

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 28 JULY, 2023**

PRESENT:

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| Mayor of Greater Manchester | Andy Burnham (in the Chair) |
| Deputy Mayor (Police, Crime & Fire) | Kate Green |
| Bury | Councillor Eamonn O'Brien |
| Bolton | Councillor Akhtar Zaman |
| Oldham | Councillor Arooj Shah |
| Rochdale | Councillor Neil Emmott |
| Salford | City Mayor Paul Dennett |
| Stockport | Councillor Mark Hunter |
| Tameside | Councillor Ged Cooney |
| Wigan | Councillor David Molyneux |

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Manchester | Councillor Luthfur Rahman |
| Rochdale | Councillor Janet Emsley |

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM | Eamonn Boylan |
| GMCA Deputy Chief Executive | Andrew Lightfoot |
| GMCA Monitoring Officer | Gillian Duckworth |
| GMCA Treasurer | Steve Wilson |
| Bolton | Lee Fallows |
| Bury | Lynne Ridsdale |
| Manchester | Carol Culley |
| Oldham | Harry Catherall |
| Rochdale | Steve Rumbelow |
| Salford | John Searle |

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| Stockport | Caroline Simpson |
| Tameside | Sandra Stewart |
| Trafford | Sara Todd |
| Wigan | Alison McKenzie-Folan |
| Office of the GM Mayor | Kevin Lee |
| GMCA | Sylvia Welsh |
| GMCA | Lee Teasdale |
| TfGM | Helen Humble |
| TfGM | Rosalind O'Driscoll |

1. Apologies

That apologies be received from Councillor Nicholas Peel (Bolton), Councillor Bev Craig (Manchester), Councillor Tom Ross (Trafford), Sue Johnson (Bolton), Joanne Roney (Manchester) & Tom Stannard (Salford).

2. Chairs Announcements and Urgent Business

1. That the update following recent high profile news stories in relation to Greater Manchester Police be received.
2. That updates on the Dame Vera Baird KC led review be submitted to the GMCA as and when appropriate.
3. That Chief Constable Stephen Watson be invited to a forthcoming GMCA meeting to provide his own view on the matters.
4. That the following motion be agreed:

This Committee resolves to support the action of the Mayor of Greater Manchester and other Mayors in opposing the current proposal to close ticket offices in rail stations.

We call on the Rail Delivery Group to halt the current process and undertake a full consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Act 2005.

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes of the GMCA Meeting Held on 30th June 2023

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 30 June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

5. GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee Minutes – 7 June 2023

That the minutes of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 7 June 2023 be noted.

6. GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee Minutes – 13 July 2023

1. That the minutes of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 13 July 2023 be noted.

2. That the appointment of Councillor Alan Quinn as the Chair of the Waste & Recycling Committee for this municipal year be approved.

7. Greater Manchester Air Quality Administration Committee – 13 July 2023

That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Air Quality Administration Committee meeting held on 13 July 2023 be noted.

8. GMCA Audit Committee Minutes – 21 July 2023

Item withdrawn.

9. Greater Manchester Appointments

1. That Councillor Elizabeth Patel (Trafford) (Labour) be appointed to the Growth Company Board.
2. That Councillor Sean Ennis (Trafford) (Liberal Democrat) be appointed to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
3. That Councillor Christine Roberts (Wigan) (Labour) be appointed as a substitute to the GMCA Audit Committee.

10. Evaluation of the GMCA Scrutiny Function and Annual Report

1. That the draft of the annual report in conjunction with the independent evaluation, as set out in Annex A, be noted.
2. That it be noted that the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee will submit a report on their activities to the GMCA on an annual basis.

11. Greater Manchester Integrated Technical Education City Region

1. That the update be welcomed and that the next steps over the coming months, as set out in paragraph 4, be noted as follow:
 - Analysis of the stakeholder consultation and public poll responses will be completed and will inform the further development of the technical education/MBacc proposals.
 - Framing of the seven Employer Boards (one per career gateway) to help employers shape clear pathways for young people into the jobs of the future and understanding the areas of study needed for these pathways. In this way it will create the same clarity around the technical education route as already exists around the university route. These Employer Boards will sit within the wider governance and accountability landscape linked to the Devolution Deal, including arrangements for implementing the LSIP recommendations. These Boards will be established in the early Autumn.

2. That it be noted that that developmental work will continue over the summer and further details will follow with the intention to submit proposals for the new governance arrangements to the GMCA in September 2023 for consideration and approval.
3. That feedback from public polling be submitted to a future meeting of the GMCA.

12. Local Area Energy Programme – Strategic Outline Business Case

1. That the report and the proposed approach to delivering the outcomes from the GM Local Area Energy Plan be noted.
2. That the investigation and development of outline business cases to accelerate inward investment and delivery be noted.
3. That the development of regional delivery structure, operating model and required capacity be endorsed.
4. That the need for additional dedicated resource to support development of new commercial and finance solutions, the approach to which will be set out in a further report in relation to further work following agreement to the Strategic Outline Business Case, be endorsed.
5. That the submission of a circa £5m bid to Innovate UK Net Zero Living: Pathfinder Places, to support delivery of the above, with the GMCA to act as the accountable body, be approved.
6. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA and TfGM and GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader, Green City Region, to finalise the bid, receive and defray funding if successful.

13. Domestic Energy Advice Demonstrator Project

1. That the forthcoming opportunity presented by the LEAD funding be noted.

2. That the proposed approach, with the GMCA acting as the accountable body for the LEAD programme, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Lead Portfolio Lead for Green City Region to
 - Sign a grant funding agreement with the DESNZ to receive grant funding for a GM LEAD project up to £2.14m.
 - Expend the awarded grant funds by defrayed agreements via the funding partners i.e., 3 Local Authorities, 2 Social Enterprises, 2 private business and a cooperative.

14. Atom Valley Business Plan

That the Atom Valley MDZ Business Plan 2023 - 2024 (Appendix A) be approved.

15. UKSPF – Communities and Place Wigan Council Phase 2

1. That Wigan Council be granted up to £1,958,294 of GM'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 Wigan Council Communities and Place UKSPF investment across Phases 1 and 2 to a maximum of £3,008,294.
2. That the additional impact of the Wigan 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.

16. Proposal for the Commissioning of Support for the Social Economy

1. That the recommendations of the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board on the strategic fit and deliverability of the UKSPF proposal for the creation of an Inclusive Ownership Platform and associated business support activity be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for the Economy, Business and International and Portfolio Lead for Resources and Investment, to approve the procurement method and subsequent award of contract(s) worth £825,000 across the following indicative allocations:
 - £460,000 for specialist support activities which address gaps or weaknesses in the current support available to inclusively owned businesses: and
 - £365,000 for the creation and management of the GM Inclusive Ownership Platform, delivering the UKSPF outputs and outcomes described in this report.

17. GMCA Revenue Update Quarter 1 2023/24

1. That an increase to the Mayoral budget of £500k funded from Mayoral reserves towards the cost of additional extended rough sleeper provision provided through Manchester City Council (para 3.2) be approved.
2. That an increase to the revenue grant to Transport for Greater Manchester of £7.8m funded from the Capital Programme Reserve to fund capital financing costs that are unable to be met from Metrolink revenues (para. 6.14) be approved.
3. That the intention to re-allocate £15m of Bus Service Improvement Programme (BSIP) grant funding previously awarded by Department for Transport to support bus services, with £7.5m of this re-allocation to be utilised in 2023/24 and £7.5m in 2024/25 (para 6.14) be noted.

18. GMCA Capital Update Quarter 1 2023/24

1. That the current 2023/24 forecast of £681.3m compared to the 2023/24 budget of £591.8m be noted and changes to the capital programme, as set out in the report, be approved.
2. That an increase in the Transport capital budget, approved by GMCA in June 2023 as part of the Transport Capital Programme report for the City Region Sustainable Transport schemes of £41.4m, as outlined in section 2.9, be noted. That the inclusion within this figure of Greater Manchester's (GM's) share of the national Additional Maintenance (Pothole) Funding of £6.2m within the 2023/24 forecast, as outlined in section 2.9.4 of this report, also be noted.
3. That other increases in capital budget over £500k be approved as follows:
 - Active Travel Fund 4 (ATF4) capital funding of £3.6m as outlined in section 2.5;
 - Access for All of £2.8m as outlined at section 2.7;
 - GM One Network of £1.8m as outlined at section 2.14;
 - Regional Growth Fund Loans of £3.9m outlined at section 3.1;
 - Growing Places of £9.3m for outlined at section 3.2;
 - Housing Investment Loans Fund of £9.6m outlined at section 3.3;
 - Brownfield Land Fund of £16.4m outlined at section 3.7;
 - Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding of £1.8m outlined at section 3.9;
 - UK Share Prosperity Fund carry forward of £1m unspent approvals from 2022/23 outlined at section 3.10;
 - Social Housing Decarbonisation funding of £26.7m outlined at section 3.11;

- Social Housing Quality Fund of £15.0m outlined at section 3.12;
- Homeless Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme of £2.1m outlined at section 3.13 and
- Fire and Rescue Services of £4.0m outlined as section 4.

19. Greater Manchester Investment Framework Annual Report

That the contents of the report be noted.

20. Greater Manchester Investment Framework – Request for Delegation

1. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources, to approve projects for funding and approve urgent variations to the terms of funding in the period 29 July 2023 to 28th September 2023
2. That it be noted that any recommendations that are approved under the delegation will be reported to the next available meeting of the GMCA.

21. Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loans / City Deal Receipts / Greater Manchester Brownfield Programme

1. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Housing, to approve projects for GMHILF and/or City Deal Receipts funding, and agree urgent variations to the terms of GMHILF and/or City Deal Receipts funding, in the period 29 July 2023 to 28 September 2023.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Housing, to approve further allocations of brownfield funding, that has been devolved to GMCA, in the period 29 July 2023 to 28 September 2023.

3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and the GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.
4. That it be noted that any recommendations that are approved under the delegation will be reported to the next available meeting of the Combined Authority.

22. Delivering the Bee Network: Fares and Products

1. That the proposed range of fares and products that will be available to customers travelling on franchised bus services from 24th September 2023 be approved.
2. That the recommendations and feedback from the GM Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Bee Network Committee be noted.

23. Greater Manchester Bus Strategy: Better Buses for the Bee Network

1. That the draft Greater Manchester Bus Strategy be approved.
2. That the recommendations and feedback from the Bee Network Committee be noted.
3. That the principle of the replication of the Bee Network Committee model at a district level to better control and coordinate the deployment of Bus Services be endorsed.

24. Metrolink Contract Extension

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the recommendations and feedback from the Bee Network Committee be noted.

3. That the proposed terms of an extension to the MOMA with KAM from 21 July 2024 to 25 July 2027 be approved.
4. That it be noted that a large-scale review of the vision for Metrolink will be undertaken late 2024/ 2025, noting the review will include any potential Metrolink network expansion and the current financial compensatory arrangements in place for those authorities who do not currently have a Metrolink service.

25. 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.

PART B

26. Metrolink Contract Extension

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the recommendations and feedback from the Bee Network Committee be noted.

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 24 above refers).

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Agenda for Greater Manchester Combined Authority on Friday, 28th July, 2023, 10.30 am - Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](#)

This decision notice was issued 31 July 2023 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 7 August 2023.

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 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 the 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.