

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 2023**

PRESENT:

Mayor of Greater Manchester	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
Deputy Mayor (Police, Crime & Fire)	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Nicholas Peel
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Bolton	Councillor Nadim Muslim
Tameside	Councillor Jacqueline North

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer	Gillian Duckworth
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
GMCA Director of Governance & Scrutiny	Julie Connor
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard

Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Julian Jackson
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
TfGM	Steve Warrener
TfGM	Martin Lax
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lee Teasdale

1. Apologies

That apologies be received from Councillor David Molyneux (Wigan), Councillor Ged Cooney (Tameside) & Sandra Stewart (Tameside).

2. Chairs Announcements and Urgent Business

1. That the update on continued concerns around the performance of Avanti West Coast Rail be received.
2. That a request be made that all trains leaving, or travelling towards Manchester, fully declassify their 1st class carriages when offering a reduced service.
3. That the GMCA welcomes the vote of confidence shown in the city region's cultural aspirations with the announced relocation of the English National Opera to Greater Manchester from 2029.
4. That it be noted that the Clean Air Administration Committee would be considering the finalised plans for a non-charging investment led approach to a Clean Air Zone for the city region at a meeting on 20 December 2023, and, that with Government agreement, would offer a fairer and more democratic approach for all residents.
5. That a re-emphasis be placed on calls made to Government to ban 'out of area' working currently allowed on taxi licences to end the unfair and

currently unmanageable approach to ensuring taxi emission standards were met within the region.

6. That the update on the House of Lords Education Select Committee's Report strongly endorsing the approach being taken to the development of the Greater Manchester Baccalaureate be received.
7. That the update by the Deputy Mayor for Safer and Stronger Communities on the launch of the GM Violence Reduction Strategy be received.
8. That the update on the forthcoming review of rail infrastructure, to be led by Juergen Maier, be received.
9. That the update on discussions around the development of a new northern powerhouse rail connection, that would align the Liverpool City Region's and Greater Manchester's favoured path to HS2 links be received.
10. That it be confirmed that all discussions with Government on rail links will reaffirm Greater Manchester's position that it should not contribute to a new rail station at Manchester Airport, and reaffirm the development of an underground station at Manchester Piccadilly was required.

3 Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes of the GMCA Meeting Held on 24 November 2023

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 24 November 2023 be approved as a correct record.

5. Minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee held on 24 November 2023

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6. Minutes of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee Minutes held on 22 November 2023

That the minutes of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 22 November 2023 be noted.

7. Minutes of the Bee Network Committee Meeting held on 23 November 2023

That the minutes of the Bee Network Committee meeting held on 23 November 2023 be noted.

8. Appointment to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee

That Councillor Ged Carter (Trafford) be appointed as a substitute member to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

9. Cost of Living & Economic Resilience

1. That the renewal of the latest assessment and emerging response and views given on the next steps in that response be noted.
2. That the signing of a letter drafted on behalf of all ten Greater Manchester Local Authorities to Government to extend the existing Household Support Fund offer for those most in need be agreed.

10. Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan Renewing Our Vision

1. That the development of a Greater Manchester's transport vision as part of a refreshed Local Transport Plan be noted.
2. That the 'Renewing Our Vision' stakeholder engagement document be approved.
3. That the comments raised by Councillor Nadim Muslim on behalf of the Greater Manchester Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and

noted.

4. That Greater Manchester reaffirms its commitment to lobbying Government for devolved funding to allow the region to implement schemes improving disability access at rail stations.
5. That it be advised that the Rapid Transport Strategy due for publication in the new year would set out plans around potential Metrolink extensions, and that comments raised through the forthcoming round table with Stockport business leaders would aid in informing the approach.

11. GMCA Statement of Intent for Delivery of GMCA Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) and Great British Insulation Schemes

1. That the progress made to date in delivering ECO4, the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, and the Local Energy Advice Demonstrator Project in Greater Manchester be noted.
2. That the centralised management of ECO4 and GBIS Flex by the GMCA for the whole of Greater Manchester be approved.
3. That the GMCA ECO4 and GBIS Flex Statement of Intent V5 (Annex 1) be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, to sign the Statement of Intent on behalf of the GMCA.
5. That the numerous long term significant positive impacts on health and wellbeing, jobs and skills, and carbon reduction, through an increase in home energy efficiency and a reduction in fuel poverty, identified in the Sustainability Assessment, be noted.

12. UKSPF Proposal for Local Business Intervention E23 – Key Decision

1. That the proposal for the £0.5m experimental programme of business

support to directly tackle inequalities be noted.

2. That it be agreed that the proposal was a strategic fit with the GM UKSPF Investment Plan and was deliverable, as set out in this report.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Economy and Inclusive Growth and Portfolio Lead for Resources and Investment, to agree the procurement method and subsequent award of contract(s) worth up to £0.5m.

13. 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 agree urgent variations to the terms of funding in the period 16th December 2023 to 25th January 2024.
2. That it be noted that any recommendations approved under the delegation will be reported to the next available meeting of the GMCA.

14. Investment in New Mechanical Sorting Infrastructure – Key Decision

That the options appraisal be noted and the recommended approach for the future investment in recycle sorting infrastructure be approved.

15. Provision of Future Waste Disposal Services

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That approval be given for the initiation of discussions with the current contractor to extend the WRMS and HWRCMS contracts in accordance with contract clauses.

3. That the comments raised by Councillor Nadim Muslim on behalf of the Greater Manchester Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

16. 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

17. Provision of Future Waste Disposal Services

That the contents of the report be noted.

18. Land Acquisition – Manchester – Exempt from Call-In

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Greater Manchester Combined Authority 15th December 2023](#)

This decision notice was issued 18 December 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 27 December 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.