KEY DECISIONS NOTICE: GMCA – 26 JANUARY 2018

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor
Deputy Mayor
(Police and Crime)
Bolton Council
Bury Council
Manchester CC
Oldham Council
Rochdale BC
Salford CC
Stockport MBC
Tameside MBC
Trafford Council
Wigan Council
Andy Burnham
Baronness Beverley Hughes
Councillor Linda Thomas
Councillor Rishi Shori
Councillor Richard Leese, (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Jean Stretton
Councillor Allen Brett
Councillor John Merry
Councillor Alex Ganotis
Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Sean Anstee
Councillor Peter Smith

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDENCE:

Fire Committee, Chair
GMWDA, Chair
Bolton
Bury
Bury
Manchester
Stockport
Tameside
Tameside
Trafford
Trafford
Wigan
Councillor David Acton
Councillor Nigel Murphy
Councillor Anne-Marie Watters
Councillor Jane Black
Councillor Andrea Simpson
Councillor Angelicki Stogia
Councillor Wendy Wild
Councillor Lynn Travis
Councillor Brenda Warrington
Councillor Dylan Butt
Councillor Laura Evans
Councillor Jennifer Bullen

OFFICERS IN ATTENDENCE:

GMCA Chief Executive
GMCA – Deputy Chief Executive
GMCA – Monitoring Officer
GMCA – Treasurer
Office of the GM Mayor
Bolton
Bury
Manchester
Oldham
Rochdale
Eamonn Boylan
Andrew Lightfoot
Liz Treacy
Richard Paver
Kevin Lee
Tony Oakman
Pat Jones Greenhalgh
Joanne Roney
Helen Lockwood
Steve Rumbelow
Salford  
Jim Taylor

Stockport  
Pam Smith

Tameside  
Steve Pleasant

Trafford  
Theresa Grant

Wigan  
Donna Hall

TfGM  
Simon Warburton

TfGM  
Steve Warrener

Manchester Growth Co  
Mark Hughes

GMCA  
Simon Nokes

GMCA  
Julie Connor

GMCA  
Lindsay Dunn

GMCA  
Nicola Ward

APOLOGIES:

Oldham  
Carolyn Wilkins

Salford  
Paul Dennett

GMFRS  
Dawn Docx

GMHSC Partnership  
Jon Rouse

TfGM  
Jon Lamonte

Agenda Item No.

6b.  **GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – CORPORATE ISSUES AND REFORM MINUTES**

1. That the appointment of Cllr Debbie Newall (Bolton) to the Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved.

9a. **GMCA MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW**

1. That the GMCA notes the process for considering the proposals submitted by the Mayor for his General Budget, precept and capital budget.

2. That it be noted that that final information underpinning the calculation of the Mayoral General budget and precept is not available for the meeting and that a further budget meeting has been arranged for 20 February 2018 to give consideration to the final proposals ahead of the Mayor formally determining his budget and precept in time for District Councils to start setting their Council Tax levels.

3. That the Chief Constable be invited to the March meeting of the GMCA to set out his plans for the utilisation of the 2018/19 precept in relation to policing.
9b. **GMCA MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET 2018/19**

1. That the proposal presented by the Mayor to set an overall Mayoral General Precept of £68.95 (Band D) comprising of £59.95 for functions previously covered by the Fire and Rescue Authority precept (no change) and £9.00 for other Mayoral General functions be approved in principle and the detailed budget calculations which support that level of precept be noted.

2. That it be noted that the proposal for the Mayoral General Precept for 2018/19 is the start of a 2-3 year strategy for setting the Mayoral precept baseline which will be adjusted in future years as further Mayoral functions are granted.

3. That the proposal to allow £11.5 million of Earnback grant to be used to support GMCA costs relating to bus reform be noted.

4. That the following items be noted:
   
   i. detailed budget proposed for the Fire and Rescue Service
   ii. the use of the reserves, to support the revenue and capital budgets and the assessment by the Treasurer that the reserves as at March 2019 are adequate
   iii. the proposed capital programme and proposals for funding
   iv. the 2019-20 medium term financial position which reflects the final year of the 4 year funding settlement set by Central Government

5. That the detailed budget proposals for other Mayoral functions be noted.

6. That the GMCA does not wish to submit any written comments to the Mayor in line with the legal process and timetable described in this report.

7. That it be noted that the draft budget does not include all the required statutory calculations under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, since various relevant information has not yet been provided to the Mayor by the Government and some billing authorities, including full information relating to the revenue support grant, tax bases, collection funds and various business rate information.

8. That it be recommended that the Mayor notifies the GMCA of the revised statutory calculations by no later than 15 February 2018 with a view to the GMCA making its final determination at a meeting on the 20 February 2018.

9c. **REVENUE TRANSPORT BUDGET 2018/19**

1. That the issues affecting the 2018/19 transport budgets as detailed in the report be noted.

2. That the proposal for the introduction of an annual charge of £12 for access to the
Local Concessionary Scheme be not approved.

3. That the consultation process which has been undertaken by officers with the Transport Levy Scrutiny Panel be noted; the proposals recommended by Scrutiny as set out in this report, other than the proposal noted at recommendation 2 above, be agreed. That it be noted that the proposal is now for a total levy for 2018/19 of £196.373 million, plus a one-off adjustment of £87.98 million in relation to a refund from districts of transport reserves which were refunded to them in 2017/18, less a reduction of £3.9 million in relation to the costs to be met from the Mayoral General budget to take the levy to be charged to £280.453 million.

4. That the GMCA budget relating to transport functions funded through the levy as set out in the report and amended in line with recommendation 2, for 2018/19 be approved.

5. That it be noted that the planned increases of around 1.8% and 1.57% with respect to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund will be deferred.

6. That the Transport Levy on the district councils in 2018/19 of £280.453 million as detailed above, apportioned on the basis of mid year population as at June 2016 be approved.

7. That the use of £11.5 million of Earnback revenue grant for use on GMCA transport functions be approved.

8. That the use of reserves in 2018/19 as detailed in section 5 be approved.

9. That the position on reserves as identified in the report be noted and approved.

9d. GMCA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19

1. That the budget relating to the GMCA Economic Development and Regeneration functions in 2018/19 as set out in section 2 of this report be approved.

2. That the District Contributions of £8.848 million as set out in section 3 of this report be approved.

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Health and Social Care to determine the appropriate grant to the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership of up to £0.6 million.

4. That the increases to the level of funding to MIDAS £0.2 million and Marketing Manchester £0.35 million, subject to confirmation that these additional sums are matched by private sector contributions be approved.
5. That it be noted that £4.9 million of Business Rates Income is to be retained by District Councils and shared on a pro-rata population basis.

9e. **GMCA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19**

1. That the revisions to the capital budget as set out in Appendix A and detailed within the report be agreed.

2. That the updated 2017/18 capital forecast compared to the previous 2017/18 capital forecast be noted.

3. That the capital programme budget for 2018/19 and the forward commitments as detailed in the report and in Appendix A be approved.

4. That it be noted that that the capital programme will be financed from a mixture of grants (including from DfT), external contributions and long term borrowings.

5. That it be noted that provision has been made in the revenue budget for the associated financing costs of borrowing.

6. That it be noted that that the capital programme will continue to be reviewed, with any new schemes which have not yet received specific approval added into the programme at a later date once approval has been sought.

7. That it be noted that a revised capital programme and Treasury Management Strategy (including prudential indicators), will need to be submitted once the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority joins the GMCA on the 1 April 2018.

8. That a report on the current patronage and planned purchase of additional trams for Metrolink be brought to a future meeting of the GMCA.

10. **BREXIT MONITOR**

That the Brexit Monitor for January 2018 be noted.

11. **INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY UPDATE**

1. That the approach outlined to developing the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy be noted in particular that the approach does not separate our growth priorities from our people priorities. In addition that ‘infrastructure’ should not just include hardware it should also include other enabling infrastructure such as childcare as being key to supporting business growth, particularly SMEs.

2. That the contents of the industrial strategy white paper of relevance to Greater Manchester be noted.
12. **GREEN SUMMIT**

That arrangements for the planned Green Summit to be held on 21 March be noted and that local authorities and key stakeholders be encouraged to participate.

13. **TOWN CENTRE CHALLENGE UPDATE**

1. That the issues set out in Sections 2 and 3 of this report and the town centres which have so far been put forward as part of the challenge be noted.

2. That it be noted that Manchester’s nomination needs correction to reflect that they have a coherent approach to improving all of their local district centres, all of their centres being of equal importance and priority. It is within this context that they would want to work with the Mayor and GMCA to see if they can assist further.

3. That it be noted that Oldham Town Centre is Oldham’s current strategic priority and they would seek a meeting with the Mayor to see if any of his new powers can assist to deliver their plans.

14. **COMMISSIONING WORKING WELL (WORK AND HEALTH PROGRAMME)**

1. That the outcome of the Working Well (Work & Health Programme) procurement process and the winning bidder’s delivery model be noted.

2. That the appreciation for Local Authority and partner support in the procurement process be noted.

3. That the Social Value outcomes associated with the contract be noted.

4. That the importance of Local Authorities and local governance to successful delivery and agree to support the implementation process through Local Integration Boards be noted.

15. **SALFORD, BOLTON NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

1. That full approval be granted for the Salford Bolton Network Improvements - Bolton Delivery Package 4 (Farnworth) scheme; and grant release of funding of £1.676 million from the Local Growth Deal to enable delivery of the works; and

2. That the release of further funding of £0.192 million to facilitate TfGM project and programme management activities associated with the enabling, development and delivery of the Bolton and Salford SBNI packages be granted.
16. INTERMEDIATE BODY STATUS FOR GREATER MANCHESTER - DELEGATIONS

That it be agreed to delegate the responsibility for ratification of GMCA Intermediate Body decisions on the strategic fit of ERDF applications based upon the recommendations of the GM ESIF Sub-Committee to the Chief Executive of GMCA in consultation with the Greater Manchester Mayor.

18. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

PART B

19. GM CULTURAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT FUND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That it be agreed that the budget for the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund should be allocated at a level to fund the balanced portfolio including existing S48 organisations and the highest scoring applicants for the GMCA Cultural Fund detailed within this report.

2. That it be agreed that GMCVO should be funded to the level they were funded under Section 48 and this funding should be taken from the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund.

3. That it be noted that the conclusion of the equality impact assessment on the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund

4. That it be agreed that the portfolio and programme management costs should be found from within the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund budget.

5. That it be agreed that this report is made public within two months of this meeting.

20. GMCA FULL FIBRE CHALLENGE FUND PROPOSAL

1. That it be agreed to submit a bid for funding under the DCMS Local Full Fibre Network Challenge Fund under Wave Two.

2. That the GM Digital Infrastructure Implementation Plan which sets the framework to create the best possible environment for market investment in digital infrastructure be approved.
3. That the development of a co-ordinated approach across GM to the development of standardised wayleaves, supportive planning policy, consistent regulation and a “one dig” approach, in order to encourage market investment in digital fibre infrastructure, reporting back to GMCA in early summer 2018 be supported.

17 & 21. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

1. That the funding application by Calamity Island Limited (investment of £210k) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.

2. That it be agreed to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan at recommendation 1 above.

3. That the funding application by GPL Group Ltd (investment of up to £1,500k) be agreed in principle and progress to due diligence.

4. That it be agreed to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the GMCA and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan at recommendation 2 above.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here:
https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/477/greater_manchester_combined_authority

This decision notice was issued on 30 January 2018 on behalf of Eamonn Boylan, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU