

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>The Council</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>20 July 2022</b>
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Update on Greater Manchester Combined Authority Activity</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Leader of the Council</b>
<b>Decision type:</b>	<b>Non key decision</b>
<b>Ward(s) to which the report relates:</b>	All
<b>Summary:</b>	This report provides an update on the activity of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

## **1 Background**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on work of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) following an update to Council in March 2022.
- 1.2 Since the last update there have been three meetings of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

## **2 Greater Manchester Devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) 2022/2023 Academic Year and National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer (Key Decision)**

- 2.1 At the [25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 meeting of GMCA](#), members decided:
- 2.2 That the closure and performance of the 2020/2021 academic year, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be noted.
- 2.3 That the planned approach for the commissioning of the extension and increase to National Skills Fund Adult Level 3 offer for GM from April/ May 2022 through to July 2023 be noted.
- 2.4 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio lead for Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeship, to take forward the commissioning of the National Skills Fund Adult Level 3 offer, including contract awards, as set out in Section 3 of the report.
- 2.5 That the following be approved:

- 2.5.1 An increase of the GMCA management fee from 1.5% to 1.8% for 2022/2023 onwards.
- 2.5.2 The proposed indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded further education institutions and contract for services skills providers.
- 2.5.3 To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise during discussions between each institution and GMCA.
- 2.6 That the list of proposed indicative allocations including the current 2021/22 allocation by provider and the indicative allocation for 2022/2023, excluding funds applicable for continuing learners, as set out in Section 4 & Annex 1 of the report, be noted.
- 2.7 That the proposed approach for taking forward the new Multiply Scheme for the 2022/2023 academic year onwards be noted and that authority delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for the Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships and Digital to agree relevant grant conditions, commissioning route and award of individual grants/contracts, as set out in Section 6 & Annex 3 & 4 of the report.
- 2.8 That the proposed approaches to allocating funding to key initiatives from April 2022 onwards, to increase participation in adult skills across GM, as set out in Section 7 of the report, be approved.
- 2.9 That the GM Mayor be recommended to:
  - 2.9.1 Approve the proposed 2022/2023 indicative allocations and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded local authorities and to grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer to approve any minor changes that arise in the course of discussions between each local authority and GMCA, as set out in Section 4 & Annex 2 of the report.
  - 2.9.2 Approve the continued £1.5m allocation to Local Authorities for the AEB LA Grant Programme supporting alleviating barriers to adult education, improving digital inclusion through skills, and continue the support of the GM ESOL Advice Service for 2022/2023, as set out in Section 5.

### **3 #BeeWell Survey Results (Key Decision)**

- 3.1 At the 25th March 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 3.2 That the key findings of the #BeeWell survey be noted.
- 3.3 That a system-wide response to the findings be encouraged, to ensure that young people's voices were leading the response to the survey findings.
- 3.4 That the existing good practice and strengths of Greater Manchester communities be celebrated during the launch of the survey findings.

#### **4 Supporting the Delivery of the Greater Manchester Housing Strategy (Key Decision)**

- 4.1 At the 25th March 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 4.2 That the allocation of £4M from the GM Housing Investment Loan Fund Surpluses to fund the activity identified in the report, be approved.
- 4.3 That the proposal for the costs of Greater Manchester Delivery Team to be included within the Core Investment Team budget, be approved.
- 4.4 Delivering 30,000 Net Zero Carbon Social Rented Homes: Initial Implementation Plan (Key Decision)
- 4.5 That the initial implementation plan, as detailed in the report, be endorsed.
- 4.6 That the proposal for work with partners to be commissioned to coproduce a more detailed partnership implementation plan for approval at a future meeting be approved.
- 4.7 That the proposal the engagement with Government be a key element of the partnership required to achieve substantial and sustained progress, be approved.

#### **5 Biodiversity Net Gain in Greater Manchester (Key Decision)**

- 5.1 At the 25th March 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 5.2 That the proposal for the GMCA to be named as the provisional responsible authority for developing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Greater Manchester, be approved.
- 5.3 That the work that has been delivered by GMCA to date to ensure Greater Manchester is prepared for mandatory BNG, be noted.
- 5.4 That the delivery of the Greater Manchester BNG 'Need and Supply Assessment' by GM Ecology Unit be supported.
- 5.5 That the pursuit of a range of offsetting options for Greater Manchester be supported and that GMCA works with key stakeholders, including landowners and developers, to continue to develop this understanding.
- 5.6 That the development of a Greater Manchester market for BNG Units including the work that is being delivered by the GM Environment Fund be supported.
- 5.7 That the development of a policy position on biodiversity offsetting as part of the scope of the forthcoming Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy be supported.

5.8 That authority be delegated to the Portfolio Lead Chief Executive, Green City Region, to prepare and submit a response to the Government BNG consultation in line with the ambitions/issues raised in this paper.

## **6 The Edinburgh Declaration on Biodiversity and Declaring a Biodiversity Emergency (Key Decision)**

6.1 At the 25th March 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:

6.2 That the signature of the GM Mayor to the Edinburgh Declaration on Biodiversity, on behalf of the GMCA, be approved.

6.3 That the declaration of a biodiversity emergency be approved.

6.4 Driving Social Value in GM Public Procurement (Key Decision)

6.5 That the appointment of Councillor Bev Craig (Manchester) and Senior Responsible Officer, to be confirmed, be designated to act as sponsors to work with each of the Greater Manchester Local Authorities to identify how working at a Greater Manchester level can add value to the shared objectives and declared Greater Manchester Strategy priorities; and to garner wider participation across Greater Manchester anchor institutions including Transport for Greater Manchester, Greater Manchester Police and the Health system.

6.6 That the successful progress in this policy area would require significant investment be acknowledged and that a further report would be submitted to the GMCA setting out the resourcing challenge and quantified options.

6.7 That the proposal to revise the GMCA Sustainability Decision Tool for use upstream as part of business case development (for potential adoption by others) be approved.

6.8 That the exploration of options for developing a Greater Manchester 'Brokerage' platform, with the ability to provide a live environment matching supplier offers with 'system' asks, be approved.

6.9 That the adoption of the following principles be approved and that this report be commended for approval and adoption by all Greater Manchester Councils in order to build on existing good work on social value and to significantly increase the collective Greater Manchester approach to social value, with the potential to make a real step change in the role of public procurement in supporting the delivery of GMS priorities:

6.9.1 Restate a strong presumption that social value forms part of the evaluation on all procurement over threshold.

6.9.2 Building on the Greater Manchester Social Value Framework, develop an approach which can be aggregated at a GM level for capturing bid offers as contractual commitments, providing contract management performance data and common standards for city region scale reporting.

- 6.9.3 Adopt definitions to allow development of plans for capturing consistent metrics (See Appendix 1) for a set of key Greater Manchester Priorities: 1. Real Living Wage 2. Principles of Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter 3. Carbon Reduction – net zero by 2038 (Greater Manchester) / 2050 (UK) 4. Tacking Inequality (protected characteristics) 5. Economic Diversity (Small Medium Enterprise and Voluntary Community Social Enterprise) 6. Local Spend (Greater Manchester based businesses)
- 6.9.4 Adopt a policy for all procurements over the regulated threshold (unless evidenced as legally and commercially unviable):
  - 6.9.4.1 By 2023 we will only contract with organisations who agree, themselves and for their 1st line sub-contractors, to pay Real Living Wage at date of contract or within 1 year of contracting.
  - 6.9.4.2 By 2023 we will only contract with organisations who have signed up to be supporters of the Good Employment Charter (or equivalent indicators) at date of contract or within 1 year of contracting.
  - 6.9.4.3 By 2023 we will only contract with organisations who have a credible plan to become carbon neutral by 2050 in place at date of contract or within 1 year of contracting.
- 6.9.5 Agree that the policy goal should be to increase our supplier diversity by:
  - 6.9.5.1 Reserving relevant 'below threshold' contracts for Voluntary Community Social Enterprise sector organisations or Greater Manchester based Small Medium Enterprises (unless the requirement cannot be fulfilled by these markets).
  - 6.9.5.2 Increasing the proportion of spend (with primary contractors and 1st line subcontractors) from Greater Manchester public procurement that is spent within Greater Manchester.
  - 6.9.5.3 Make plans to monitor and report on the diversity of the ownership or leadership of the organisations we work with.
- 6.10 That it be noted that small and medium enterprises would need to be supported to facilitate opportunities to bid for public service contracts.

## **7 Greater Manchester Night Time Economy Strategy**

- 7.1 At the 25th March 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 7.2 That the Night Time Economy Strategy be noted, and the Implementation Plan be reviewed on an annual basis.

## **8 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill, Authorisation for GMCA to oppose the Bill at Parliament (Key Decision)**

- 8.1 At the 25th March 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 8.2 That the recommendation to oppose elements of the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill, being satisfied that it is expedient to do so, pursuant to section 239(1), (2) and (4A) of the Local Government Act 1972, be approved.
- 8.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to take all such steps as may be incidental, necessary or expedient in connection with GMCA’s opposition to the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill, including all steps required for a petition to be submitted, maintained and if considered appropriate modified or withdrawn (in whole or in part) in the event that any petition points have been resolved satisfactorily with HS2 Ltd and/or DfT in respect of the Bill, and to negotiate and/or seek assurances, undertakings and/or agreements to the Bill as well as to appear at any Select Committee considering the Bill.
- 8.4 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to agree the final terms of any agreements and enter into and complete any necessary legal documentation.

**9 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill, Authorisation for Transport for Greater Manchester to oppose the Bill at Parliament (Key Decision)**

- 9.1 At the 25th March 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 9.2 That it ne noted that at its meeting on the 24 March the GM Transport Committee considered the proposal by TfGM to oppose elements of the High Speed Rail (Crewe-Manchester) Bill and the reasons for that proposal and resolved to recommend to the GMCA that approval is granted for TfGM to oppose elements of the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill, pursuant to s10(1)(xxix) of the Transport Act 1968.
- 9.3 That approval be granted for TfGM to oppose elements of the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill, pursuant to s10(1)(xxix) of the Transport Act 1968.
- 9.4 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, TfGM in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester to take all such steps as may be incidental, necessary or expedient in connection with TfGM’s opposition to the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill, including all steps required for a petition to be submitted, maintained and if considered appropriate modified or withdrawn (in whole or in part) in the event that any petition points have been resolved satisfactorily with HS2 Ltd and/or DfT in respect of the Bill, and to negotiate and/or seek assurances, undertakings and/or agreements to the Bill as well as to appear at any Select Committee considering the Bill.

9.5 That TfGM and the GMCA would continue to work through addressing the wider impacts of proposals on individual Local Authority transport networks, recognising the significant impact on broader connectivity across the network and the economy of Greater Manchester.

## **10 Mayors Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF) (Key Decision)**

10.1 At the 25th March 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:

10.2 That the release of up to £0.594 million of additional development cost funding for the 3 Salford City Council MCF schemes set out in section 2 of this report be approved.

10.3 That the release of up to £5.45 million of MCF funding for the Bury and Salford schemes, as set out in section 3 of this report, be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable continued scheme delivery through the signing of the necessary legal agreements, and in the case of Trafford Road, the drafting and signature of a legal deed of variation.

10.3.1 The Bury scheme related to the Fishpool area and would be split into two phases; Phase 1 involved the construction of a new bridge over the River Roch to enhance the links between Fishpool and Pilsworth. It was anticipated that this scheme would provide very high value for money.

10.3.2 Members reflected upon the impact that the schemes would have in Bury and Salford. In Bury, it was noted that the new bridge would enhance employment opportunities for residents by providing greater access to Pilsworth as an employment hub.

## **11 City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Draft Programme Case Interim Award B (CRST) (Key Decision)**

11.1 At the 25th March 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:

11.2 That it be noted that GMCA, as requested by Government on 20 July 2021, prepared and submitted to the Government's City Region Sustainable Transport Fund in early September, as part of the process to secure up to £1.19 billion of capital funding for the period 2022/23 to 2026/27.

11.3 That it be noted that on 22 November 2021, the Secretary of State wrote to the Mayor of Greater Manchester advising that GMCA had been awarded an indicative allocation of £1.07 billion of capital funding conditional on the submission of a programme business case by the end of January 2022.

11.4 That it be noted that GMCA subsequently submitted the draft CRSTS Programme Case to government on 31st January 2022.

11.5 That it be noted that GMCA have been informed by the Department for Transport that they intend to grant at least an interim award of CRSTS funding to GMCA in March 2022, in advance of finalising the full award.

- 11.6 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA and TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, the agreement and allocation of an interim award to ensure that those elements of the CRSTS programme that require funding from April 2022 were able to draw down funds.
- 12 That it be noted that the outcome of this process will be submitted to GMCA.**
- 12.1 At the 25th March 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 12.2 Greater Manchester One Network Procurement (Key Decision)
- 12.3 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Greater Manchester Digital Portfolio Lead Chief Executive to enter into contract between GMCA and Cisco International for Greater Manchester One Network Integrator Services on behalf of the GMCA including GM Fire & Rescue and TFGM, and Bury, Stockport, Oldham and Rochdale Councils, as described in the report.
- 12.4 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Greater Manchester Digital Portfolio Lead Chief Executive to procure and enter into contracts to deliver BT Openreach Exchange Services and for ServiceNow capabilities as described in this report.
- 12.5 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer for GMCA to enter into the Greater Manchester One Network Collaboration Agreement with TFGM and Bury, Stockport, Oldham and Rochdale Councils and to review and complete all necessary legal documentation and commend to those organisations that they sign their respective Collaboration Agreements.
- 12.6 That £5.67M of expenditure over 10 years against existing and planned GMCA Wide Area Networking budgets for GMCA(FRS) connectivity via Greater Manchester One Network be approved.
- 12.7 That an investment of £9.546M for Wide Area Networking services, implementation and operation for GMCA/ TFGM Urban Traffic Controls Signals and TFGM sites via Greater Manchester One Network to be funded from existing TfGM revenue budget of £4.890m and additional capital and revenue investment of £4.656m in line with the decision made by GMCA in January 2020, be approved.
- 12.8 That it be noted that this collaborative procurement had secured substantial value for money and social value commitments and creates a platform for future connectivity requirements.
- 12.9 That the progress towards completion of the Greater Manchester Local Full Network Programme and the efforts of officers and commercial partners in its delivery be noted.

**13 Mayors Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (Key Decision)**



- 13.1 At the [27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 meeting of GMCA](#), members decided:
- 13.2 That the release of £1,975,140 of MCF funding, and £2,200,000 of Active Travel (Tranche 3) funding for the Rochdale Castleton Phase 1 scheme be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable continued scheme delivery through the signing of the necessary legal agreement.
- 13.3 That the award of £13.07 million for the Active Travel (Tranche 3) Capital Grant and approve the addition to the 2022/2023 GMCA Capital Programme be noted.
- 13.4 That the award of £0.18 million of funding from Department for Transport with respect to the Mini Holland Feasibility grant and the Active Travel Social Prescribing Feasibility grant for financial year 2022-23 be noted, and that the inclusion of this funding and associated costs in the 2022/23 GMCA Transport Revenue Budget be approved.
- 13.5 That the updated position regarding the GM Capability Fund be noted, and that the inclusion of this expenditure and funding in the 2022/23 GMCA Transport Revenue Budget be approved.
- 13.6 That the release of up to £5.45 million of MCF funding for the Bury and Salford schemes, be approved, in order to secure full approval and enable continued scheme delivery through the signing of the necessary legal agreements, and in the case of Trafford Road, the drafting and signature of a legal deed of variation.

## **14 Homelessness Budget**

- 14.1 At the 27th May 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 14.2 That the funding allocations for the following programmes be noted:
- 14.2.1 GM Community Accommodation Service Tier 3 - 2022/23-2026/27
- 14.2.2 GM Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme 2022/23-2024/25 Support Specification
- 14.2.3 GM Rough Sleeper Initiative 2022/23-2024/25 (following final funding confirmation)
- 14.2.4 GM Housing First Pilot extension 2022/23-2023/24
- 14.3 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Greater Manchester Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, to:
- 14.3.1 Administer the grants through onward grant allocations and contract awards under standard procurement rules.

14.3.2 Revise the 2022/23 GMCA revenue budget and medium-term financial plan for future years budget plans.

14.4 That the GMCA records its thanks to Chris Edwards, Regional Probation Director for the Greater Manchester Probation Service or Devolution of Justice & Rehabilitation to Greater Manchester.

## **15 GMCA Provisional Capital Outturn 2021/22**

15.1 At the [24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 meeting of GMCA](#), members decided:

15.2 That the 2021/22 provisional outturn capital expenditure of £499.275 million compared to the forecast position, presented to the GMCA on 11 February 2022 of £379.917 million, which was a variance of £19.358 million in spend compared to forecast, be noted.

## **16 GMCA Provisional Revenue Outturn 2021/22**

16.1 At the 24th June 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:

16.2 That it be noted that the Mayoral General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was breakeven after transfer to earmarked reserves.

16.3 That it be noted that the GMCA General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was breakeven after transfer to earmarked reserves.

16.4 That it be noted that the Mayoral General – GM Fire & Rescue provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was £1.970 million underspend after transfer to earmarked reserves which was planned to be transferred to the Fire & Rescue Capital Programme Reserve.

16.5 That it be noted that the Waste and Resourcing provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was breakeven after transfers from earmarked reserves and agreed return of levy and reserves to Districts.

16.6 That it be noted that the GMCA Transport provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was underspend of £11.9 million which was planned to be transferred to Transport Capital Programme Reserve.

16.7 That it be noted that TfGM provisional revenue outturn position for 2021/22 was breakeven.

16.8 That it be noted that the Government has extended the statutory deadline for the publication of the 2021/22 draft accounts by two months to 31st July 2022.

16.9 That it be noted that the final position was subject to the submission of the audited accounts to be finalised by 30 November 2022 and to be reported to the GMCA Audit Committee prior to the deadline.

## **17 City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Final Scheme List**

- 17.1 At the 24th June 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 17.2 That it be noted that the GMCA, as requested by Government, prepared and submitted a Programme Case to the Government's City Region Sustainable Transport Fund in January 2022.
- 17.3 That it be noted that on 1 April 2022, the Secretary of State wrote to the GM Mayor to say that GMCA had been awarded an allocation of £1.07 billion of capital funding conditional on agreeing a final Scheme List.
- 17.4 That the consideration, approval and submission to Government of the final CRSTS Scheme List be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor.

## **18 Towards The Bee Network - Network Review, Market Renewal And Bus Service Improvement Plan**

- 18.1 At the 24th June 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 18.2 That the challenges and opportunities facing the public transport network and the conditions and details for the Market Renewal programme of work, as set out in the report, be noted.
- 18.3 That the development of a Network Review as a condition of recovery funding from the Department for Transport be noted.
- 18.4 That approval for the submission of the draft Network Review to the Department for Transport by 30 June be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester.
- 18.5 That the indicative award of £94.8 million for the Bus Service Improvement Plan and the proposal to initially use these funds for bus fare reductions in response to the cost of living crisis be noted.
- 18.6 That the plan for lower bus fares via maximum £2 single fares (£1 for children), with a maximum £5 day ticket, from September subject to agreement with Government and bus operators be noted.
- 18.7 That approval for the submission of the draft Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) Delivery Plan to the Department for Transport by 30 June be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester.
- 18.8 That it be agreed that the GMCA will receive regular reports on the Network Review and Market Renewal programme in future meetings, including the medium term funding strategy.

## **19 Levelling Up Fund: Large Transport Bid**

- 19.1 At the 24th June 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:

- 19.2 That approval to approve and submit the GM Round 2 Levelling Up Fund large transport bid be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester.
- 19.3 That it be noted that the Department for Transport encourage a 10% local contribution to be provided, which was being sought via the relevant Local Authorities.
- 19.4 That the GMCA would welcome the active support of each Local Authority to share the GM wide campaign to encourage people back onto the public transport network.

**20 UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Multiply Scheme**

- 20.1 At the 24th June 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 20.2 That the proposed Multiply Scheme Investment Plan for Greater Manchester, which was funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, for up to £14 million and covering the financial years from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025 as set out in section 2 of the report, be noted.
- 20.3 That the proposed UKSPF-funded Multiply Scheme Investment Plan for Greater Manchester with a maximum value of £14 million be approved and that formal approval of the final investment plan be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM.

**21 Sustainable Consumption & Production Plan**

- 21.1 That the SCP Plan be approved for publication.
- 21.2 GM Housing Investment Loans Fund - Investment Approval Recommendations
- 21.3 That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loan detailed in the table below and detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report be approved:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Gingerbread Properties Ltd	Various	GM Wide	£1.000m

- 21.4
- 21.5 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

**22 GM Investment Framework, Conditional Project Approval**

- 22.1 At the 24th June 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 22.2 That the loan facility of up to £3 million to Romaco Limited be approved.

- 22.3 That the loan facility of up to £3.5 million to Evergreen House Limited be approved.
- 22.4 That the follow-on investment into Bankifi Limited of up to £350,000 be approved.
- 22.5 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review due diligence information in respect of the above loans, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the loans/investment, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans/investment noted above.

### **23 GMCA Update on Waste and Resources Contract**

#### **23.1 Recycle for greater Manchester (R4GM) Community Fund**

- 23.2 The R4GM Community fund closed for applications on the 31st May. R4GM have received a total of 60 applications covering each of the 9 districts including Bury, A total of £220,000 was available. Scoring of the applications is currently underway with recipients being notified of funding awarded in July 2022.

#### **23.3 Education / Visitor Centre**

- 23.4 R4GM have had 2 schools visit the Longley Lane visitors centre and one professional group. We have also held a virtual school assembly and a live Facebook session to give advice how to compost at home.
- 23.5 The R4GM education team will be attending the Bury School Eco Conference at the Met, Bury, and will be holding a number of workshops for students.

#### **23.6 Paper and Cardboard Contamination Campaign**

- 23.7 Our campaign aimed at tackling contamination in the paper and card bin has begun in Bury. R4GM officers are working in Whitefield and Radcliffe over the next few months, checking green bins for items such as nappies, clothes and bin bags of general waste.
- 23.8 The team will be out in these areas of high contamination on three consecutive collections. If contamination is identified, a member of the team will speak to residents on the doorstep and discuss the importance of recycling right as well as the financial and environmental impacts of contamination.

## **25 Recommendation**

- 25.1 That Council note the updates from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Transport for Greater Manchester, and Recycle for Greater Manchester, with further updates to be presented to future Council meetings.

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### **List of Background Papers:-**

None identified

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