

Forward Plan of Key Decisions: 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025

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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

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 www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk.

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

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month.

This Register of Key Decisions has been prepared in accordance with <u>Combined</u>

<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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Greater Manchester Combined Authority
& Greater Manchester Mayor
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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?	Decision Maker	Planned Decision	Documents to be	Portfolio Lead	Lead Director	Officer Contact
			Dates	considered			
Green City Reg	gion			,			
Net Zero	The Low	Group Finance	March 2025		Councillor Tom		Nic Langman
Housing	Carbon Team,	Officer			Ross		nic.langman@
Retrofit	in conjunction						greatermanche
Framework	with the						r-ca.gov.uk
Agreement	Department for						
	Energy and						
	Net Zero's						
	regional Net						
	Zero Hubs,						
	intends to put						
	in place a						
	national						
	Framework						

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	Agreement for						
	the retrofit of						
	housing with						
	energy						
	efficiency and						
	low carbon						
	heating						
	measures						
	under several						
	government						
	grant funding						
	schemes. The						
	framework will						
	be for a total of						
	4 years and be						
	self-funding						
	through an						
	Activity Based						
	Income stream						

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	of 1% of contracted spend through the framework charged to suppliers once they secure their first call off contract from the agreement.						
Joint Minerals & Waste Plan: Options Report	To consider the options to review the existing joint Plans and confirm a preferred option.	AGMA Executive Board	January 2025	Report with recommendati ons	City Mayor Paul Dennett		David Hodcroft david.hodcroft @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk

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Transport							
Bus	To approve the	-	Between 1	Report with	GM Mayor		Steve
Franchising	award of:	Executive	Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	recommendati ons	Andy Burnham		Warrener steve.warrener
	(i) the	GM Mayor			GM Mayor		@tfgm.com
	franchise		Between 1		Andy Burnham		
	contracts	Greater	Jan 2025 and				
	relating to bus	Manchester	31 Mar 2025		GM Mayor		
	franchising;	Combined			Andy Burnham		
	(ii) contracts	Authority	Between 1				
	for the		Jan 2025 and				
	provision of		31 Mar 2025				
	various						
	franchise						
	scheme						
	related						
	services and						
	goods						

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	(including all						
	contracts for						
	the provision						
	of equipment,						
	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						

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	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						

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	scheme.						
City Region	To approve	Group Chief	Between 1	Report and	GM Mayor	Group Chief	Steve
Sustainable	allocations and	Executive	Jan 2025 and	recommendati	Andy Burnham	Executive	Warrener
Transport	Governance		31 Mar 2025	ons			steve.warrener
Settlement	and Assurance	Bee Network			GM Mayor		@tfgm.com
(CRSTS)	arrangements	Committee	Between 1		Andy Burnham		
	for specific		Jan 2025 and				
	schemes as	Greater	31 Mar 2025		GM Mayor		
	and when	Manchester			Andy Burnham		
	required.	Combined	Between 1				
		Authority	Jan 2025 and				
			31 Mar 2025				
Bus Depot	To negotiate	Group Chief	Between 1	28 Delivering	GM Mayor		Steve
Acquisitions	and approve	Executive	Jan 2025 and	the Bee	Andy Burnham		Warrener
	procedural		31 Mar 2025	Network - Bus			steve.warrener
	changes for	Greater		Fares Fleet	GM Mayor		@tfgm.com
	the acquisition	Manchester	Between 1	Depots and	Andy Burnham		
	of bus depots	Combined	Jan 2025 and	CRSTS			

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	to support Tranches 2 and 3 bus franchising, within previously approved capital and revenue budgets for bus franchising.	Authority	31 Mar 2025				
Bus Depot Leases Tranche 2 and 3	To agree the final terms of leases of bus depots both in respect of interim leaseback	Group Chief Executive	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elli ott@tfgm.com

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	arrangements to existing operators and the franchise depot subleases to 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	Group Finance Officer	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elli ott@tfgm.com

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	with Tranches 2 and 3.						
Subsidised Services	To approve forthcoming changes to subsidised bus services.	Bee Network Committee Group Chief Executive	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025 Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report with Recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Group Chief Executive	Stephen Rhodes stephen.rhode s@tfgm.com
Active Travel Programme	Approval to release funding to progress the development and delivery of cycling and walking schemes and	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report with Recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Group Chief Executive	Richard Nickson richard.nickson @tfgm.com

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	programmes.						
Local Growth	To grant Full	Greater	Between 1	Report with	GM Mayor	Group Chief	Steve
Deal (1, 2 and	or Conditional	Manchester	Jan 2025 and	Recommendati	Andy Burnham	Executive	Warrener
3) six monthly	Approval	Combined	31 Mar 2025	ons			steve.warrener
progress	and/or release	Authority					@tfgm.com
update	funding /						
	approve						
	expenditure						
	and						
	allocate/realloc						
	ate funding						
	across the						
	programme for						
	schemes						
	within the						
	Growth Deal						
	1,2,3 and/or						
	the						
	Transforming						

		Decision Dates	be considered			Contact
Cities Fund.						
To approve the	Bee Network	Between 1	Report with	GM Mayor		Stephen
proposed	Committee	Jan 2025 and	recommendati	Andy Burnham		Rhodes
approach to		31 Mar 2025	ons			stephen.rhode
reviewing and						s@tfgm.com
developing the						
franchised bus						
network						
through a						
programme of						
network						
reviews.						
To approve the						
proposed						
network						
planning						
guidelines.						
	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	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	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	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	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	To approve the proposed approach to reviewing and developing the franchised bus network through a programme of network reviews. To approve the proposed approach to reviework through a programme of network reviews. To approve the proposed network planning

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	To approve the 12-month programme of network reviews.						
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 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com
Integrated Measures Ticketing and	To approve Final Business Cases and	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Helen Humble helen.humble @tfgm.com

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Customer	CRSTS funding to progress the development and delivery of Integrated Measures Ticketing and Customer schemes and programmes.						
Manchester Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	To approve the full business case and CRSTS funding to progress a number of Electric	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Clare Kenyon clare.kenyon@ manchester.go v.uk

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	Vehicle infrastructure schemes.						
City Centre	To approve	Bee Network	Between 1	Report with	GM Mayor		Anthony
Bus and	CRSTS	Committee	Jan 2025 and	recommendati	Andy Burnham		Murden
Streets for All	funding to		31 Mar 2025	ons			Anthony.murd
Connectivity	continue to						en@tfgm.com
Programme	progress						
	development						
	of the City						
	Centre Bus						
	and Streets for						
	All						
	Connectivity						
	Programme.						
Stockport	To approve the	Bee Network	Between 1	Report with	GM Mayor		Sue
Greek Street	Full Business	Committee	Jan 2025 and	recommendati	Andy Burnham		Stephenson
Bridge Streets	Case and		31 Mar 2025	ons			sue.stephenso
for All	CRSTS						n@stockport.g

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	funding to deliver Phase A and B of Stockport's Greek Street Bridge Streets for All scheme.						ov.uk
Whitefield Tunnel Renewal	To approve CRSTS funding to enable the Whitefield Tunnel renewal to be undertaken.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Ian Davies ian.davies@tfg m.com
Bee Network Fares and Ticketing Products	To approve changes to Bee Network fares and	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Jul 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Fran Wilkinson fran.wilkinson @tfgm.com

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	ticketing products						
Technical Educ	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.	Group Chief Executive	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien	Group Finance Officer	Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Skills Bootcamps 2024 - 2025:	To extend current contracts of	Group Finance Officer	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2026	National Skills Funding (CA report Feb	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien		Hannah Vincent hannah.vincen

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Contract	wave 4			2023)			t@greaterman
extensions for	providers to						chester-
wave 4	continue to						ca.gov.uk
providers to	deliver into						
continue	wave 5 of the						
delivery into	Skills						
wave 5. Wave	Bootcamps						
5	Programme						
commissioning							
	To proceed with the procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills						

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	Bootcamps						
	Programme.						
Resources and	l Investment						
Greater	То	Greater	Between 1	Report with	Councillor	Group Chief	Kirsteen
Manchester	conditionally	Manchester	Jan 2025 and	Recommendati	David	Executive	Armitage
Business	approve	Combined	31 Mar 2025	ons	Molyneux		kirsteen.armita
Funds	business	Authority					ge@greaterma
	investments to						nchestre-
	proceed to due						ca.gov.uk
	diligence						
	and/or note						
	commercial						
	changes to						
	existing						
	investments,						
	including						
	where relevant						
	negotiated						

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	settlements.						
GM UKSPF	Share	Greater	Between 1	Report with	Councillor		Alison Gordon
Programme -	progress to	Manchester	Jan 2025 and	recommendati	David		alison.gordon
Progress and	date on the	Combined	31 Mar 2025	ons	Molyneux		@greatermanc
Performance	GM UKSPF	Authority					hester-
Management	programme						ca.gov.uk
Process	and seek						
	agreement for						
	a programme						
	management						
	process for						
	2024/5						
Revenue and	Approve	Greater	28 Feb 2025	Report with	Councillor		Steve Wilson
capital budget	revisions to	Manchester		recommendati	David		Steve.Wilson
updates	revenue	Combined		ons	Molyneux		@greatermanc
	budget and	Authority					hester-
	capital						ca.gov.uk
	programme.						

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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 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report	City Mayor Paul Dennett		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- 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 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report with recommendati ons	City Mayor Paul Dennett		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk

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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 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report with Recommendati ons	City Mayor Paul Dennett	Group Chief Executive	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk
Agreement to using further Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund	To agree the further use of Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2025 and 31 Mar 2025	Report with Recommendati ons	City Mayor Paul Dennett	Group Chief Executive	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk

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surpluses	(GMHILF) surpluses to support the delivery of the GM Housing Strategy						
Greater	То	Greater	Between 1	Report with	City Mayor	Group Chief	Andrew
Manchester	conditionally	Manchester	Jan 2025 and	Recommendati	Paul Dennett	Executive	McIntosh
Property	approve	Combined	31 Mar 2025	ons			andrew.mcinto
Funds	property investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments.	Authority					sh@greaterma nchester- ca.gov.uk

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			Dates	considered			
Digital							
Award contract	To award	Group Finance	Not before		Councillor		Kieran Smith
for the North	contract for a	Officer	16th Jan 2025		Nicholas Peel		Kieran.Smith@
West Secure	Northwest						greatermanche
Data	Secure Data						ster-ca.gov.uk
Environment	Environment						
(With NHS	Target						
NW) - Target	Operating						
Operating	Model						
Model	Implementatio						
Implementatio	n						
n							