

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2021 AT ROCHDALE COUNCIL OFFICES,
NO.1 RIVERSIDE, ROCHDALE**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Bolton	Councillor Martyn Cox
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	Councillor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Tom McGee
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA – Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA – Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Lynne Risdale
Manchester	Rebecca Heron
Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Holly Rae
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Saleh
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan

Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	Ross Macrae
GMCA	James Killan
TfGM	Steve Warrener
TfGM	Simon Warburton

GMCA 224/21 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED/-

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor Elise Wilson (Councillor Tom McGee attending), Councillor David Molyneux (Councillor Nazia Rehman attending), Deputy Mayor for Police, Fire and Crime Bev Hughes, Geoff Little (Lynne Risdale attending), Pam Smith (Holly Rae attending), and Joanne Roney (Rebecca Heron attending).

GMCA 225/21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, opened the meeting with an update on the outcome of an inspection from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services that had assessed Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue's (GMFRS) effectiveness, efficiency and workforce support. The report had concluded that the service had made improvements since its last inspection, especially in its workforce management, and that its response to fires was good. However, further improvement was still required in some areas, and it was noted that work had been underway preceding the inspection to address some of the issues contained within the report, particularly around the service's ability to respond to marauding terrorist attacks.

Updates relating to the Greater Manchester Gender Based Violence Strategy were also provided. The strategy had been created following the tragic high-profile deaths of Sarah Everard and Sabina Nessa and it sought to enhance women and girls' safety. The first meeting of Greater Manchester's Gender Based Violence Board had taken place and had

brought together a range of stakeholders who would work to support survivors of gender-based violence. A new #IsThisOk campaign video had been launched and had received over a million views in the 24 hours following its publication, receiving widespread praise for focusing on the harmful attitudes and behaviours that led to gender-based violence. Members welcomed the campaign, noting that the focus on preventing perpetrators from committing gender-based violence was a positive change from the usual focus on the steps that women and girls could take to protect themselves from it.

The campaign video was played for Members.

It was noted that this was Pam Smith's last meeting as a member of the GMCA and she would be commencing a new role as Chief Executive of Newcastle City Council at the start of 2022. Members reflected upon the great work that she had undertaken and the positive contributions that she had made to Stockport and Greater Manchester. Members gave their thanks to Pam and wished her well in her new role.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the recently published HIMC report on Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service be noted, and recognition given that although improvements have been made, further work was required to ensure that the service could deliver strongly against all its performance measures.
2. That the GMCA's campaign #isthisok? to address gender-based violence, specifically in relation to the safety of women and girls be endorsed, noting the overdue conversation with all boys, lads and men to call out unacceptable behaviour and promote changing attitudes.
3. That Leaders and Chief Executives be requested to actively promote the #isthisok? campaign across their own Local Authorities and networks.
4. That thanks be recorded to Pam Smith, who was moving on from her position as Chief Executive of Stockport Council, for all her work on behalf of Greater Manchester recognising that GM was a different place as a result.

GMCA 226/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

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

GMCA 227/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 26 November 2021 be approved.

**GMCA 228/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 30
NOVEMBER 2021**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee meeting held on 30 November 2021 be noted.

**GMCA 229/21 MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MEETINGS IN DECEMBER 2021**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the Housing, Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 9 December 2021, and the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 10 December 2021 be noted.

**GMCA 230/21 MINUTES OF THE GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10
DECEMBER 2021**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GM Transport Committee meeting held on 10 December 2021 be noted.

GMCA 231/21 GMCA APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

The GMCA Monitoring Officer took members through a report which updated several appointment changes received from GM Local Authorities in relation to GMCA Committees.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the appointment of Cllr Bev Craig, Manchester, as a member of the GMCA be noted.
2. That the appointment of Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett, by the GM Mayor, as the Deputy Mayor of the GMCA be noted and that it be noted that the Deputy Mayor was automatically appointed as a Vice Chair, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.
3. That the revised appointments made by the GM Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, to Portfolios for 2021/22 as below be noted.

Portfolio	Lead Member	Lead Chief Executive
Safe & Strong Communities (Police and Fire)	Bev Hughes (GMCA)	Alison Mckenzie-Folan (Wigan)
Green City Region Waste	Neil Emmott (Rochdale)	Harry Catherall (Oldham) Eamonn Boylan (GMCA)

Economy & Business	Elise Wilson (Stockport)	Joanne Roney (Manchester) Mark Hughes (Growth Co)
Housing, Homelessness & Infrastructure	Paul Dennett (Salford)	Steve Rumbelow (Rochdale)
Resources & Investment	David Molyneux (Wigan)	Steve Wilson (GMCA)
Equalities, Inclusion & Cohesion	Arooj Shah	Sara Todd (Trafford)
Policy & Reform, Transport	Andy Burnham (GMCA)	Eamonn Boylan (GMCA) – Policy & Transport Tony Oakman (Bolton) - Reform
Clean Air Zone Communities & Co-operatives	Andrew Western (Trafford)	Eamonn Boylan (GMCA) & Simon Warburton (TfGM) Andrew Lightfoot (GMCA)
Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships Digital	Bev Craig (Manchester)	Tom Stannard (Salford) -
Young People	Eamonn O'Brien (Bury)	Steven Pleasant (Tameside)

Culture	Martyn Cox (Bolton)	Alison McKenzie-Folan (Wigan)
Healthy Lives & Quality Care	Brenda Warrington (Tameside)	Geoff Little (Bury)

4. That Cllr Andrew Western be appointed to the GMCA Resources Committee.
5. That Cllr Bev Craig be appointed to the GM Local Enterprise Partnership Board.
6. That the appointment of Cllr George Hulme, Oldham, replacing Cllr Steve Williams, as the substitute member on the Air Quality Administration Committee, be noted.
7. That the appointment of Cllr George Hulme, Oldham, replacing Cllr Steve Williams, as the substitute member on the Air Quality Charging Authorities Committee, be noted.

GMCA 232/21 GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY REFRESH

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which provided the GMCA with the final draft of the Greater Manchester Strategy for comment and approval. The report also contained the proposed performance framework approach, targets and metrics to be used, alongside an initial Delivery Plan with process for approval for the further development of the Delivery Plan and implementation process.

The refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy had been based on learning from the pandemic and the recommendations of the Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission. The central aim of the strategy was to build a greener, fairer and more prosperous era in Greater Manchester. Addressing the climate challenge would help to reduce inequalities across the city region by reducing rates of fuel poverty, improving health outcomes for residents, and creating high quality jobs. A launch event was planned for early 2022, which would officially launch the strategy as a future-shaping tool to improve Greater Manchester over the next ten years.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the final draft Strategy text be approved.
2. That the draft performance framework, targets and approaches be approved.
3. That the initial Delivery Plan be noted and that the establishment of a multiagency Delivery Support Group be approved for its further iteration, development and implementation.

GMCA 233/21 INTEGRATED RAIL PLAN FOR THE NORTH AND THE MIDLANDS

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which provided members with an update on the latest TfGM analysis of the Integrated Rail Plan for the North and the Midlands ('the IRP').

The analysis confirmed that the IRP fell substantially short of expectations in terms of connectivity and that the alterations to the original vision for improved rail services were detrimental to the economic potential of the north. The proposal to have a surface station at Manchester Piccadilly was sub-optimal and would sever communities living in the vicinity of the station. It was noted that if Bradford, Sheffield, and Leeds were poorly connected, the plan would not allow for connections between these cities themselves and to Manchester to be strengthened. Additionally, there would be significant disruption to services by merging with an already congested Huddersfield line and proposed works to the TransPennine line.

Northern leaders have been working on proposals to increase potential funding using land value capture and this work would continue in order to pursue a proposal that would better meet the needs of the north of England

Members agreed that the IRP was not suitable for the Greater Manchester, especially in relation to proposed plans for a surface station at Piccadilly. The IRP had missed an opportunity to create an underground station that would contribute to the local, regional and national economy by increasing capacity and productivity. Members were also concerned

that opportunities on the wider network across the north had been missed and that the effects on communities had not been properly analysed. Transport for the North had agreed that active travel should be integrated with all rail and road infrastructure, which addressed some concerns from Members.

The GMCA agreed that building the wrong infrastructure now would mean accepting an economic downgrade for Greater Manchester and would cause problems for future generations. Consequently, Members agreed that they would work to respond to the HS2 Bill and petition against it if it proposed a surface level station at Piccadilly.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the early TfGM analysis of the Integrated Rail Plan be noted and that it also be noted that it fell substantially short of expectations in terms of connectivity through HS2 on both the east and western side of the country and linked by a high speed east & west (HS3/Northern Powerhouse Rail) service.
2. That it be noted that Manchester City Council would be bringing forward further evidence of the detrimental economic and wider regenerative impact as a consequence of the proposed overground station development proposals for Manchester Piccadilly.
3. That it be noted that there were ongoing strategic discussions underway with Trafford Council regarding the wider impact of the proposals, noting the scope for similar discussions across GM regarding the wider impact and opportunities including active travel solutions that may potentially arrive from HS2 that the opportunities be raised with Government continuously.
4. That it be noted that the GM Mayor would relay these concerns through the Transport for the North Board.
5. That it be noted collectively the Northern Leaders were considering options, including proposals for land value capture along the original proposed new line from Liverpool through Warrington to Manchester Airport and Bradford/Leeds, as an alternative proposal for submission to Government.

6. That it be noted work was underway to respond to the HS2 Bill, including petitioning specifically against the Bill if it included the surface level Piccadilly Rail Station.

**GMCA 234/21 GMCA RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON
DECEMBER 2022 TIMETABLE OPTION TO IMPROVE RAIL
PERFORMANCE IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND**

The GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which set out the proposed approach in response to the consultation on the timetable options to improve rail performance in the north of England. The timetable that had been proposed would have the effect of reducing rail services due to current inadequate rail infrastructure. As a consequence of the proposals, Wigan and Stockport in particular would be negatively impacted. The GM Mayor had attended a meeting of Transport for the North and had proposed a formal objection to the consultation unless a timetable for infrastructure upgrades was also provided.

Members highlighted the challenges that their own districts would face as a result of the proposals. Whilst recognising that Stockport has more rail lines than most, the proposals drastically reduce opportunities and access to culture and leisure facilities across the conurbation; in Wigan, there would be no direct lines to Manchester Airport and Piccadilly; in Oldham, the Greenfield and Mosley service proposals would drastically impact on employment opportunities.

Timetabling was raised as a wider issue as services in some districts were not evenly spaced within the hour which disincentivised passengers from using the network. The removal of weekend services would be detrimental to Greater Manchester's aspirations of increasing leisure patronage which had begun to see some recovery. The rail network was also important at evenings to provide transport to and from the conurbation's sporting grounds.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the proposals for rail timetable improvements for December 2022 included a reduction in the current service levels in the north of England, given limitations of the current infrastructure.

2. That it be agreed that the GMCA formally object to the new timetable proposals, unless a timetable for the required infrastructure improvements be provided.
3. That it be noted that the analysis undertaken by TfGM has suggested that the network could support 2 trains per hour, throughout the day, on the Greenfield and Mosley line from May 2022 and that the proposal would be included in the formal response to the timetable proposals.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to approve and submit a response to the consultation on behalf of GMCA.

GMCA 235/21 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PATHFINDER

Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness & Infrastructure, introduced a report which provided members with an update on the Youth Homelessness Prevention Pathfinder (2021) and the plans for a Youth Homelessness Prevention Social Outcomes Contract (2022-24).

The pathfinder intended to reduce demand at the crisis stage and improve resilience against homelessness. It had been co-produced with individuals who had lived experience of homelessness and carried this experience at its heart. It was hoped that the Youth Homelessness Prevention Social Outcomes Contract would result in further positive outcomes for around 1500 young people.

Members noted that the pandemic had exacerbated youth homelessness and more needed to be done to prevent young people from becoming homeless. Higher risk groups have been identified and a partnership approach was proposed to ensure that these groups were fully supported into proper housing.

Members were reminded that the Housing First scheme had successfully supported 300 clients to date, however it was disappointing that there had been no confirmation from Government regarding the continuation funding support for the scheme.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the update in relation to the Youth Homelessness Prevention Pathfinder 2020/21 be noted.
2. That the contract award be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer.
3. That funding for the contract from the Reform Investment Fund (£2.5m) and 2019/20 Business Rates (£2.5m) contribution totalling £5m for years 2022-2024 be approved.

GMCA 236/21 GM MOVING IN ACTION – GM MOVING STRATEGY 2021-31

GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which provided the members with the final draft of the GM Moving in Action Strategy.

The campaign video was played for Members and thanks were given to the GM Moving team for their hard work.

Members highlighted the importance of physical activity for both physical and mental health and made reference to the positive impacts of exercise evidenced especially during the pandemic. As recovery from the pandemic continued, physical activity would provide a lifeline to residents who had experienced social isolation by bringing them together with others and it was recognised that there were lots of outdoor activities available for those who wanted to limit COVID-19 transmission. Greater Manchester could be a leader in this space by using social prescribing to drive change and build happier and healthier communities. Members highlighted that investments were being made into leisure facilities in districts which would further support the GM Moving Strategy.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Strategy and the approach set out be endorsed for local authorities and other partners across the system to enact.

2. That it be recommended that senior leaders from across Greater Manchester agencies continue to provide visible strategic leadership on this agenda at the highest level.
3. That it be recommended that Local Authority senior leaders provide ongoing support to their district integrated locality teams and local networks, supporting culture change, system change and behaviour change.
4. That it be recommended that Local Authorities facilitate a meeting of key strategic leaders across the integrated system in each district in 2022.

**GMCA 237/21 DEVOLVED ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET – PROPOSED
PRIORITIES AND APPROACH FOR 2022/2023 ONWARDS**

Councillor Bev Craig, Portfolio Lead for Digital, Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships introduced a report which provided an overview of progress against the planned priorities of the Adult Education Programme since its inception in August 2019. The report outlined the proposed process for continuing plan-led grant funding agreements and extensions to the procured contracts for 2022/23 (academic year), in addition to providing an outline of the proposed refreshed objectives for the Adult Education Programme, in preparation for implementation from 2022/23.

The programme had funded over 200 level three courses and provided support to key sectors during the pandemic. The flexibility of the programme was crucial to its success and had provided courses to 1200 people to create key workers, including HGV drivers. Members praised the programme's progress and highlighted its importance in helping residents to take advantage of gaps in the labour market at pace.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress against the planned priorities be noted.
2. That the proposed process for continuing plan-led grant funding agreements and extension to the procured contracts for 2022/2023 academic year be agreed.

3. That the proposed refreshed objectives for the Adult Education Programme, in preparation for implementation from 2022/23 academic year be agreed.

GMCA 238/21 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH LOCATIONS UPDATE

Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness & Infrastructure, introduced a report which set out the six Growth Locations identified within the updated Greater Manchester Strategy and the work that was progressing to support the development of the Growth Locations.

The six Growth Locations presented a unique opportunity to respond to the needs of the conurbation and level up Greater Manchester by helping it to meet its ambitious targets across several strategies. The identified locations would support employment, education and housing with a focus on inclusive growth.

Members were pleased with the plans and noted the chance to make a real difference for residents who lived and worked within the Growth Locations. The longevity of each area would require strong forward planning, including good transport infrastructure which would be essential to each location's ongoing development.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the six GM Growth Locations as set out in section 2 of the report be endorsed.
2. That the work plan and progress update and next steps be noted.
3. That it be noted that further details on each of the Growth Locations would be shared at the 'A new era for Greater Manchester – Greener, Fairer and more Prosperous' event in January 2022.

GMCA 239/21 DELIVERING NET ZERO CARBON SOCIAL RENTED HOMES – A WHOLE SYSTEM CHALLENGE FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness & Infrastructure, introduced a report which sought approval for a proposed approach to the delivery of net zero carbon social rented homes. The report also provided an initial interim report on the development of a robust delivery plan, which would be forthcoming in early 2022.

Members were reminded that the strategy was a critical element to addressing homelessness and rough sleeping in Greater Manchester. Research from the National Housing Federation highlights some of the challenges being faced, with 2M children Christmas in housing that was overcrowded, unaffordable or unsuitable. The research also highlighted the underfunding for social rent, together with the fact that larger homes were deemed more expensive to build leading to an acute shortage of family sized social homes.

In Greater Manchester there were currently there were over 1000 people living in emergency accommodation, 4000 households were also in in temporary accommodation at the end of June 2021, compared to 3535 in 2020, representing a 13% increase.

Since 1980, over 95,000 homes have been purchased under right to buy schemes, with over 40% of those homes moving into the private rented sector and many of those homes not replaced. Right to buy and right to acquire schemes continued to operate despite the chronic undersupply of truly affordable housing. Greater Manchester has committed to building 30,000 social rented or affordable homes within 'Places for Everyone' Plan as part of the overall commitment to deliver 50,000 affordable homes during the period of the Plan. The Plan also commits to any new homes being carbon free from 2028.

The Affordable Homes Programme which would be in operation until 2026 with 50% for affordable home ownership and 50% for affordable rent and not exclusively for social rent. Five Greater Manchester Authorities were not eligible to apply for social rent grant due to constraints of the scheme, which was exacerbating the housing crisis. Members called on Government to work with Greater Manchester to support those who were currently ineligible and to match Greater Manchester's ambitions to provide good-quality net zero carbon social rented homes.

The strategy was more than just homes and was integral to inclusive growth, employment and the required infrastructure to deliver.

RESOLVED /-

1. That a further report detailing a robust Delivery Plan will be submitted to the GMCA in the New Year.
2. That the GMCA support the call for more support from Central Government to enable Greater Manchester to reach its ambition and specifically for a change in the criteria to enable all GM Local Authorities to access the Affordable Homes Grant.
3. That the ambitions set out in the GM Mayor's manifesto to achieve delivery of 30,000 net zero carbon social rented homes by 2038 be endorsed.
4. That the adoption of the whole system challenge approach to delivery of these ambitions set out in the paper and the commencement of the work outlined be agreed.
5. That it be noted that significant support will be required from Government to achieve substantial and sustained progress toward our ambitions.

**GMCA 240/21 GREATER MANCHESTER GO NEUTRAL SMART ENERGY
FRAMEWORK**

Councillor Neil Emmott, Portfolio Lead for Green City Region, introduced a report which updated members on the establishment of the Go Neutral Smart Energy call-off framework to support the city region's public bodies in optimising renewable energy generation and storage on their estates and assets. The Go Neutral Framework aimed to accelerate the delivery of up to 300MW of renewable energy generation across the conurbation over the next 3 years through the creation of portfolios of smart energy opportunities.

The acceleration of the move to net zero carbon would place a strain on the electricity grid and the Go Neutral Framework was designed to reduce the strain. It would support the creation of local jobs and would mark a key milestone in decarbonising Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the establishment of a Smart Energy call-off framework be approved.
2. That a call-off framework fee structure be approved.
3. That it be noted that if viable projects were achieved, GMCA partners may require additional support to access funds to further develop and deliver the projects.
4. That it be noted that the environmental outcome was to substantially reduce the carbon emissions of Greater Manchester's public estate, through new and additional renewable energy generation and storage capacity.

**GMCA 241/21 GREATER MANCHESTER ECONOMIC DASHBOARD AND
ECONOMY PORTFOLIO UPDATE**

GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, updated Members on the latest version of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard and an overview of activity related to the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy and Economy portfolio.

Members heard about the effects of the Government's latest COVID-19 guidance on businesses and the economy. The suggestion to minimise socialising without the Government providing additional financial support was having an adverse impact for many businesses across the city region as the Christmas and New Year period was a crucial time of year that made up for the quieter winter months. There had been reports that over 80% of businesses were experiencing significant cancellations as a result of the Government's advice and concerns around the new COVID-19 variant. Members called on the Government to provide additional financial support to businesses and employees who relied on in-person trade and whose incomes would suffer as a result of the new variant and the guidance around it.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GMCA request the Chancellor to provide support and assistance for all the business sectors and individuals who will be affected by the introduction of the new guidance in response to the next phase of the pandemic and that action is taken immediately.
2. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard and response be noted, including delivery of the Local Industrial Strategy and Greater Manchester Economic Vision.

GMCA 242/21 LOCAL GROWTH DEAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

GM Mayor, Andy Burnham, introduced a report which updated members on the progress made on the Local Growth Deal Programmes (tranches 1, 2, and 3) and sought expenditure approvals for the Oldham Town Centre Regeneration scheme. The report also provided an update on the health check of the Stockport Mixed Use scheme and sought expenditure approval of the Mayors Challenge Fund contribution to this scheme.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Transport schemes as set out in section 3 and 4 of the report be noted.
2. That the progress made in relation to the Non-Transport Skills Capital and Economic Development and Regeneration (ED&R) programmes as set out in section 6 of the report, be noted.
3. In relation to the Stockport Mixed Use scheme:
 - that it be noted that the Full Business Case health check has recently been undertaken

- that it be noted that GM Chief Executives have (in line with agreed governance) agreed the allocation of Growth Deal programme contingency allowance to the scheme
 - that the remaining contribution of £8.845 million from the Mayors Challenge Fund (MCF) to provide the full, overall, contribution to the scheme from the MCF of £11.263 million be approved
 - that Final Full Approval to the scheme be granted to enable a contract for the main construction works to be awarded and for the scheme to progress.
4. That the expenditure approval of Growth Deal funding for the remaining two packages of the Oldham Town Centre Regeneration works as set out in Section 5 of the report be agreed, subject to confirmation of the funding and approval by the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM.

**GMCA 243/21 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK,
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive GMCA & TfGM, introduced a report which sought approval for an investment into My First Five Years Ltd and approval for follow-on investments into Immersify Education Limited and Tootoot Limited. Members were informed that the investments would be made from recycled funds.

RESOLVED /-

1. That an investment into My First Five Years Ltd of up to £750k be approved.
2. That a follow-on investment into Immersify Education Ltd of up to £200k be approved.
3. That a follow-on investment into Tootoot Limited of up to £100k be approved.
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above Fund, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the

overall detailed commercial terms of investment, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals, and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investment noted above.

GMCA 244/21 EXCLUSION OF THE 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 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.

**GMCA 245/21 GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK, CONDITIONAL PROJECT
APPROVAL**

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of agenda (Minute GMCA 243/21 above refers).

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

Signed by the Chair: