

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER AIR QUALITY
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2022 AT MANCHESTER
TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

GMCA	Councillor Andrew Western (Chair)
Manchester	Councillor Tracey Rawlins
Bolton	Councillor Nadim Muslim
Bury	Councillor Alan Quinn
Oldham	Councillor Abdul Jabbar
Rochdale	Councillor Tricia Ayrton
Salford	Councillor Jane Hamilton
Stockport	Councillor Mark Roberts
Tameside	Councillor Laura Boyle
Trafford	Councillor Aidan Williams
Wigan	Councillor Paul Prescott

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA	Liz Treacy
GMCA	Ninoshka Martins
TfGM	Frank Tudor
TfGM	Kate Mooney
TfGM	Megan Black

AQC 22/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike McCusker (Salford).

AQC 22/12 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no Chair's announcements or urgent business.

AQC 22/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in relation to any item on the agenda.

AQC 22/14 THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 01 JULY 2022

RESOLVED -/-

That the minutes of the meeting held on 01 July 2022 be approved, as a correct record.

AQC 22/15 GM CLEAN AIR PLAN – JULY 2022 UPDATE

In late 2021 Greater Manchester (GM) authorities commissioned an independent review of emerging global supply chain issues and the impact this could have on the cost and availability of vehicles.

The review illustrated that the previously agreed plan would cause businesses and residents' financial hardship. The Government therefore agreed with Greater Manchester's assessment and noted that the plan would no longer achieve compliance by 2024 due to the impact of the pandemic and the supply chain issues for compliant vehicles. Therefore, Government revoked the Category C Clean Air Charging Zone and stated the requirement for a revised plan to be submitted to the Secretary of State by 1st of July 2022.

At the July 2022 meeting of the GM Air Quality Administration Committee, it was agreed that the plan would be submitted as a draft to allow local authorities that have expressed an interest the opportunity to consider the 'Case for a New Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan' through their local governance arrangements.

Those authorities that wished to consider the case through their local governance arrangements have now done so. The committee was therefore recommended to submit the 'Case for a New Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan' attached to the report submitted to the Committee at Appendix 1 and associated appendices A to E to the Secretary of State as a final document.

The Committee was advised that no feedback had been received on the draft case that was submitted to Government and it is likely that GM would receive a response once a new Government had been formed.

A member sought to understand how the activity around the development of the Clean Air Plan was funded and whether any future liabilities would be put upon Local Authorities. Officers confirmed that the activity around the development of the Clean Air Plan was funded by Government through the Joint Air Quality Unit. It was agreed that a report would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee setting out how the funds have been spent.

A member sought to understand how much quicker nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels would be brought within legal limits through the implementation of the GM Clean Air Plan (GM CAP) in Bolton, compared to the Do Minimum scenario without the GM CAP. Officers advised that a detailed response would be provided following the meeting.

Concerns were raised around the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras for law enforcement activity as detailed in paragraph 10.4.4 in Appendix One of the report "Case for a New Clean Air Plan", Councillor Nadim Muslim (Bolton) did not support adapting the purpose of ANPR cameras and therefore proposed a vote to remove the suggestion on the utilisation of ANPR cameras for potential law enforcement activity related to the detection of crime. This request was seconded by Councillor Mark Roberts

(Stockport) however, the view of the majority was, that there was insufficient evidence to put this matter to a vote.

The Committee therefore received advice from officers, who suggested the inclusion of the words “subject to the consideration of the outcome of public consultation” at the end of the last sentence in paragraph 10.4.4 in Appendix One “Case for a New Clean Air Plan”, and to the Executive Summary at the end of the last sentence in paragraph 1.10.3 of the document.

Members welcomed the suggestion and approved the recommendations to submit the 'Case for a New Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan' attached as Appendix 1 and associated appendices A to E to the Secretary of State as a final Case for a new Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan; subject to the inclusion of the words “subject to the consideration of the outcome of public consultation” at the end of the last sentence in paragraph 10.4.4 in Appendix One “Case for a New Clean Air Plan”, and to the Executive Summary at the end of the last sentence in paragraph 1.10.3.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that those authorities that wished to consider the Case for a New Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan through their local governance arrangements have now done so.
2. That the recommendation to submit the 'Case for a New Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan' attached as Appendix 1 and associated appendices A to E to the Secretary of State as a final Case for a New Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan; be approved subject to the inclusion of the words “subject to the consideration of the outcome of public consultation” at the end of the last sentence in paragraph 10.4.4 in Appendix One “Case for a New Clean Air Plan”, and to the Executive Summary at the end of the last sentence in paragraph 1.10.3 of the document.
3. That the Case for a New Plan - Air Quality Modelling Report attached as Appendix 2 for submission to the government's Joint Air Quality Unit be approved.

4. That the targeted engagement being undertaken with key stakeholders to inform the policy development process be noted.
5. That a report outlining how funds have been spent be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

AQC 22/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Future meeting dates for the 2022/23 municipal year are to be confirmed.