

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY HELD ON
FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2023 AT BOLTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT

GM Mayor	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
GM Deputy Mayor	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Martyn Cox
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Hunter
Tameside	Councillor Bill Fairfoull
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Gillian Duckworth
GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Joanne Roney

Oldham	Harry Catherall
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Tom Stannard
Stockport	Caroline Simpson
Tameside	Stephanie Butterworth
Trafford	Sarah Saleh
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Lee Teasdale
GMCA	Elaine Mottershead

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair of GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Cllr John Walsh

GMCA 39/23 APOLOGIES

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor Amanda Chadderton (Oldham), Councillor Ged Cooney (Tameside) (represented by Councillor Bill Fairfoull), Sara Todd (Trafford) (represented by Sarah Salah) and Sandra Stewart (Tameside) (represented by Stephanie Butterworth).

GMCA 40/23 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The GM Mayor opened by welcomed Lynne Ridsdale to her first meeting after taking over the role of Chief Executive of Bury Council following the retirement of Geoff Little.

The Mayor together with the Deputy Mayor, highlighted the announcement made by Greater Manchester Police to launch its new Neighbourhood Policing Offer. This was the biggest change to policing in GM in a generation, with the force moving to a model of neighbourhood policing where teams would be ringfenced in communities and not

drawn away as seen in the past. This was a direct response to what the public of GM had explicitly stated that they wished to see.

The Mayor noted that as part of this process, over 260 neighbourhood policing officers would be introduced into neighbourhoods and that PCSO numbers would reduce accordingly. However, it was made clear that this in no way was an indictment of the significant value that PCSO's had brought to neighbourhoods in recent times as the backbone of the community presence, and that there was a great appreciation for their work, and many would be invited to apply to become warranted officers.

It was agreed that Chief Constable Stephen Watson would be invited to a meeting of the GMCA at the appropriate time to provide an update on the ongoing implementation of this model, and other improvements in GMP performance.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GMCA welcomed Lynne Ridsdale to her first meeting as the Chief Executive of Bury Council.
2. That the update on the launch of GMP's Neighbourhood Policing Offer be received.
3. That GMP Chief Constable Stephen Watson be invited to a meeting of the Combined Authority to provide an update on the implementation of the Neighbourhood Policing Offer at the appropriate time.

GMCA 41/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

That Mayor Andy Burnham declared an interest in item 28b (Electric Vehicles Charging Infrastructure Delivery) and would vacate the Chair for that item.

GMCA 42/23 GMCA 9 JUNE 2023 ADDITIONAL MEETING DATE

RESOLVED /-

That approval be given for an additional meeting of the GMCA to be held on 9 June 2023 to consider Bus Franchising Tranche 2.

**GMCA 43/23 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY
2023**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 10 February 2023 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 44/23 GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE
MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2023**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA Resources Committee held on Friday 27 January 2023 be approved.

**GMCA 45/23 GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – MINUTES
OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY AND 8 MARCH
2023**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meetings of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 8 February 2023 and 8 March 2023 be noted.

**GMCA 46/23 GMCA STANDARDS COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF THE
MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2023**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Standards Committee held on 10 February 2023 be approved.

**GMCA 47/23 GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 15 MARCH 2023**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 15 March 2023 be noted.

**GMCA 48/23 GMCA WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF
THE MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2023**

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 16 March 2023 be noted.

GMCA 49/23 GMCA TRAILBLAZER DEVOLUTION DEAL

The GM Mayor introduced the item, stating that Tuesday 21st March had been a very significant day for the future of the city region and thanks were given to all Leaders and Chief Executives who had joined the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the signing of the deal. The report presented provided an overview of the additional powers, functions and flexibilities awarded to Greater Manchester as part of the Trailblazer Devolution Deal announced in the Spring 2023 Budget, and requested that the GMCA endorse the Deal, and give its authorisation to begin the preparation for a Governance Review and Scheme.

The additional powers around transport would be of particular benefit, allowing for the further expansion of the Bee Network to include rail services by 2030 and bringing integrated travel to all areas of GM, not just those covered by Metrolink.

On housing, a range of new responsibilities would allow for further meaning behind the Good Landlord Charter, raising rental standards across the region.

On Post-16 Education, there were huge opportunities, with the region now being able to provide assurances around this to investors into the region.

John Walsh, Chair of the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee was invited to feed back on the Committee's recent analysis of the Deal. It was advised that members of the Scrutiny Committee had been pleased to see that a number of their comments and suggested amendments raised during the draft process had appeared in the final version. Members had fully welcomed the great deal on work officers had put into getting this deal over the line, however, the greatest issue raised from their point of view was the robustness of the scrutiny process going forward, and the need to avoid duplication whilst also ensuring that scrutiny had sufficient capacity to be fully robust in its role as a critical friend.

The Mayor drew the item to a close, asking that the GMCA also note the amendment to the report highlighted at paragraph 2.1, bullet point 4, which had previously read £100m of Brownfield Funding, but should actually read £150m on Brownfield Funding.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the amendment to the report at Para 2.1, bullet 4 be noted.
2. That the Trailblazer Devolution Deal as set out at Annex A to the report be endorsed.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to commence the statutory process by carrying out the governance review referred to in the report and to report back to the GMCA with the outcomes, including any recommendations for a proposed Scheme.
4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to do anything required to enable consideration, as part of the governance review referred to in recommendation 2, of any parts of the Trailblazer Devolution Deal that are not bound by the statutory process.
5. That the comments of the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee as fed back by Chair Councillor John Walsh be received and noted.

The GM Mayor introduced the second progress report on the Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS), as previously agreed, at the twelve-month delivery mark. The Mayor invited John Walsh, as Chair of the GM Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to provide the feedback of its members.

Cllr Walsh advised that the main concern raised by the Panel was the ability to achieve the 2038 target for carbon reduction and had asked that this be carefully monitored. The GM Mayor advised that the pandemic had caused setbacks in terms of some of the original planned timescales, however there were suggestions within the plan as to how expediting workstreams could take place. If the Trailblazer opportunities were able to come to fruition, this would greatly aid such acceleration.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the progress report be approved.
2. That the strategic opportunities presented to Greater Manchester right now, and how these can be used to maximise the potential to achieve GMS ambitions, be noted.
3. That it be noted that insufficient detail of programme delivery has been gathered to assess specific impacts arising from delivery in support of GM Strategy ambition. That it be noted that the assessment completed takes an overview approach, considering the strategic intent of the GMS and forming a view from the overall approaches, understanding and intent.
4. That the comments of the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee as fed back by Chair Councillor John Walsh be received and noted.

**GMCA 51/23 GREATER MANCHESTER DEVOLVED ADULT EDUCATION
BUDGET (AEB) UPDATE AND KEY DECISIONS (KEY
DECISION)**

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Portfolio Lead for Digital, Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeships) was invited to provide the GMCA with an update on the closure and performance of the academic year (2021/2022) of GM's devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB), and an ask to approve cost of delivery support approaches to devolved AEB Skills Providers for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 academic years.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the update on the closure and performance of the 2021/2022 academic year, set out in Section 2 of the report, be considered and noted.
2. That the proposed cost of delivery exceptional payment to devolved AEB Skills Providers for the 2022/2023 academic year, and the granting of delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader and Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work, Apprenticeships and Digital be approved. This will enable the taking forward of the appropriate approach for the 2023/2024 academic year.
3. That it be noted that the proposed commissioning approach and the progressing of the developments including for the second phase of commissioning, and the granting of delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader and Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work, Apprenticeships and Digital will allow for taking forward the AEB commissioning to contract award.
4. That approval be given to the proposed indicative devolved AEB allocations, 'Level 3 Single Pot' and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded further education institutions, and that authority be delegated to the GMCA

Treasurer to agree any minor changes that arise during discussions between each institution and GMCA.

5. That support be continued for the administration and management costs at 1.8% of the overall devolved AEB funding for the 2023/2024 academic year.
6. That GMCA Officers and wider stakeholders be allowed to agree a GM offer for traineeships which now forms part of the funding under the devolved AEB allocation and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to take forward any commissioning, including to contract award where relevant.
7. That the Mayor of Greater Manchester approved the proposed indicative devolved AEB allocations, 'Level 3 Single Pot' and subsequent expenditure for the GM grant-funded local authorities, and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to approve any minor changes that arise in the course of discussions between each local authority and GMCA.
8. That the Mayor of Greater Manchester approved the continuation of the AEB LA Grant Programme to each of the ten local authorities, supporting alleviating barriers to adult skills, improving digital inclusion through skills, and continue the support of the GM ESOL Advice Service for 2023/2024.

**GMCA 52/23 GREATER MANCHESTER INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT &
SUPPORT IN PRIMARY CARE (IPSPC) SERVICE
COMMISSIONING (KEY DECISION)**

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Portfolio Lead for Digital, Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeships) was invited to present a report outlining the intention to commission the Greater Manchester Individual Placement and Support in Primary Care (IPSPC) Service and to request delegated authority for the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer.

The aim of this was not just to support those currently out of work, but also to provide reassurance and support to those who were at risk of becoming out of work due to health or disability issues.

This work was a national priority and the DWP had been tasked with identifying six key areas across the country in which the pilot the scheme, one of which was Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposals and timeline as set out in Section 2 of the report be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer for the commissioning of the IPSPC Service, including to contract award.

**GMCA 53/23 GREATER MANCHESTER'S RECYCLED LOCAL GROWTH
FUND MONIES & UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (UKSPF):
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT (KEY DECISION)**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, presented a report seeking approval for proposed development work on the use of GM's Recycled Local Growth Fund monies and UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) (People & Skills Investment Priority).

RESOLVED /-

1. That the match funding approach for the use of recycled LGF & UKSPF be approved.
2. That the two programmes of work, as set out in this report, to proceed to development phase over the next 6 months be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for the Education, Skills, Work & Apprenticeships and Digital to agree the commissioning route and award of individual contracts including any subsequent contract extensions.

**GMCA 54/23 PREPARATION OF A GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL
NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY**

Councillor Martyn Cox, Portfolio Holder for Green City Region, was invited to present a report that sought the support of the GMCA for the proposed appointment of the Mayor as the responsible authority for the preparation of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Greater Manchester, following the requirements arising from Section 105 of the Environment Act 2021.

It was advised that monies were being made available by the government to fund the Strategy.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the contents of the report be noted.

2. That the proposed appointment (by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) of the Mayor as the responsible authority for the preparation of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Greater Manchester be supported.

3. That the Mayor accepts the above appointment.

GMCA 55/23 #BEEWELL YEAR 2

Councillor Mark Hunter, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, was invited to present a report outlining the key findings of the survey results, ahead of publication in late March 2023, and providing an overview of next steps.

The survey had been a significant undertaking, collating the opinions of 60,000 young people across 187 different GM secondary schools following the second year of the programme.

The report's findings had shown that the mental wellbeing of GM's younger residents had remained stable over the past two years, albeit with a decline showing for students moving from year 8 into year 9. The report also showed that there were still a

number of inequalities that needed to be addressed, with girls and LGBTQ+ students in particular reporting lower levels of wellbeing.

The BeeWell Youth Steering Group also highlighted that almost 42% of the average class of Year 9 pupils were not getting enough sleep to be always able to stay awake in class. There were also concerns about students not having enough good quality locations in which to spend time.

These findings were also going to be shared with all the individual districts of GM over the coming months, and it was urged that each LA looks to make best use of the information providing to work towards addressing the key findings.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the key findings of the second year of the #BeeWell survey results be noted.
2. That advice on how to encourage a system-wide response to the findings and ensure young people's voices are leading the response the survey findings be noted.
3. That shared examples of where #BeeWell data has been utilised and had impact locally be noted.

GMCA 56/23 AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO DELIVERING OUR AMBITION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN GREATER MANCHESTER

Councillor Mark Hunter, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, was invited to present a report which made the case for children & young people's health to be a central focus over the next few years, and to provide an update on the ambitions to improve health outcomes for GM children & young people through greater integration.

The headline from the paper was that the health and wellbeing of young people must be addressed now to help reduce future pressures upon a health system already under significant pressure, and that an integrated approach across the system must

be the way forward, ensuring that this was not the sole responsibility of a single organisation.

It was highlighted that one in every four young people within GM lived within the current definition of poverty. The evidence showed clear correlation between this and poor health outcomes. Therefore, it was vital to view this work through the lens of inequality.

The ongoing impact of the pandemic upon young people was also drawn out within the report. Discussion took place about how school readiness had suffered a significant impact and it was agreed that a meeting of the Wider Reform Board should be convened in order to further consider the impact of the pandemic on young children entering the education system.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the foundations for an integrated approach to improving health outcomes for GM children & young people be noted.
2. That the recommendations for how we might strengthen governance arrangements in section 4 of the paper be endorsed.
3. That the set of commitments listed in section 5 of the paper for taking an integrated approach to improve health outcomes for GM children & young people and tackling inequality be endorsed.
4. That the set of priorities identified in section 6 of the paper and note the ambitions to develop a set of measures that will enable us to assess progress as a GM system be endorsed.
5. That Members be requested to feed back any further comments they have outside of the meeting.
6. That it be noted that a meeting of the Wider Reform Board will be convened to specifically consider the impact of the pandemic on young children entering the education system.

GMCA 57/23 COST OF LIVING AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

Councillor Bev Craig, Portfolio Lead for Economy & Business was invited to present the latest update on the cost-of-living pressures on residents and businesses in Greater Manchester, and some of the measures being put in place by the GMCA and partners to respond.

The latest feedback had shown that 80% of residents were still worried about the cost-of-living crisis and their ability to cover the cost of basic essentials. The number of people within the region not within work and not currently seeking work remained stubbornly high. Also, 36% of businesses reported that they had faced rising costs for a second consecutive month, which was having a particular impact upon SMEs.

RESOLVED /-

That the latest assessment and emerging response and give views on the next steps in that response be noted.

**GMCA 58/23 DRIVING SOCIAL VALUE IN GREATER MANCHESTER
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

Councillor Bev Craig, Portfolio Lead for Economy & Business was invited to provide an update on the progress made with the implementing of the principles set out in last year's paper on leveraging greater Social Value from Greater Manchester public sector spending.

From 1st April there would be a move to adopt the basic principles that govern how money was spent in the GM region, ensuring that social value was embedded in procurement exercises. A further update would be brought as this approach became more established, to advise how much money had been kept within the local economy due to this approach, and other impacts such as related apprenticeship numbers.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the considerable progress in implementing the March 2022 agreed recommendations on social value in procurement be welcomed and noted.
2. That the forward plan of work to operationalise and further develop this work during 2023/24 be approved.
3. That a further report be submitted to the GMCA in 12 months' time summarising progress across GM Local Authorities / public bodies.

**GMCA 59/23 UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (UKSPF) PROPOSAL FOR
LOCAL BUSINESS INTERVENTION E23: STRENGTHENING
LOCAL ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEMS (KEY DECISION)**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, presented a report outlining the background and proposal for the £7.5m core business support element of UKSPF, following the recommendations of the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board to GMCA on the strategic fit and deliverability of the proposal.

The programme of activity for E23 would collectively deliver the agreed output and outcome targets as agreed in the GM UKSPF Investment Plan as a minimum, alongside local additions aligned with the overarching objectives of the GM Investment Plan agreed by the GMCA in July 2022.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the recommendations of the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board on the strategic fit and deliverability of this UKSPF proposal be approved.
2. That the call for proposals, as set out in the report, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for the Economy, Business and International and Portfolio Lead for Resources and Investment, to agree the award of individual contracts as a result of this proposal.

GMCA 60/23 UK MANCHESTER DIGITAL BLUEPRINT 2023-26 (KEY DECISION)

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Portfolio Lead for GM Digital was invited to present the draft GM Digital Blueprint for 2023-26 for approval.

The Blueprint refresh focussed upon updating all partners on the progress made, and mapping out where things could now be taken further. It also addressed the vital issue of ensuring that digital exclusion did not become embedded.

Key changes in the refresh included bringing out how much more of a role digital could play in helping the region to achieve its net zero ambitions; ways to improve inclusivity; a stronger community focus; and relationships around business and the digital economy.

The Mayor welcomed the Blueprint refresh, stating how the original version had galvanised the tech sector across the region, and that it was vital that the new Blueprint was in place to take full advantage of the opportunities that would be opened up via the Trailblazer devolution deal.

RESOLVED /-

That the refreshed GM Digital Blueprint's priorities and commitment statements and their contribution towards the strategic ambitions set out in the Greater Manchester Strategy "A New Era" be approved.

GMCA 61/23 RETAINED BUSINESS RATES UPDATE (KEY DECISION)

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources & Investment was invited to provide an update on the position in respect of the 100% retained business rate pilot including the current GM business rates funded schemes, the latest forecasts for 2022/23 and 2023/24 income, and sought support for the proposed 2023/24 schemes funded from the income expected to be received in 2022/23.

Councillor John Walsh was then invited to feedback on the comments raised by the GM Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It was advised that the Committee had been happy to accept the principles of the report but had noted that the 75/25 split of retained business rates would be in place for the current financial year and 23/24 but requested that this be reviewed and revised as necessary in the years to come.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the forecast, as at the end of quarter 3, for 2022/23 business rates income including the 75:25 split between districts and GM investment be noted.
2. That the planned income for 2023/24 be noted.
3. That the proposed 2023/24 GM use of the 2022/23 business rates income (set at 25% of total benefit) be approved.
4. That the proposal to bring back any further in-year commitments should the year end income exceed that forecast at quarter 3 be approved.
5. That the position in respect of the devolution trailblazer deal for Greater Manchester be noted.
6. That the comments of the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee as fed back by Chair Councillor John Walsh be received and noted.

GMCA 62/23 2023/24 GMCA CAPITAL STRATEGY (KEY DECISION)

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources & Investment was invited to present a report that detailed how the Capital Strategy set out the over-arching principles and processes by which the capital and investment decisions set out in the Capital Programme would be prioritised against the key aims of the Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS).

RESOLVED /-

That the Capital Strategy for 2023/24 be approved.

**GMCA 63/23 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT,
MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND
ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2023/24**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources & Investment was invited to set out the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Borrowing Limits and Prudential Indicators for 2023/24 to 2025/26 for the Authority. The strategy reflected the 2022-2026 capital programme for Transport, Economic Development, Fire and Rescue, Waste and Police.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy be approved to apply from the 1 April 2023, in particular:
 - a) The Treasury and Prudential Indicators listed in Section 2.
 - b) The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Strategy in Section 2.
 - c) The Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation at Appendix F.
 - d) The Borrowing Strategy outlined in Section 3.
 - e) The Annual Investment Strategy detailed in Section 4.
 - f) Delegation to the Treasurer to step outside of the investment limits to safeguard the GMCA's position as outlined in section 4.7.

GMCA 64/23 HALLÉ PENSION FUND

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources presented a report which sought approval in principle to support the potential transfer of some of the Hallé pension fund members to the Greater Manchester Pension Fund, with the ongoing liabilities to be funded from the GMCA.

RESOLVED /-

That, approval be given in principle, to support the potential transfer of some of the Hallé pension fund members to GMPF, recognising that this will require the GMCA to accept responsibility for the liabilities on an ongoing basis. The agreement to be subject to the detailed work confirming that there is a commercial benefit to the GMCA from the transfer.

GMCA 65/23 IN YEAR CAPITAL ALLOCATION, DEPARTMENT OF LEVELLING UP, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES (KEY DECISION)

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources presented a report detailing the allocation of, and spending commitments against, an in-year capital grant from the Department of Levelling-Up Housing and Communities.

A capital grant allocation was received by GMCA on 23rd February following an invitation in December to submit “bids” for capital in 2022/23. GMCA received an allocation of £20m for three specific projects which were described within the report.

Steve Wilson, City Treasurer, provided detail pertaining to two additional recommendations that the GMCA had been asked to approve.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposed investments from the £20m DLUHC allocation and delegation of final sign off to the GMCA Treasurer be approved.
2. That it be noted that the report was exempt from Scrutiny Committee call-in procedures to enable the allocation of the funds before the 31 March 2023.
3. That approval be given to the purchase of the land required for the E-Depot for a consideration of £10.5m. This will be funded from the £7.5m grant allocation

together with borrowing of £3m which will be funded as part of the overall bus reform business case.

4. That the changes to the GMCA capital programme to reflect the above decisions be approved.

GMCA 66/23 HOMELESSNESS CAPITAL PROJECTS (KEY DECISION)

Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure was invited to provide an update on the wide range of capital projects occurring across Homelessness at a GMCA and Local Authority level, approved proposed recommendations and, where possible, allocation of funding.

A lot of learning had been taken from the rough sleeper accommodation programme and in many respects, GM was well placed to draw down further funding from central government.

The GMCA needed to add value in supporting the various initiatives being led by the local authorities of GM, assessing scope and demand, providing advice and support, and linking them with delivery partners.

Councillor John Walsh was then invited to feedback on the comments raised by the GM Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It was requested that a clarification be made in reference to page 7 of the report, which stated that the paper had not been brought to Overview & Scrutiny due to its meeting being cancelled, which was not the case.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the allocation of £8.9million to GM Local Authorities under the Homeless Families Leasing Scheme for the purpose of leasing temporary accommodation, as described in Table 2, be approved.
2. That approval be given to the following approaches to bidding for the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (“SHAP”):

Adults: Proceed on the basis that a GM-wide bid for this cohort is not viable and work with eligible local authorities to understand if there is a gap to which a GMCA bid would add value.

Young People: Work with an investor and Registered Provider of Social Housing to draw up a shared accommodation model with a provider specialising in supporting young people;

3. That the allocations to GM Local Authorities and ongoing work to progress the Local Authority Housing Fund (“LAHF”) be noted.
4. That the challenges on the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (“RSAP”) and potential to change the model to deliver the most outcomes for the cohort be noted.
5. That it be noted that the report was exempt from Scrutiny Committee call-in procedures to enable the execution of grant agreements with Local Authorities and allocation of the funds before the 31 March 2023.
6. That it be acknowledged and noted that page 7 of the report contains an error referencing the March 2023 meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee as having been cancelled.

GMCA 67/23 HEALTHY HOMES SERVICES IN GREATER MANCHESTER

Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Holder for Homelessness, Healthy Lives and Quality Care, was invited to outline work to date supporting the development of sustainable, coherent Healthy Homes services across Greater Manchester.

The report presented the recommendations arising from a 2022 consultation exercise, namely a proposal for coherent services to be delivered by localities across GM, and a programme of activity required at both locality and GM level to progress the work.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That support be given to the recommendations of the arc4 consultancy work.
3. That support be given to the proposal for GMCA and NHS GMIC to scope the resource requirement and model of delivery for this programme of work with local authority, health and care and housing provider colleagues, with a view to reporting back in Summer 2023.

GMCA 68/23 SOCIAL HOUSING FUND

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**GMCA 69/23 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS
(KEY DECISION)**

Steve Rumbelow, Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure was invited to present a report seeking the Combined Authority’s approval to the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund (“GMHILF”) loan detailed within the recommendation below.

It was advised that the item also contained a request that delegation be given to the GMCA Chief Executive to approve projects for funding during the upcoming pre and post-election period.

RESOLVED /-

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

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN

Stubshaw Gardens (Woods Lane) Ltd	Stubshaw Gardens	Wigan	£2.154m
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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 to approve projects for GMHILF funding and agree urgent variations to the terms of GMHILF funding in the period 25 March 2023 to 25 May 2023.
4. That it be noted that any recommendations that are approved under the delegation will be reported to the next available meeting of the Combined Authority.

**GMCA 70/23 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK
APPROVALS (KEY DECISION)**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources was invited to present a report seeking approval for loans to Holiform Limited and Shaping Cloud Limited. It was confirmed that the loans would be made from recycled funds.

RESOLVED /-

1. That approval be granted for a loan of up to £2m to Holiform Limited.
2. That approval be granted for a loan of up to £200k to Shaping Cloud Limited.
3. That authority be delegated to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above investments, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed

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

4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and the 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 25 March 2023 to 25 May 2023.
5. That it be noted that any recommendations that are approved under the delegation will be reported to the next available meeting of the Combined Authority.

GMCA 71/23 ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (KEY DECISION)

The GM Mayor Andy Burnham presented a reporting seeking approval of the delivery funding requirements for the Greater Manchester Active Neighbourhoods, Manchester Northern Quarter Area 2 and Chorlton Area 2 schemes and to note and approve the addition of Active Travel England Capability Funding to the 2023/24 GMCA Transport Revenue budget, and to note GM's recent submission to the fourth round of the national Active Travel Fund.

RESOLVED /-

1. That approval be granted for the release of up to £1.04 million of MCF development cost funding for the Greater Manchester Active Neighbourhoods scheme.
2. That approval be granted for the release of up to £3.43 million of MCF delivery funding for the Manchester Northern Quarter Area 2 scheme.
3. That approval be granted for the release of up to £1.0 million of additional MCF delivery funding for the Manchester Chorlton Phase 2 scheme.

4. That the award to GM of £3.4 million of Active Travel England Capability Funding (second round) be noted and that approval be granted for the addition of the funding to the 2023/2024 GMCA Transport Revenue Budget, as set out in section 4 of the report.
5. That GM's submission of its Active Travel Fund Round 4 (ATF4) bid to Active Travel England be noted.

**GMCA 72/23 ELECTRIC VEHICLES CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE
DELIVERY (KEY DECISION)**

The GM Mayor Andy Burnham withdrew from this item following the declaration of an interest, the Deputy Mayor, Mayor Paul Dennett took the Chair for the item.

Mayor Paul Dennett presented the report which set out the recommendations of the study that considered how the public sector could best influence and optimise the future rollout of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) and how these recommendations could be implemented.

It was noted that there were currently around 600 charging points across GM with circa 1100 charging points. However, modelling suggested that by 2025 this needed to grow to 2700 fast charging points and 300 rapid charging points. The number of charging points available was currently a key barrier to the growth of electric vehicle adoption across the region. Studies had found that the numbers needed could not be met alone through public sector funding, and that there would be a need to work with private sector partners, and that this was likely to become the model favoured nationally.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the study recommendations summarised in the report and included in full at Appendix 1 be noted.
2. That approval be granted for the draw-down of £200,000 of CRSTS funding to support EVCI delivery.

3. That approval be granted for the draw-down of £750,000 of CRSTS funding for TfGM to support EVCI charging at Travel Hubs throughout the conurbation.
4. That the funding distribution model, as set out at Appendix 2 be endorsed, noting that requests for EVCI delivery funding will be brought to GMCA in line with the agreed CRSTS drawdown process, and only where it can be shown it helps deliver charging in underserved or otherwise uncommercial areas as part of a commercial deal with a Charge Point Operator (CPO) partner.
5. That it be noted that the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) have launched the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (LEVI) to deliver a step change in the deployment of local infrastructure across England.
6. That it be noted that Greater Manchester Combined Authority's capability funding allocation for the LEVI scheme in 22/23 is £259,200.
7. That the updates to the GM Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy, as outlined in Section 4 be approved.

GMCA/73/23 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 74/23 HALLÉ PENSION FUND

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (minute 64/23)

RESOLVED /-

That the contents of the report be noted.

GMCA 75/23 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (minute 69/23)

RESOLVED /-

That the contents of the report be noted.

**GMCA 76/23 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 70/23)

RESOLVED /-

That the contents of the report be noted.