

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

PRESENT:

GM Mayor	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
GM Deputy Mayor	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Hilary Fairclough
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Elaine Taylor
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Tameside	Councillor Gerald Cooney
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Gillian Duckworth
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	James Binks
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Julie Connor

GMCA

Sylvia Welsh

GMCA

Lee Teasdale

TfGM

Steve Warrener

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair of GMCA Overview & Scrutiny
Rochdale

Cllr John Walsh
Cllr Janet Emsley

1. APOLOGIES

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor Martyn Cox (Bolton), Councillor Amanda Chadderton (Oldham) & Joanne Roney (Manchester).

2. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

1. That the GMCA wishes Geoff Little all the best for the future following his retirement as the Chief Executive of Bury Council as of 28th February 2023.
2. That the latest update on the progress of the GM proposal and the Governments response to GM Non charging clean air zone be received.
3. That it be noted that the Air Quality Administration Committee will consider the issues raised on the latest clean air zone developments at its meeting of 27th February 2023.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

That it be noted that both Mayor Paul Dennett (Salford) and Councillor Hilary Fairclough (Bolton) declared an interest in item 16 (GM Culture Investment Approach – Proposed Spirit and Sustain Portfolio).

4. **MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2023**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 27 January 2023 be approved.

5. **MINUTES OF THE GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2023**

That the minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 25 January 2023 be noted.

6. **MINUTES OF THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2023**

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 25 January 2023 be noted.

7. **MINUTES OF THE GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2023**

That the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 27 January 2023 be noted.

8. **BUDGET REPORTS**

A. GMCA Revenue and Capital Budgets 2023/4 Overview

That the contents of the summary paper be noted.

B. Mayoral General Budget & Precept Proposals 2023/24

1. That the Mayor's General budget for 2023/24 set out in this report together with the calculation of the precepts and Council Tax rates set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

2. That the Mayoral General Precept to £107.95 (Band D) comprising of £76.20 for functions previously covered by the Fire and Rescue Authority precept and £31.75 for other Mayoral General functions be approved.
3. That the following be approved:
 - i. the overall budget for the Fire and Rescue Service for 2023/24 covered by the Mayoral precept.
 - iii. the medium-term financial position for the Fire and Rescue Service.
4. That approval be given to the use of reserves as set out in section 3 of the report and the assessment by the Treasurer that the reserves as at March 2023 are adequate.
5. That it be noted that in accordance with legal requirements, the minutes will record the names of those Members voting for or against the Mayor's budget and precept proposals.
6. That the feedback from the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

C. GMCA Transport Revenue Budget 2023/24

1. That the risks and issues which are affecting the 2023/24 transport budgets as detailed in the report be noted.
2. That the GMCA budget relating to transport functions funded through the Levy, as set out in this report for 2023/24 be approved.
3. That a Transport Levy on the District Councils in 2023/24 of £113.472m, apportioned on the basis of mid-year population 2020 be approved.
4. That a Statutory Charge of £86.7m to District Councils in 2023/24 as set out in Part 4 of the Transport Order, apportioned on the basis of mid-year population 2020 be approved.

5. That the proposal to increase fees and charges where applicable, in line with inflation and to approve the increases proposed to Bus stop closure charges. as set out in paragraphs 4.32 and 4.33 be approved.
6. That the use of Transport reserves in 2022/23 and 2023/24 as detailed in section 5 be approved.

D. GMCA Revenue General Budget 2023/24

1. That the budget relating to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority functions excluding transport and waste in 2023/24 as set out in section 2 of this report be approved.
2. That District contributions of £8.603 million as set out in section 5 of this report be approved.
3. That the use of reserves as set out in section 6 of the report be approved.

E. GM Waste Budget and Resources - Budget and Levy 2023/24 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2022/23 - 2025/26

1. That the forecast outturn for 2022/23 be noted.
2. That the proposed 2024/25 Trade Waste rate of £134.14 to allow forward planning by Districts be approved.
3. That the budget and levy for 2023/24 of £169m (2.5% increase) be approved.
4. That approval be given to a one-off reduction of £27m to the levy in 2023/24 funded from reserves reducing the 2023/24 requirement to £142m and authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree the basis of distribution with local authority Treasurers.

5. That the risk position set out in the balances and reserves strategy be noted.

F. GMCA Capital Programme -2022/23 - 2025/6

1. That the current 2022/23 forecast of £462.1m compared to the 2022/23 previous forecast of £565.6m and approve changes to the capital programme as set out in the report be noted.
2. That the capital programme budget for 2023/24 and the forward plan as detailed in the report and in Appendix A be approved.
3. That funding from the City Region Sustainable Transport Scheme (CRSTS) grant as set out in Section 3.10 of this report be approved.
4. That a further update on the Capital Budget be submitted to the May 2023 meeting of the GMCA

9. GMCA REVENUE UPDATE – QUARTER 3 2022/23

1. That the 2022/23 forecast outturn position for the GMCA budgets at the end of December 2022 (quarter 3) be noted.
2. That the changes to the GMCA General and Transport budgets following the confirmation of additional funding and planned expenditure during quarter 3 shown in sections 2 and 6 of the report be approved.

10. SKILLS BOOTCAMP: PRIORITIES AND APPROACHES FOR 2023-25

1. That comments on the proposed approach to Skills Bootcamp delivery until March 2025 be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for the Education, Skills, Work &

Apprenticeships and Digital to agree the commissioning route and award of individual contracts including any subsequent contract extensions.

11. CITY DEAL RECEIPTS – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the following investments of City Deal Receipts, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report be approved;

FUND	SCHEME	DISTRICT	INVESTMENT
National Homelessness Property Fund 2	Homelessness Fund	GM wide	£2.5m
Resonance Supported Homes Fund LP	Supported Homes Fund	GM Wide	£2.5m

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.

12. GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

1. That an investment into My First Five Years Ltd (investment of up to £150k) be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above investments, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the investments, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investments noted above.

13. GMCA CULTURE INVESTMENT 2023-2026

1. That approval be given to a three-year budget of £4,425,000 p/a from April 2023 (subject to annual review) to support the new GMCA Cultural

Investment Approach. Annual budget to be made up of £3.3m District Contributions and £1.25m Retained Business Rates.

2. That approval be given to the proposal that, between April 2023 and March 2026 this budget will be spent in the following ways:
 - £3,965,000 p/a to support delivery and project management of the five strands of the new GM Culture Investment approach (recommended Spirit and Sustain organisations and recommended levels of investment detailed within the Part B item of this report)
 - Inspire (£100,000 p/a)
 - Spirit (See Part B)
 - Sustain (See Part B)
 - Collaborate (£120,000 p/a)
 - Strategic (£150,000 p/a)
 - Project Management (£70,000 p/a)
 - £460,000 p/a to support the ongoing social impact commitment
3. That it be noted that the list of organisations proposed to be funded by the GMCA Culture Fund are detailed in a separate report to be considered in Part B of this agenda, to be made public within one month of this meeting.
4. That the outlined approach to GM Town of Culture 2023, with a view to revising the application process in 2024 be approved.

14. URGENT BUSINESS

That the request received from the Mayor of Kyiv seeking support in rebuilding city resilience be received.

15. 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.

16. GM CULTURE INVESTMENT APPROACH – PROPOSED SPIRIT AND SUSTAIN PORTFOLIO

1. That the list of organisations and amounts to be awarded, funded from the GMCA Culture Fund 2023 – 26, as detailed in Appendix A be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Culture Portfolio Leader and Chief Executive, to enter into grant funding agreements with the organisations.
3. That the proposal for the report to be made public within one month of this meeting be approved.

17. GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

That the report be noted.

18. CITY DEAL RECEIPTS – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Agenda for Greater Manchester Combined Authority on Friday, 10th February, 2023, 10.30 am - Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/agenda/2023/1030am)

This decision notice was issued **13 February 2023** on behalf of Julie Connor, 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 **20 February 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 GMCA 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 GMCA 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.