

**GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 25 JULY 2014 AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE**

BOLTON COUNCIL Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL Councillor Jim McMahon
ROCHDALE MBC Councillor Peter Williams
SALFORD CC Councillor David Lancaster
STOCKPORT MBC Councillor Sue Derbyshire
TAMESIDE MBC Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL Councillor Peter Smith (in the Chair)

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

TfGMC Councillor Andrew Fender
GMFRSA Councillor David Acton
Police and
Crime Commissioner Tony Lloyd
Interim Chief Executive Steve Mycio
Office of the Police and
Crime Commissioner

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Hall GMCA Secretary
Howard Bernstein GMCA Head of Paid Service
Richard Paver GMCA Treasurer
Margaret Asquith Bolton Council
Mike Kelly Bury Council
Geoff Little Manchester CC
Elaine McLean Oldham Council
Pauline Kane Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan Stockport MBC
Sandra Stewart Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant Trafford Council
Mark Hughes Business Growth Hub
Jon Lamonte TfGM
Dave Newton TfGM
Julie Connor)
Sylvia Welsh) Greater Manchester
Julie Gaskell) Integrated Support Team

104/14 APOLOGIES

Councillor Richard Farnell, Mayor Ian Stewart, Sean Harriss, Carolyn Wilkins,
Linda Fisher and Steven Pleasant.

105/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

106/14 MINUTES OF GMCA MEETING ON 27 JUNE 2014 RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the monthly GMCA meeting held on 27th June 2014 as a correct record.

107/14 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

108/14 APPOINTMENT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF REFORM

The Chair reported that following an external recruitment and interview by a members appointment panel, Andrew Lightfoot was recommended for appointment to the post of Strategic Director of Reform.

RESOLVED/-

That Andrew Lightfoot be appointed to the post of Strategic Director of Reform, at a salary of £130,000 per annum, subject to necessary references, noted that the the post will be employed by the GMCA.

109/14 GMCA REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2014/15

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Richard Paver informing members of the 2014/15 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of June 2014.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the contents of the report and that the latest revenue forecast for 2014/15 is currently projecting a contribution to general reserves of £102,000 arising primarily from additional income.
2. To approve the transfers from GMCA held reserves as proposed in paragraphs 1.3, 1.6 and 1.7 of the report.
3. To approve the increases to the budget as proposed in paragraphs 1.4 and 1.5 of the report.
4. To note the latest revenue forecast for TfGM currently projecting a balance budget as detailed in section 3 of the report.

110/14 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2014/15

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Richard Paver updating members in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2014/15 capital expenditure programme.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the actual expenditure as at June 2014 and the current 2014/15 forecast compared to the 2014/15 capital budget agreed by GMCA in January 2014.
2. To note that subsequent reports will be brought to the Combined Authority to approve the revised Capital Programme as a result of the recent Growth and Reform Plan (GRP) announcement.
3. To note the current position for the Growing Places Fund and Regional Growth Fund as described in paragraphs 6.1 – 6.6 of the report.
4. To note the current position for the Empty Homes Programme as described in paragraphs 6.7 – 6.9 of the report.

111/14 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL – NEXT STEPS

The Combined Authority received a report presented by the Head of Paid Service informing members of the details of the Greater Manchester Growth Deal, announced by Government on 7 July 2014 and sets out next steps to implement the current deal and to prepare for the next round of Growth Deals, which Government has indicated will begin immediately.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report.
2. To welcome the support for the delivery of the Greater Manchester transport major schemes programme in particular, and agree to the publication of the transport capital programme for public comment in accordance with the transparency principles of the Assurance Framework to ensure that the public and stakeholders are aware of, and can influence, the priorities being set.
3. To note that a further report on the progress of work will be brought to a future meeting of the Combined Authority.

112/14 GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITIES PERMIT SCHEME – YEAR 1 REVIEW

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Jon Lamonte, updating members on the performance of the Greater Manchester Road Activities Permit Scheme (GMRAPS) in the first twelve months of operation.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the operational and financial performance of the scheme for the 12 months to April 2014.
2. To note the forecast position for the next twelve months of the scheme.
3. To note that, after implementing the recommended actions from this review, the scheme is forecast to reach a break even position by December 2015.
4. To approve the updated standard allowable cost reimbursement rates for Local Authorities.
5. To approve that permit fees be revised with a view to reduce scheme risks and ensure that the scheme breaks even by December 2015.
6. To approve that TfGM complete the necessary consultation and DfT approval processes on behalf of the scheme.
7. To note that TfGM will work with the Authority partners to deliver further process efficiencies, including revised procedures for the processing and approval of permits.

113/14 RAIL NORTH LIMITED – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENT

The Combined Authority received a report setting out the proposed governance arrangements for Rail North Ltd (RNL) and the Association of Rail North Partner Authorities ("The Association") and seeking GMCA approval to become members of both bodies.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the proposed governance arrangements for Rail North Ltd (RNL) and the Association of Rail North Partner Authorities ("The Association") and to agree that GMCA should become a member of both bodies.
2. To authorise the Head of Paid Service to make the appropriate arrangements to enable GMCA to be admitted to membership.
3. To appoint Councillor Richard Leese to the Leaders' Committee of the Association and to become a director of RNL.
4. To appoint Councillor Andrew Fender as substitute member of the Leaders' Committee and alternate director of RNL.
3. To authorise the Head of Paid Service and Chief Executive of TfGM (in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Rail North) to enter into the RNL Members Agreement on behalf of GMCA.

4. To note that a further report will be produced when the Heads of Terms for the DFT/RNL Partnership are finalised.

**114/14 NORTHERN AND TRANSPENNINE RAIL FRANCHISES:
STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

The Combined Authority received a report informing members that a stakeholder consultation process is ongoing for the new Northern and TransPennine rail franchises, which will be in operation from February 2016. This report provides an update on this process and seeks delegation for sign-off of a joint response on behalf of TfGM/GMCA. It also provides an update on the re-franchising process and the work of Rail North.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report.
2. To note the proposal that each Greater Manchester District responds separately to the consultation should they wish to.
3. To delegate approval of the response to the consultation, to be made on behalf of TfGM and GMCA, to TfGM's Chief Executive and the Head of Paid Service (GMCA), in consultation with the Chair of TfGMC and the GMCA Vice Chair and Portfolio Holder for Rail North.

115/14 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 JULY 2014

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 4 July 2014.

**116/14 MINUTES OF TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER
COMMITTEE MEETING - 11 JULY 2014**

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the meeting of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee meeting held on 11 July 2014.

117/14 MINUTES OF SCRUTINY POOL MEETING - 11 JULY 2014

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 11 July 2014.

**118/14 MINUTES OF GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE
PARTNERSHIP - 16 JULY 2014**

RESOLVED/-

To note the meeting of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership meeting held on 16 July 2014.

119/14 EXCLUSION OF 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 item of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**120/14 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Eamonn Boylan seeking approval for project funding applications

RESOLVED/-

1. That the project funding applications detailed in the report be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans/grant as detailed in the report.

Chair