

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER  
AUTHORITIES EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2025**

**PRESENT:**

GMCA Deputy Mayor	City Mayor Paul Dennett (in the Chair)
Bolton	Councillor Akhtar Zaman
Bury	Councillor Lucy Smith
Manchester	Councillor Joanna Midgley
Oldham	Councillor Elaine Taylor
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Roberts
Tameside	Councillor Andrew McClaren
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Group Chief Executive Officer	Caroline Simpson
Group Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
Group Deputy Monitoring Officer	Melinda Edwards
Group Chief Finance Officer	Steve Wilson
Group Secretary	Sarah Horsman
Bolton	Sandra Brice
Bury	Paul Lakin
Manchester	Tom Stannard
Oldham	Emma Barton
Rochdale	Julie Murphy
Salford	John Searle
Stockport	Michael Cullen
Tameside	Harry Catherall
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
TfGM	Steve Warrener

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Nicola Ward  
Lee Teasdale

**AGMA 17/25 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED /-**

That apologies be received from Councillor Nicolas Peel (Bolton), Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Bury), Councillor Bev Craig (Manchester), Councillor Arooj Shah (Oldham), Councillor Eleanor Wills (Tameside), Deputy Mayor Kate Green, Sue Johnson (Bolton), Lynne Ridsdale (Bury), Shelley Kipling (Oldham), James Binks (Rochdale) & Melissa Caslake (Salford).

**AGMA 18/25 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were none.

**AGMA 19/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**AGMA 20/25 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2025**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the AGMA Executive Board held on 27 June 2025 be approved.

**AGMA 21/25 GREATER MANCHESTER PLANNING ADVISORY UNITS**

Deputy Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Leader for Housing First provided an update on the Greater Manchester Planning Advisory Units, in particular the Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service (GMAAS).

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the current position relating to the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (GMEU), Waste and Minerals and Flood and Water management be noted.
2. That it be confirmed that funding is available for the Greater Manchester Archaeological Service unit for 2 years from April 2026 and it be requested that Salford City Council extend the existing contract with Salford University to host the Greater Manchester Archaeology Unit and associated AGMA budget from April 2026 until April 2028.
3. That a review take place of the funding arrangements for the 3 Planning Advisory Units and Flood Risk Co-Ordinator Post (1FTE) and a further report be brought back with proposed reforms in September to feed into the budget setting process for April 2026.