

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 2022 AT BURY COUNCIL, BURY
TOWN HALL, KNOWSLEY PLACE, BURY.**

PRESENT:

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| GM Mayor | Andy Burnham (in the Chair) |
| Bolton | Councillor Martyn Cox |
| Bury | Councillor Eamonn O'Brien |
| Manchester | Councillor Bev Craig |
| Oldham | Councillor Amanda Chadderton |
| Rochdale | Councillor Neil Emmott |
| Salford | Mayor Paul Dennett |
| Tameside | Councillor Gerald Cooney |
| Wigan | Councillor David Molyneux |

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM | Eamonn Boylan |
| GMCA Deputy Chief Executive | Andrew Lightfoot |
| GMCA Monitoring Officer | Gillian Duckworth |
| GMCA Treasurer | Steve Wilson |
| Bolton | Sue Johnson |
| Bury | Geoff Little |
| Manchester | Joanne Roney |
| Oldham | Harry Catherall |
| Salford | Charlotte Ramsden |
| Stockport | Caroline Simpson |
| Tameside | Sandra Stewart |
| Trafford | Sarah Saleh |
| Wigan | Sonia Halliwell |
| Office of the GM Mayor | Kevin Lee |
| GMCA | Julie Connor |

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| GMCA | Sylvia Welsh |
| GMCA | Lee Teasdale |
| TfGM | Steve Warrener |

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Chair of GMCA Overview & Scrutiny | Cllr John Walsh |
| GM Disabled People's Panel | Rick Burgess |
| GM Disabled People's Panel | Michelle Scattergood |
| Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity | Rev. Ian Rutherford |
| The Growth Company | Mark Hughes |

GMCA 181/22 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED/-

That apologies be received and noted from Deputy Mayor, Police Fire & Crime, Bev Hughes, Councillor Mark Hunter (Stockport), Councillor Andrew Western (Trafford) and Steve Rumbelow (Rochdale), Tom Stannard (Salford), Sara Todd (Trafford) and Alison McKenzie-Folan (Wigan)

GMCA 182/22 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED/-

1. That the GMCA record its thanks to Charlotte Ramsden for her time working in Greater Manchester and wished her the best of luck in her new role at Bradford Children and Families Trust.
2. That the GMCA welcomes Sue Johnson to her first meeting as the Chief Executive of Bolton Council.
3. That the update provided by the GM Mayor on the successful implementation of the GM Green Summit on Monday 17th October 2022 be received, with thanks recorded to Councillor Martyn Cox for his work leading on the event.

4. That the news that Rt Hon Michael Gove MP had returned to the role of Secretary of State for Levelling Up be welcomed with the GMCA looking forward to resuming working with him in the near future.
5. That the GMCA formally record its congratulations to Greater Manchester Police following the welcome news that HMICFRS has confirmed that it will not only be released from special measures, but also that it currently ranks as the most improved force in the country.
6. That the news that the L.S. Lowry painting 'Going to the Match' will be retained by The Lowry Collection for display at the Lowry Art Gallery be welcomed.

GMCA 183/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED/-

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

**GMCA 184/22 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 30
SEPTEMBER 2022**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 30 September 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 185/22 MINUTES OF THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 19
OCTOBER 2022**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 19 October 2022 be noted.

**GMCA 186/22 GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - MINUTES
OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2022**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 28 September 2022 be noted.

**GMCA 18722 GMCA WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF
THE MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2022**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 12 October 2022 be noted.

**GMCA 188/22 GMCA TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE
MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2022**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Transport Committee held on 14 October 2022 be noted.

**GMCA 189/22 COST OF LIVING AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE IN
GREATER MANCHESTER**

Mayor Burnham invited Rick Burgess and Michele Scattergood (GM Disabled People's Panel) to provide information pertaining to the results of the recent Big Disability Survey.

The Survey had been the biggest of its kind in the country. It ran over July and August 2022 and upon closing had received in the region of 1700 responses –

including around 500 pages of comments that allowed for the building of a more qualitative picture.

The results from the survey brought out the cumulative impact that had been building in the community for some time, from austerity, through covid and now into the cost-of-living crisis. Many disabled people already lived in relative poverty, within the region of 50% not being in work. Disabled people were also subject to extra living costs that often went under the radar, on average this was £600 extra per person per month. As an example, disabled people often had extra costs associated with energy costs due to life saving equipment that needed to be on charge at all times. A number of troubling findings from the survey were highlighted, this included that a full third of respondents felt that they could not afford to pay their current bills.

Troublingly the survey was also taken before the latest cost-of-living increases in the autumn.

A number of recommendations arose from the survey, these included ensuring that disabled people had the access they need to information and advice to ensure that they are claiming the right benefits/support packages; the generating and targeting of positive employment programmes; ensuring and promoting good quality work; liaising with utility providers to ensure no disconnections from services; and an ask that the GMCA use it's lobbying powers to support the community and inaugurate a task force.

Councillor Amanda Chadderton, Portfolio Lead for Equalities, Inclusion and Cohesion, was then invited to introduce the latest report updating on cost-of-living pressures and the measures being put in place to address these. It was highlighted that 306 warm banks were now in place across the region, and that research was being undertaken into positive measures taking place in other parts of the country. The Trafford Centre's "10 Weeks to Christmas" donation hubs were highlighted as an example of the region's residents wish to step forward and help. However, it was clear that the government were most needed in terms of stepping forward at this point. It was clear that to stem the further entrenchment of poverty, there was a pressing need for the new Prime Minister to commit to the raising of benefits in-line with the current rates of inflation, and that council budgets be protected to ensure they were able to continue to provide suitable levels of support rather than public

services that were already cut to the bone being expected to find efficiencies that no longer existed.

The Mayor welcomed all the feedback provided and advised that he would liaise with the GM Disabled People's Panel leads to join him in the conversation he was seeking with the 'big five' energy providers with a view to agreeing a moratorium on disconnection from energy supplies over the winter period.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the latest assessment, including the findings of the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel 2022 Survey be noted.
2. That the GMCA record its thanks to both Rick Burgess and Michele Scattergood for the presentation of the Disabled People's Panel survey results.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor Amanda Chadderton for leading on the mobilisation of 306 'warm banks' across GM ahead of the winter period.
4. That the GMCA would lobby government ahead of the 'fiscal event' on 17th November on the pressing need to ensure that benefits rise in line with current rates of inflation to combat the further entrenchment of poverty, and that Council budgets be protected to ensure they were able to provide suitable levels of support.
5. That the GM Mayor invite a representative of the GM Disabled People's Panel to join him in the conversation he was seeking with the 'Big Five' energy providers on agreeing a moratorium on disconnection from energy supplies over the winter period.
6. That the GMCA continues to consider the cost-of-living crisis as a specific item each month.

The Mayor invited Reverend Ian Rutherford to provide feedback following the GM launch event for Challenge Poverty Week England and Wales.

The vision for the week had been one of a UK free from poverty, an increasingly difficult vision to keep hold of within the current national context. Many families, households and wider communities faced reduced life chances/expectancies, with people feeling stigmatised, robbed of their dignity, agency, and power over their lives. The keynote speeches given at the event were highlighted, as was feedback and comments subsequently received. It was welcomed that the GMCA now had a portfolio which directly sought to address the cost-of-living crisis.

Councillor Bev Craig, Portfolio Lead for Economy, Business & International, was invited to update members on the cost-of-living crisis from an economic and business perspective. Information coming back from business at the moment indicated that all had concerns around the current rates of inflation, increasing costs and the short-term nature of the support that currently existed. However, it was important to note that less than 3% of businesses across GM were currently considering making redundancies. GM still had a strong story to tell in comparison to many parts of the UK in terms of economic confidence, the region was still seeing new investment and new businesses setting up here as a location. The city region was clearly doing something right in terms of attractiveness and needed to continue that. The importance of a collaborative approach across the region was highlighted, to direct support where needed to business and avert the risk of shedding jobs.

Members noted that a lot of the work mentioned was driven by local authorities, but there was also a lot of positive activity taking place outside of the public service setting, with the work of Greater Manchester Poverty Action being highlighted as a strong example. There was a clear need for their work, particularly the report being currently prepared by them, to be fully incorporated into the range of work taking place through the Tackling Inequality Board.

The Mayor drew the item to a close, noting the challenging winter ahead and the importance of the government's financial statement on 17th November, which would

set the tone going forward. In terms of support that could be provided at the local level, it was advised that a number of reports would be submitted to the next meeting of the GMCA, one which would highlight the improvements seen in bus patronage following the introduction of the £2 single fare cap, and another that would set out plans around homelessness and the expansion of 'A Bed Every Night'. The Mayor also updated attendees on the continuing discussions around replicating the Amazon agreement in Fife for the GM region – Wigan was proposed as an initial location for this and a report detailing the plans would be brought to the GMCA.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the feedback and suggestions made by cross-sector partners and residents who attended the third party 'Challenge Poverty Week' GM partnership event be noted.
2. That it be noted that the report was viewed with reference to and alongside the GMCA Cost of Living Resilience update, recognising that those responses were immediate, and that the report pointed to the need for GMCA to consider the medium to long term anti-poverty approach across the city-region, and that all recommendations would be addressed at the right level.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to Revered Ian Rutherford for his presentation of the report.
4. That the work of GM Poverty Action, particularly the report being prepared at present, be fully incorporated into the range of work taking place through the Tackling Inequality Board.
5. That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the GMCA highlighting improvements in bus patronage following the introduction of the £2 single fare cap.
6. That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the GMCA setting out plans around homelessness and the expansion of 'A Bed Every Night'.
7. That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the GMCA providing further detail around the establishing of Wigan as an initial site for replicating the joint venture being rolled out in Scotland between Fife and Amazon.

GMCA 191/22 GMCA 2022/23 CAPITAL UPDATE – QUARTER 2

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, presented an update in relation to the Combined Authority's 2022/23 capital expenditure programme.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the current 2022/23 forecast of £565.6m compared to the 2022/23 previous forecast of £630.6m and approve changes to the capital programme as set out in the report be noted.
2. That the addition to the Capital Programme of the Air Quality Monitoring project, funded from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Air Quality grant as outlined in paragraph 3.12.3, be approved.

GMCA 192/22 GMCA REVENUE UPDATE – QUARTER 2

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, presented a report informing the GMCA of the 2022/23 financial position at the end of September 2022 (quarter 2) and forecast revenue outturn position for the 2022/23 financial year.

Two issues were highlighted. Firstly, an amendment to a table in 2.3 of the report to incorporate the UKSPF Multiply Programme Grant referred to in 2.2., and secondly, that the forecast outturn had now moved to a forecast deficit outturn of £1.8m following the incorporation of the latest firefighter pay offer of 5% into the budgets – a cost that would need to be picked up locally through reserves.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the 2022/23 forecast outturn position for the GMCA budgets at the end of September 2022 (quarter 2), be noted.
2. That the changes to the GMCA General budget following the confirmation of additional funding during quarter 2 shown in paragraph 2.2, be approved.
3. That the table at 2.3 be updated to incorporate the UKSPF Multiply Programme Grant referred to in 2.2.

4. That it be noted that the forecast outturn has now moved to a forecast deficit outturn of £1.8m following the incorporation of the latest firefighter pay offer of 5% into the budgets – a cost that would need to be picked up locally.

GMCA 193/22 GM CULTURAL INVESTMENT APPROACH 2023 ONWARDS

Councillor Neil Emmott, Portfolio Lead for Culture, was invited to present a report that set out for agreement, a new approach to culture investment by GMCA. This was in response to a request by the GMCA to review the current approach and test if it was still fit for purpose following the difficult few years the cultural sector had gone through. The report included the outcome of consultation on this proposed approach undertaken over summer 2022.

It was hoped that the revised investment approach being proposed would allow the region's cultural organisations to receive the support they needed to survive and indeed thrive through these challenging times.

The revised approach was welcomed, with agreement that it would reaffirm the region's status as a cultural hub and a location for bringing through the talent of the future.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the consultation response to the proposed new approach to GMCA's cultural investment be noted.
2. That the new approach to GMCA's cultural investment be approved.
3. That an indicative investment period of three years subject to annual review and approval of the Culture Fund as part of the GMCA annual budget setting process, be approved in principle.
4. That the timeline for the GMCA Culture Fund to open for bids in preparation for the new investment approach starting from April 2023, be approved.
5. That the decision of the impact tool be noted and that it also be noted that the proposed approach will support equality inclusion, health outcomes and the economy in Greater Manchester.

GMCA 194/22 GREATER MANCHESTER CREATE GROWTH PROGRAMME

Councillor Neil Emmott, Portfolio Lead for Culture, presented a report that sought GMCA agreement to act as the accountable body with the DCMS (Department of Culture, Media & Sport) for the Create Growth Programme in GM, that the Growth Company should act as delivery partner as they did during the pilot, recognising that the Create Growth Programme was a continuation of the Creative Industries Scale Up pilot programme.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Create Growth Programme in GM be supported.
2. That the proposal that GMCA act as the accountable body with the DCMS for the Create Growth Programme in Greater Manchester funded from a £1.275million Section 31 grant over the period 2022/23 – 2024/25 be approved.
3. That the GMCA enter into a grant agreement with the Growth Company for £1.2m to deliver the programme, as set out in the bid.
4. That the decision of the impact tool be noted, and it also noted that the proposed approach will support equality inclusion, health outcomes and the economy in Greater Manchester.

GMCA 195/22 ENERGY COMPANY OBLIGATION 4 (ECO4)

Councillor Martyn Cox, Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, presented a report seeking GMCA approval to conduct an 'Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4) Approved Application Process' exercise for identification of delivery installer(s) in Greater Manchester, specifically for the Flexible Eligibility element.

The report also sought approval for the GM Statement of Intent for ECO4 Flexible Eligibility, setting out the region's criteria for ECO4 Flexible Eligibility. Once agreed, the Statement of Intent would be published on the GMCA website.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the forthcoming funding opportunity presented by Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4) and specifically the Flexible Eligibility element be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to:
 - a. Conduct an ECO4 Approved Application Process to produce a list of GM wide ECO4 delivery installer(s).
 - b. Centralise the management of ECO4 Flexible Eligibility on behalf of the 10 districts.
 - c. Receive and defray any concession received to cover internal costs over the ECO4 period.
3. That the GM Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent (Annex 1) be approved and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to sign the Statement of Intent on behalf of the GMCA and all 10 GM LAs be approved.
4. That the co-benefits assessment of this proposal suggests this project will directly reduce emissions from domestic buildings, in particular the worst performing properties be noted.

**GMCA 196/22 IMPLEMENTATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER VCSE
ACCORD AND CREATION OF GM VCSE FORUM**

Councillor Gerald Cooney, Portfolio Lead for Communities and Co-operatives, was invited to present a report seeking endorsement for a new tripartite Accord agreement (VCSE Accord) with the VCSE sector following the launch of Greater Manchester Integrated Care in July 2022.

It was also proposed that a system-wide GM Forum be created that would bring together political and officer leads from each district, together with representatives from the Integrated Care System and VCSE Leaders, with the purpose of driving forward the commitments in the VCSE Accord, including strategic partnership working to address the current cost-of-living crisis.

To support the Accord, the Combined Authority and NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care had equally contributed funding. The funding would ensure the

development of arrangements to facilitate the delivery of a range of enabling activities, which would be jointly agreed by the parties to the Accord within the framework set within the Implementation Plan. It was proposed that these activities follow a three-year planning cycle to enable continuity and sustainability in the VCSE sector's response. Collaborative working with the VCSE sector across Greater Manchester would be vital to support people and communities through the cost-of-living crisis.

The new Accord was welcomed, with the Mayor noting how relationships with the VCSE sector in GM had moved into an increasingly collaborative space over the past five years.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress update be noted.
2. That the proposal to create a system-wide GM VCSE Forum and provide nominations to join the Forum be endorsed.
3. That local authorities and partners be encouraged to make nominations to the Forum as detailed in the terms of reference.

**GMCA 197/22 INNOVATION GREATER MANCHESTER AND INNOVATION
ACCELERATOR PILOT**

Councillor Bev Craig, Portfolio Lead for Economy, Business & International, was invited to present a report detailing progress made in developing Innovation Greater Manchester, the Innovation focused delivery arm of the Greater Manchester Strategy, to deliver the Greater Manchester vision for economic growth, and to agree

Governance arrangements for delivery of the Innovation Accelerator pilot being co-designed with Government.

It was noted that recommendation two required a small amendment to incorporate the Lead Chief Executive for Work & Skills.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress in developing Innovation Greater Manchester, which was supporting the Greater Manchester Strategy commitment to “Realise the opportunities from our world class growth and innovation assets” be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Leads and Lead Chief Executives for Economy and Work & Skills, the decision making and sign-off authority for local selection and oversight of the projects to be funded through the Innovation Accelerator pilot. Decisions will be informed by consultation with the Innovation Greater Manchester Board.
3. That it be noted that the innovation accelerator pilot was expected to have direct positive impacts on equality and inclusion, health, resilience and adaptation, economy, and mobility and connectivity. There will be indirect positive impacts on carbon emissions.

GMCA 198/22 GREATER MANCHESTER ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME

Andy Burnham, GM Mayor, presented a report seeking approval of the delivery funding requirements for the Oldham Chadderton Improvements Active Travel scheme, through the Mayor’s Challenge Fund (MCF) Cycling and Walking

programme; and to note the agreed variations in Local Authority budget allocations for GM's Active Travel Fund (Phase 2) programme.

It was advised that Dame Sarah Storey would be invited to the next meeting of the GMCA to provide an update on 'refreshing the mission' around Active Travel.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the release of up to £745,000 of MCF delivery funding for the Oldham Chadderton Improvement scheme, set out in section 2 of this report, in order to secure full approval and enable scheme delivery through the signing of the necessary supporting legal agreements, be approved.
2. That the revised GM Local Authority budget allocations for the Active Travel Fund (Tranche 2), following a re-profiling exercise agreed by the Active Travel Programme Board, as set out in section 3 of the report, be noted.
3. That the release of up to £225,508 of development cost funding for the 2 Active Travel Fund (Tranche 3) schemes, set out in section 4 of the report, be approved.
4. That Dame Sarah Storey be invited to the next meeting of the GMCA to provide an update on 'refreshing the mission' around active travel.

**GMCA 199/22 DELIVERING THE BEE NETWORK: BUS FRANCHISING
AND FARES, METROLINK FLEET, RAIL INTEGRATION
AND OPERATION AVRO**

Andy Burnham, GM Mayor, presented a report that provided an update to the GMCA on progress to deliver a number of key elements of the Bee Network.

Councillor John Walsh, Chair of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee, was invited to provide an update on the Committee's recent review of the Bee Network. Issues highlighted had included overcrowding on Metrolink during major events; safe late night transport services; continued measures to reduce fare evasion; raising the profile of walking & cycling; and the increase of live timetable information at bus stops.

An update was provided to Members on the bus tranches. Each individual tranche would contain several tenders from a mixture of large and small operators. It had been deliberately designed to ensure that all scales of operator could play a part in the competitive process going forward.

The Chair advised that a meeting of Northern City Region Mayors had taken place to specifically consider the situation currently being faced on the national train networks. A statement was subsequently released requesting specific actions in the short, medium and long term. In the short term, it was expected that the new Transport Secretary should, without delay, sign an agreement to allow for rest day working on both Northern and Trans-Pennine Express services. In the medium term, the Trans-Pennine express contract renewal was due to take place on 23rd May 2023, if granted this would be an 8-year renewal with a 4-year break clause. As things stood it was hard to suggest that this was earned by their performance, with clear issues at the management level. There was a call for them immediately to be put on probation with a full review of their management structure and working practices. In the long term, conversations with government over devolution of local commuter train services clearly needed to take place.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress made towards the delivery of the Bee Network be noted.
2. That the comments raised by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be noted.
3. That TfGM be requested to submit an update report to the November GMCA meeting and a final report at the December GMCA meeting on the progressing of franchising arrangements.
4. That the statement made by Northern City Region Mayors calling for action in the short, medium and long term to address specific issues raised in the minutes on the national rail network be noted.

**GMCA 200/22 TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND LOCAL
GROWTH DEAL**

Andy Burnham, GM Mayor, presented a report that provided an update to the GMCA on progress to deliver key elements of the Local Growth Deal schemes and also requested approval of the draw-down of funding for the development and delivery of schemes within the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) and Salford Bolton Network Improvement (SBNI) programmes.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress made in relation to the Local Growth Deal Transport schemes as set out in Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the report, be noted.
2. That the progress made in relation to the Non-Transport Skills Capital and Economic Development and Regeneration (ED &R) programmes, as set out in Section 5 of the report, be noted.
3. That the funding draw-down request for the SBNI Salford Package 7 (A580 Junctions), as set out in Section 5 of the report, be approved.
4. That the use of returned Life Sciences funds to proceed with Life Sciences 2, as set out in Section 6.5 of the report, be noted.
5. That the funding draw-down request for Farnworth Streets for All, as set out in Section 7 of the report, be approved.

**GMCA 201/22 GREATER MANCHESTER UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND
– INVESTMENT PLAN**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, was invited to present a report outlining the approach to the implementation of the GM UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and the recommendations of the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board to the GMCA as the Lead Authority for Greater Manchester in relation to the first round of GM UKSPF investment proposals. The proposals were for the UKSPF Communities and Place and Local Business investment priorities. All of the recommendations would be subject to the government's approval of the GM UKSPF Investment Plan.

RESOLVED/-

1. That 10GM £1,663,571 of GM's UKSPF allocation to deliver activity to support VCSE sustainability and infrastructure across GM to March 2025, as set out within the 10GM proposal, outlined at Section 3 of this report, be granted.
2. That the GM Business Growth Hub £500,000 of GM's UKSPF allocation in 2022/23 to deliver a programme of activity in 2022/23 to support GM businesses with the Cost of Doing Business challenges, as set out within the proposal, outlined at Section 5 of this report, be granted.
3. That a £15m UKSPF funded GM SME (Small and Medium Size Enterprises) Workspace Fund be established and administered by GMCA which will prioritise local authority proposals for the creation of SME workspace in city and town centres and high streets in GM to March 2025. Prioritised proposals within this programme will come to GMCA for agreement in due course.
4. That £2,744,408 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Bolton Council.
5. That £1,662,478 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Bury Council.
6. That a grant be awarded to Manchester City Council for £2,886,652 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, noting that Manchester City Council will submit a further proposal for their remaining allocation to the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board in due course.
7. That £2,295,803 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Oldham Council.

8. That £2,163,860 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Rochdale Council.
9. That £2,243,026 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Salford Council.
10. That £2,454,134 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Stockport Council.
11. That £1,768,032 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Trafford Council.
12. That £1,050,000 of GM's UKSPF allocation be granted to Wigan Council over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, noting that Wigan Council will submit a further proposal to the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board for their remaining allocation in due course.
13. That Subject to GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board recommendation, delegate GMCA approval of Tameside Council's proposal for their UKSPF allocation to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Resources and Investment Portfolio Leader to grant up to £1,979,141 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs that will be set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal.

**GMCA 202/22 DEVOLUTION OF THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET (AEB):
UPDATE ON COMMISSIONING APPROACH FOR 2023/24**

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work, Apprenticeships and Digital, was invited to present a report on progress relating to devolution of the Adult Education Budget from 1 August 2023 for the 2023-2024 academic year onwards and setting out the proposed approach to commissioning AEB funded provision for GM residents for 2023/24, including procurement activity.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the update on the devolution of the AEB and proposed approach to commissioning AEB funded provision for GM residents for 2023/24, including procurement activity be noted.
2. That approval be granted for the proposed approach to commissioning AEB funded provision for GM residents in 2023/24 which includes:
 - a. Grant funding agreements for the providers identified as being in-scope for block grants, namely further education institutions based within Greater Manchester and those GM local authorities which currently deliver AEB funded provision.
 - b. Procurement of contracts for services for all other providers, including independent training providers, FE institutions based outside of Greater Manchester, and other organisations (which may include the voluntary and community sector)
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM, GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead and Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work, Apprenticeships and Digital (and subject to considerations around any conflicts of interest which might arise), to take forward AEB commissioning, including the procured element, to contract award.

**GMCA 203/22 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS
FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION**

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive of GMCA & TfGM, was invited to present a report seeking the Combined Authority’s approval to the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund (“GMHILF”) loan detailed in the recommendation below.

The report also provided information regarding a loan previously approved by the Combined Authority where an increase in the loan had been approved under delegation.

RESOLVED/-

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

| Borrower | Scheme | District | Loan |
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| Kellen Homes (GM) Ltd | Mill Vale | Rochdale | £12.581m |

2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.
3. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loan detailed in the table below, where an increase in the loan has been approved by the GMCA Chief Executive acting in consultation with the Portfolio Lead Leader for Place Based Regeneration & Housing under delegation be noted.

| Borrower | Scheme | District | Loan |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Blueoak Estates (Manchester) Ltd | Alexander House | Trafford | £11.685m |

**GMCA 204/22 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK,
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, was invited to present a report seeking approval for a loan to HN Flow Limited (“Hydr”). The loan would be made from recycled funds.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the loan facility of up to £350,000 to HN Flow Limited be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above loan, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the loan, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan noted above.

GMCA 205/22 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED/-

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 206/22 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 (minute 203/22 above refers)

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 207/22 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT
FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Clerk’s Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (minute 204/22 above refers)

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

Signed by the Chair: