

DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2016 AT SALFORD CIVIC CENTRE

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	Councillor John Merry
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

GMF&RS	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

DEPUTY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Brenda Warrington (Tameside)	Health and Social Care
Councillor Wendy Wild (Stockport)	Health and Social Care
Councillor Linda Thomas (Bolton)	Health and Social Care
Councillor Paula Boshell (Salford)	Planning and Housing
Councillor Aasim Rashid (Rochdale)	Low Carbon, Waste and Environment
Councillor Lynn Travis (Tameside)	Low Carbon, Waste and Environment
Councillor Jenny Bullen (Wigan)	Skills and Employment
Councillor Abdul Jabbar (Oldham)	Skills and Employment
Councillor Donna Martin (Rochdale)	Children's Services
Councillor Linda Blackburn (Trafford)	Children's Services
Councillor Dylan Butt (Trafford)	Economic Strategy
Councillor Ebrahim Adia (Bolton)	Economic Strategy
Councillor Sue Murphy (Manchester)	Reform

Councillor Jo Platt (Wigan)	Transport
Councillor Angeliki Stogia (Manchester)	Fairness, Equalities and Cohesion
Councillor Jane Black (Bury)	Fairness, Equalities and Cohesion

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Howard Bernstein	Manchester CC
Maggie Kufeldt	Oldham Council
Pauline Kane	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Alison McKenzie Folan	Wigan Council
Ian Hopkins	GM Police
GM Fire & Rescue Service	Paul Argyle
Simon Warburton	Transport for Greater Manchester
Simon Nokes	New Economy
Adam Allen	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Clare Monaghan	Interim Mayor's Office
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Head of the Paid Service
Julie Connor	Head of GMIST
Rebecca Heron	GM Integrated Support Team
Sylvia Welsh	GM Integrated Support Team
Paul Harris	GM Integrated Support Team

183/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from City Mayor Paul Dennett. Councillor John Merry deputised in the City Mayor's absence.

Donna Hall (Wigan), Steve Rumbelow, (Rochdale) Steven Pleasant, (Tameside), Jim Taylor (Salford), Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham), Jon Lamonte (TfGM) and Peter O'Reilly (GMF&RS).

184/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Sean Anstee and Richard Leese each declared a personal interest in Item 9 Capital Expenditure Update 2016/17 and Item 10 GMCA Revenue Update 2016/17 as they are each Board Members of the Manchester Growth Company.

Councillor Leese also declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to Item 14 Greater Manchester Housing Fund Requests and the Part B report at Item 18 as he is a Director of the Manchester Ship Canal Company. In declaring this interest, Councillor Leese wished to make it clear that he had no connection with the company indicated with in the reports that had applied for the grant.

185/16 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 30 September 2016 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 30 September 2016 as a correct record.

186/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF GMCA

Consideration was given to a report advising members of those strategic decisions that were to be considered by the GMCA over the forthcoming months.

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions, as set out in the report.

187/16 REFRESHING THE GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY – TIMETABLE AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report outlining the agreed approach for the engagement of GM residents, businesses and stakeholders in the refresh of the Greater Manchester Strategy, ensuring that all stakeholders have the opportunity to shape and influence the emerging strategy.

The paper also details the proposed timetable and provides a brief update of progress to date.

Members noted that both the Greater Manchester Strategy and Transport Strategy for Greater Manchester were key strategies for the Greater Manchester Strategy and as part of the refreshing process it was noted that there was a need to emphasise the work taking place to develop strong communities, such as working well and troubled families and a concept of a strong place.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note that further updates on progress will be provided as the conversation develops.
2. To note the timetable and that the approach set out in the report meet the objectives for the consultation.

188/16 GM-CONNECT FUNDING

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report which provided a summary of the funding requests for Phase 2 of GM-Connect and sought Members' approval to draw down resources from within the overall GM-Connect budget.

Members noted that the Phase Two funding, which would commence mid November, will be used to continue the GM-Connect programme and add additional resources to the team, stand up an Architecture Design & Commissioning Function to help ensure transparency and consistency in information sharing across Greater Manchester (work that will be aligned with the requirements of the Health and Social Care IM&T strategy and place-based work across GM), the execution of co-designed information sharing activities with partners, and the development of resident and partner engagement activities as set out in the report.

Members noted that the Treasurer was to oversee the GM Connect funding process to ensure value for money and sustainability.

RESOLVED/-

To note and approve the GM-Connect Phase two draw down funding requests for the next twelve month period, as set out below:-

Area	FY 16/17 Cost	FY 17/18 Cost	Total Cost
Information Sharing Support capacity increase	£50,000	£100,000	£150,000
Architecture Design & Commissioning Function	£100,000	£150,000	£250,000
Use Case Progression and Delivery	£150,000	£100,000	£250,000
Resident and Partner Engagement	£50,000	£100,000	£150,000
Core GM-Connect staffing	£120,000	£480,000	£600,000
Total:	£ 470,000	£930,000	£ 1,400,000

189/16 GREATER MANCHESTER BREXIT MONITOR

Councillor Richard Leese, introduced a report which presented Members with an update on the progress with work to understand the full implications of Brexit on GM and develop an appropriate policy response. An analysis on the key issues identified for GM's key growth sectors and major employment sectors was provided and identified three principles which should underpin the UK's negotiation of the terms of the withdrawal from the EU to support continued growth and prosperity in GM.

In addition, Members noted that the latest edition of the monthly Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor was appended to the report and provided a real-time snap shot of the economic and policy impact of Brexit.

The Chair highlighted that Greater Manchester needed to be represented as part of the Brexit negotiations in order for the specific requirements for its economy to be addressed.

In response to an enquiry from a Member regarding the purported agreement between Government and Nissan, Councillor Leese noted that Greater Manchester's economy

needed to retain foreign owned companies and international trade in GM and would seek for any agreement with Nissan to be also applied to Greater Manchester should the need arise.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the contents of the latest GM Brexit Monitor.
2. To note the updated review of risks and opportunities by sector as summarised in section 3 to the report.
3. To confirm the three principles for withdrawal from the EU which have been identified, as set out in section 4 to the report, and that these principles should form the basis of future discussions with Government.

190/16 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE UPDATE 2016/17

[note: Councillors Sean Anstee and Richard Leese each declared a personal interest in this item.]

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy and Finance, introduced a report presenting an update in relation to the GMCA 2016/17 capital expenditure programme.

The report also sought approval from Members for the utilisation of £1million of the Growth Deal grant to support the Manchester Growth Company - Digital Capital project to enable the Business Growth Hub to implement new advanced technologies to enhance its service delivery to Small and Medium Enterprises across Greater Manchester. Members noted that it was anticipated that 1,000 companies would be engaged through this project.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the current 2016/17 forecast compared to the previous 2016/17 capital forecast.
2. To approve the utilisation of the £1million of the Growth Deal grant to support the Digital Capital project as detailed in paragraph 8.10 to the report.

191/16 GMCA REVENUE UPDATE 2016/17

[note: Councillors Sean Anstee and Richard Leese each declared a personal interest in this item.]

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy and Finance introduced a report informing members of the 2016/17 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of September 2016.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the Economic Development and Regeneration revenue outturn position for 2016/17 shows a surplus against budget of £0.14 million after transfers to earmarked reserves.
2. To note the transport revenue outturn position for 2016/17 which is in line with budget after contributions to earmarked reserves of £0.744 million.
3. To approve the budget adjustments referred to in paragraphs 2.2 – 2.17 for Economic Development and Regeneration budgets.
4. To approve the re-designation of funds to Manchester Growth Company for the Business Growth Hub as detailed in paragraphs 2.7 – 2.9.
5. To note the TfGM outturn position for 2016/17 which is in line with budget.

192/16 GREATER MANCHESTER 2040 TRANSPORT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report which provided Members with a summary of the feedback received during the 12-week consultation (July to September 2016) on the 'Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040: Consultation Draft' and highlighted the next steps in finalising the strategy.

Members noted that a further update on the detailed analysis from the consultation responses would be presented at the upcoming GMCA meeting in December.

The Chair reiterated the need for the Transport Strategy to serve the GM Spatial Framework aspirations.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note, and comment as appropriate, on the range and nature of responses received on the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 Consultation Draft.
2. To note the next steps in finalising the strategy by the end of 2016.

194/16 ENERGY COMPANY FOR GREATER MANCHESTER – WHITE LABELLING

Councillor John Merry introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the proposals for a GM Energy Company ('GMEC') to the GMCA. The report highlighted that given the increasing level of competition in the energy supply market and the significant associated set up costs and financial risks, the potential for the development of Energy Company for Greater Manchester was not considered a viable option and for these reasons, the process should be paused in order to understand how the current energy market will develop.

Members agreed to take the commercially sensitive Part B Energy Company For Greater Manchester – White Labelling report as read during consideration of this item.

In response to a comment from the Chair, it was noted work would continue in relation to social value and energy supply particularly in relation to pre-paid energy meters and fuel poverty issues.

Member also noted that work would continue to explore opportunities to develop non-renewable energy in Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the work undertaken to determine the appropriateness of a white label arrangement with prospective partner suppliers.
2. To agree that in an increasingly competitive energy supply market, the potential benefits of such an arrangement are outweighed by the risks. As such, a potential White Labelling arrangement should not be pursued at the present time.
3. To note that consideration is being given to alternative approaches which will enable GMCA to have a positive impact on fuel poverty in Greater Manchester and encourage investment in local generation assets.

195/16 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECT UPDATES

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy and Finance and Eamonn Boylan, Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Investment Strategy and Finance seeking GMCA approval for a second loan to Fabrik Games.

Members agreed to take the commercially sensitive Part B GM Investment Framework Project Updates report as read during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the project funding application by Fabrik Games (loan of £300k) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To agree to delegate authority to the GMCA's Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information 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 1) above.

196/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING FUND REQUESTS

[note: Councillor Richard Leese declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item.]

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning and Housing introduced a report which sought the approval of Greater Manchester Combined Authority for a GM Housing Fund loan of £8.303m.

Members agreed to take the commercially sensitive Part B Greater Manchester Housing Fund Requests report as read whilst considering this report.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the loan as detailed in this and the accompanying Part B report.
2. To agree to recommend to Manchester City Council that it prepares and effects the necessary legal agreements in accordance with its approved internal processes.

197/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members noted that as the commercially sensitive information was taken as read during the consideration of Energy Company for Greater Manchester, Greater Manchester Investment Framework and Conditional Approval (Minute 195/16) and Greater Manchester Housing Fund Requests (Minute 196/16) the recommendation to exclude members of the press and public would not be moved.

198/17 ENERGY COMPANY FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Energy Company for Greater Manchester (Minute 194/16).

199/16 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework (Minute 195/16).

200/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING FUND REQUESTS

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Housing Fund Requests (Minute 196/16).