

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY 31TH JANUARY 2025 AT STOCKPORT TOWN
HALL**

PRESENT

Mayor of Greater Manchester	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
Deputy Mayor (Police, Crime & Fire)	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Nicholas Peel
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Tameside	Councillor Eleanor Wills
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair of GM Overview & Scrutiny	Councillor Nadim Muslim
GM Active Travel Commissioner	Dame Sarah Storey

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Group Chief Executive Officer, GMCA, GMFRS & TfGM	Caroline Simpson
Group Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
Group Monitoring Officer	Gillian Duckworth
Group Treasurer	Steve Wilson
GMCA Director of Governance & Scrutiny	Julie Connor
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Paul Marshall
Oldham	Shelley Kipling

Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Melissa Caslake
Stockport	Paul Richards
Tameside	Harry Catherall
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
TfGM	Martin Lax
TfGM	Danny Vaughan
TfGM	Fran Wilkinson
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	Lee Teasdale

GMCA 01/25 APOLOGIES

That apologies be received and noted from Cllr David Molyneux (Wigan), Tom Stannard (Manchester) & Michael Cullen (Stockport).

GMCA 02/24 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, opened the meeting by noting the welcome announcement that a new North Manchester General Hospital would be built during phase 1 of the new hospital building programme. The importance of this hospital for the north of the city region could not be underestimated. The existing estate was of Victorian origin and the residents of North Manchester deserved a much improved fit for purpose 21st century world class hospital. It was agreed that this was only a first step and that further investment was needed to modernise other hospitals in the region such as Wythenshawe and Stepping Hill.

There had also been a welcome announcement that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had now given in-principle support for the Old Trafford Regeneration Scheme as part of the pipeline of investment being brought forward. This would bring a wide array of benefits for the region, not least of which would be the removal of freight from the

Castlefield corridor, as well as the sports, leisure and entertainment development possibilities.

The Mayor of Greater Manchester stated that the Stockport MDC had provided a good model for development in the region, with Councillor Hunter stating that Stockport would be more than happy to provide learning and advice from their development work.

Some caution was expressed about the investment of public money towards schemes that could be funded by private investment. The Mayor of Greater Manchester stated that he fully understood these concerns and provided assurance that there would be maximum transparency and clarity around the use of all public monies on the regeneration scheme.

Caroline Simpson, Group Chief Executive Officer, GMCA, GMFRS & TfGM, provided an update on the announcement of £630m of integrated settlement monies for the region as part of the devolution trailblazer. Reports would be brought back to the GMCA on the next phase and the flexibilities around the funding.

A first cross-Whitehall task and finish group had been held on 30th January. This group sought to see how the devolution journey could go even deeper and further. Updates from the group would be reported back to the GMCA as appropriate.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the announcement made by the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care of Phase 1 of a new North Manchester General Hospital, and the benefits that this will bring to residents of the area be welcomed.
2. That the Chancellor of the Exchequer's in-principle support for the Old Trafford regeneration scheme, and the multiple benefits for the whole region that would arise from this be noted.
3. That the update on the announcement of £630m integrated settlement monies for Greater Manchester be received and welcomed.

4. That updates from the cross-Whitehall trailblazer task and finish group will be reported back to the GMCA as appropriate.

GMCA 03/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

There were none.

**GMCA 04/25 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER
2024**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 13 December 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 05/25 MINUTES OF THE GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2024**

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 11 December 2024 be noted.

**GMCA 06/25 GMCA BEE NETWORK COMMITTEE MINUTES – 12
DECEMBER 2024**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA Bee Network Committee held on 12 December 2024 be noted.

**GMCA 07/25 GMCA STANDARDS COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE
MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2024**

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Standards Committee held on 13 December 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 08/25 GMCA WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF
THE MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2025**

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 22 January 2025 be noted.

**GMCA 09/25 GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2025**

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 22 January 2025 be noted.

**GMCA 10/25 PROPOSED COMBINED AUTHORITIES (ADULT EDUCATION
FUNCTIONS) ORDER 2025**

Gillian Duckworth, GMCA Group Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, presented a report seeking consent to the making of a proposed Order by the Secretary of State to grant a further funding power in relation to Adult Education to the GMCA.

The Department for Education (DfE) transferred statutory adult education functions to combined authorities via statutory instrument so they could decide, at a local level, which qualifications they wished to fund to support skills development in their areas. The DfE were now proposing to make a new Order to amend existing delegated functions to add a further education funding power.

RESOLVED /-

1. That consent be given to the making of the proposed Order Combined Authorities (Adult Education Functions) (Amendment) Order 2025.

**GMCA 11/25 STRENGTHENING THE STANDARDS AND CONDUCT
FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND –
MHCLG OPEN CONSULTATION**

Gillian Duckworth, GMCA Group Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, presented a report informing of the current open consultation being undertaken by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) addressing possible changes to the ethical framework for elected members and to seek agreement as to whether to provide a formal response on behalf of the GMCA and if so, to agree the content of that response.

It was noted that each authority could additionally make their own individual submissions, and it was advised that any additional submissions for the GMCA led response could be sent to the Group Monitoring Officer ahead of the final submission date.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the submission of a consultation response on the government consultation entitled “Consultation: Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England”, to MHCLG be agreed.
2. That the contents of the consultation response on behalf of the GMCA be agreed.
3. That any additional submissions for the GMCA led response can be sent to the Group Monitoring Officer ahead of the final submission date.

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, presented a report setting out the proposals for the Mayoral General Budget and precept for 2025-26 for consideration by the members of the GMCA. The proposals being made included the budget for the Fire Service which had previously fallen to the GM Fire and Rescue Authority to determine.

The Mayor noted the disappointing settlement figure received for the Fire Service and advised that he and Deputy Mayor Kate Green would make the argument to government that there would need to be consideration around vital funding for fire services under increasing demands as part of the spending review.

Councillor Nadim Muslim, Chair of the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee, was invited to feedback on the Committee's comments following their consideration of the budget and precept proposals. The Committee had highlighted their concerns that the report had arrived late reducing their ability to fully scrutinise the report, and sought a minimum time frame for the receipt of the report in future. Other matters highlighted by the Committee included the importance of residents being able to see the improvements in their bus services, that further scrutiny of A Bed Every Night would be welcomed given increasing demands, and that overall that the Committee would like to see an evident culture of efficiency, highlighting where savings and cost minimisation had been sought across the GMCA in each future budget report. The Mayor of Greater Manchester expressed apologies for the lateness of the paper and committed to establishing a minimum time for budget scrutiny papers in future.

Discussion took place regarding the lack of system warnings ahead of the flooding that took place in the region on New Year's Day. A review group had now been established under the leadership of CFO Dave Russel to see how the system could collectively learn lessons from the incident, with a particular focus on data sharing and flood awareness.

Members highlighted the increasing frequency of flooding incidents in South Manchester related to the River Mersey. Events that had previously been considered once in a 100 years, had now happened 3 to 4 times in a 5 year period. Work would

need to take place with the Environment Agency and United Utilities to look at flood mitigation in much greater detail, with different kinds of modelling to those seen before. Consideration of this would be a key part of ongoing work on the Integrated Water Management Plan. The Mayor advised that similar work was also taking place following flooding incidents at Platt Bridge.

The Mayor of Greater Manchester advised those present that he had been in discussion with Sir John Cunliffe who was leading a review of the regulation of the water industry for the government. The plan was to hold a major stakeholder session in Manchester, and details around this would be circulated to GMCA members.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the Mayor proposed to increase the Mayoral General Precept by £16 to £128.95 (for a Band D property), comprising of:
 - Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Services - precept of £86.20 **(£5 increase)**;
 - Other Mayoral General functions - precept of £42.75 **(£11 increase)**.

2. That the following be noted:
 - i) the overall budget proposed for the Fire and Rescue Service,
 - ii) the use of the reserves to support the revenue and capital budgets, and the assessment by the Treasurer that the reserves as at March 2026 are adequate,
 - iii) the proposed Fire Service capital programme and proposals for funding,
 - iv) the medium-term financial position for the Fire and Rescue Service covered by the Mayoral precept

3. That the detailed budget proposals for other Mayoral functions be noted.

4. That the use of reserves as set out in Paragraph 3.3 of the report be noted.

5. That consideration be given to the submission of any written comments to the Mayor in line with the legal process and timetable described in this report;

6. That it be noted that at its meeting on 7 February 2025 there will be an updated budget submitted, consistent with the precept proposals, to reflect final tax base and collection fund calculations and the final baseline funding settlement.
7. That the concerns raised about the disappointing fire budget settlement figure and the need for further Fire & Rescue Service funding solutions appropriate to the increasing scale of demand be noted.
8. That the comments raised through the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received.
9. That it be noted that a review group has been instigated on data sharing amongst partners following the new year's days flooding incidents.
10. That as part of the Integrated Water Management Plan, a review take place of the frequent flooding incidents along the River Mersey in the south of the region.
11. That details will be circulated ahead of the launch of the Sir John Cunliffe led review of the regulation of the water industry with a stakeholder event in Manchester.

GMCA 13/25 ACTIVE TRAVEL ANNUAL UPDATE

Dame Sarah Storey, Active Travel Commissioner, presented a report seeking the approval of the the 2024 Annual Active Travel Report and agreement around the Active Travel Priorities for 2025.

Thanks were expressed at all involved in the successes to date and particular areas of focus for the next year were highlighted. These included a renewed focus on funding the schemes that enabled greater numbers of people to do their business actively, addressing the quality of pavements for walking, developing a strategic cycle network properly linking up centres and residential areas, delivering 100 school streets by

2028, and publishing an expansion plan for cycle hire, including incorporating the payments into the wider Bee Network multi-modal ticketing.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Greater Manchester Annual Active Travel Report be approved.
2. That the Commissioner's Mission Priorities as laid out in the report and in the Greater Manchester Annual Active Travel Report be endorsed.

GMCA 14/25 GM CLEAN AIR PLAN – JANUARY 2025 UPDATE

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Portfolio Lead for GM Clean Air, presented a report that provided an update on the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan following the government's acceptance that the assessment that an investment-led, non-charging Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan would achieve compliance with nitrogen dioxide levels on the local road network in the shortest possible time and Greater Manchester would not need to implement a charging Clean Air Zone (CAZ).

In terms of the taxi trade. Whilst not the full amount sought, some funding had been secured for cleaner taxis. Officers had been tasked with looking more comprehensively at the taxi trade on this issue, looking at ways in which they could be further support to transition to electric vehicles and be further attracted to registering their vehicles with locally licensed vehicles. It was made clear that support would only be provided to locally licensed taxis.

Concerns were raised around the planned alternative usage of existing signage and ANPR cameras. Given the rationale for the signage no longer existed, did this signage not now simply add to 'street clutter' and was removal not the best option? On ANPR cameras, was there a risk that if they were taken over by GMP that this would create issues around civil liberties, and any alternative usage needed to be weighed carefully in the balance with such issues.

It was advised that GMP had already been in an agreed position to make use of the cameras for investigative purposes and the detection of crime and had already assisted in the solving of some serious crimes. This would allow a continued usage by

them rather than any full-scale change of use – there would of course be a full consultation around this, GMP would be asked to fully evidence their case, and the GM Ethics Committee would fully consider all issues around civil liberty concerns. In terms of signage, the signs were in strategic locations, and it was considered that they could be used by TfGM to promote clear air initiatives such as local park and ride schemes for example, but again a full consultation process would take place.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the government confirmed it has accepted the assessment that an investment-led, non-charging Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan will achieve compliance with nitrogen dioxide levels on the local road network in the shortest possible time and by 2026 and Greater Manchester will not need to implement a charging Clean Air Zone (CAZ).
2. That it be noted that the investment-led package of £86m confirmed by government consists of:
 - £51.1m towards bus investment, including 40 zero emission buses, 77 Euro VI standard buses and charging infrastructure;
 - £5m for local traffic management measures;
 - £8 million to support moving Greater Manchester's taxi fleet to cleaner vehicles;
 - Up to £21.9m for administration, delivery, monitoring and other associated costs.
3. That it be noted that a new direction from the government is expected to be issued to the Greater Manchester authorities imminently which will allow TfGM to understand the detailed breakdown of the funding awarded for Development, Administration, Risk & Contingency.
4. That it be noted that proposals on funding to support Greater Manchester's taxi fleet move to cleaner vehicles, including timelines for next steps, such as fund opening, will be presented at a future meeting.

5. That it be noted that TfGM and the GM Authorities are working together to assess the potential alternative use of signage, timelines for next steps will be presented at a future meeting.
6. That it be noted that a public consultation on the use of the cameras for potential law enforcement activity related to the detection of crime is anticipated for the summer of 2025, subject to a review of the financial, technological and legal options available to facilitate a change of use.
7. That it be noted that the GM Air Quality Administration Committee will consider a report at its meeting on 5 February 2025.

**GMCA 15/25 GREATER MANCHESTER’S APPROACH TO DELIVERING
OUR GROWTH AMBITION**

Councillor Bev Craig, Portfolio Lead for Economy, presented a report setting out our approach to driving forward ambitious plans for growth in GM over the next 10 years.

GM was gearing up for a new decade of growth and would use its distinctive collaborative approach to deliver on massive ambitions for the city-region – so that all residents could thrive.

The ambitions were backed up by credible plans and a proven track record in delivery. The region would build on the strength of existing public private partnerships in GM to further develop innovative investment models, unlocking pension fund and institutional capital to derisk projects and unlock private investment. To maximise the productivity of the GM economy, it would require bravery, innovation and the taking of risks. This required a long-term view and for the CA and Local Authorities to back and invest in the city region, taking a ‘patient capital’ approach to investment.

The approach to investment sought to ensure GM remained the best place for the private sector to invest with confidence in the future and with a clear vision driven forward by strong leadership by the public sector.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the preparation of the rewritten GMS and underpinning Delivery Plan for Spring 2025 be endorsed.
2. That endorsement be given to preparing Greater Manchester's Spending Review submissions to Government, setting out our asks for Government to work alongside us in delivery of our collective ambition.
3. That endorsement be given to establishing a Place Advisory Panel, involving national experts, to support the progress of development proposals from our integrated pipeline, ensuring that these support delivery of the outcomes in the GMS and push the boundaries of what has previously been possible.
4. That endorsement be given to establishing partner forums in early 2025 from across the developer, construction and investor community to set out our plans and call the industry to action.
5. That endorsement be given to progressing plans to strengthen our delivery capacity through the development of a GM Delivery Vehicle and GM Academy.
6. That endorsement be given to developing the approach to the GM Investment Pot to maximise what can be delivered through public sector support and intervention and maximise the private capital that can be leveraged into Greater Manchester.
7. That endorsement be given to establishing the appropriate programme governance to oversee and direct our overall plans for growth, ensuring accountability and transparency of our approach.

GMCA 16/25 GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE PLAN

Kate Green, Deputy Mayor for Safer and Stronger Communities presented a report that provided an update on the production of the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) Fire Plan for 2025-29. This plan outlined the strategic priorities and commitments of GMFRS over the next four years. The report provided an overview of

the engagement activities that had already shaped the draft and would continue to shape the final version of the Fire Plan, ensuring it met the needs of the city region's communities and helped to deliver the city-region's wider plans.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the contents of the draft plan found at Appendix A be noted.
2. That the consultation and the presentation slide pack found at Appendix B be shared with interested stakeholders and encouragement be given to them to share their views / feedback.

GMCA 17/25 PUBLIC SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK (PSTN) UPDATE

Councillor Nick Peel, Portfolio Lead for Digital, presented a report providing an update on the risks of the implementation of the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Switchover and their mitigating activities, following incidents and concerns impacting vulnerable residents across the city region.

The significant importance of all districts entering into the Data Sharing Agreements was highlighted, and an offer of support was made to any district that required it ahead of sharing the Agreements.

RESOLVED /-

1. That encouragement be given to GM Local Authorities to sign Data Sharing Agreements with telecom providers (using the agreed LGA national template) to mitigate risks for vulnerable people, including those in receipt of private telecare services; and to review PSTN switchover readiness drawing upon the Guidance published by Government on 18th November 2025.
2. That monitoring take place of incidents of frauds related to the digital switchover to inform and influence the national communications campaign launched next year and understand the scale of the problem.

3. That the GMCA will maintain oversight of the risks associated with the PSTN switchover at least until January 2027 when switchover will be completed.
4. That it be noted that the GMCA can offer assistance wherever it is needed to the local authorities yet to sign the Data Sharing Agreements.

**GMCA 18/25 GM RAIL REFORM & DEVOLUTION – THE VISION AND
DELIVERY PROGRAMME FOR RAIL IN GREATER
MANCHESTER**

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, provided an overview of the strategic context for rail reform, the case for change, the vision for GM Rail, and the outline programme of activity and milestones to deliver GM's ambitions for rail as part of the Bee Network.

RESOLVED /-

1. That endorsement be given to the development of a robust, evidence-based GM Rail Vision and programme for the future of rail across Greater Manchester in conjunction with GM Local Authorities.
2. That endorsement be given to the ambition and tranche-based approach to the integration of the 8 priority rail corridors into the Bee Network Rail by 2028.
3. That endorsement be given to the development of an Outline Business Case for Rail Reform, to assess and develop a preferred way forward for meeting the objectives set out in this paper, and identify the legislative and funding reforms, required to deliver GM's growth agenda.
4. That endorsement be given to the proactive engagement with Government in relation to the English Devolution and Rail Reform Bills, with particular regard to finalising the statutory role for the Combined Authority in the specification of services, fares and customer standards.

5. That endorsement be given to the development of further work to unlock the benefits of the Old Trafford Regeneration scheme through the relocation of the freight terminal at Trafford Depot.
6. That endorsement be given to the development of the Spending Review submission, working with Government, to ensure the opportunities set out in this report are prioritised and delivered.
7. That it be noted that the HM Treasury has now signed off the business case for tranche 1 of rail reform.

GMCA 19/25 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PIPELINE

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, presented a report updating on progress in delivering a pipeline of transport infrastructure improvements to support the Bee Network: a high-quality, affordable and fully integrated public transport and active travel system which can support sustainable economic growth.

The report included an update on the ongoing work that is taking place between TfGM, GMCA and GM Local Authorities in relation to the potential reprioritisation of CRSTS1 funding, with a particular focus on strengthening the alignment between transport infrastructure and growth in the context of the GM Growth Plan and the opportunities afforded by the inclusion of CRSTS1 in the GM Integrated Settlement. The report also made a number of recommendations to support the continued development and delivery of the transport infrastructure pipeline.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the current position, recent progress and key milestones on the transport infrastructure pipeline be noted.
2. That the emerging proposals for the reprioritisation of CRSTS1 funding as detailed within section 2 be noted.

3. That approval be given to the allocation of CRSTS1 funding to enable a number of time-critical priorities to be advanced, subject to DfT approval, as follows:
 - Bee Network Rail Integration and Accessibility: up to £34m;
 - Acquisition of the existing GM Bus Shelter estate and related activity to develop a renewal programme for the estate: up to £15m;
 - Rochdale: Castleton Phase 2 Active Travel scheme: up to £12.66m; and
 - Capital & revenue switch applied to the revenue budget for Bus Franchising IS and Ticketing System Assets: up to £15.0m.

4. That approval be given to the allocation of CRSTS2 funding (estimated at £80m and awaiting approval from DfT) to fund the Bee Network Rail Integration Programme.

GMCA 20/25 BEE NETWORK FARES & TICKETING PRODUCTS

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, presented a report which proposed that new ticketing products be added to the Bee Network fares and ticketing proposition to increase access to public transport through improved affordability.

RESOLVED /-

1. That approval be given to the introduction of a suite of Annual Multi Modal Tickets, from March 2025.

2. That approval be given to the addition of these Annual Multi Modal Tickets to the TfGM scheme with local Credit Unions, from March 2025, to improve access to affordable annual products.

3. That approval be given to the addition of the existing Annual Tram Tickets to the TfGM scheme with local Credit Unions, from March 2025, to improve access to affordable annual products.

GMCA 21/25**METROLINK 2027**

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, presented a report which presented the findings of the review and assessment of options when the current Metrolink Operations and Maintenance Agreement (MOMA) with Keolis Amey Metrolink Ltd (KAM) expires in July 2027. The report outlined the review undertaken, the options identified, the findings, and provided a recommendation as to how Metrolink should be operated from mid-2027.

RESOLVED /-

1. That endorsement be given to the procurement of a Metrolink franchise agreement with adjusted scope from the current Metrolink Operations and Maintenance Agreement, to commence from July 2027 when the current Agreement expires.
2. That the intention for TfGM to deliver a number of customer experience elements of the current Agreement from mid-2027, to increase TfGM's control and oversight over service delivery and asset management through the new Agreement be noted.
3. That the potential for a unified GM transport operation in the 2030's be noted.
4. That it be noted that, subject to GMCA feedback, procurement of the successor Franchise arrangements will commence.
5. That it be noted that a further report will be brought to GMCA before the award of any contract which is anticipated in the second half of 2026.

GMCA 22/25**GREATER MANCHESTER BROWNFIELD HOUSING
REALLOCATIONS**

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing First, presented a report seeking GMCA approval to delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer acting in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for housing. The purpose of the delegation was to approve new

projects for funding, urgent variations to existing funding from the Brownfield Housing Fund (BHF) and to switch funding sources from other funds to the Brownfield Housing Fund, if required, to manage the year end programme position.

RESOLVED /-

1. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for housing to approve new funding and urgent variations to existing funding from BHF, 31st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 to manage the BHF pipeline.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to switch funding sources from other funds to the Brownfield Housing Fund in advance of 31 March 2025.
3. That it be noted that any recommendations that are approved under the delegation will be reported to the meeting of the GMCA in May 2025.

**GMCA 23/25 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS
FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION**

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing First, presented a report seeking approval to the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loan detailed in the recommendation below.

RESOLVED /-

1. That approval be given to GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loan detailed in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report;

Borrower	Scheme	District	Loan
Apsley Street Development Ltd	Apsley Street	Stockport	£5.399m

2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive acting in conjunction with the Portfolio Lead for Housing to approve new funding and urgent variations

to existing funding from the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund in the period 8 February 2025 to 27 March 2025.

3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

GMCA 24/25 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

Steve Wilson, GMCA Group Treasurer, presented a report seeking the approval of two investments through GMCA' Advanced Manufacturing and Materials Investment Fund, GM Advance.

RESOLVED /-

1. That approval be given for a loan facility of up to £395,000 to Molygran & Co. Ltd.
2. That approval be given for an investment of up to £150,000 to THEIA Guidance Systems Ltd.
3. That approval be given for an update to the Neuwave Technologies Limited investment.
4. That authority be delegated to the Combined Authority Treasurer in consultation with the Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above investments, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the investments, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investments noted above.
5. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources, to approve projects for funding and agree urgent variations to the terms of funding in the period 8 February 2025 to 27 March 2025.

6. That it be noted that any recommendations that are approved under the delegation will be reported to the next available meeting of the Combined Authority

GMCA 25/25 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items on business on the grounds that this involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

**GMCA 26/25 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS
FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION**

Clerk’s Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (GMCA 23/25).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 27/25 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

Clerk’s Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (GMCA 24/25).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.