

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE, HELD ON FRIDAY 29 JULY 2016 AT BURY TOWN HALL, BURY**

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	City Mayor Paul Dennett
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**

GMFRA	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

**IN ATTENDANCE**

GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool	Councillor Colin McLaren
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**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Geoff Little	Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC

Helen Jones  
Will Blandamer  
Peter O'Reilly

Ian Hopkins  
Jon Lamonte  
Simon Nokes  
Adam Allen

Liz Treacy  
Richard Paver  
Andrew Lightfoot  
Julie Connor  
Paul Harris  
Ross MacRae

Trafford Council  
Wigan Council  
Chief Fire Officer, GM Fire & Rescue  
Service  
Chief Constable, GM Police  
Chief Executive, TfGM  
New Economy  
Office of the Police & Crime  
Commissioner  
GMCA Monitoring Officer  
GMCA Treasurer  
Deputy Head of the Paid Service  
Head of GMIST  
) Integrated Support Team  
GMCA Media Lead

**56/16 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Howard Bernstein, Theresa Grant, Donna Hall and Mark Hughes.

**57/16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no announcements or matters of urgent business reported.

**58/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**59/16 MINUTES**

- a. **Minutes of the AGMA Executive Board Annual Meeting held on 30 June 2016**

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the Annual meeting of the AGMA Executive Board held on 30 June 2016 as a correct record.

- b. **Minutes of the AGMA Executive Board Ordinary Meeting held on 30 June 2016**

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the AGMA Executive Board held on 30 June 2016 as a correct record.

**60/16            ROCHDALE MBC APPOINTMENT TO THE GREATER  
MANCHESTER REFORM EXECUTIVE MEMBERS GROUP**

Members considered the appointment of Cllr Jacqui Beswick, representing Rochdale MBC, to the to the Greater Manchester Reform Executive Members Group.

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the appointment of Cllr Jacqui Beswick to the GM Reform Executive Members Group.

**61/16            BURY APPOINTMENT TO THE JOINT GMCA & AGMA  
SCRUTINY POOL**

Members considered a nomination from Bury Council to be appointed to the Joint GMCA & AGMA Scrutiny Pool for 2016/17.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the change in representation of the Bury Council appointment to the Joint GMCA & AGMA Scrutiny Pool with Councillor Stella Smith replacing Councillor Jane Black for 2016/17.

**62/16            FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF JOINT  
GMCA & AGMA**

Consideration was given to a report advising Members of those strategic decisions that were to be considered by the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive over the upcoming four months.

**RESOLVED/-**

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

**63/16            GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT SCRUTINY POOL TASK &  
FINISH GROUP**

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Employment, Skills and Worklessness introduced a report which set out the findings of the Greater Manchester Scrutiny Pool's Task and Finish Group on education, employment and skills. It was noted that the review was convened by Councillor Colin McLaren (Oldham), who was also in attendance, to provide an overview of the work undertaken and set out the outcomes and recommendations of the Task and Finish Group.

Particular attention was given to public transport costs for students across Greater Manchester and it was noted that further work with regard to this matter was to be undertaken.

## RESOLVED/-

1. To welcome the report and thank Members of the Scrutiny Pool's Task and Finish Group for this valued piece of work.
2. To agree and support the following recommendations and to note the reporting timetable:-
  - a. The **GM Skills Team** to provide Scrutiny with a note which:-
    - outlines GM's work on improving information advice and guidance (IAG) provision and specifies how many of GM's young people have access to gold standard 'Inspiring IAG'; and,
    - reviews the effectiveness of the way GM currently communicates its skills offer, particularly about apprenticeships.September 2016
  - b. That the **GM Skills and Employment Partnership, GM Skills Team and GM Community and Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO)** ensure that support for schools, colleges, training providers and community and voluntary sector (CVS) organisations delivering employability skills is scaled up to match the challenge GM faces in delivering its employment aspirations. October 2016
  - c. **GM Skills and Employment Partnership and district skills leads** to identify projects from across the conurbation that have a proven track record of successfully delivering employability skills. These projects should be promoted and celebrated, and, if appropriate, rollout their approach more widely. October 2016
  - d. That GM's skills commissioners (the **Skills Funding Agency** and **New Economy**) to explain, and if necessary improve how their commissioning processes to support and reward the flexibility and responsiveness of smaller providers. September 2016
  - e. That the **GM Skills Team, Public Services Reform Team** in partnership with **district skills leads** provide a report assessing the feasibility of providing a small GM-wide investment fund to support young people being assisted into education or training by small community and voluntary sector organisations. For example travel and training costs, and appropriate work clothing. September 2016
  - f. That the **Greater Manchester Combined Authority** monitors the work of the **North West Construction** October 2016

**Hub** and the **AGMA Procurement Hub** through an annual report to:-

- ensure that the social value of contracts let via these routes is maximised in line with the GMCA Social Value Policy adopted in November 2014.
  - that **district skills leads** support those delivering contracts to help them fulfill their contract's social value commitments.
- g. Officers in the **North West Construction Hub** and the **AGMA Procurement Hub** build on the work already done with **procurement officers in districts** to develop common definitions of the way that postcodes are used to monitor social value outcomes in cases where GM districts can use their influence to determine the social value elements of contracts. This will help to ensure that the employment and other social value impacts deliver maximum benefit to GM residents. October 2016
- h. **GM Skills Team** ensures that the **NW Construction Hub** and the **AGMA Procurement Hub** have at least one link person per district who can support companies to deliver of social value and corporate social responsibility targets through providing linkages to training, school engagement and the local communities within districts. September 2016
- i. **Transport for Greater Manchester** continue to negotiate with **bus operators** to deliver an easy to understand fare offer, particularly for apprentices. This is an interim measure before GM acquires the potential, through legislative changes arising from the forthcoming Buses Bill, to secure greater influence over bus services. December 2016
- j. **Transport for Greater Manchester** continues work with the **GM Skills Team** to ensure that accurate journey planning information is easily available, understandable, and meets the needs of students. This is particularly important for multimodal and multi operator journeys. September 2016
- k. That the **GM Skills Team** should consider supporting apprentices with travel costs to promote and sustain individuals' learning, as participation in learning is something GM wants to encourage. September 2016
- l. The **GM Skills Team** ensure that the recommendations of GM's Area Based Review of post-16 education consider travel to learn patterns, and how existing travel support for young people can be better September 2016

optimised in the light of any proposals to reconfigure GM's post-16 provision.

**64/16 GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report providing Leaders with the draft Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS) Annual Performance Report for their consideration, inviting any views or recommendations prior to a final version being approved by Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the report and agree to grant authority to the Head of the Paid Service, GMCA, in consultation with Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor, to agree the final published version of the Greater Manchester Strategy Annual Performance Report.

**65/16 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE - PROPOSAL IN RESPECT OF GREATER MANCHESTER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Police & Crime Commissioner and Councillor Rishi Shori, Portfolio Lead for Police & Crime presented a report updating Members in respect of the statutory requirements outlined in the Prevent Duty, highlight current issues facing Greater Manchester and outlining the proposed governance arrangements to strengthen Greater Manchester oversight.

Members noted that the report also outlined opportunities in relation to building community resilience and draws parallels with the Greater Manchester complex safeguarding work, which forms part of the Review of Services for Children.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree to adopt the proposals in respect of strengthened Greater Manchester governance arrangements in relation to the Building Resilient Communities agenda.
2. To adopt the Greater Manchester principles in relation to both partnership working and community engagement, as set out in the report.

**66/16 100% BUSINESS RATES RETENTION PILOT**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance, introduced a report providing Members with an update on the previous decision by Greater Manchester Councils, through AGMA, in relation to Business Rates and outlined current work in relation to the 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot.

A Member welcomed the pilot and commented that the benefits of the pilot were supported as long as it was not to the financial detriment of any individual local authority.

**RESOLVED/-**

- 1 To note the outcome of the operation of the Greater Manchester/Cheshire East Business Rates Pool in 2015/16.
- 2 To agree that the Greater Manchester net proceeds, after allowing for agreed local authorities' shares, be transferred from AGMA reserves to the GMCA and the use of these proceeds be subject to a further report.
- 3 To note the continuation of discussions with the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) with regard to the operation of the Business Rates Growth Pilot and the likely scale of proceeds which are expected to arise from the agreed measurement of 'growth' during 2015/16.
- 4 To note the current state of discussions between Greater Manchester and CLG with regard to the 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot which will commence in April 2017.
- 5 To note that CLG have issued a consultation paper with regard to 100% Retention and that Greater Manchester Treasurers will be working to prepare a response in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance.
- 6 To request a further report on the 100% pilot once the framework is agreed with CLG; to include how the 'no detriment' position will be calculated and applied across Greater Manchester.

**67/16 AGMA REVENUE UPDATE 2016/17**

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

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the report and the current revenue outturn forecast for 2016/17 which is projecting a minor underspend of £29,000 against budget.
2. To approve the revisions to the revenue budget plan 2016/17 as identified in the report and described in paragraphs 1.2-1.5 of the report, including transfers from reserves as detailed in section 2.

**68/16            GREATER    MANCHESTER    METROPOLITAN    DEBT  
ADMINISTRATION    FUND    TREASURY    MANAGEMENT  
ACTIVITY AND FINAL ACCOUNTS 2015/16**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance, presented a report providing a summary of the Fund's Treasury Management Activities and presents the Final Accounts for the Financial Year 2015/16.

The meeting is asked to receive the report and approve the Final Accounts.

**RESOLVED/-**

To receive the 2015/16 activity report and to approve the final accounts.