

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2022**

PRESENT:

Andy Burnham (In the Chair)	Mayor of Greater Manchester
Councillor Martyn Cox	Bolton
City Mayor Paul Dennett	Salford
Councillor Brenda Warrington	Tameside
Councillor Andrew Western	Trafford
Councillor David Molyneux	Wigan

ALSO PRESENT:

Eamonn Boylan	Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM
Julie Connor	Ass Director Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA
Kevin Lee	Office of the GM Mayor
Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Chief Executive, GMCA
Steve Wilson	GMCA Treasurer

RC/05/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor Elise Wilson (Stockport).
(Trafford).

RC/06/22 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED/-

There were no urgent announcements or urgent business.

RC/07/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED/-

There were no declarations of interest.

**RC/08/22 MINUTES OF THE GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 28
JANUARY 2022**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee meeting held on 28 January 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**RC/09/22 RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF GMCA SOLICITOR AND
MONITORING OFFICER**

Andy Burnham, GM Mayor, introduced a report seeking approval from the Committee on the recruitment programme for filling the position of GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, following the announcement of intended phased retirement by the current GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Liz Treacy, in September/October 2022. The report also sets out the proposed remuneration, and details of the role which has changed considerably since the GMCA was established in 2011.

In introducing the report, Andy Burnham expressed thanks, on behalf of the GMCA, to Liz Treacy, who had carried out the role of GMCA Monitoring Officer at great distinction and had protected the GMCA throughout her time at the GMCA and in particular on bus franchising and the Clean Air Plan. He also confirmed that plans would be arranged to mark Liz's service to the GMCA.

The Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, advised that he had agreed the phased retirement request which would enable Liz to continuing support and expertise on key GMCA priorities and support a smooth handover to a new Monitoring Officer. The creation of a senior legal support post for a fixed period of time would facilitate the transition.

The Committee was advised that the salary of the GMCA Monitoring Officer was broadly in line with other City Region Monitoring Officer posts and confirmed that benchmarking information against Monitoring Officer posts across GM would be circulated to the Committee.

RESOLVED/:

1. That the intended phased and flexible retirement arrangements of the current GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, as set out in the report, be noted.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM be authorised to progress the recruitment of a new GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.
3. That the appointment of an appropriate recruitment agency to provide independent support to the process be approved.
4. That the level of the remuneration of the current GMCA Monitoring Officer, set at up to £140,813, be approved and that benchmarking information for Monitoring Officer posts across GM would be circulated to the Committee.
5. That the draft Role Profile for the new GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer be approved for recommendation to the GMCA.
6. That the suggested approach to the recruitment process for that role and the indicative timescales proposed be approved.
7. That a Panel of 4 members of the Committee be constituted to act as the Appointment Panel for the role, comprising, GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, Councillors Martyn Cox, David Molyneux and Brenda Warrington, to progress the recruitment and appointment, noting that the GMCA will approve the final appointment.
8. That the establishment of a senior legal support post, following the recruitment of a new GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer at £95,000 per annum to be applied on a pro-rata basis, be approved