

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
CORPORATE ISSUES AND REFORM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2020 VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

PRESENT:

Councillor Tom Pickstone	Bury (Chair)
Councillor Akhtar Zaman	Bolton (Substitute)
Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani	Oldham (Substitute)
Councillor Colin McLaren	Oldham
Councillor Raymond Dutton	Rochdale (Substitute)
Councillor Kallum Nolan	Rochdale
Councillor Tanya Burch	Salford
Councillor Karen Garrido	Salford (Substitute)
Councillor David Jolley	Salford
Councillor Teresa Smith	Tameside (Substitute)
Councillor Sean Anstee	Trafford (Substitute)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Chief Executive, GMCA
Steve Wilson	Treasurer, GMCA
David Taylor	Executive Director, Waste and Recycling, GMCA
Joanne Heron	Statutory Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Matt Berry	Senior Governor & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Jenny Hollamby	Senior Governor & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Kris Jones	Service Operations Officer, GMCA

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Warren Escadale	Chief Executive, Voluntary Sector North West
Alex Whinnom	Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisations

CI&R/12/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anne Duffield (Trafford), Beverley Fletcher (Bolton), Allison Gwynne (Tameside), Dave Morgan (Trafford) and Dena Ryness (Stockport).

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
WIGAN

CI&R/12/20

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair advised that a supplementary agenda had been published, which included a presentation by the GMCA's Treasurer about the financial impacts of COVID19 particularly around business rates retention and support for Districts. The Chair had agreed that this late item could be considered before it was presented to the GMCA on 25 September 2020. The Chair proposed and Members agreed that this item would be considered first on the agenda.

CI&R/13/20

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

CI&R/14/20

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 June 2020 be approved as a correct record.

CI&R/15/20

COVID19 GMCA FINANCIAL IMPACT AND RESERVES ANALYSIS

The GMCA Treasurer provided Members with a presentation about the financial impacts of COVID19 particularly around business rates retention and support for Districts.

The presentation covered:

- Grater Manchester Waste Disposal
- Business rates retention
- Transport budgets and Transport for Greater Manchester
- GMCA budgets
- Next steps

The main point referred:

- A Member asked if there was a list of lower priority items in the business rates that were not being taken forward at the moment. It was explained that the largest part (2 x £10m) would be used to support the Greater Manchester Infrastructure Programme.

RESOLVED/-

That the information be received and noted.

CI&R/16/20

**HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE (HWRC) ACCESS POLICY
REPORT – VAN PERMIT SCHEME**

Members considered a report that set out examples of van permit schemes in operation elsewhere and updated the Committee on the development of a potential scheme for approval by the GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee at a future meeting.

The main points referred:

- To understand impacts, a Member asked about trade waste and where that was going. It was noted that trade waste could be accepted by private sector operators and by the Greater Manchester weighbridge run by Suez. Suez had reported a significant increase in paid trade waste from February to March 2020. The scheme was about changing behaviour and would be accompanied by an education pack about trader's obligations. Work was taking place with Districts and fly tipping would be monitored. Enforcement presence at the sites, to make traders aware of their obligations had been introduced during the first phase.
- A Member asked what enforcement work was currently taking place to prevent trade waste abuse. A concern was raised about schemes in other areas and that they could be time consuming and over complicated. The Member also enquired about timescales. It was clarified that the GMCA did not have powers of enforcement and was reliant on Districts for this aspect. With regard to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), information was shared with Districts about vehicles exceeding the policy to allow investigations to be undertaken including closed circuit television (CCTV) footage from sites. However, this was reliance on District resources and enforcement powers. Officers agreed that a simple intelligent automatic system was needed linked to the vehicle number recognition system already in place. It was envisaged that residents would be able to check their permit on line. In terms of the timescales, it was hoped that the scheme would be in place by Christmas 2020 but this was dependent on testing.

RESOLVED/-

That the Committee noted the development of a project plan for a potential van permit scheme and for this to be presented for consideration at a future meeting of the GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee.

CI&R/17/20

**GREATER MANCHESTER VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND
SOCIAL ENTERPIRSE (VCSE) ACCORD**

Representatives from the Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisations and Voluntary Sector North West, who were in attendance at the meeting explained that In November 2017, the GMCA endorsed the Greater Manchester VCSE Accord and arrangements for its implementation. The report presented an update on the work which had subsequently taken place.

The report presented for endorsement the Policy Position Paper, 'Voluntary organisations, Community groups and Social Enterprises (VCSE) in Greater Manchester – the next ten years' which had been developed to support the Accord by the Greater Manchester VCSE Devolution Leadership Group.

Furthermore, the report provided an update on the review of investment in the VCSE sector, including the grant funding which went into VCSE Leadership and infrastructure organisations at a Greater Manchester level.

The main points referred:

- Members thanked all the volunteers for their phenomenal work undertaken throughout the pandemic. They were very much appreciated. The representatives at the meeting would pass Member's thanks on to the third sector.
- A Member asked about work to engage young people involved antisocial behaviour issues, gang culture or low level crime to help them become volunteers. It was suggested that a volunteering scheme could be set up that included the Duke of Edinburgh Award to engage with this cohort to improve their prospects. Whilst there was a huge sector in Greater Manchester to support young people there was a cohort of hidden young people that would benefit from such a scheme and Officers agreed to speak to the Member about her welcomed idea out of the meeting.
- To recognise volunteers, a Member highlighted the Queen's Award for Enterprise and reminded Members that the closing date for nominations was 9 September 2020. It was reported that Greater Manchester has had more winners than any other part of the country for the past four year. It was hoped this year would be no different.
- A discussion took place about people's opinion of volunteers and how they were now respected for their work in the community. Volunteers were able to undertake many tasks with guidance; the sector must be not over professionalised.
- A Members highlighted the huge amount of people who had helped, supported or encouraged other people during the pandemic and how this enthusiasm and energy must be harnessed in the future. The Member would welcome further discussions outside of the meeting.
- A Member asked about anchor organisations, the impacts of COVID19, funding and challenges. There was about 1k medium sized organisations and charities that employed some staff, averaging £147k a year who were the most at risk due to COVID19. The sector had written to the Chancellor in May 2020 asking for some concessions around the local VCSE sector as opposed to big national charities. It had been highlighted that this sector was the backbone of everything that took place locally. Government was being lobbied about national funding.
- The Chair invited the representatives to a future meeting to relook at the issues raised.

RESOLVED/-

1. The update provided on progress made to deliver the Greater Manchester VCSE Accord and the direction of travel set out for the VCSE sector in the VCSE Leadership Group's Policy Paper was noted.
2. Members noted the progress with the review of GMCA investment with VCSE organisations in the light of the evolving Greater Manchester policy context.

CI&R/18/20

WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2020/21 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Members were asked to develop, review and agree items for consideration at future meetings.

The Chair reported that there had been a change in legislation and the Committee was no longer required to consider the fire service. The Deputy Chief Fire Officer had written a letter of thanks to the Committee; the Chair would respond thanking the fire service for their open and transparent engagement.

It was proposed and agreed that the COVID Recovery Plan, cross cutting issues would be considered on 6 October 2020.

RESOLVED/-

That the Work Programme be updated.

CI&R/19/20

GMCA REGISTER OF KEY DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

That the GMCA Register of Key Decisions be noted.

CI&R/20/20

DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings would be held virtually on:

- 6 October 2020
- 10 November 2020
- 8 December 2020
- 19 January 2021
- 9 February 2021
- 16 March 2021