

Forward Plan of Key Decisions: 1 February 2025 to 30 April 2025

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## What is a Forward Plan of Key Decisions?

The Register is a published list of the key decisions which are due to be taken by the:

- Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)
- Greater Manchester Elected Mayor
- Joint GMCA & AGMA Executive Board
- Transport for Greater Manchester Committee
- GMCA Resources Committee
- GMCA's Waste & Recycling Committee
- Statutory Officers of the GMCA

These decisions must be published on the Register at least 28 clear days before the decision is to be taken, whether in public or private. The Register is updated at least once a

## What is a Key Decision?

A key decision defined by 'the Order' is a decision which, in the view of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, would result in any of the decision makers listed:

- (i) incurring expenditure over £500,000, or making significant savings of £500,000 or more relating to the budget for the service area to which the decision relates; or
- (ii) be significant in terms of its effects on persons living or working in an area of more two or more wards or electoral divisions of Greater Manchester.

## How to find out more on these proposed decisions

The report (other than those which contain confidential or exempt information) relating to these decisions will published on the GMCA's website five working days before the decision is to be made see <a href="https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk">www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</a>.

For general information about the decision- making process please contact:

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month.

This Register of Key Decisions has been prepared in accordance with <u>Combined</u>

<u>Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny</u>

<u>Committees, Access to Information and Audit</u>

<u>Committees) Order 2017</u> ('the Order').

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Greater Manchester Combined Authority
& Greater Manchester Mayor
Tootal Buildings
Oxford Street
Manchester M1 6EU

The GMCA's has an Overview & Scrutiny Committee whose role is to contribute to the development of GMCA's strategies and policies, to scrutinise decisions of the decision-makers listed above and to consider any matter affecting those who live, work, study or run businesses in Greater Manchester.



Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision Maker	Planned Decision	Documents to be	Portfolio Lead	Lead Director	Officer Contact
			Dates	considered			
Green City Reg	gion						
Net Zero	The Low	Group Finance	March 2025		Councillor Tom		Nic Langman
Housing	Carbon Team,	Officer			Ross		nic.langman@
Retrofit	in conjunction						greatermanche
Framework	with the						r-ca.gov.uk
Agreement	Department for						
	Energy and						
	Net Zero's						
	regional Net						
	Zero Hubs,						
	intends to put						
	in place a						
	national						
	Framework						

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	Agreement for						
	the retrofit of						
	housing with						
	energy						
	efficiency and						
	low carbon						
	heating						
	measures						
	under several						
	government						
	grant funding						
	schemes. The						
	framework will						
	be for a total of						
	4 years and be						
	self-funding						
	through an						
	Activity Based						
	Income stream						

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	of 1% of						
	contracted						
	spend through						
	the framework						
	charged to						
	suppliers once						
	they secure						
	their first call						
	off contract						
	from the						
	agreement.						
Transport							
Bus	To approve the	Group Chief	Between 1	Report with	GM Mayor		Steve
Franchising	award of:	Executive	Feb 2025 and	recommendati	Andy Burnham		Warrener
			30 Apr 2025	ons			steve.warrener
	(i) the	GM Mayor			GM Mayor		@tfgm.com
	franchise		Between 1		Andy Burnham		
	contracts	Greater	Feb 2025 and				

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	relating to bus	Manchester	30 Apr 2025		GM Mayor		
	franchising;	Combined			Andy Burnham		
	(ii) contracts	Authority	Between 1				
	for the		Feb 2025 and				
	provision of		30 Apr 2025				
	various						
	franchise						
	scheme						
	related						
	services and						
	goods						
	(including all						
	contracts for						
	the provision						
	of equipment,						
	hardware,						
	software and						
	background IT						
	infrastructure						

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	that are						
	required to						
	support and/or						
	facilitate the						
	delivery, and						
	ongoing						
	operation, of						
	franchised bus						
	services and						
	the overall						
	franchising						
	scheme); and						
	(iii) contracts						
	for the						
	acquisition						
	and/or lease of						
	land, sites or						
	other assets						
	(comprising						

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	real estate or						
	otherwise) in						
	connection						
	with the						
	delivery, and						
	ongoing						
	operation, of						
	franchised bus						
	services and						
	the overall						
	franchising						
	scheme.						
City Region	To approve	Group Chief	Between 1	Report and	GM Mayor	Group Chief	Steve
Sustainable	allocations and	Executive	Feb 2025 and	recommendati	Andy Burnham	Executive	Warrener
Transport	Governance		30 Apr 2025	ons			steve.warrener
Settlement	and Assurance	Bee Network			GM Mayor		@tfgm.com
(CRSTS)	arrangements	Committee	Between 1		Andy Burnham		
	for specific		Feb 2025 and				
	schemes as	Greater	30 Apr 2025		GM Mayor		

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	required.	Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025		Andy Burnham		
Bus Depot Acquisitions	To negotiate and approve procedural changes for the acquisition of bus depots to support Tranches 2 and 3 bus franchising, within previously approved	Group Chief Executive  Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025  Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	28 Delivering the Bee Network - Bus Fares Fleet Depots and CRSTS	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com

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	revenue budgets for bus franchising.						
Bus Depot Leases Tranche 2 and 3	To agree the final terms of leases of bus depots both in respect of interim leaseback arrangements to existing operators and the franchise depot subleases to be granted to the franchise	Group Chief Executive	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elli ott@tfgm.com

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	bus operators for Tranches 2 and 3.						
Bus Depot Acquisitions Treasurer Decision Tranches 1, 2 & 3	To agree the terms of any agreement between GMCA and TfGM to bring Tranche 1 leases in line with Tranches 2 and 3.	Group Finance Officer	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	12 Delivering the Bee Network	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Jacqueline Elliott Jacqueline.Elli ott@tfgm.com
Subsidised Services	To approve forthcoming changes to subsidised bus services.	Bee Network Committee Group Chief Executive	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025 Between 1 Feb 2025 and	Report with Recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Group Chief Executive	Stephen Rhodes stephen.rhode s@tfgm.com

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Active Travel Programme	Approval to release funding to progress the development and delivery of cycling and walking schemes and programmes.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with Recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Group Chief Executive	Richard Nickson richard.nickson @tfgm.com
Local Growth Deal (1, 2 and 3) six monthly progress update	To grant Full or Conditional Approval and/or release funding / approve expenditure	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with Recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham	Group Chief Executive	Steve Warrener steve.warrener @tfgm.com

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	and allocate/realloc ate funding across the programme for schemes within the Growth Deal 1,2,3 and/or the Transforming Cities Fund.						
Transport Network Planning and Review Process	To approve the proposed approach to reviewing and developing the franchised bus network	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Stephen Rhodes stephen.rhode s@tfgm.com

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	through a programme of						
	network reviews.						
	To approve the proposed						
	network planning guidelines.						
	To approve the 12-month programme of network reviews.						
Bee Network Advertising Policy	To review the Bee Network Advertising	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Steve Warrener steve.warrene

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	Policy to ensure it aligns with and support the objectives of the Greater Manchester Strategy.						@tfgm.com
Integrated Measures Ticketing and Customer	To approve Final Business Cases and CRSTS funding to progress the development and delivery of Integrated Measures Ticketing and	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Helen Humble helen.humble @tfgm.com

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	Customer schemes and programmes.						
Stockport Greek Street Bridge Streets for All	To approve the Full Business Case and CRSTS funding to deliver Phase A and B of Stockport's Greek Street Bridge Streets for All scheme.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Sue Stephenson sue.stephenso n@stockport.g ov.uk
Golbourne Station	To approve CRSTS funding to develop Golborne	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Jun 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Simon Elliott simon.elliott@t fgm.com

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	Station scheme.						
Highways Maintenance Funding	To approve Local Highways Maintenance funding for 2024/25 and Core Highways N/ A GM Mayor Andy Burnham Tony Hemingway Tony.hemingw ay@tfgm.com Maintenance,	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Jun 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Tony Hemmingway tony.hemming way@tfgm.co m
	Strategic						

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	Highways Maintenance and Local Safety & Minor Works funding for 2025/26.						
Improving Journeys: Early Interventions	To approve the full business case and CRSTS funding to deliver early interventions of the Improving Journeys programme.	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Jun 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Anthony Murden Anthony.murd en@tfgm.com
Improving Journeys:	To approve CRSTS	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2025 and	Report with recommendati	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Anthony Murden

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Salford Crescent – MediaCity	funding to progress the Improving Journeys: Salford Crescent – MediaCity scheme.		30 Jun 2025	ons			Anthony.murd en@tfgm.com
Metrolink Renewals and Enhancements Programme (MREP)	To approve CRSTS funding for the Metrolink Renewals and Enhancements Programme (MREP)	Bee Network Committee	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Jun 2025	Report with recommendati ons	GM Mayor Andy Burnham		Ian Davies ian.davies@tfg m.com

**Technical Education & Skills** 

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ESF Skills for Growth Commissionin g	To proceed with the procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills for Growth programme.	Group Chief Executive	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien	Group Finance Officer	Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Skills Bootcamps 2024 - 2025: Contract extensions for wave 4 providers to continue	To extend current contracts of wave 4 providers to continue to deliver into wave 5 of the	Group Finance Officer	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2026	National Skills Funding (CA report Feb 2023)	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien		Hannah Vincent hannah.vincen t@greaterman chester- ca.gov.uk

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delivery into	Skills						
wave 5. Wave	Bootcamps						
5	Programme						
commissioning							
	To proceed						
	with the						
	procurement						
	and						
	contracting of						
	providers and						
	activity relating						
	to the GM						
	Skills						
	Bootcamps						
	Programme.						
Resources and	Investment						
Greater	То	Greater	Between 1	Report with	Councillor	Group Chief	Kirsteen

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Manchester Business	conditionally approve	Manchester Combined	Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Recommendati ons	David Molyneux	Executive	Armitage kirsteen.armita
Funds	business investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments, including where relevant negotiated settlements.	Authority	30 Apr 2023	Olis	Wolyneux		ge@greaterma nchestre- ca.gov.uk
GM UKSPF Programme - Progress and Performance	Share progress to date on the GM UKSPF	Greater  Manchester  Combined  Authority	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Alison Gordon alison.gordon @greatermanc hester-

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Management Process	programme and seek agreement for a programme management process for 2024/5						ca.gov.uk
Revenue and capital budget updates	Approve revisions to revenue budget and capital programme.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	28 Feb 2025	Report with recommendati ons	Councillor David Molyneux		Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk
Housing							
GM City Deal Receipts - Investment	The approval of investments funded with	Greater Manchester Combined	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report	City Mayor Paul Dennett		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm

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Approval Recommendati ons	City Deal Receipts received from Homes England.	Authority					sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk
GM Brownfield Programme	The allocation of funding from GMCA's brownfield programme to residential developments in GM.	Greater  Manchester  Combined  Authority	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with recommendati ons	City Mayor Paul Dennett		Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Housing Funds	To conditionally approve housing investments to proceed to due	Greater  Manchester  Combined  Authority	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with Recommendati ons	City Mayor Paul Dennett	Group Chief Executive	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk

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	diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments						
Agreement to using further Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund surpluses	To agree the further use of Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund (GMHILF) surpluses to support the delivery of the GM Housing Strategy	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with Recommendati ons	City Mayor Paul Dennett	Group Chief Executive	Michael Walmsley Michael.Walm sley@greater manchester- ca.gov.uk

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Greater Manchester Property Funds	To conditionally approve property investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Feb 2025 and 30 Apr 2025	Report with Recommendati ons	City Mayor Paul Dennett	Group Chief Executive	Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcinto sh@greaterma nchester- ca.gov.uk
Economy, Bus	iness and Inclus	ive Growth					
Greater Manchester Investment Zone 2025/26 project	Following the delegation by the GMCA on 29th November, the	Group Chief Executive	Not before 28th Feb 2025	15 GMCA Report Investement Zone - 29.11.24	Councillor Bev Craig		Anoush Darabi anoush.darabi @greatermanc hester- ca.gov.uk

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allocations	Chief						
	Executive will						
	distribute						
	defined						
	allocations for						
	the financial						
	year 2025/26						
	from Greater						
	Manchester's						
	Investment						
	Zone Flexible						
	Funding to the						
	GM projects						
	the						
	government						
	agreed with						
	GMCA in						
	March 2024.						
GC Angels -	To award	Group Finance	Not before	Procurement	Councillor Bev		Joshua

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Funding	funding of £750,000 for the GC Angels early-stage innovation funding scheme.	Officer	23rd Feb 2025	report	Craig		Wakefield joshua.wakefie ld@greaterma nchester- ca.gov.uk