

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED  
AUTHORITY HELD ON  
FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2023 AT GUARDSMAN TONY DOWNES HOUSE, 5  
MANCHESTER ROAD, DROYLSDEN, M43 6SF**

**PRESENT**

Mayor of Greater Manchester	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
Deputy Mayor (Police, Crime & Fire)	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Nick Peel
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Tameside	Councillor Ged Cooney
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Greater Manchester Police	Chief Constable Stephen Watson
Bury	Councillor Tamoor Tariq
Oldham	Councillor Elaine Taylor
Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
United Utilities	Louise Beardmore
Environment Agency	Ageela Akhtar
Environment Agency	John Curtin

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Trafford	Sarah Saleh
Wigan	James Winterbottom
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lee Teasdale
TfGM	Steve Warrener

**GMCA 108/23      APOLOGIES**

That apologies be received from Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Bury), Councillor David Molyneux (Wigan), Sara Todd (Trafford) and Alison McKenzie-Folan (Wigan).

**GMCA 109/23      APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2023/24**

**RESOLVED /-**

That it be noted that Andy Burnham, as the Mayor of Greater Manchester, under Part 5A, section 4 of the Constitution, is the Chair of the GMCA (ex-officio).

**GMCA 110/23      APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRS 2023/24**

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That it be noted that City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Deputy Mayor, is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair of the GMCA, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.
2. That it be noted that that Councillor Mark Hunter is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair of the GMCA, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.
3. That the appointment of Councillor Bev Craig as a Vice Chair of the GMCA , under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution be approved.

**GMCA 111/23      GREATER MANCHESTER APPOINTMENTS AND  
NOMINATIONS 2023/24**

Gillian Duckworth (GMCA Monitoring Officer) was invited to introduce a report setting out the appointments and nominations to various Committees and other bodies within the Greater Manchester system of governance.

A discussion took place in relation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee nominations. In particular, the Liberal Democrat nomination which had been marked as a vacancy. Councillor Mark Hunter asked that it be made clear that a clear nomination had been made by the Liberal Democrats in accordance with the usual practice, and that the nomination had been subsequently blocked.

Mayor Andy Burnham advised that he would speak with Councillor Hunter outside of the meeting to resolve the situation.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the appointment of Julie Connor, Director of Governance & Scrutiny, as the Secretary of the GMCA be approved.
2. That Councillors Bev Craig (Lab), Arooj Shah (Lab), Gerald Cooney (Lab), Nick Peel (Lab) and Mark Hunter (Lib Dem) be appointed to the GMCA Standards Committee for 2023/24.

3. That Councillor Christine Carrigan (Lab) be appointed as the member and Councillors Charles Rigby (Lab) and Shelley Lanchbury (Lab) be appointed as the substitute members to the GMCA Audit Committee for 2023/24.
4. That the appointment of the Mayor of Greater Manchester to the Bee Network Committee for 2023/24 be noted.
5. That Councillor Tom Ross (Lab) be appointed, to act as the substitute member for the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to the Bee Network Committee for 2023/4.
6. That Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Lab) be appointed as GMCA member to the Bee Network Committee for 2023/24 and that Councillor Neil Emmott (Lab) be appointed to act as the substitute GMCA member to the Bee Network Committee for 2023/4.
7. That the establishment of the new GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be approved and that 20 members be appointed to the Committee for 2023/24 as follows:

### Members

Local Authority		
Bolton	Peter Wright (Horwich and Blackrod First Independents)	Nadim Muslim (Con)
Bury	Nathan Boroda (Lab)	Russell Bernstein (Con)
Manchester	Mandie Shilton Godwin (Lab) Basil Curley (Lab)	John Leech (Lib Dem)
Oldham	Colin McLaren (Lab)	Jenny Harrison (Lab)
Rochdale	Patricia Dale (Lab)	Tom Besford (Lab)
Salford	Joshua Brooks (Lab)	Lewis Nelson (Lab)
Stockport	Helen Hibbert (Lab)	

Tameside	Naila Sharif (Lab)	
Trafford	Jill Axford (Lab)	Nathan Evans (Con)
Wigan	Fred Walker (Lab)	Joanne Marshall (Lab)

Nb: One

further Liberal

Democrat

member to be

confirmed.

**Substitutes**

<b>Local Authority</b>		
Bolton	Robert Morrisey (Lab)	Champak Mistry (Lab)
Bury	Mary Whitby (Lab)	(vacancy) (Lab)
Manchester	Linda Foley (Lab)	John Hughes (Lab)
Oldham	Eddie Moores (Lab)	Holly Harrison (Lab)
Rochdale	Sameena Zaheer (Lab)	Ashley Dearnley (Con)
Salford	Marie Brabiner (Lab)	Arnold Saunders (Con)
Stockport	Lisa Smart (Lib Dem)	Shan Alexander (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Claire Reid (Lab)	Liam Billington (Con)
Trafford	Mike Cordingley (Lab)	Kevin Procter (Lab)
Wigan	Dane Anderton (Lab)	Debra Wailes (Lab)

8. That it be noted that Councillor Mark Hunter requested his opposition be recorded in relation to the reference in the table illustrating a Liberal Democrat vacancy on the Committee when a clear nomination had been made in accordance with the usual practice. The GM Mayor will discuss the situation with Councillor Hunter with a view to resolving the situation.
  
9. That the appointments made by the GM Local Authorities to the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee for 2023/24, be approved, as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
<b>GMCA Portfolio Lead</b>	Neil Emmott (Lab)	
<b>Bolton</b>	Nadeem Ayub (Lab)	Karen Hon (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Charlotte Morris (Lab)	Richard Gold (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Tim Whiston (Lab)	To be confirmed
<b>Oldham</b>	Peter Dean (Lab)	Ros Birch (Lab)
<b>Rochdale</b>	Janet Emsley (Lab)	Terry Smith (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Hannah Robinson-Smith (Lab)	To be confirmed
<b>Stockport</b>	Frankie Singleton (Lib Dem)	Jilly Julian (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Vimal Choksi (Lab)	Sangita Patel (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Catherine Hynes (Lab)	Rose Thompson (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

10. That the appointments to the Green City Region Board as nominated by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2023/24, be approved, as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>GMCA Portfolio Lead</b>	Tom Ross (Lab)
<b>Bolton</b>	Richard Silvester (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	To be confirmed
<b>Manchester</b>	Tracey Rawlins (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Abdul Jabbar (Lab)
<b>Rochdale</b>	Tricia Ayrton (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Mike McCusker (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Mark Roberts (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Jack Naylor (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Aidan Williams (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Paul Prescott (Lab)

11. That the GMCA Green-City Region Portfolio Leader Tom Ross (Lab) be appointed to the Greater Manchester Green City Region Partnership Board for 2023/24.
12. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Clean Air Scrutiny Committee, as agreed by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2023/24, be noted as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	Martin Donaghy (Lab)	Kate Taylor (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
<b>Manchester</b>	Mandie Shilton Godwin (Lab)	To be confirmed
<b>Oldham</b>	Eddie Moores (Lab)	Colin McClaren (Lab)
<b>Rochdale</b>	Mohammad Arshad (Lab)	Faisal Rana (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	John Mullen (Lab)	Stuart Dickman (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Lisa Smart (Lib Dem)	Jeremy Meal (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Claire Reid (Lab)	Shibley Alam (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Jill Axford (Lab)	To be confirmed
<b>Wigan</b>	Christine Roberts (Lab)	Samantha Brown (Lab)

13. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Homelessness Programme Board, as nominated by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2023/24, be approved, as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
<b>GMCA Portfolio Lead</b>	Paul Dennett (Lab)	
<b>Bolton</b>	Hamid Khurram (Lab)	Martin Donaghy (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Clare Cummins (Lab)	Elizabeth Fitzgerald (Lab)

<b>Manchester</b>	Joanna Midgely (Lab)	To be confirmed
<b>Oldham</b>	Elaine Taylor (Lab)	Chris Goodwin (Lab)
<b>Rochdale</b>	Daniel Meredith (Lab)	Terry Smith (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Tracy Kelly (Lab)	Wilson Nkurunziza (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Colin MacAlistir (Lib Dem)	Frankie Singleton (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	John Taylor (Lab)	To be confirmed
<b>Trafford</b>	James Wright (Lab)	Liz Patel (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Susan Gambles (Lab)	Paula Wakefield (Lab)

14. That the GM Transport Committee/Bee Network Committee be requested to appoint 5 members from the Committee (4 Labour and 1 Conservative) to the GMATL Board for 2023/24.
  
15. That Councillors Bev Craig (Lab), Eamonn O'Brien (Lab) Nick Peel (Lab) and Arooj Shah (Lab) be appointed to the Greater Manchester Business Board (formerly Local Enterprise Partnership) for 2023/24:
  
16. That Councillors Gerald Cooney (Lab), Bev Craig (Lab), Nazia Rehman (Lab) and Eamonn O'Brien (Lab) be appointed to the Growth Company Board for 2023/24.
  
17. That the following Portfolio Leaders, Technical Education & Skills (Eamonn O'Brien), Resource & Investment (David Molyneux), Economy, Business & Inclusive Growth (Bev Craig), Green City Region (Tom Ross) and Equalities & Communities (Arooj Shah) be appointed to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Board for 2023/24.
  
18. That subject to any further changes the GMCA may wish to make, all appointments are made up to the GMCA Annual Meeting in June 2024.

## **GMCA 112/23      REVIEW OF GMCA CONSTITUTION**

Gillian Duckworth (GMCA Monitoring Officer) was invited to present review of the GMCA's Constitution and recommend amendments.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the revised constitution, accompanying this report, as the Constitution of the GMCA be adopted.
2. That the Members Code of Conduct, attached at Appendix A, be adopted.
3. That the GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any changes of a typographical nature to the Constitution.

## **GMCA 113/23      SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES & VENUES – 2023/24**

### **RESOLVED /-**

That the schedule of meeting dates and venues for 2023/24 be noted as follows:

28 July 2023 – Rochdale

August – Recess

29 September 2023 – Oldham

27 October 2023 – Bury

24 November 2023 – Bolton

15 December 2023 – Manchester

26 January 2024 – Stockport

9 February 2024 (Budget Meeting) – Trafford

23 February 2024 – GMCA

22 March 2024 – Wigan

## **GMCA 114/23      CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, provided an update on the latest progress made on the implementation of the Trailblazer. Following the local elections in May it was vital to set out clearly the position of Greater Manchester in relation to the direction that was sought on the crucial areas of Post-16 Technical Education; Transport and the integration of rail within the Bee Network; and Housing, with a particular focus on housing standards.

Significant public interventions had now been made on all three of these areas. For Post-16 education a proposal had been made for an integrated system and the GM Baccalaureate, which would enable the creation of a clear and strong education pathway for those students not on the university route; for Transport, following discussions with the Rail Minister there had been confirmation that two commuter lines in GM would become the first contactless pilot schemes outside of London in early 2025 – this was significant progress towards integration within the full Bee Network capped system. Finally, on housing, intentions had been confirmed around the Greater Manchester Good Landlord Charter, with new arrangements to support tenants who had landlords who did not wish to comply to the standards within the Charter.

Mayor Burnham then advised that, as agreed by the GMCA in 2022 – Chief Constable Stephen Watson was invited to provide a ‘one year on’ update on the Child Sexual Exploitation review, GMP’s related Operation Sherwood and the final assurance review now being undertaken.

CC Watson stated the importance of partnership working on Operation Sherwood, stating that it was highly conjoined with GM’s local authorities. The investigation had been set up to review the ten cases that had formed the CSE Review remit, plus a

further case subsequently identified. Detail was provided on the team leading the investigation and the methodologies being applied.

Emphasis was placed on the vulnerabilities apparent in working with survivors of Child Sexual Exploitation, and the methodological sensitive wraparound being applied to all work with them.

Mayor Burnham thanked CC Watson for the update and asked that Members of the Combined Authority reaffirm their commitment to the final stage of the review and the importance of its conclusion this year with the passing of an appropriate motion.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the update on Trailblazer progress be received.
2. That the following motion be passed -

*This Combined Authority recognises the progress being made on Operation Sherwood in Oldham, as set out by the Chief Constable; appreciates the support of the Chief Constable for the final assurance stage of the Independent Review into Child Sexual Exploitation in Greater Manchester and the inclusion of Greater Manchester Police in that review; appreciates the support of Maggie Oliver and The Maggie Oliver Foundation for the assurance review; recognises the commitment of all ten Greater Manchester councils to engage with the Review Team as agreed; and resolves to progress to the final stage of the Independent Review, consistent with the original Terms of Reference, with an expectation that it will be completed by the end of the year.*

3. That love and condolences be expressed to the family and friends of Droylsden resident Michelle Hodgkinson following her recent funeral.

### **GMCA 115/23      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **RESOLVED /-**

That there were no declarations of interest made in relation to any item on the agenda.

**GMCA 116/23      MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2023**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 9 June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 117/23      INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Councillor Tom Ross (Portfolio Lead for the Green City-Region) was invited to introduce the Draft Greater Manchester Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP) and provide details on the actions agreed at the second Mayoral round table on integrated water management held on 31 March 2023.

The IWMP would aid with the acceleration of the implementation of natural flood management interventions in key locations, reducing carbon emissions and improving resilience against climate change. It would also reduce the operation of storm outflows and create new jobs, develop skills through apprenticeships and ensure that GMCA and TfGM work directly with United Utilities on future developments.

John Curtin of the Environment Agency was invited to provide feedback. Thanks was expressed for the partnership approach embraced on the work to date and that GM had been used as an exemplar at a government select committee as a model regional approach to these issues.

Louise Beardmore, Chief Executive Officer of United Utilities was also invited to provide feedback. Flooding was at the forefront of what needed to be tackled and an aggressive targeted infrastructural scheme was being put in place with over £13b of investment.

Eamonn Boylan (Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM) stated that the adoption of Place for Everyone should provide greater certainty and line of visibility about where development was needed and how partners could work together to plan it over a period of time.

Deputy Mayor Green highlighted the public safety elements that also formed a key part of the plans. There were significant implications for the region's emergency services in terms of wildfires on moorlands and open water based human tragedies, not least of which was an incident that had taken place in Tameside just a number of weeks ago. This proactive preventative approach was keenly welcomed by GMFRS and other emergency partners.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the draft Integrated Water Management Plan, (Annex A) and next steps for engagement, be approved.
2. That it be noted that the recommendations from GMCA Scrutiny Committee, as presented to the Combined Authority on the 31 May 2023, will be taken forward through the Integrated Water Management Plan (Annex B).
3. That the actions and next steps, agreed at the 31 March 2023 Mayoral round table (Annex D) be noted.
4. That the proposal to submit an Annual Business Plan on activities and resources required to deliver the Integrated Water Management Plan to the GMCA be approved.
5. That the proposed review of existing GMCA governance structures to strengthen accountability, scrutiny and provide clarity of responsibility, in accordance with the principles for good governance (attributes for integrated water management) from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (Annex E) be approved.
6. That the funding and resource plan (business plan) be submitted to the GMCA in September 2023 .
7. That the intention for the Environment Agency, United Utilities and the GMCA to extend the existing collaboration agreement in relation to the implementation of the Integrated Water Management Plan be noted.
8. That love and condolences be expressed to the family and friends of Abby Walton following a tragic open water incident in Tameside.

**GMCA 118/23      GREATER MANCHESTER'S RESPONSE TO 2022 BIG  
DISABILITY SURVEY**

Councillor Arooj Shah (Portfolio Lead for Equalities and Communities) was invited to introduce a report that provided an overview of the system response to the Big Disability Survey carried out by the GM Disabled People's Panel in the summer of 2022, and to flag key issues emerging from this work so far.

The Panel's Chairs had been invited to the October 2023 meeting of the GMCA to provide a more detailed insight into the progress being made one year on from the survey's publication.

Deputy Mayor Green asked that her thanks be recorded to the Panel Chair's for their role in leading the survey and stated, from her perspective as the Lead for Policing and Crime, the importance of understanding the experience of disabled people within the criminal justice system, and how this needed to be highlighted for future discussion.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the response to the 2022 Big Disability Survey and the issues which have been identified relating to its delivery, be endorsed.
2. That the importance of achieving a co-ordinated, multi-stakeholder, and effectively resourced GM-wide response, aimed at improving the lives of disabled people, be endorsed.
3. That a report will be submitted to the GMCA in October 2023, one year on from the survey publication, to review progress, with input from the Disabled Peoples Panel.
4. That the importance of understanding the experience of disabled people within the wider criminal justice system be highlighted for future discussion.
5. That the GMCA record its thanks to the Disabled People's Panel for undertaking the survey.

6. That members of the Disabled People's panel be invited to the October 2023 meeting of the GMCA.

## **GMCA 119/23      DELIVERING THE BEE NETWORK: ANNUAL REVIEW OF CAPPED BUS FARES**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, introduced a report summarising the outcome of the annual review of capped bus fares and a proposal for the continuation of the capped fares at existing prices.

A key headline arising from the review was that the introduction of the cap has reduced costs for the average bus user by almost 20% and had resulted in an increase of bus patronage of 12%.

It was agreed that as a minimum, a continuing yearly review of the impact of the capped bus fares should remain in place.

A query was raised around whether the bus patronage increase trajectory had continued since these figures were gathered or had subsequently plateaued. It was advised that figures on patronage could be provided throughout the year.

Emphasis was placed on the value for money being found in terms of the average costs per kilometre for tranche 2 of the Bee Network on comparison to those of services that still required private re-tendering. The costs of tranche 2 were around one third lower.

Mayor Burnham advised that he would be seeking cross-party support for a proposal later in the year to government regarding the future funding of public transport. As the current system, in which funding was not the predictable revenue support scheme needed for future security and sustainability.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the outcome of the annual review of capped bus fares be noted.
2. That the recommendation for the continuation of capped single, daily and weekly bus fares at the existing price be noted.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA and TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to approve the continuation of the capped bus fares scheme, subject to any recommendations made by the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting in July 2023.
4. That it be noted that that a further annual review of capped bus fares will take place in summer 2024.
5. That updates will be provided during the year on the consistency of patronage increases on the bus network.

**GMCA 120/23      DELIVERING THE BEE NETWORK: MULTIMODAL FARES  
AND PRODUCTS**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, introduced a report setting out a range of multimodal ticketing products to make it easier for passengers to switch between bus and Metrolink. Subject to approval, the products would be implemented across Greater Manchester from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to coincide with the start of bus franchising.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the range of multimodal ticketing products that will be available across Greater Manchester from 24 September 2023 be noted.
2. That the multimodal ticketing products will be considered by the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting in July 2023 alongside the annual review of capped bus fares be noted.

## **GMCA 121/23      TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Eamonn Boylan (Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM) introduced a report asking members to consider a number of funding drawdown requests from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) and the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF).

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That further to the governance arrangements approved by GMCA on 30 September 2022, the proposed assurance process for CRSTS Outline Business Case and Full Business Case stages in relation to the re-baselined Scheme List, as approved by the GMCA on 26 May 2023, be noted and approved.
2. That the draw-down of CRSTS funding be approved, as follows:
  - Integrated Ticketing and Information Measures: £7.38m to enable the ongoing development and delivery of the Integrated Ticketing and Customer Information programme, which includes Mobile, Online and PAYGO Contactless Ticketing; and the provision of passenger information displays at key network locations.
  - Rochdale: Littleborough Streets for All Scheme: £0.27m to develop the scheme to Final Business Case.
  - Bury: Ramsbottom Town Centre Development Streets for All Scheme: £0.35m to develop the scheme to Final Business Case.
  - Bury Town Centre Streets for All Scheme: £0.62m to develop the scheme to Final Business Case.
3. That the draw-down of Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund funding be approved, as follows:
  - *Manchester, Victoria Northern Eastern Gateway scheme*: release of up to £8.86m of MCF delivery funding.
4. That the inclusion of Greater Manchester's share of the national Additional Maintenance (Pothole) Funding (£6,210,400) within the Capital Programme for

2023/24 and the allocation of funding to the 10 Local Authorities (on the same proportion as that used for the CRSTS Core Maintenance allocations to Local Authorities) be approved.

**GMCA 122/23      2022/23 GMCA PROVISIONAL CAPITAL OUTTURN**

Steve Wilson (GMCA Treasurer) informed members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority of the capital outturn for 2022/2023. It was noted that there was an error in appendix 1 that would be amended accordingly.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the 2022/23 actual outturn capital expenditure of £442.6m, compared to the forecast position presented to GMCA on 10 February 2023 of £462.1m, be noted.
2. That an amendment to an error on appendix 1 to the report will be circulated to GMCA members and published on the GMCA website.

**GMCA 123/23      2022/23 GMCA PROVISIONAL REVENUE OUTTURN**

Steve Wilson (GMCA Treasurer) informed members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority provisional revenue outturn for 2022/23.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the drawdown of £1.9m from TfGM General Reserves to fund the cost of the voluntary severance scheme, which will deliver savings for 2023/24 onwards, as set out in paragraph 6.12, be approved.
2. That the drawdown of £2.3m to fund the net deficit from Metrolink in 2022/23, which was funded from a ring fenced Metrolink Reserve held by TfGM, as set out in paragraph 6.17, be approved.

3. That it be noted that the Mayoral General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2022/23 was breakeven after planned transfer to earmarked reserves.
4. That it be noted that the GMCA General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2022/23 was £0.949m, to be transferred to earmarked reserves.
5. That it be noted that the Mayoral General GM Fire & Rescue provisional revenue outturn position for 2022/23 was breakeven after planned transfer to earmarked reserves.
6. That it be noted that Waste and Resourcing provisional revenue outturn position for 2022/23 was an underspend of £33.8m, to be transferred to earmarked reserves.
7. That it be noted that the GMCA Transport and TfGM provisional revenue outturn positions for 2022/23 were breakeven after transfers between earmarked reserves.
8. That it be noted that £3.1m was added to the TfGM concessionary reserve due to underspend in the year, which has been ring-fenced for future spend on bus costs.
9. That it be noted that the final position was subject to the submission of the audited accounts, to be finalised by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023, to be reported to the GMCA Audit Committee prior to the deadline.

**GMCA 124/23      UKSPF – COMMUNITIES AND PLACE MANCHESTER CITY  
COUNCIL PHASE 2**

Eamonn Boylan (Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM) introduced a report setting out a proposal from Manchester City Council on the second phase of UKSPF investment in the city and the recommendations of the GM UKSPF Local Partnership

Board to the GMCA as the Lead Authority for Greater Manchester in relation to the investment proposal. The proposal was for the UKSPF Communities and Place investment priorities E1, E3 and E6.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That Manchester City Council be granted up to £2,125,545 of Greater Manchester's UKSPF allocation over 2 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place Phase 2 proposal by March 2025, taking the Manchester City Council Communities and Place UKSPF investment across Phases 1 and 2 to a maximum of £5,013,823.
2. That the additional impact of the Manchester City Council Phase 2 proposal to the collective impact of the currently approved ten Local Authority proposals, in exceeding the majority of outcomes and outputs for the Communities and Place Investment Priority, as set out in the GM UKSPF Investment Plan, be noted.
3. That support be given for an additional UKSPF Communities and Place Intervention to be added to Greater Manchester's UKSPF Investment Plan reporting the number of feasibility studies funded using UKSPF, reflecting the eligible and strategic use of UKSPF by local authorities to develop medium and long term regeneration ambitions for their places.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Resources & Investment, to finalise the grant funding agreement including the ability to make minor amendments as required.

**GMCA 125/23      UKSPF E19: INCREASING INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL**

Eamonn Boylan (Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM) introduced a report outlining the GM approach to allocating UKSPF funding for intervention E19 via the procurement of a GM Provider (which may be a Consortium) to test and deliver a

model of specialist innovation focused activity to strengthen the GM innovation ecosystem.

The support would include a mixture of sector and technology agnostic support, sector and technology specialist support, and a range of financial interventions. In combination this would accelerate the development of new clusters and help businesses progress through the innovation cycle, by making it easier for them to access and move between the GM's innovation assets, and to access regional and national support schemes.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the recommendations of the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board on the strategic fit and deliverability of the UKSPF proposal E19, to "Increase investment in research and development at the local level" be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for the Economy, Business and Inclusive Growth and Portfolio Leader for Resources & Investment, to agree the allocation method and subsequent award of contracts worth £5,775,000.

**GMCA 126/23      UKSPF E23: PROPOSAL FOR HYPER-LOCAL MICRO-BUSINESS START-UP AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

Eamonn Boylan (Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM) introduced a report outlining the background and proposition to use UKSPF Funding under E23 to resource a 20 month programme of support that would maintain and extend support to start-up and develop micro businesses in the city-region, which was currently being delivered in partnership by GM Libraries, Local Authorities and other partners.

The UKSPF funding would enable this service to be expanded to cover all ten GM local authorities (Wigan and Rochdale do not currently offer this service). This would enable GM to continue to support entrepreneurship and self-employment across the city-region at grass-roots level, invigorating GM's high streets and communities. The

proposal contained a significant match-funding element which comprised c.60% of overall project costs.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the recommendations of the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board on the strategic fit and deliverability of the UKSPF proposal E23 for “support for micro-business start-up and development” be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for the Economy, Business and Inclusive Growth and Portfolio Leader for Resources & Investment, to agree the allocation method and subsequent award of a grant to the value of £1,400,000.

**GMCA 127/23      GREATER MANCHESTER BROWNFIELD PROGRAMME  
(DEVOLUTION TRAILBLAZER DEAL) METHODOLOGY AND  
YEAR 1 ALLOCATIONS**

Councillor Ged Cooney (Portfolio Lead for Housing) introduced a report seeking approval for the allocation of up to £51.1m of the three year £150m Brownfield programme that was part of the 2023 Devolution Trailblazer Deal. The allocation had been determined by the methodology set out within the paper.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That it be noted that the GMCA Treasurer, acting in conjunction with the GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, will utilise existing delegated authority to agree the final terms of the Brownfield programme grant agreement with DLUHC.
2. That the methodology for prioritising schemes in Year 1 of the Brownfield programme, as set out in Section 2 and Appendix 1, be approved.
3. That the allocation of up to £51.1m of the overall £150m funding devolved to GMCA be approved.

4. That the utilisation of up to £500k of the Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund surpluses to contribute to the revenue funding requirements of delivering the programme be approved.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, acting in conjunction with the GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, to effect the necessary legal agreements for the individual grants between the GMCA and grant recipients, as set out in Appendix 2.

#### **GMCA 128/23      SOCIAL HOUSING FUND**

Councillor Ged Cooney (Portfolio Lead for Housing) introduced a report providing an update on the £15 million Social Housing Quality grant funding announced to GMCA on 25 January 2023, and sought approval of the proposed approach for the allocation and monitoring of funding to social housing providers in Greater Manchester (including stock-holding GM local authorities/ALMOs).

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the receipt of £15 million Social Housing Quality Funding be noted.
2. That the proposed approach and process for allocating grants to social housing providers in Greater Manchester be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader and Chief Executive Portfolio Lead for Housing, to ensure rapid release of funding to allow urgent works to be undertaken.

#### **GMCA 129/23      GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK RECOMMENDATIONS**

Eamonn Boylan (Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM) introduced a report seeking approval for a loan facility for the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce to support them through their recovery.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the loan facility of up to £250k to The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Solicitor & 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 130/23      STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BUSINESS PLAN**

The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, introduced a report seeking approval from the GMCA for the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan 2023-2028 and the Annual Action Plan which set out more detail on the commercially sensitive activities the MDC will undertake over the course of 2023 / 2024 to deliver the objectives in the full plan.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan May 2023 – March 2028 (Annex A) be approved.
2. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Action Plan May 2023 – March 2024 (Part B) be approved.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks Lord Bob Kerlake for his support throughout the development of the Mayoral Development Corporation.

**GMCA 131/23      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 132/23      STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BUSINESS PLAN**

**Clerk's Note:** This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (minute 130/23)

**RESOLVED /-**

That the contents of the report be noted.

**GMCA 133/23      GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Clerk's Note:** This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (minute 129/23)

**RESOLVED /-**

That the contents of the report be noted.