

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 2020**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bolton	Councillor Martin Cox
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Tom McGee
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molynuex

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tameside	Councillor Leanne Feeley
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA - Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA - Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA – GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	Gemma Marsh
Young Person's Guarantee, Chair	Diane Modhal

1. APOLOGIES

1. That apologies be received and noted from Cllr Elise Wilson (Cllr Tom McGee attending),

Cllr David Greenhalgh (Cllr Martin Cox attending) and Pam Smith.

2. That apologies from Councillor Allen Brett and Steve Rumbelow (Rochdale), who were unable to join due to technical difficulties be noted.

2. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

1. That the GMCA express its disappointment that the Government had decided that GM will remain Tier 3, despite the Covid related data evidencing the decline in infection rates in all GM districts and overall the number of cases in GM now being below the national average.
2. That the GMCA recognise the exceptional challenges for businesses as a result of GM remaining in Tier 3, in particular those businesses in the hospitality sector, and the GMCA would continue to lobby Government for extra support for those businesses unable to open and operate in the usual way.
3. That the GMCA would continue to urge Government to provide clarity on the thresholds that would enable GM to move to Tier 2, together with a full review of tiers at the earliest opportunity.
4. That it be noted that the GM Mayor and Deputy Mayor would be making a statement later today following the recent announcement by HMIC (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services) regarding the requirement for Greater Manchester Police to enter special measures.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

That Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett and Councillor Richard Leese declared a personal, prejudicial disclosable interest in Item 18 – GM Investment Framework Approvals.

4. MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING – 27 NOVEMBER 2020

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 27 November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES HELD DURING DECEMBER 2020

1. That the minutes of the Economy, Business Skills & Growth Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 4 December 2020 be noted.
2. That the minutes of the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 8 December 2020 be noted.

6. GMCA APPOINTMENTS

1. That the appointment of Councillor Carter, replacing Councillor Duffield (Trafford), on the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee be approved.
2. That the appointment of Councillor Adshead, replacing Councillor Lloyd (Trafford) on the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee be approved.

YOUNG PERSONS GUARANTEE

That the report and final project report be noted.

2. That the further development of the Young Person's Guarantee into a set of actions with Key Performance Indicators be agreed, covering:
 - I. Staff resource
capacity to develop the scope of the actions and recommendations (from the final project report attached) within the context of the city-region; across partners, business & LAs. This will sit in the GMCA (W&S Team) and work across all areas within the recommendations to act as a connector to develop the work.
 - II. Exploration of
additional resource requirements to deliver the recommendations in the final project report and where this is within current budgets or where there are gaps; also what can be taken forward at no cost.
 - III. Accountability
process retaining Diane Modahl as Chair of the Young Persons Guarantee, including the engagement of the GM Youth Combined Authority.
 - IV. Evaluation of what
has been successful: Have we reached Young People...One year on.
3. That the GMCA commit to action in localities by supporting the generation of further commitments that will be published on the GM Apprenticeships & Careers Service.
4. That the extension of the Our Pass Pilot for further year, from 1 September 2021, be approved.
5. That a further report be submitted to the GMCA on progress against the developed Key Performance Indicators.
6. That it be noted that the GMCA would continue to make further representations to Government in the New Year regarding the fair allocation of examination grades for current Year 11 and Year 13 pupils in recognition of the time spent out of the classroom during the Covid 19 pandemic.

8. NO CHILD GOES HUNGRY

1. That it be noted that the GMCA supports the immediate intentions of the No Child Should Go Hungry campaign over the Winter to fill gaps in national provision and provide further support to work being led locally.
2. That it be noted that whilst there was a crisis response element to this campaign it was intended that a more upstream approach to fulfilling the pledge 'No Child Should Go Hungry' in GM would be developed over coming months, building on learning through this phase.

9. LIVING WITH COVID RESILLIENCE PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

1. That the progress made over the first quarter delivery and the overall progress as reported in the Greater Manchester Strategy outcomes dashboards be noted.
2. That the GMCA would continue to pursue tackling the impact of inequalities, digital exclusion and improving the provision of mental health support services.
3. That the GMCA's commitment to ensuring that all new policies would be assessed against their potential impact on inequalities be reaffirmed.

10 MONTHLY ECONOMIC RECOVERY DASHBOARD

1. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience dashboard be noted.
2. That it be noted that the online version of the Economic Recovery Dashboard was updated regularly and available online.
3. That the recent news regarding the future ownership of the Trafford Centre be welcomed given the significant role in providing employment opportunities and the wider economic impact across GM.

11 GREATER MANCHESTER PREPARATIONS FOR EU EXIT AND UPDATED ANALYSIS ON THE POSSIBLE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

1. That the work underway by the GM Brexit Readiness Group to understand the impacts arising from EU exit and the coordination of responses from across the city-region be noted.
2. That the work underway on the GM International Strategy and ongoing partnership working with EU nations to develop GM opportunities in the future be noted.
3. That the update provided regarding EU funding sources be noted.
4. That the refreshed economic analysis undertaken and possible implications for the GM economy be noted.

5. That it be noted that the GMCA would continue to engage with Government to pursue a deal for UK that maintains a trading relationship with the EU, given that an 'Australian Style Deal' would be detrimental to the economy.

12 THE MAYORS CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND (MCF) - (KEY DECISION)

1. That the agreed MCF delivery priorities across GM and the prioritised first phase for the programme, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.
2. That £6.3 million MCF funding for the three named schemes be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable the signing of a delivery agreement.
3. That the release of up to £2.12 million of development cost funding for the 4 MCF schemes, set out in section 2 of the report, be approved.
4. That the addition to the 2020/21 Capital Programme of £12.7 million of costs to be funded from the capital grant of £12.7 million that forms part of the £15.9 million of Active Travel (Tranche 2) funding, as set out in section 4 of the report, be approved.
5. That the addition of the £3.2 million to the GMCA Transport Revenue Budget, funded from the £3.2 million revenue grant that forms part of the £15.9 million of Active Travel (Tranche 2) funding, as set out in section 4 of the report, be approved.
6. That the GMCA would urge the Cycling and Walking Commissioner and his team to look for further avenues to build greater capacity within the bee network to further improve connectivity.

13 LOCAL GROWTH DEAL UPDATE AND APPROVALS

1. That the progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Transport Programme, as set out in Section 3 of the report, be noted.
2. That the progress made in relation to the non transport Skills Capital and Economic Development & Regeneration (ED &R) programmes, as set out in Section 5 of the report, be noted.
3. That the £5.4 million variation of the Growth Deal Transport Grant to maximise eligible grant spend on the Mayors Challenge Fund Cycling and Walking programme for 2020/2021, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be agreed.

14 GREEN HOMES GRANT LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY SCHEME: PHASE 1B - (KEY DECISION)

1. That it be agreed that GM Local Authorities should collectively bid for £5-6m of Green Homes Grant, to extend the existing green homes grant funded programme from March 21 to September 21.
2. That it be agreed that the GMCA should be the accountable body for the bid on

behalf of GM Local Authorities and Registered Providers.

3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer, subject to a successful bid, to contract with BEIS, receipt and defray the funds to partners.
4. That it be noted that equalities impact from this proposal will be managed via utilising delivery companies with robust equality policies, and to note the environmental outcome is to substantially reduce the carbon emissions from approximately 500 homes in Greater Manchester.

15 SOCIAL HOUSING DECARBONISATION FUND DEMONSTRATOR - (KEY DECISION)

1. That it be noted that GM's bid for circa £7m of Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator funding from BEIS had not been successful, although GM had been included in the reserve list.
2. That it be agreed that the GMCA should be the accountable body for the bid on behalf of GM Local Authorities and Registered Providers, in the event that GM bid was brought forward from the reserve list of bids.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer, subject to a successful bid, to contract with BEIS, receipt and defray the funds to partners, in the event that the GM bid was brought forward from the reserve list.
4. That it be noted that in the event that the GM bid was brought forward from the reserve list, equalities impact from this proposal will be managed via utilising delivery companies with robust equality policies and to note the environmental outcome is to substantially reduce the carbon emissions from approximately 250 social homes in GM and to demonstrate innovative delivery mechanisms which can be upscaled and replicated.

16 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK PROGRAMME - PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDING UPGRADE (PSBU) - (KEY DECISION)

1. That it be agreed that the GMCA should enter into a grant funding agreement with DCMS and Manchester City Council to confirm GMCA as the administrative lead for the PSBU as well as the PSAT element of the LFFN programme as set out in this report.
2. That an increase in the GMCA's Capital Programme of up to £835,000 to reflect the maximum grant from DCMS for the Manchester City Council LFFN PSBU programme be approved.
3. That it be noted that Salford City Council will not be pursuing its application to DCMS for a small amount of PSBU LFFN grant funding.
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to review and complete all necessary legal documentation relating to the grant funding agreement to be

entered into between (1) DCMS (as Funder), (2) GMCA (as Administrative Lead for the DCMS LFFN PSBU Grant) and (3) Manchester City Council (as LFFN PSBU Grant Recipient) .

17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS - (KEY DECISION)

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

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Greengate Investments 1 Ltd	Collier's Yard, Greengate	Salford	£37.562m
Great Jackson Street Investments Ltd	The Blade	Manchester	£32.438m

2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

18 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK - CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

That it be noted that the meeting was inquorate for consideration of this report and the accompanying report at item 21 of the agenda.

Note: the report will be dealt with under the Chief Executive's delegated powers and the decision published separately.

19 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.

20 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted.

21 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK - CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

That it be noted that the meeting was inquorate for consideration of this report.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Democracy-Template - Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/DEMOCRACY-Template)

This decision notice was issued 22 December 2020 on behalf of Julie Connor, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is 4.00pm on 31 December 2020.

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.