

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY
HELD ON FRIDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2025**

PRESENT:

GM Mayor	Mayor Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
GMCA	Deputy Mayor Kate Green
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Jilly Julian
Tameside	Councillor Eleanor Wills
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair of GM Overview & Scrutiny	Councillor John Walsh
Health Innovation Manchester	Ben Bridgewater
BBC	Josie Cahill
GAMMA Board	Dr Mike Murray

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Group Chief Executive Officer	Caroline Simpson
Group Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
Group Monitoring Officer	Gill Duckworth
Group Chief Finance Officer	Steve Wilson
Group Secretary	Sarah Horsman
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Rebecca Heron
Oldham	Shelley Kipling

Rochdale	James Binks
Salford	Miranda Cannon
Stockport	Michael Cullen
Tameside	Harry Catherall
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
TfGM	Martin Lax
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lee Teasdale

1. Apologies

That apologies be received from Councillor Nicholas Peel (Bolton) and Councillor Mark Roberts (Stockport) and Tom Stannard (Manchester) and Stephen Young (Salford).

2. Chairs Announcements & Urgent Business

1. That it be noted that the meeting is the first GMCA meeting to have fully livestreamed British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation in accordance with the Mayor's commitments to accessibility.
2. That the update on industrial action relating to bus services on the Bee Network be noted.
3. That the update on successful court case in relation to the Greater Manchester Housing Loans Fund and the reimbursement of court case costs to the GMCA be noted.

3. Declarations of Interest

1. That Deputy Mayor Kate Green declared an interest in item 9B by virtue of being a board member of Manchester Camerata, and item 9C by virtue of being a governor of Manchester Metropolitan University.

4. Minutes

4a. GMCA Minutes – 22 August 2025

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 22 August 2025 be approved.

4b. GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 20 August 2025

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 20 August 2025 be noted.

4c. Bee Network Committee – 19 August 2025

That the proceedings of the meeting of the Bee Network Committee held on 19 August 2025 be noted.

4d. GMCA Audit Committee – 22 September 2025

That the proceedings of the GMCA Audit Committee meeting held on 22 September 2025 be noted.

5. Government Policies

5a. English Devolution and Communities Empowerment Bill

1. That the verbal update provided by Mayor Andy Burnham be received.
2. That the intention of the GMCA to put forward amendments in relation to taxi licensing and local accountability of housing providers be noted.
3. That it be noted that the options around local accountability of housing providers will be discussed further by Leaders for consideration ahead of any next steps.
4. That it be noted that the English Devolution and Communities Empowerment Bill also included a right-to-request mechanism.
5. That it be noted that three areas have been identified for consideration as part of the right-to-request mechanism in the first instance:
 - Tourist Levies
 - Devolution of Skills

- Employment Support

6. Healthy Homes for All

**6a. Mayoral Development Corporation for the Old Trafford Regeneration
Mayoral Development Corporation – Consultation Results & Approval to
Designate (Key Decision)**

1. That the results of the consultation exercise in respect of the designation of a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) for the Old Trafford Regeneration area be noted.
2. That the Mayor of Greater Manchester's response to the consultation be noted.
3. That it be noted that support for designation of the 'Old Trafford Regeneration' MDC was approved by the Leader of Trafford Council under delegated authority.
4. That the Leader of Trafford Council confirmed consent to the designation of the proposed MDC.
5. That due consideration was given to the proposal by the Mayor to designate an area, identified on the plan at Appendix 3, as a Mayoral Development Area and that the GMCA will notify the Mayor within the consideration period if it proposed to reject the proposal.
6. That it be noted that subject to the GMCA not rejecting the proposal, as set out at recommendation 4 above, the Mayor shall publicise the designation, notify the Secretary of State of the designation and the name to be given to the Mayoral Development Corporation, as follows: "Old Trafford Regeneration Mayoral Development Corporation".

**6b. Stockport Town Centre Mayoral Development Corporation Expansion:
Consultation Outcomes & Final Approval (Key Decision)**

1. That the outcome and responses to the consultation undertaken by the Mayor of Greater Manchester on the proposed expansion of the Stockport Mayoral development area and creation of a new Mayoral Development Corporation to cover this expanded area be noted.
2. That it be noted that Stockport Council Cabinet agreed its support for the proposal set out above at its meeting on 16th September 2025.

3. That the Deputy Leader of Stockport Council, on behalf of the Leader of Stockport Council, confirmed consent to the designation of the proposed MDC.
4. That due consideration be given to the proposal by the Mayor of Greater Manchester to designate this expanded area as a Mayoral Development Area (see map at Appendix One) and that the GMCA will notify the Mayor within the consideration period if it proposes to reject the proposal.
5. That it be noted that following the expiration of the consideration period, if the GMCA has not rejected the proposal, the Mayor intended to take the necessary steps to designate the expanded area as a Mayoral Development Area and to secure the establishment of the new MDC (to be named “Stockport Town Centre Mayoral Development Corporation”) and the dissolution of the existing MDC including any necessary transfer of rights and liabilities.

6c. Creation of Greater Manchester Regeneration Skills Academy

1. That approval be given for the creation of the Greater Manchester Regeneration Skills Academy (“GMRSA”).
2. That it be noted that the GMCA will receive proposals for the first round of funding under the 10-year investment pipeline at its November 2025 meeting.

7. Everyday Support in Every Neighbourhood

7a. Prevention Demonstrator, Live Well and NHS 10 Year Plan/Integrated Care Board Reforms

1. That the contents of the report and any implications be noted.
2. That the feedback from the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received.
3. That consideration will be given to a direct councillor referral route to Live Well, as recommended by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

8. Healthy Lives

8a. Greater Manchester's Commitment to Gender Equality in Sport, Physical Activity and Movement

1. That the GMCA confirms its commitment to leadership on gender inequality in active lives, and lead in their place to support movement, physical activity and sport for all women and girls.
2. That a commitment to the Brighton Helsinki Declaration on Women and Girls be signed.

9. A Great Place to do Business

9a. Adopting Frontier Sector Development Plans (Key Decision)

1. That the frontier sector plans be adopted.
2. That the proposed next steps with the intention for these plans to inform the Local Growth Plan Government has asked the GMCA to produce and for the plans to be refreshed annually be noted.

9b. Greater Manchester Culture Fund Process 2026-2029 (Key Decision)

1. That the impact of GM Cultural Investment 2023-26 be noted.
2. That the GM Culture Investment Approach 2026-2029 be approved.
3. That the outlined process for the GM Culture Investment 2026-29 be approved.
4. That an indicative investment period of three years, subject to annual review and approval of the Culture Fund as part of the GMCA annual budget setting process, be approved, in principle.
5. That the timeline for the GMCA Culture Fund to open for bids in preparation for the new investment approach starting from April 2026 be agreed.
6. That the establishment of a new sector-led body for culture in Greater

Manchester, recognising the need for strong sector leadership, be approved.

7. That it be noted that, the decision of the impact tool, and that the proposed approach will support equality inclusion, health outcomes and the economy in Greater Manchester.

9c. Greater Manchester Civic Universities Agreement

1. That the refreshed approach by GM's universities embodied in the Greater Manchester Civic University Agreement (CUA) be noted and endorsed.
2. That it be noted that the CUA was a living document and can be revisited in light of developments to the Greater Manchester Strategy.
3. That it be noted that following the endorsement of the GMCA at recommendation 1, a public announcement will follow in October 2025 at the CUA Citizens' Panel.

10. Investment & Resources

10a. Revenue Budget Update – Quarter 1 2025/26

That the forecast position at 30th June 2025 be noted.

10b. Capital Budget Update – Quarter 1 2025/26

That the current 2025/26 forecast of £652.9m compared to the 2025/26 budget of £598.3m be noted.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Greater Manchester Combined Authority](#)

This decision notice was issued 30 September 2025 on behalf of Sarah Horseman, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is 4.00pm on 07 October 2025.

Call-In Process

In accordance with the scrutiny procedure rules, these decisions would come into effect five days after the publication of this notice unless before that time any three members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee decides to call-in a decision.

Members must give notice in writing to the Chief Executive that they wish to call-in a decision, stating their reason(s) why the decision should be scrutinised. The period between the publication of this decision notice and the time a decision may be implemented is the 'call-in' period.

Decisions which have already been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and where the GMCA's decision agrees with the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may not be called in.