appendix 1  2. Approve the allocation of up	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	26 Jan 2024	GM Brownfield Fund- Year 2 and 3 Methodology and Spend Allocation	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcinto sh@greaterma nchester- ca.gov.uk

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	to £115m of the overall £150m funding devolved to GMCA						
	3.Delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer, acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer, to effect the necessary legal agreements						
Housing Delivery Plan	Approve the Housing Delivery Plan and the actions with the plan	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	26 Jan 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Gerald Cooney		Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcinto sh@greaterma nchester- ca.gov.uk

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Economy, Bus	iness and Inclus	ive Growth					
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 recommendati ons	Councillor Bev Craig		John Wrathmell john.wrathmell @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
GM Investment Plan	Approval of the GM Investment Plan, including the accompanying principles and milestones	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	26 Jan 2024	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Bev Craig		Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcinto sh@greaterma nchester- ca.gov.uk
Homelessness	•						
GM Refugee Homelessness	Award of grant allocations	Greater Manchester	Between 1 Jan 2024 and	Report with recommendati	City Mayor		Joe Donohue joseph.donohu

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Prevention Service	under the new GM Refugee Homelessness Prevention Service	Combined Authority	31 Mar 2024	ons	Paul Dennett		e@greaterman chester- ca.gov.uk