

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GMCA MEETING
HELD ON 29 MARCH 2019**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Bolton	Councillor Linda Thomas
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	City Mayor John Merry
Stockport	Councillor Alex Ganotis
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Manchester	Councillor Angeliki Stogia
Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
Tameside	Councillor Leanne Feeley
Wigan	Councillor Peter Smith
TfGMC	Councillor Mark Aldred

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA – Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA – Treasurer	Richard Paver
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee

Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Oldham	Carolyn Wilkins
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Rochdale	Neil Thornton
Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Pam Smith
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
TfGM	Steve Warrener
GM HSCP	Jon Rouse
Growth Company	Mark Hughes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Simon Nokes

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
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Claire Norman
Sylvia Welsh
Nicola Ward

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Bev Hughes, Deputy Mayor GMCA, City Mayor Paul Dennett (Councillor John Merry attending – Salford), Councillor Rishi Shori – Bury, Steve Rumbelow (Neil Thornton attending– Rochdale), Councillor Paula Boshell – Salford, Councillor Andrea Simpson – Bury and Councillor Jenny Bullen - Wigan

2. CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED/-

The GMCA agreed to adopt the All Party Parliamentary Group’s definition of ‘Islamophobia’ as follows: “Islamophobia is rooted in racism, and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.”

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

Councillor Richard Leese declared a personal interest as a Director of the Growth Company in relation to items 28 and 35 – Growth Company Business Plan.

4. MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the meetings held on 1 March 2019 be approved.

5. GMCA STANDARDS COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA Standards Committee held on 12 February 2019 be noted.

6. GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GM Waste & Recycling Committee held on 14 March 2019 be noted.

7. GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 21 March 2019 be noted.

8. GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD IN MARCH 2019

RESOLVED/-

1. That the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 15 March 2019 be noted.
2. That the minutes of the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 19 March 2019 be noted.
3. That the progress with the GM Programme for Change be noted and that the GMCA, in conjunction with other Metropolitan Fire Services write to Government to request an urgent reassessment of funding for frontline fire and rescue services.

9. TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 15 March 2019 be noted.

10. GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP - MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2019

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership Board held on 18 March 2019 be noted.

11. GREATER MANCHESTER CARE LEAVERS TRUST

RESOLVED/-

1. That the principles of the GM Care Leavers Covenant and content of the GM Common Core Offer for Care Leavers across GM be approved.

2. That the Terms of Reference for the GM Care Leavers' Trust Board be agreed.
3. That the development of the 5 work streams for all GM Care Leavers and the project funding proposals be endorsed.
4. To approve the release of £517k of the DfE Innovation funding allocated to the delivery of a GM Care Leaver Trust, to enable successful implementation and in accordance with the financial plan be agreed for future commitments summarised as follows:
 - Project Management support – Circa £200K
 - Development of a GM mentoring scheme – Circa £50K
 - Accreditation and Training for Personal Assistants (statutory role to provide advice and support) – Circa £150K
 - Launch of the GM Covenant and Common Core Offer – Circa £10k
 - Marketing and Promotion – Circa £10k
 - Award a grant to Manchester City Council of £97k to cover costs incurred to date that has led to a development of a project/delivery plan, baseline data to enable the GMCA progress to the 'delivery phase' of the GM Care Leavers Trust.
5. That the GMCA records its thanks to Paul Marshall, Strategic Director of Children and Education Services at Manchester City Council for his work on progressing the Care Leavers Trust work.
6. That consideration be given to the addition of a young person with experience of living in the care system to the join the Care Leavers Trust Board.
7. That it be noted that there is potential for GM Local Authorities to access funds from the Project Management Support for their local initiatives.

12. OPPORTUNITY PASS, INCLUDING 16-18 FREE BUS TRAVEL

RESOLVED/-

1. That the key features of the proposal, including, in particular, the duration of the Pilot; the eligibility criteria for 16-18 year olds; and the proposed delivery model be noted.
2. That the outline scope of the Opportunity Pass and progress to date, including, in particular, the engagement with businesses and other stakeholders to explore opportunities to extend the scope of the Pilot beyond the provision of free bus travel be noted.
3. That Officers be requested to submit a progress update on the delivery of the Opportunity Pass to the GMCA in June 2019.

4. That the strategic and economic case for the provision of free bus travel for eligible young people be noted.
5. That it be noted that the financial case and funding sources for the provision of free bus travel for eligible young people, including, the financial information, has been included in the report to be considered in Part B of this agenda.
6. That the legal advice and EQIA undertaken in regard to the delivery of free bus travel for eligible young people be noted.
7. That the key risks relating to the delivery of free bus travel for eligible young people and the mitigating actions be noted.
8. That the proposal to implement the Pilot for a period of two years from 1 September 2019 be approved.
9. That delegated authority be given to the GMCA Chief Executive and TfGM Interim Chief Executive to take necessary decisions to ensure the delivery of the Opportunity Pass Pilot.
10. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to approve the decisions required to develop the budget and identify funding to deliver and operate the Opportunity Pass Pilot, as per paragraph 3.5 of this report.
11. That the GMCA record its thanks to Rose Marley, Programme Manager for the Opportunity Pass, and Chief Executive Officer for Sharp Futures for leading the work.

13. THE GREATER MANCHESTER MODEL - WHITE PAPER ON UNIFIED PUBLIC SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GREATER MANCHESTER

RESOLVED/-

1. That the intent of the White Paper be endorsed and that the consultation phase set out with all relevant stakeholders be actively supported.
2. That the intent of the White Paper and support the direction of travel set out within it with all their relevant partners be endorsed at a local level.
3. That it be noted that implementing the GM Model, as described in the White Paper does not require, and was not intended for, any transfer of statutory responsibilities from public bodies up to the GMCA.

4. That it be noted that publication of the White Paper is aligned with the GM Industrial Strategy and the GM Health & Social Care Prospectus, with a view to informing the 2019 spending review.
5. That the GMCA congratulate Carolyn Wilkins on her recent appointment to the NHS Assembly.

14. GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress to date with the development of the GM Industrial Strategy be noted and that the draft strategic priorities, which will form the basis of the full strategy be agreed.
2. That it be noted that negotiations with Government were at an advanced stage and it was expected that the strategy would be agreed imminently and launched following the Local Government elections in May.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to Simon Nokes, Executive Director of Strategy & Policy and officers at the GMCA for the work undertaken with Government to progress the development of the Local Industrial Strategy.
4. That the GMCA recognised the work of the Independent Prosperity Review had been fundamental in underpinning the development of the Local Industrial Strategy.
5. That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor Richard Leese for his leadership on this agenda.

15. FIVE YEAR ENVIRONMENT PLAN

RESOLVED/-

1. That the updates on any views/issues raised at the Green Summit be noted.
2. That the Executive Summary (Annex 01) and Environment Plan (Annex 02) be agreed.
3. That it be noted that the Plan now reflected the feedback from the GM Health & Social Care Partnership and the GMCA Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. That the GMCA recorded its thanks to all the partnership organisations who were involved in the organisation of the recent Green Summit.

5. That the GMCA acknowledge that this is likely to be Councillor Alex Ganotis' last meeting as a member of the GMCA and records its thanks to him, for all his work and in particular for his leadership on the Green City Region portfolio which has significantly contributed to the progress to date.
6. That it be noted that regular updates on the Five Year Environment Plan will be brought back to the GMCA as it develops.

16. GMCA CULTURAL STRATEGY

RESOLVED/-

1. That the process undertaken in development of the Strategy be noted.
2. That the Greater Manchester Culture Strategy be approved.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to the GMCA Cultural Team, under the leadership of Donna Hall for the development of the Cultural Strategy over the last 12 months.

17. DRAFT DRUG & ALCOHOL STRATEGY (2019-2021)

RESOLVED/-

1. That the broad objectives of the draft Greater Manchester Drug and Alcohol Strategy be approved.
2. That it be agreed to promote the application of the Strategy as a framework for localities and partners.
3. That the Strategy be approved for the period up to March 2021.
4. That the GMCA record it's thanks to colleagues who have been involved in the development of the Strategy.
5. That it be noted that there needs to be a further debate specifically around the wider issues associated with the use of Spice, both at a local and national level.

18. TURBO CHARGING EQUALITY FOR WOMEN & GIRLS IN GREATER MANCHESTER

RESOLVED/-

1. That the proposed areas of activity - to be further developed into a delivery plan - to turbo charge gender equality in GM be agreed.

2. That the principle of identifying resources to drive forward this agenda, working in partnership across GM and national agencies as appropriate be approved.
3. That Officers be requested to submit further updates of the work programme to future meetings of the GMCA.
4. That the GMCA recognise that gender equality needs to be addressed and driven through each of the GMCA portfolio areas.
5. That each of the GM Local Authorities be invited to provide an update on their work to improve gender equality to the Portfolio holder which can be shared at a future GMCA meeting and link to the GM level work.

19. MAYOR'S WALKING & CYCLING CHALLENGE FUND

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress of the first three tranches previously granted Programme Entry for inclusion in the MCF, as set out in section 2 of the report be noted.
2. That the fourth tranche of cycling and walking schemes, as set out in section 3 of the report, be approved for inclusion in Programme Entry in the MCF.
3. That it be noted that the schemes will be further developed; and would be submitted to the GMCA for approval, as appropriate, as set out in section 3 of the report.
4. That the GMCA Treasurer be authorised to make appropriate grants to cover forecast Tranche 4 development costs incurred by scheme promoters in 2019/20 up to a value of £5.4 million (as currently forecast).
5. That the release of up to £1.5 million funding to fund programme management and associated costs in 2019/20 be approved and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to make the necessary capital-revenue 'switch' as set out in section 4 of this report.
6. That the £0.26 million for the GM side-road zebra research commission, as set out in section 4.3 of this report, be approved and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to make the necessary capital-revenue 'switch' as set out in section 4 of this report.
7. That it be noted that schemes requiring a GMCA contribution of over £0.5 million would be submitted to the GMCA for individual approvals.
8. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive of the GMCA, in consultation with the Mayor, to approve schemes where the GMCA

contribution is less than £0.5 million, to approve consequent grant awards (including for development costs) and to agree variations to funding provided the total funding remains below £0.5 million.

20. TOWN CENTRE CHALLENGE UPDATE – MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

RESOLVED/-

1. That the outcome and responses to the consultation undertaken by the Mayor on the proposed designation of an area of land in Stockport as a Mayoral Development Area be noted.
2. To note the requirement to give due consideration to the proposal by the Mayor to designate an area as a Mayoral Development Area and to notify the Mayor within the consideration period if this GMCA proposes to reject the proposal.
3. That it be noted that the Mayor may designate the area of land as a Mayoral Development Area following the expiration of the consideration period where the GMCA has not rejected the proposal, and the consent of the member of the GMCA appointed by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council has been given.
4. That it be noted that subject to approval at recommendation 2 above, the Mayor shall publicise the designation, notify the secretary of state of the designation and the name to be given to the Mayoral Development Corporation, as follows: “Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation.”
5. That it be noted that the Mayor, in consultation with Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, would establish a shadow board in advance of the designation of the area to set the strategic direction for the area.
6. That it be agreed to mandate GMCA officers to work with MHCLG and Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council on the development of the necessary legislation, and to assist with the drafting of the constitutional and financial arrangements for the proposed Mayoral Development Corporation, in consultation with the Mayor.
7. That the GMCA record its thanks to the GMCA Housing & Planning Team and colleagues at Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council for their work on the proposals for a Mayoral Development Corporation in Stockport Town Centre West.
8. That it be noted that the Mayor would welcome bids for Mayoral Development Corporations from other GM Local Authorities.

21. DEVOLUTION OF THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET

RESOLVED/-

1. That the update be noted and that the proposed management fee be agreed.
2. That the proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded further education institutions identified be approved and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise in the course of discussions between each institution and GMCA.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader and Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeships (and subject to considerations around any conflicts of interest which might arise), to take forward AEB commissioning, including the procured element, to contract award.
4. That it be noted that the Mayor has approved the proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded local authorities identified.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise in the course of discussions between each authority and GMCA.
6. That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor Sean Fielding for the work undertaken in relation to the devolution of the Adult Education Budget.

22. GREATER MANCHESTER HM TREASURY SKILLS PILOT UPDATE

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report be noted and that the scope of proposed activity for each Pilot programme be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships, to agree:
 - a. Section 31 Grant conditions, including use and purpose of the management fee
 - b. The proposed commissioning route (for the Self-Employment Pilot); and Contract award as well as the proposal to grant-fund local authorities to develop 'Work Hubs' in their areas for self-employed individuals to access, responding to recommendations in the reports/reviews listed in section 3.2 (This will include a Mayoral Key Decision)

- c. The proposed granted route via The Princes Trust for the Future Workforce Fund
- d. The proposed development & co-design of training courses by employer / provider, facilitated by a grant scheme for the Digital Skills Pilot.

23. GREATER MANCHESTER CAREERS APPLICATION PLATFORM

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report be noted and that the GMCA request approval from each GM Local Authority to act as Joint Data Controller for the Platform on behalf of the 10 GM Local Authorities to utilise concurrent statutory powers and legislative duties held mainly by them (Education and Skills Act 2008 / Education Act 2007).
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships, to approve the contract award following the procurement process.

24. BREXIT MONITORING

RESOLVED/-

1. That the contents of the March Brexit Monitor (Appendix A) be noted.
2. That the contents of the Spring Statement Briefing (Appendix B) be noted.
3. That the update on Brexit preparatory work underway across Greater Manchester be noted.

25/26. GMCA TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND GMCA CAPITAL STRATEGY FUND

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Capital Strategy as presented be approved.
2. That the recommendations of the GMCA Audit Committee in relation to the Annual Treasury Management Strategy be approved.

27. GMCA BUSINESS INVESTMENT STRATEGY

RESOLVED/-

That the Investment Strategy, as detailed in the report, be approved.

28. GROWTH COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN

RESOLVED/-

That the report and the priorities for 2019/20 included in the Business Plan be endorsed.

29. GMCA LOCAL GROWTH DEAL (1,2&3) – SIX MONTHLY TRANSPORT PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED/-

1. That the current position in relation to the Growth Deal Major Schemes programme be noted.
2. That the proposed governance approach for SBNI and Oldham Town Centre Regeneration schemes be noted.
3. That the current position in relation to the Growth Deal Minor Works and Additional Priorities programmes be noted.
4. That the funding of up to £1 million advance utility works for the Gt Ancoats Street Major Scheme, by way of grant to Manchester City Council, under the arrangements as set out in paragraph 3.9 be approved.

30. ACQUISITION OF LOAN TO PROTOS FINANCE LIMITED FROM EVERGREEN FUND TO GMCA

RESOLVED/-

1. That the purchase of the existing loan and provision of the remainder of the £12.1m facility (excluding interest) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the loan, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan at a) above;
3. That the proposed amendment to the capital programme be approved.
4. That it be noted that the GMCA Treasury Strategy, would incorporate provision for such investments.

31. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK APPROVALS

RESOLVED/-

1. That the funding application for Apadmi Limited (loan of £200k) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the company, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investment at a) above.
3. That authority be delegated for the period 30 March 2019 to 31 May 2019 to the GMCA Chief Executive and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the GMCA Mayor and the Portfolio Lead for Investment to approve funding requests for projects in the absence of a Combined Authority meeting in April and approve any urgent variations on amounts and terms for already approved loans.
4. That it be noted that recommendations approved under the delegation would be subject to the usual due diligence processes and will be reported to the Combined Authority at the next available meeting.

32. GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLVED/-

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loan as outlined in the table below be approved:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Harrison Hunt (Vicarage Gardens) Ltd.	St George's Vicarage, Heaviley	Stockport	£1.277m
Citybranch SPV	Chapel Square, Regent Road, Altrincham	Trafford	£12.931m

2. That the use of £570,000 City Deal Receipts to provide additional lending to the St George's Vicarage scheme be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

4. That authority be delegated, for the period 30 March 2019 to 31 May 2019, to the GMCA Chief Executive and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the GMCA Mayor and the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure to approve funding requests for projects in the absence of a Combined Authority meeting in April and approve any urgent variations on amounts and terms for already approved loans. Note that recommendations approved under the delegation will be subject to the usual due diligence processes and will be reported to the Combined Authority at the next available meeting.

33. EXCLUSION OF 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 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

34. OPPORTUNITY PASS, INCLUDING 16-18 FREE BUS TRAVEL

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 12 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

1. That the financial information, including, in particular, the 'base case' cost and affordability range of the provision free bus travel for eligible young people be noted.
2. That it be noted that the future year costs, above those approved as part of the GMCA Transport Revenue Budget for 2019/20, that will need to be funded by new funding sources and / or an additional precept (as set out in paragraphs 6.8 and 6.10 of the Part A report).

35. GROWTH COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 28 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

36. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK APPROVALS

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 31 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

37. ACQUISITION OF LOAN TO PROTOS FINANCE LIMITED FROM EVERGREEN FUND TO GMCA

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 30 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

38. GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 32 above refers).

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here:

https://www.gmcameetings.co.uk/meetings/meeting/668/greater_manchester_combined_authority

This decision notice was issued Wednesday 3 April 2019 on behalf of Eamonn Boylan, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is 4.00pm on Wednesday 10 April 2019.

Call-In Process

In accordance with the scrutiny procedure rules, these decisions would come into effect five days after the publication of this notice unless before that time any three members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee decides to call-in a decision.

Members must give notice in writing to the Chief Executive that they wish to call-in a decision, stating their reason(s) why the decision should be scrutinised. The period between the publication of this decision notice and the time a decision may be implemented is the 'call-in' period.

Decisions which have already been considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and where the GMCA's decision agrees with the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may not be called in.