

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 2014 AT OLDHAM CIVIC CENTRE**

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jim McMahon
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	Ian Stewart
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Sue Derbyshire
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith (in the Chair)

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender
GMFRSA	Councillor David Acton
Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner	Jim Battle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Hall	GMCA Secretary
Howard Bernstein	GMCA Head of Paid Service
Sean Harriss	Bolton Council
Mike Kelly	Bury Council
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Linda Fisher	Rochdale MBC
Ben Dolan	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Jon Lamonte	TfGM
Mike Emmerich	
Simon Nokes	New Economy
James Farr	
Julie Connor)
Sylvia Welsh) Greater Manchester
Kerry Bond) Integrated Support Team

121/14 APOLOGIES

Jim Taylor, Richard Paver and Tony Lloyd.

122/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

123/14 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2014

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 25th July 2014 as a correct record.

124/14 AIRPORT CITY SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY

The Combined Authority received a report from Theresa Grant, Chief Executive, Trafford Council, presenting the Skills and Employment Strategy for Airport City.

Members highlighted the importance of appropriate transport links and infrastructure from across Greater Manchester to Manchester Airport to support access to high quality employment opportunities.

RESOLVED/-

1. To endorse the Airport City Skills and Employment Strategy.
2. To delegate authority to the Greater Manchester Skills and Employment Partnership to oversee the implementation of the strategy, working with the Enterprise Zone Strategic Board.
3. To agree that Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive TfGM, be requested to submit a report to Leaders detailing the development of transport links and infrastructure which will support access to high quality employment opportunities at Airport City for residents across Greater Manchester.

125/14 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL: TRANSPORT UPDATE

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing an update on the latest position in relation to the transport elements of the Growth Deal.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the current position in relation to the Growth Deal generally and the progress that is being made in moving this initiative forward.
2. To note the current position and proposed way forward in relation to the Metrolink Service Improvement package.

3. To note the intention for individual scheme promoters to cash flow, and subsequently be reimbursed by grant, the development costs for the projects for which funding was confirmed by the recent Growth Deal announcement, up to a further maximum sum of £4.76 million, in line with the principle previously agreed for the initial seven Major Schemes.
4. To note the intention to submit further reports to future meetings of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority providing a proposed 2015/16 Growth Deal Minor Works Programme and a proposed timetable for the production of Major Scheme Business Cases.

126/14 METROLINK SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PACKAGE

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, seeking approval for the procurement of up to a further 16 Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) and associated infrastructure works, following the announcement of the Growth and Reform Plan (GRP) submission on 7 July 2014, which allocated funding to the 'Metrolink Improvement Package', subject to the GMCA approval of the business case.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To approve the release of funding to procure the Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) and the associated infrastructure and to include those items in the approved capital programme.
3. To note that following GMCA approval, it is proposed that TfGM, in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer, will finalise the contractual arrangements with the LRV supplier (Bombardier and Vossloh Kiepe) to purchase up to a further 16 trams.
4. To note that following GMCA approval, it is proposed TfGM will begin design works, and procurement of the associated infrastructure works, including, two substations, a turnback at Sale, a wheel lathe and associated project management costs. These arrangements will also be finalised in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer.

127/14 RAIL FRANCHISING AND RAIL NORTH PROGRESS REPORT

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing an overview of Rail North and the TransPennine Express Rail / Northern Rail Franchise consultation which Rail North jointly published with the Department for Transport in June 2014. The response was submitted on 18 August and included at Appendix 1 of the report.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report and the consultation response.

128/14 DELIVERING RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IN GREATER MANCHESTER

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, providing a summary of the current housing market context, the shortfall in housing provision, options open to Greater Manchester in terms of opportunities for investment and intervention, and a suggested way forward.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the establishment of a Greater Manchester vehicle for housing delivery, in principle, based upon the analysis and conclusions set out in the report.
2. To agree to the commissioning of work to develop a detailed proposition for the governance, resourcing and priorities for the delivery vehicle, to the timescales set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report.

129/14 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED/-

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 of business on the grounds that thee involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

130/14 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking conditional approval to projects.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the project funding applications detailed in the report be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To delegate authority to Richard Paver, the Combined Authority Treasurer, and Liz Treacy, Combined Authority 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 transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans/grants.

131/14 HIGHWAYS REVIEW – PROGRESS UPDATE

The Combined Authority received a verbal update from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM in relation to progress the highways review work.

RESOLVED/-

To agree work will continue on the highways review, further details to be reported back to Leaders.

Chair