

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON 29 JULY 2022 AT HOPWOOD HALL
MIDDLETON CAMPUS, ROCHDALE ROAD, MIDDLETON, MANCHESTER**

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Deputy Mayor for Police & Fire	Beverley Hughes
Bolton	Councillor Martyn Cox
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Luthfur Rahman
Oldham	Councillor Amanda Chadderton
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	Councillor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Tameside	Councillor Gerald Cooney
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Paul Larkin
Manchester	Fiona Worrell
Oldham	Shelley Kipling
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Michael Cullen
Tameside	Sandra Stewart

Trafford	Sarah Saleh
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward
GMCA	Lee Teasdale
TfGM	Steve Warrener

GMCA 124/22 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED/-

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor Bev Craig (Manchester) and Councillor David Molyneux (Wigan). Apologies were also received from Geoff Little (Bury), Joanne Roney (Manchester) and Harry Catherall (Oldham).

GMCA 125/22 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, welcomed members to the Middleton Campus of Hopwood Hall College, which had kindly offered to host the meeting. The Mayor invited Cllr Neil Emmott in his role as Leader of Rochdale Council to provide historical background context on the location, and its intended renovation.

Members were provided with an update on the ruling of the court of appeal which had been handed down on Monday 25 July 2022. The appeal was brought against the judicial review finding that upheld the decision to move ahead with a bus franchising scheme in Greater Manchester. The appeal was unanimously rejected and the decision was upheld, this removed the final legal challenge to the proposals to put bus franchising back under public control after 36 years of deregulation.

The Mayor expressed thanks to the GMCA Monitoring Officer Liz Treacy, for her work in ensuring that GM as a trailblazer area for the new legislation, was successful in its bid.

The City Mayor of Salford, Paul Dennett, provided colleagues with an update on Monkeypox now that it had been declared as a global public health emergency. In the North-West there were 120 confirmed or highly probable cases, across England there were 2325 confirmed or highly probable cases. In GM the vaccination of high-risk individuals had commenced. There was a criteria in place set by the NHSCE and the Health Security Agency with regards to who is eligible for these vaccines, and they were now being administered by sexual health services across the city-region. Vaccine supply as well as take up across England remained low and Members agreed that there was a need to lobby government for additional procurement of vaccines for the region. It was agreed that Mayor Dennett would make representation to the Secretary of State for Health to ensure that the North West receives its fair share of the vaccination supply.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the update on bus franchising following the ruling of the Court of Appeal favouring GMCA be noted.
2. That thanks be expressed to GMCA Monitoring Officer Liz Treacy for her work navigating the legal risks inherent in such a trailblazing process.
3. That Mayor Paul Dennett be requested to keep the GMCA updated on any developments around the spread of Monkeypox in Greater Manchester.
4. That Mayor Paul Dennett make representation to the Secretary of State for Health to ensure that the North West receives its fair share of vaccine supply for Monkeypox.

GMCA 126/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED/-

That it be noted that Councillor Andrew Western declared an interest by virtue of sitting on two joint venture boards linked to awards that were proposed to be made in relation to item 25 on the agenda. This was considered a prejudicial interest and

Councillor Western left the room during the debate and approval of item 25 accordingly.

GMCA 127/22 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2022

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 24 June 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 128/22 GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE -
MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2022**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the meeting of the Greater Manchester Transport Committee held on 17 June 2022 be noted.

**GMCA 129/22 GMCA WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE -MINUTES OF
THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2022**

RESOLVED/-

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 12 July 2022 be noted.
2. That the appointment of Councillor Alan Quinn as the Chair of the Waste & Recycling Committee for the current municipal year be approved.

GMCA 130/22 GMCA REVISIONS TO THE GMCA CONSTITUTION

GMCA Monitoring Liz Treacy presented a report seeking approval for revisions to the GMCA constitution following the GMCA's decisions on 24 June 2022 in relation to

the Scrutiny Review, together with proposed amendments to Resources Committee terms of reference and technical amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the revised constitution accompanying the report be adopted as the Constitution of the GMCA.
2. That the GMCA Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any changes of a typographical nature to the Constitution.

**GMCA 131/22 GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS 2022/23**

GMCA Monitoring Liz Treacy presented a report seeking approval for the appointments that districts were not able to nominate at the previous meeting.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the appointment of Councillor Tracy Kelly, by Salford City Council, as the substitute representative to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for 2022/23 be noted.
2. That the appointment of a substitute member, from the pool of nominations received to the GMCA Audit Committee be deferred to the next meeting of the GMCA.
3. That the appointment of Councillor Mike Hurleston (Conservative) (Stockport) to the GMCA Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Ashley Dearnley (Conservative) (Rochdale) to the GMCA Scrutiny Committee Substitute Pool be approved.
4. That the extension of the terms of office for Nicole Jackson (Independent Person) and Geoff Linnell (Independent Member) on the Standards Committee until November 2026 be approved.

5. That the appointment of Councillor Wendy Meikle and Councillor Malcolm Allan (substitute member), by Stockport Council, to the GM Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee for 2022/23 be approved.
6. That the appointment of Councillor Colin MacAlister, by Stockport Council, to the Skills and Employment Executive be approved.
7. That the appointment of Councillor Mark Hunter and Councillor Keith Holloway (substitute member) by Stockport Council, to the GM Integrated Care Partnership for 2022/23 be noted.
8. That the appointment of Councillor Mark Roberts and Councillor Malcolm Allan (substitute member) by Stockport Council and Councillor Laura Boyle (substitute member) by Tameside Council to the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee for 2022/23 be noted.
9. That the appointment of Councillor Mark Roberts and Councillor Malcolm Allan (substitute member) by Stockport Council and Councillor Laura Boyle (substitute member) by Tameside Council to the Clean Quality Administration Committee for 2022/23 be noted.
10. That subject to any further changes the GMCA may wish to make, all appointments to be made up to the GMCA Annual Meeting in June 2023.

GMCA 132/22 GREATER MANCHESTER EQUALITY PANELS

Councillor Amanda Chadderton, Portfolio Lead for Equalities, Inclusion and Cohesion was invited to update Members on the annual reports arising from Greater Manchester's seven Equality Panels – that had been established to advise, support and challenge GM's political leaders and policy makers to tackle discrimination and disadvantages that in turn were a key cause of injustice and inequalities within society.

The Panels worked together with the GMCA and Partners to provide insight into the experiences of the region's diverse and often most disadvantaged residents. The Panels also supported public services by communicating key messages by co-design and collaboration with communities.

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester made reference to the LGBTQ+ Panel which had had now been brought in line with the other Panels. Issues relating to GM's LGBTQ+ residents had previously been the focus of the Mayoral Advisor Carl Austin-Behan, the establishment of the Panel would now move beyond this arrangement and the GM Mayor expressed his gratitude for all the work undertaken by Carl over the past four years.

The meeting was reminded that it was vital to address entrenched inequalities, and that all Members should ensure they regularly engage with the Panels relevant to their Portfolios.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Annual Reports provided by the Disabled People's Panel, Youth Combined Authority, Women and Girls Equality Panel, Race Equality Panel, Faith and Belief Advisory Panel, Older People's Equality Panel and LGBTQ+ Equality Panel be noted.
2. That the Equality Panels (individually or collectively) be engaged with on Key issues within their Portfolio that will impact communities-of-identity.
3. That the GMCA record its thanks to the outgoing LGBTQ+ Advisor Carl Austin-Behan for all of the work he had undertaken within the role.

**GMCA 133/22 OVERVIEW OF GREATER MANCHESTER INDEPENDENT
INEQUALITIES COMMISSION: ONE YEAR ON REVIEW**

Councillor Amanda Chadderton, Portfolio Lead for Equalities, Inclusion and Cohesion provided Members with an update on the work undertaken in the year following the publication of the Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission's final report. The Commissioners had recently reconvened to reflect on the progress made, and the Report highlighted their reflections and proposed next steps for the region.

The programme had now been incorporated into the Greater Manchester Strategy and progress within each district had been captured within the report. However,

whilst the Commission has welcomed the progress made, there was still a need to go further and faster to tackle the more deeply entrenched inequalities within the region. To achieve this there would need to be equitable access across Greater Manchester Services and within wider society and all Portfolio Leaders would need to be actively involved in this.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the activities described in the report which are now taking place, and the comprehensive and integrated approach Greater Manchester has adopted to tackling inequality centred around the refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy and monitoring through the 6 monthly GMS Performance Process be noted.
2. That the Commissioners' reflections in respect of the 'good work' and 'some progress on process' being made and the need for Greater Manchester to go further and faster, deeper and wider in tackling inequalities be noted.
3. That approval be given to the proposal that going forward:
 - GM Strategy and progress reporting will be the vehicles to steer a systemwide approach to addressing inequalities
 - Tackling Inequalities Board will provide the necessary leadership and governance to continue to hold the system to account on our equalities commitments
 - ongoing coordination work between existing governance boards around this agenda will further enable the embedding of responding to the inequalities into 'everybody's business' and will ensure that the right system ownership and leadership is in place to drive actions in response to the issues presented

GMCA 134/22 GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, presented the Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS) draft six-month progress report to Members. The report provided an

overview of some of the activities currently underway which supported the delivery of the GM Strategy shared commitments and drew out whole system issues and areas for further progression in an issues paper.

It was noted that the GMS had been discussed at the first meeting of the new Overview and Scrutiny Committee and welcomed the Committee's decision to use the GMS as a guide for their work in holding the Authority to account going forward.

The GMCA were in discussions with Government regarding the Trailblazer negotiations identified in the Levelling Up White Paper. Conversations were largely taking place at officer level at present, but the Mayor had undertaken positive and constructive meetings with the current and previous Levelling-Up Secretaries.

The outcome of the Trailblazer negotiations would determine whether GM could move at the pace it aspired to in relation to ambitions within the GM Strategy. There was confidence that officials were on-board with what GM was seeking to achieve and the commitment GM had demonstrated to being able to be held to account on delivery had clearly been welcomed. It was advised that a further report on Trailblazer negotiations would be submitted to the September meeting of the GMCA.

Councillor Mark Hunter added his support for the measures but sought assurance that there was a consistency of approach across the region's ten districts towards helping to achieve the GM Strategy targets. The Chair confirmed that the strengthening of working arrangements was important and highlighted the work of the Reform Executive as it sought to reinvigorate the locality-based model.

It was also report that an update on the Integrated Care System would be submitted to a future meeting of the GMCA, as this presented an opportunity to take the alignment of thinking to a new level.

Members highlighted the cost-of-living issues facing GM residents and the opportunity for reflection within the GM Strategy. It was confirmed GM Strategy would be reviewed to ensure that the 'fairer' element was sufficiently focussed upon the 'here and now' and not purely focussed upon issues further down the line. Work

was also underway to develop a dashboard that would contain key indicators and measures of success/challenges around the cost of living.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress report, the systemic issues identified and possible GM responses and further dialogue with Government in support of the attainment of the Greater Manchester Strategy shared outcomes and commitments be received.
2. That all recipients of the progress report, stakeholder groups, partnerships and agencies, have given due consideration and reflection to the issues identified in the report, that will drive the change and actions required in all parts of the system if the GMS is to be delivered.
3. That it be noted that a review of the progress reporting process will be undertaken to refine and develop for future iterations.
4. That the GMCA welcomes the clarity provided by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it will use the Greater Manchester Strategy as a guide for its work holding the Authority to account going forward.
5. That a report be submitted to the September 2022 meeting of the GMCA providing an update on Trailblazer negotiations.
6. That a report on the Integrated Care System aligning priorities, and related opportunities be submitted to a future meeting of the GMCA.
7. That the Greater Manchester Strategy be reviewed to ensure it sufficiently captures the cost-of-living issues within the 'here and now' and that the

dashboard being designed to analyse key indicators and measures be used to inform this.

GMCA 135/22 RETAINED BUSINESS RATES UPDATE

Steve Wilson, GMCA Treasurer, presented an update on the latest position in relation to the 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot.

Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett stated that urgent clarity was required on the Pilot to allow Local Authorities to financially plan for the medium and long term.

RESOLVED/-

1. That a planning assumption for 25% of the 2021/22 retained business rates income to be invested in GM wide initiatives be noted.
2. That the proposed schemes set out in the table at paragraph 5.5 totalling £17.4m be approved.
3. That it be noted that this was funded in full from a 25% share of the confirmed 2021/22 income of £16.3m and £1.1m of slippage against previously agreed schemes.
4. That the issues concerning the potential future of the scheme and the potential further Greater Manchester wide commitments be noted.
5. That urgent clarity on the future of the 100% business rate retention pilot be sought from Government to allow authorities to undertake accurate financial planning.

GMCA 136/22 GMCA REVENUE UPDATE QUARTER 1 – 2022/23

Steve Wilson, GMCA Treasurer introduced a report which provided members with an update on the details of the GMCA actual position to 30th June 2022 (quarter 1) and forecast revenue outturn position for 2022/23, covering Mayoral General Budget, Mayoral GM Fire and Rescue Budget (GMFRS), GMCA General Budgets, GM Waste and Transport including Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM).

Members were advised that the report showed a small underspend against the budget for GM Fire and Rescue Service and GM Waste budgets; these would be monitored throughout the year.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the 2022/23 forecast outturn position for the GMCA budgets at the end of June 2022 (quarter 1) be noted.
2. That the changes to the GMCA General budget following the confirmation of additional funding since the budget was approved in February 2022, as set out in section 2.1, be approved.
3. That £10m of 2021/22 Waste reserves to be returned to the nine Greater Manchester local authorities be approved and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree the basis of distribution with local authority Treasurers.

GMCA 137/22 GMCA CAPITAL BUDGET – QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Steve Wilson, GMCA Treasurer, introduced a report which provided an update on the key budgets for allocation of grant money received during the first quarter of the year.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the 2022/23 forecast of £630.6m compared to the 2022.23 budget of £421.5m be noted and that changes to the capital programme, as set out in the report, be approved.
2. That the addition to the Capital Programme of the currently forecast expenditure in 2022/23 of £105.7m, funded from the GM allocation from the City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS), as outlined in section 3.19.4 of the report, be approved.

3. That the addition to the Capital Programme of currently forecast expenditure in 2022/23 of £1m funded from Active Travel Fund (ATF3) grant funding from DfT, as outlined in 3.14.1 of the report, be approved.
4. That the allocations of Minor Works/ Road Safety and Highways Maintenance, the agreed split allocated to Local Authorities as shown in section 3.19.6 of the report, be noted.

GMCA 138/22 TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

Steve Wilson, GMCA Treasurer, introduced a report advising that the Treasury Management Annual Report had been taken to the GMCA Audit Committee on Tuesday 26 July for approval. The Report confirmed that the GMCAy was operating within the approved borrowing limits for 2021/22.

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

GMCA 139/22 UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND – GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT PLAN

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, provided Members with an update on the submission of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan. It was required that this be submitted to Government by 1st August 2022, however it was important to note that this was a framework and not the detailed final plan and allowed for the flexibility that would be required going forward.

A UKSPF Board featuring a wide range of partner organisations from across the region had been established that would lead on the discussions regarding the development of the Implementation Plan ahead of its submission to government. The GM Overview and Scrutiny Committee had also expressed a willingness to be involved in reviewing the Implementation Plan.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Greater Manchester UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan, set out within the report, be approved.
2. That the submission of the Greater Manchester UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan to Government by 1 August 2022 be agreed.
3. That the next steps on implementation be noted.
4. That the Greater Manchester UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan be submitted to the October 2022 meeting of the GMCA for agreement.
5. That it be noted that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee had requested to review the Implementation Plan at its September 2022 meeting in advance of consideration by the GMCA in October 2022.

GMCA 140/22 MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF DIGITAL TELEPHONE SWITCH OVER IN GREATER MANCHESTER

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeships, presented a report to Members that sought to raise awareness of the fundamental changes taking place to the telecoms infrastructure which was likely to impact upon the region's small and medium sized businesses (SME's), digitally excluded residents and the delivery of some public sector services.

Whereas the last large scale digital switchover (for the television network) had been government led in terms of communications with the public, there had been an expectation this time that communications would be industry led, which had resulted in a failure in knowledge within the public sphere of the forthcoming switchover and its potential impact.

Members requested Councillor O'Brien write to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport to highlight the concerns, particularly the issues that could

impact the most vulnerable members of society. It was asked that a further update on this be brought to a future meeting of the GMCA.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the timeline for the switchover be noted and it be ensured that all public sector organisations were undertaking appropriate steps to upgrade or mitigate.
2. That a review to evaluate the risks and impacts (financial and operational) to Greater Manchester public sector organisations and business community be supported.
3. That an industry led conference to increase awareness of the digital telephone switchover to businesses, public sector and residents in Greater Manchester be encouraged.
4. That Government be pressed to undertake a national campaign working with industry to highlight the change for UK residents and SMEs.
5. That the implications of the change for the digitally excluded be highlighted to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport by Councillor Eamonn O'Brien and it be ensured that action is taken by the Government working with industry to support vulnerable people most impacted by the change.
6. That an update on progress be submitted to a future meeting of the GMCA.

**GMCA 141/22 GREATER MANCHESTER ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET:
SINGLE POT APPROACH TO LEVEL 3 FUNDING FOR
GREATER MANCHESTER**

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeships, introduced a report on the proposed plan to distribute the devolved Adult Education Budget and national funds for a Single Pot Level 3 qualifications offer for the region's residents and employers. It was felt that this provided a positive example of what the GM region could bring towards devolution.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the plan to distribute devolved Adult Education Budget and national funds for a Single Pot Level 3 Offer for Greater Manchester resident and employers for 2022/23 onwards be approved.
2. That the authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and execute all the necessary agreements to distribute devolved Adult Education Budget and national funds for a Single Pot Level 3 Offer for Greater Manchester residents and employers for 2022/23 onwards.

GMCA 142/22 GREATER MANCHESTER ECONOMIC DASHBOARD AND ECONOMY PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, presented the latest version of the GM Economic Resilience Dashboard, together with an overview of activity taking place in relation to the GM Local Industrial Strategy and Economy Portfolio.

Key points highlighted included the further increases seen in road fuel prices; and a drop in median wages over the last 12 months within the region of 2.2% in real terms.

However, there were some positives within the economic brief, including the progress being made with Innovation GM; progress in the Graphene and Advanced Materials agenda; and the increasing traction seen in the Good Employment Charter. GM had recently received the Living Wage Places Award at the Annual Living Wage Foundation Awards, this reflected the fact that all 10 GM local authorities had agreed to pay the living wage to all care staff.

Councillor Amanda Chadderton was invited to further address Members on the cost-of-living crisis and the increasing risks around entrenched poverty related to this. It was agreed that Councillor Chadderton be responsible for addressing issues related to the cost-of-living crisis, and that the cost-of-living dashboard currently being developed would be incorporated into the monthly Economic Dashboard update going forwards.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the latest update of the Greater Manchester Economic Resilience Dashboard and response, including delivery of the Local Industrial Strategy and Greater Manchester Economic Vision, be noted.
2. That Councillor Amanda Chadderton be appointed as the lead portfolio Leader for directly addressing current cost-of-living crisis issues such as fuel poverty.
3. That it be agreed that the cost-of-living dashboard, currently under development, be incorporated into the monthly Economic Dashboard and Economy Portfolio Update report going forward.

GMCA 143/22 GMCA SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY & CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

Eamonn Boylan , Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, presented a report seeking approval for GMCA's organisational Sustainability Strategy (2022–26). The report also provided the latest Member's Briefing to update on activities undertaken to deliver the GM 5 Year Environment Plan, launched in March 2019, for information.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the GMCA Sustainability Strategy be approved.
2. That the progress made on GMCA's delivery of the GM 5 Year Environment Plan, provided in the most recent brief for members, be noted.

GMCA 144/22 HIGH SPEED RAIL (CREWE – MANCHESTER) BILL UPDATE

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, introduced a report which provided an update on the progression of the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill through Parliament and the preparation of GMCA and TfGM petitions.

Members were reminded that the GMCA, Districts and TFGM were required to submit petitions by the deadline of Thursday 4 August 2022.

The GMCA recorded its thanks to Jason Prince, Head of GMCA Public Affairs, for engaging with Greater Manchester MPs on the impact on the City Region.

The negative impact of the decision not to proceed with the underground rail station at Manchester Piccadilly and the wider impact of that decision on the future growth of the region and the wider North of England without this necessary additional infrastructure solution was reiterated. The Northern Metro Mayors have written to the Conservative Leadership candidates asking for their support on Northern Powerhouse Rail and the proposal for an underground rail station development at Manchester Piccadilly.

Andy Burnham referred the frustrations resulting from the removal of the Golborne Link from the HS2 scheme, which would impede capacity uplift, impacting on levelling up opportunities, particularly within the Wigan district.

Councillor Ged Cooney highlighted the devastating longer term impact upon Tameside and the wider East GM region, which may not recover, as a result of the closure of the Ashton Metrolink line during the development of a surface HS2 station at Piccadilly, he said this was not acceptable.

Councillor Martyn Cox emphasised that this was an area in which Greater Manchester could speak with “one voice” and that Conservative colleagues would lobby for the right HS2 solution for the region.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the update on the Hybrid Bill and Second Reading be noted.
2. That it be noted that the GMCA and TfGM petitions will be submitted before the end of the petitioning period on 4 August 2022.
3. That thanks be expressed to Greater Manchester’s MPs for their support during the second reading of the bill.

GMCA 145/22 GREATER MANCHESTER ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester presented a report seeking approval of the delivery funding requirements for Phase 2 of the GM Bee Network Crossings project, through the Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF) Cycling and Walking programme; and to note the planned governance and approvals approach for Greater Manchester's Active Travel Fund (Tranche 3) programme.

Members were advised that the Active Travel Commissioner, Dame Sarah Storey has been out in districts and has met with district council leaders to refresh the mission in reforming public transport through active travel. It was intended that Dame Storey would attend a future meeting of the GMCA.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the release of £2,118,033 of Mayor's Cycling & Walking Fund funding for Phase 2 of the Greater Manchester Bee Network Crossings scheme, as set out in section 2 of the report, in order to secure full approval and enable continued scheme delivery through the signing of the necessary supporting legal agreement, be approved.
2. That the planned governance and approvals approach regarding management of the £13.07 million Active Travel Fund (Tranche 3) programme for GM, following its addition to the 2022/23 Capital Programme at the May 27 GMCA meeting, be noted.
3. That Dame Sarah Storey be requested to attend the GMCA in the autumn to discuss what 'refreshing the mission' would look like and how best to work with Leaders on the Active Travel programmes.

GMCA 146/22 EXTENSION OF THE OUR PASS PILOT SCHEME

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, presented a report that requested approval of the extension of the Our Pass Pilot scheme which allowed free travel on bus in the region for 16 to 18 year olds.

The one-year extension was required whilst the full evaluation work was taking place on the impact of the Our Pass Pilot within the region. The proposal was for the evaluation work be submitted to the GMCA in the autumn and Members would be asked at that point to make an informed decision on the future of the scheme.

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien welcomed the commitment to the extension of the pass to the age of 21 for all care leavers within the region and asked that following a request from the Care Leavers Trust Board, that consideration be given to the feasibility of extending the remit of the pass to care leavers up to the age of 25 years old. It was confirmed that the request would be considered along with the exploration of other opportunities to support travel opportunities for young residents in the region.

Andy Burnham also confirmed that he would work with Councillor Mark Hunter, as the new Portfolio Lead for Young People, to work on increasing awareness amongst young residents of the region of the cultural and sporting opportunities that were available via Our Pass.

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be noted that the budget provision for the extension of the 'Our Pass' Pilot for a further one year was included in the Mayoral budget for 2022/23, which was approved by GMCA on 11 February 2022.
2. That the proposal to extend the Our Pass Pilot for a further year, to 31 August 2023 be approved.
3. That it be noted that the work to evaluate the impact of the Pilot was ongoing and that the extension of the scheme will enable this to be completed. The evaluation was currently scheduled to be completed in Autumn 2022 for submission to the GMCA
4. That it be noted that any further extension to the Pilot beyond 31 August 2023 will require approval as part of the budget setting process in February 2023.
5. That consideration be given to the feasibility of extending the remit of the pass to care leavers up to the age of 25 years old.

6. That it be noted that the GM Mayor and Councillor Mark Hunter would work together to raise awareness of the opportunities for cultural and sporting facilities available via Our Pass and that further sponsorship by cultural and sporting facilities be progressed.

GMCA 147/22 ATOM VALLEY, MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for Clean Air, Regeneration and Housing, presented a report seeking approval for, and setting out the proposed concept, for a Mayoral Development Zone (MDZ) in the North East Growth Location, to be named Atom Valley MDZ. The North East Growth Location was one of six Growth Locations across Greater Manchester that would deliver new development, create and retain jobs, offer better job opportunities, and enable training and skill development to increase the number of residents in employment.

The MDZ would be focussed around three principal growth sites; Kingsway Business Park/Advanced Machinery and Productivity Institute (AMPI); Northern Gateway; and Stakehill. Whilst each site would contribute to the growth of the Zone as a whole, the cumulative impact of these sites would be transformational for Greater Manchester.

The MDZ would provide 1.6 million square meters of employment space, 20,000 new jobs and 7000 low carbon homes. The governance arrangements would see noted economist Paul Ormerod take the role of MDZ Board Chair and would have representation from Bury, Rochdale and Oldham councils.

Councillor Andrew Western recorded his thanks to the previous portfolio lead City Mayor Paul Dennett and the portfolio lead Chief Executive, Steve Rumbelow, for their extensive work on this project.

Councillor Neil Emmott strongly welcomed the project noting the particular impact it would have upon Middleton and Heywood. However, it was noted that there was a real need for greater public transport infrastructure within the area, particularly in terms of a rail/tram spur to Middleton in the short term whilst developing longer term solutions.

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien welcomed the passion and commitment brought to the project. This was a once in a generation opportunity to attract highly skilled jobs to

the area. Now was the time to start thinking about the transport approach to the project.

Councillor Amanda Chadderton stated that the potential for the project was massive, and it demonstrated the real impact of devolution.

Councillor Mark Hunter wished to express his appreciation to the Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) and the transformational effect it has had in Stockport and welcomed the MDZ as an exciting prospect.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the designation of a Mayoral Development Zone known as Atom Valley be approved.
2. That the proposed area of the Atom Valley Mayoral Development Zone, as indicated in Plan 1 attached at Appendix 1, be approved.
3. That the establishment of a Mayoral Development Zone Board be approved and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer GMCA and Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to agree appropriate representation on the Board, in consultation with Bury, Rochdale and Oldham Councils.
4. That the principles of the business case and development strategy for the Mayoral Development Zone, as set out in paragraphs 5.3-5.8 of the report, which the Atom Valley Mayoral Development Zone Board will refine into the development of a business case in overseeing the delivery of the growth sites, be approved.
5. That regular updates on the progress of the delivery of the Atom Valley Mayoral Development Zone be submitted to the GMCA.
6. That the renaming of the North-East Growth Location as the Atom Valley Growth Location be approved.
7. That it be noted that the authorities requested above will also be sought by the requisite Council Executives of Bury, Rochdale and Oldham Councils.

8. That the recent confirmation of City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement funding to undertake a business case for a tram/trainline spur to Middleton be noted.

**GMCA 148/22 GM BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND- FURTHER £27M BHF
ALLOCATION PRIORITISATION PROCESS**

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, presented a report which sought approval to prioritise sites for the Further £27m BHF Allocation (“Tranche 3”) as per the proposed methodology set out within this report and the resultant shortlist.

City Mayor Paul Dennett welcomed the allocation of £15.1million of the £27million in the first economic year given the challenges currently being seen in the construction industry and support the city region’s economy – and the wider support of the Brownfield First approach at the heart of Places for Everyone.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the proposed methodology for prioritising sites against Further £27m BHF Allocation (Tranche 3) be approved.
2. That the resultant shortlist of sites as a result of the application of the above prioritisation process be approved.

**GMCA 149/22 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS
FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS
(KEY DECISION)**

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for Clean Air, Regeneration and Housing, presented a report to Members advising that Unique Homes and Developments Ltd were seeking a loan of £1.794m from the GM Housing Investment and Housing Loans fund to build 8 new homes in Wigan. Planning permission had already been granted and the loan would support the development of brownfield land, although

unfortunately given the micro size of the development, there was no affordable element.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loan detailed in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report, be approved:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Unique Homes and Developments	Elliott Street, Tyldesley	Wigan	£1.794m

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.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Place Based Regeneration & Housing, to approve projects for Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loans Fund funding and approve any urgent variations on loans amounts and terms previously approved, in the period 30 July 2022 to 29 September 2022.

**GMCA 150/22 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK,
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, presented a report seeking approval for a loan to FM Outsource Limited (“FMO”). The loan would be made from recycled funds and would support business growth and employment.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the loan facility of up to £650,000 to FM Outsource Limited be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the 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.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, and GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources to approve projects for funding and agree urgent variations to the terms of funding in the period 30 July 2022 to 29 September 2022.

GMCA 151/22 DELIVERING THE BEE NETWORK: BUS FARES, ZERO EMISSION BUSES, BUS DEPOTS, AND CITY REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SETTLEMENT

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, presented a report seeking approval, and delegated authority to deliver a number of key components of the Bee Network including affordable bus fares, zero emission buses, the acquisition of a number of bus depots, and the allocation of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) funds into the capital programme.

Eamonn Boylan advised the meeting that work continued with bus operators on finalising the fare offer in time for the intended September 2022 commencement date. The funding of the fares would be determined by the final Governmental approval of the Bus Services Improvement Plan which was yet to be received, though there was no indication that it would not be received.

An update was provided on the electrification of the new bus depot as part of the Stockport MDC – including the procurement of 170 zero emission buses. The assets

being acquired through the programme would form part of the residual value mechanisms at the point at which franchises would be awarded at the start of 2024. Assets to be retained for the benefit of Stockport; and this would aid in improving transport and clean air; as well as unlocking new sites within Stockport. Councillor Mark Hunter endorsed the procurement of the zero emission buses for Stockport.

Reference was then made to the procurement of fifty zero emission buses for deployment within tranche one of the bus franchising. Member were advised that it was important that the public witnessed the changes in place once the move towards a franchised system was underway, with the Crown Services Commercial Framework enabling the procurement of the buses at the greatest possible speed.

Further reports would be submitted to the GMCA detailing the procurement of zero-carbon buses as part of tranche 2 of franchising – currently the deadline for this was set as April 2024.

Discussions were also continuing regarding the procurement of bus depots as the most beneficial means of delivering the franchise.

RESOLVED/-

1. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to allocate Bus Services Improvement Plan (BSIP) funding to reduce bus fares to a maximum of £2 single fares (£1 for children), with a maximum £5 day ticket (£2.50 for children), from 1 September 2022, subject to agreement with Government and bus operators.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Chief Executive of Stockport MBC, to allocate the GMCA ZEBRA fund of £35.7m alongside match funds from Stagecoach Group Plc (Stagecoach) of £37.2m and a GMCA contribution of £12.5m to enable Stagecoach to procure 170 Zero Emission Buses and the associated electrification works for deployment on routes operating to and from Stockport Town Centre by 2024.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor to procure a further, 50 Zero Emission Buses

initially, for deployment within Tranche 1 of bus franchising using the Crown Commercial Services national framework RM6060, to be funded from GMCA's City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement. Further detail on the proposed method of procurement, the preferred supplier and estimated cost is included in a report in Part B of this agenda.

4. That it be noted that subsequent proposals for the deployment of additional City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement funded zero emission buses will be submitted to the GMCA Authority in a subsequent report.
5. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer GMCA and TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester to negotiate and approve the acquisition of bus depots to support bus franchising, within previously approved capital and revenue budgets for bus franchising. Further details are provided in a report in Part B of this agenda.
6. That the update to be submitted to the September 2022 meeting of the GMCA provide as much accuracy as possible on the likely commencements of Tranches 2 & 3 of bus franchising.

GMCA 152/22 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.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the reallocation of funds, previously allocated, in accordance with the agreed Franchising Depot Strategy for the purchase of the existing Stockport Bus Depot, to fund the design and construction of a new Stockport Bus depot be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Chief Executive of Stockport MBC, to put in place the necessary arrangements, in accordance with the Department for Transport ZEBRA funding to design and construct a new bus depot in Stockport.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester to procure an initial, 50 Zero Emission Buses for deployment within Tranche 1 of bus franchising, funded from GMCA's City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement, using the Crown Commercial Services national framework RM6060.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer GMCA and TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor, to negotiate the acquisition of depots for Tranche 1 - and for future tranches – of bus franchising within overall agreed budgets for bus franchising.
5. That authority be delegated to TfGM to agree the best commercial terms in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer.
6. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA and TfGM, to agree the final terms of all necessary agreements for the purchase of the depots.
7. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to complete and execute all necessary legal agreements.

**GMCA 154/22 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS
FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION**

Clerk’s Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (minute 149/22 above refers)

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 155/22 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK,
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Clerk’s Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (minute 150/22 above refers)

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

Signed by the Chair: