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| Meeting: | The Council |
| Meeting date: | 16 th January 2026 |
| Title of report: | Update on Greater Manchester Joint Authorities Activity  |
| Report by: | Leader of the Council |
| Decision type: | Non key decision |
| Ward(s) to which the report relates: | All |
| Summary: | This report provides an update on the activity of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. |

1. Background

This report provides an update on work of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and other Greater Manchester joint authorities following an update to Council in July 2025.

2. GMCA Forward Plan

The GMCA has published its forward plan for the coming months, 1st February – 30th April

The register outlines the key decisions which are due to be undertaken by the GMCA, Mayor, GMCA and AGMA Executive Board, TFGM Committee, GMCA Resources Committee, GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee and the statutory officers of the GMCA

A summation of the key upcoming decisions can be found below, and the full list can be accessed at: [https://democracy.greatermanchesterca.gov.uk/Extranet/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=136&RD=0&bcr=1&\\$LO\\$=1](https://democracy.greatermanchesterca.gov.uk/Extranet/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=136&RD=0&bcr=1&LO=1)

Green City Region

- GM Municipal Waste Management Strategy – 30 Jan 2026
- GM Hydrogen Strategy – 27 Mar 2026
- Retrofit GM – 27 Mar 2026
- Appointment of technical advisers to the Waste & Resources Team – April 2026
- Appointment of legal advisers to the Waste & Resources Team – March 2026

Transport

- Bus Franchising (contracts, services, assets) – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Bus Depot Acquisitions – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Bus Depot Leases (Tranche 2 and 3) – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Bus Depot Acquisitions Treasurer Decision (Tranches 1, 2 & 3) – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Subsidised Services – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Integrated Settlement Funding – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Active Travel Programme – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Local Growth Deal (1, 2 and 3) six-monthly progress update – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Transport Network Planning and Review Process – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Variation to Local Concession Scheme (Free All Day Bus Travel) – *Not before 15 Jan 2026*

Resources and Investment

- Greater Manchester Business Funds – *30 Apr 2026*
- GM Investment Funds / GM Brownfield Funding / GM Good Growth Fund – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Revenue and capital budget updates – *February 2026*
- GMCA General Revenue Budget 2026/27 – *February 2026*
- Transport Revenue Budget 2026/27 – *February 2026*
- Mayoral General Revenue Budget 2026/27 including GMFRS – *February 2026*
- Waste and Recycling Revenue Budget 2026/27 – *February 2026*
- GMCA Capital Programme 2025–2029 – *February 2026*
- GMCA Revenue Update Quarter 3 – *March 2026*
- GMCA Capital Strategy 2026/27 – *March 2026*
- Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2026/27 – *March 2026*

Housing

- GM City Deal Receipts – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Greater Manchester Housing Funds – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Agreement to use GM Housing Investment Loan Fund surpluses – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Greater Manchester Property Funds – *Between 1 Feb and 30 Apr 2026*
- Women In Safe Homes (WISH) – *Between 1 May 2026 and 31 May 2029*
- Young Persons Homelessness Prevention Service – *Between 1 Apr 2026 and 31 Mar 2029*

Culture

- Greater Manchester Night Time Economy Strategy (2025–30) – *27 Mar 2026*
- GM Culture Fund – *27 Mar 2026*

Economy, Business & Inclusive Growth

- Local Innovation Partnerships Fund – *Between 1 Feb and 31 Mar 2026*
- Atom Valley Northern Gateway MDC Business Plan – *27 Mar 2026*

Technical Education & Skills

- Grant award to GM Local Authorities for Economic Inactivity Trailblazer, WorkWell and NEET activity – *Not before 20 Jan 2026*

Safer and Stronger Communities

- Severe weather early warning and informing – *February 2026*

3. RFGM Update

Festive Period Communications

The team delivered an extensive Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM) campaign over the festive season to encourage recycling of excess waste generated during this time. The advertising campaign included adverts on 11 regional and local radio stations, 300 posters across transport network, targeted social media adverts, 198 out-of-home digital screens and 12 regional newspapers.

The adverts focussed on key messages around food waste prevention, Christmas tree disposal, paper and card recycling and plastic pots, tubs and trays recycling.

Bespoke content was created around wasting less at Hanukkah for the Jewish communities, this was promoted in the Jewish Advertiser, and on R4GM and council social media channels. The team secured good media coverage including on BBC Breakfast on 30th December, on BBC Radio Manchester, Hits Radio, Tameside FM and Crescent Radio.

Three Renew Markets were held at the Renew Hub in Trafford Park to encourage residents to buy pre-loved items rather than buy new. Over £10,000 was raised which goes towards the Renew Community fund and the Greater Manchester Mayors Charity.

Operational Update

Reliance St Household waste recycling centre (HWRC) in Newton Heath, Manchester is undergoing significant redevelopment. The site was closed in July 2025 for a 12 month redevelopment. The contractor appointed to carry out the work is a Bury based contractor called BDB Special Projects. Work is progressing well; the site will re-open in Summer 2026 and will also feature a new Renew shop.

A planning application has been submitted to Bolton Council to allow GMCA to repurpose an empty building on the Salford Road site in Bolton, to house a new materials recovery facility (MRF) that will accept a wider range of plastics to ensure we can comply with the Simpler recycling policy. The current MRF, which is in Manchester, is not large enough and is coming to the end of its economic lifespan.

The GMCA interim Waste and Recycling plan (2026 to 2023) will go to the Combined Authority meeting on 30th Jan for approval. Once approved, it will be shared with members. The plan outlines how GMCA and the 9 councils will work together with our waste contractor SUEZ to respond to the new policies being introduced by Defra.

From 31st March 2026, the Simpler Recycling Policy is being introduced by Defra. All councils must offer a weekly food waste collection to all households. Food can be co-collected with garden waste.

The Government has also identified the 'dual stream' recycling collection method (the way recycling is collected across Greater Manchester) as the preferred method of collection. For Greater Manchester collection services there is very little change required. Six of the districts in the GMCA waste disposal arrangements are exempt until 2034 from the requirement for a weekly food waste collection and services frequency will only need to change at that time.

Social Value

Bury Hospice has started collecting furniture and other pre-loved items from the Renew Hub. SUEZ staff also volunteered at Bury Hospice in October as part of their corporate volunteering day. SUEZ staff helped in the warehouse at the Hospice, moving donations and relocating stock. They were able share best practise on how SUEZ manage stock in the Renew Hub.

Recycling Centre Rates

| Site | Oct 25 | Year to date |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Cemetery Rd, Radcliffe | 61% | 63% |
| Every St, Fernhill | 65% | 64% |

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4. TFGM Update

November 2025 - January 2026

Industrial Action

Industrial Action by Unison and Unite members of TfGM staff took place on November 25-28 (inclusive); December 5, 12, 19, 29-31 (inclusive); January 1, 5-8 (inclusive), 22, 28-29 (inclusive)

Of over 1,300 staff at TfGM, the majority are not striking and many people across TfGM are working hard to minimise the impact of this action on passengers and communities, building on experience and insight from the first strike days.

Bus and tram services are running as normal, and all interchanges have been and will be open on strike days. Some facilities – such as ticket offices and toilets – may however be closed. On previous strike days TfGM has still managed to open ticket offices at some locations, depending on staff availability.

Ahead of the next period of strike action, TfGM are increasing support for passengers. There will be an increased staff presence at interchanges and bus stations to help passengers with any on-the-day enquiries, and work is ongoing to ensure that the ability of TfGM's control centre to manage demand across the highways network is not impacted.

Local Transport Plan update

Following its launch last month, the [GM Transport Strategy 2050 and Delivery Plan consultation](#) is well underway. From Monday 12 January hard copy materials will be available in all GM LA libraries and Ticket and Information Centres.

A series of drop-in sessions and stakeholder meetings are taking place to ensure broad representation and feedback from across Greater Manchester –

- Some Local Authorities have already held drop-in sessions, and sessions are planned in other authorities later this month.
- Political Briefings: Multiple All-Member Briefings took place in November.
- Business and Environment Groups: Sessions with Bee Net Zero and TfGM's Business Transport Advisory Council have engaged the business community and environmental stakeholders.
- Neighbouring Authorities: Hybrid meetings with neighbouring councils have facilitated cross-boundary collaboration.
- Equality and VCFSE Groups: Dedicated sessions with equality panels and voluntary sector representatives have ensured the strategy reflects diverse needs.
- Additional Stakeholder Sessions: Further meetings with business networks, neighbouring authorities, and statutory consultees are planned throughout January and beyond.

Fare Cap Freeze and Removal of 9.30 restriction on concessionary bus pass

From 1 March 2026, older and disabled residents in Greater Manchester will enjoy free, round-the-clock travel on Bee Network buses. This follows two successful pilots in August and November 2025, which demonstrated strong demand and positive social impact, including improved access to healthcare, leisure, and volunteering opportunities.

The change, subject to final budget approval in February, marks a significant step towards an inclusive and accessible transport network. Around 400,000 concessionary passholders will benefit, removing the previous weekday restriction that limited free travel to after 9:30am.

In addition, all bus and tram fares – including the £2 adult single fare cap – will be frozen throughout 2026, reinforcing Greater Manchester's commitment to affordability and tackling cost-of-living challenges. You can find out more information about these initiatives [here](#).

The Greater Manchester Rail Vision: Mayor unveils plans to bring trains into the Bee Network

In December, the Mayor of Greater Manchester set out a step-by-step plan for bringing the city region's rail lines into the Bee Network to create the first truly integrated public transport system outside London. The first two lines – connecting Manchester to Glossop and Stalybridge – will join the Bee Network from 13 December 2026, and will see contactless 'tap in, tap out' ticketing rolled out across 17 stations.

More rail lines to follow in 2027 and 2028, and the further roll out of contactless, capped fares, joining buses, trams and trains together as Greater Manchester continues its journey to deliver an affordable, accessible and joined-up transport network. Further information is available [here](#).

Improving the Bee Network

- Bee Network Expands with New Bus Route - The number 30 service, which connects Swinton, Salford Royal Hospital, MediaCityUK and Manchester city centre has been launched. The new service was launched on the first anniversary of completing bus franchising, which has seen significant progress delivered under local control, including increased patronage, further electrification and improved customer experience. You can find out information [here](#).
- More and more people are choosing to travel on Bee Network buses. Over 250 million Bee Network bus journeys have now been made, with passenger numbers increasing by 29% and 18% across the first two areas brought under local control. Across buses and trams, the Bee Network is now carrying more than 18 million passengers a month – with the 132 service, between Wigan Bus Station and The Trafford Centre, recording the highest growth on the network, with passenger numbers up by 66.7% in 2025.
- Customer satisfaction has also hit new highs, with an average of 85% across the city region. A range of other investment is highlighting the Bee Network's commitment to inclusive, accessible, and greener travel.
- Middleton bus depot has reopened following the completion of electrification, meaning 53 new electric buses are now carrying Bee Network passengers, marking another major step toward a fully electric bus fleet.
- The first of 284 new digital information screens has also been installed at the bus stop at North Manchester General Hospital, with others being rolled out across the city region over coming months. Each display will provide real-time departure information and disruption updates, with on demand text-to-speech buttons, enabling customers to make informed choices on their travel options.

Wider local updates

- **Bury Interchange** – The planning application to create a new southern access to Metrolink (including a footbridge, lift and stairs) was approved by Bury Council on 22 July, with associated applications for a temporary northern access and temporary construction compound approved in September. Detailed design for this first phase of works is well underway. In relation to the southern access bridge element of the work, TfGM is working with Bury Council and members to finalise the artwork proposals. Outline design for the main interchange and potential residential development has now been completed. Strategic level discussions between Bury Council, TfGM and GMCA progressing to determine next steps in taking forward any residential development in this location.
- **Elton Reservoir New Metrolink Stop and Travel Hub/P&R** - TfGM are continuing development work on proposals for a new Metrolink stop, Travel Hub and Park & Ride, to be delivered as part of the strategic allocation for around 3,500 homes and supporting infrastructure, identified in Places for Everyone. TfGM will continue to work with Bury Council, the site developers and other stakeholders to develop these proposals as part of the wider masterplan for the site.
- **Metrolink Stop Improvements** - Heaton Park Phase 1 (predominantly new shelters and associated renewals) has now received "Programme Entry", and the team have commenced preparing a combined OBC/FBC and engaging with contractors. Additional work is required to refine the prioritisation for the wider stop improvements programme and secure further funding.
- **Bus Services** - There have been changes to services to St Gabriel's School from November to improve safety as buses stopping outside the school are had to reverse back out onto Bridge

Road. This is a significant safety issue because at the times of day when the buses are reversing there is significant footfall and vehicular congestion outside the school. As a solution to this all journeys that currently start/terminate at St Gabriel's School will now start/terminate on Jubilee Walk which is approximately 7-10 minutes' walk from the school. For Bury Grammar School (who also have a stop on Bridge Road), it will be a 3-5 minute walk away. The stops on Jubilee Way will not require pupils to cross the road because they will either be on the correct side or be able to cross safely using the underpass.

Network Patronage and Performance

Please note that reporting will now follow a monthly format. The summary is based on data from October, updated stats for November will be available from 19 January.

Patronage is reported annually. The table below shows the annual growth of patronage across all modes, comparing October 2024 with October 2025.

| Service Area (Patronage) | | Last year (Oct 24) | Now (Oct 25) | Commentary |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Bus | Patronage (rolling 12 months, millions) | 168.0m | 174.0m | Industrial action affected service delivery and passenger numbers in October. Strike action meant around 130 services did not run on 1 and 2 October. The overall trend of growth in patronage continues. |
| Metrolink | Patronage (rolling 12 months, millions) | 44.9m | 46.4m | October 25 saw the second-highest passenger journeys in a month (after Nov 24). The 12-month rolling patronage figure of 46.4 million is the highest on record, beating the previous record set last month. The Altrincham line recorded 1m journeys in a single month for the first time. |
| Rail | Patronage (rolling 12 months, millions) | 56.2m | 55.3m | Strike action during October affected CrossCountry services and Northern are continuing their "Short-Term Plan" on Sundays, which sees around 200 GM services removed from the timetable. |
| Highways | Highway journeys (rolling 12 months, millions) | 1822m | 1840m | Operational and Travel Demand Management plans are being delivered through the busy event and Christmas market period. A range of interventions are helping to manage the network including traffic signal strategies and traffic regulation orders at known pinch points, targeted customer information and travel advice. |
| Active travel | Cycling trips (rolling 12 months, millions) | 46.5m | 54.4m | Starling Bank bike hire trips are up 28% year-on-year. There were 71,705 rides during October 25. This is the highest monthly total in the scheme's history, beating the previous record of 62,476 set |
| | Cycle Hire (rolling 12 months, thousands) | 460 | 588 | |

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| | | | | last month. Bus Operator industrial action led to rise in rides, but the increase continued throughout the whole of the month. Evidence shows that existing riders used the service more frequently, rather than an increase in new users joining the scheme. |
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Performance is reported monthly. The table below shows the monthly change in performance (punctuality and reliability) across Bus, Metrolink, Rail and Highways. More information about bus punctuality data is [available here](#).

| Service Area (Performance) | | | Last month (September 2025) | Now (October 2025) | Commentary |
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| Bus | Punctuality | | 78.2% | 79.6% | T1 punctuality was above target at 84.2%, T2 and T3 were below target at 76.6% and 78.9% respectively. However, both T2 and T3 showed improvements from last month and the same time last year. |
| | Reliability: Bus km operated | | 98.6% | 98.1% | |
| | Zero-emission bus fleet (% of total bus fleet) | | 19.7% | 19.7% | |
| Metrolink | Punctuality (trams departing less than 2 mins late) | | 92% (P6)** | 90% (P7)** | Punctuality was on target at 90% and operated mileage narrowly missed target at 98.6%. The main causes of lost miles were: rolling stock 41%, driver availability 18% and electrical 15%. |
| | Reliability: Operated mileage (number of tram vehicle miles operated compared with the number of scheduled miles) | | 99.2% (P6) | 98.6% (P7) | |
| Rail | Northern (NTL) | PPM* | 81.6% (P6) | 77.2% (P7) | Crew availability continues to be a challenge on the rail network. Strike action during October affected CrossCountry services and Northern are continuing their "Short-Term Plan" on Sundays, which sees around 200 GM services removed from the timetable. |
| | | Cancellations | 5% (P6) | 3.5% (P7) | |
| | TransPennine Trains (TPT) | PPM* | 86.4% (P6) | 84.6% (P7) | |
| | | Cancellations | 3.6% (P6) | 3.5% (P7) | |
| Highways | Journey time reliability (measures the % of journeys completed within the typical journey time, plus a tolerance of 25%). | | 93.7% | 92% | Operational and Travel Demand Management plans are being delivered through the busy event and Christmas market period. A range of interventions are helping to manage the network including traffic signal strategies and traffic regulation orders at known pinch points, targeted |

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| | | | | customer information and travel advice. |
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*Public Performance Measure (PPM), measures % of services arriving at destination, having called at all scheduled stops, within 5 minutes of the planned arrival time.

** P6 = Period 6 and P7 = Period 7, both defined as a four-week reporting period instead of a monthly one.

GMCA meetings:

Greater Manchester Combined Authority Meeting (September)

A link to the papers are available here:

[https://democracy.greatermanchesterca.gov.uk/Extranet/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=136&\\$LO\\$=1](https://democracy.greatermanchesterca.gov.uk/Extranet/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=136&LO=1)

Items considered and decisions included:

| Chairs Announcements and Urgent Business Additional documents | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the update on the Task & Finish Group letter received from government be noted. 2. That the GMCA celebrated the impact of the huge contributions made by Ike Alderman and Gary Mountfield "Mani" to the Greater Manchester region following their recent passing and expresses sincere condolences to their family and friends. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| GMCA Minutes - 28 November 2025 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 28 November 2025 be approved. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GMCA Resources Committee Minutes - 28 November 2025 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Resources Committee held on 28 November 2025 be approved. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee Minutes - 26 November 2025 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 26 November 2025 be noted. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GMCA Audit Committee Minutes - 24 November 2025 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 24 November 2025 be noted. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bee Network Committee Minutes - 27 November 2025 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proceedings of the Bee Network Committee meeting held on 27 November 2025 be noted. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Appointments and Nominations to Greater Manchester Bodies | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That 15 substitute members (11 Labour, 2 Lib Dem, 2 Conservative) be appointed to the GMCA Waste and Re-cycling Committee as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Local Authority</th><th>Substitute Member</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bolton</td><td>Nadeem Ayub (Labour)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bury</td><td>TBC</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rochdale</td><td>Mohammed Arshad (Labour)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Manchester</td><td>TBC</td></tr> <tr> <td>Oldham</td><td>Pamela Byrne (Conservative)</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Local Authority | Substitute Member | Bolton | Nadeem Ayub (Labour) | Bury | TBC | Rochdale | Mohammed Arshad (Labour) | Manchester | TBC | Oldham | Pamela Byrne (Conservative) |
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| Tameside | Andrew McLaren (Labour) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trafford | Simon Lepori (Lib Dem) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour GM | Peter Davis (Oldham) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Update to the Constitution to Enable Electronic Sealing | <p>1. That, the amendment to the Constitution as detailed in this report, to enable to the GMCA to affix its Common Seal electronically, be approved.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| On the Right Track for Growth: The Greater Manchester Rail Vision to 2050 | <p>1. That the 'On the Right Track for Growth - Greater Manchester Rail Vision', which has been developed in partnership with GM Local Authorities, the Greater Manchester business community (CBI, BTAC & Chamber of Commerce) and rail industry partners; and the subsequent next steps to develop a joint investment and delivery plan be noted and endorsed.</p> <p>2. That the update on the Railways Bill legislation be noted.</p> <p>3. That the ongoing work to deliver Bee Network Rail Integration by 2030 including development work underway with Northern Trains Ltd to assess and scope the case for Greater Manchester part-funding additional rail services in Greater Manchester as part of a Bee Network Rail Integration pilot for the 24-month trial period between December 2027 and December 2029 (i.e. from 2027/28 onwards) be noted.</p> <p>4. That a future update, to include details of the service enhancements and a proposed funding mechanism, including any implications on the GMCA Transport Revenue Budget be submitted to the GMCA.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Results of the Trial of Free All Day Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People | <p>1. That the findings of the trials be noted.</p> <p>2. That it be noted that any decision to remove the 9.30am travel restriction would be subject</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>to finalisation and approval of the GMCA Transport Revenue and Mayoral Budgets; the legal process required to amend the Greater Manchester Local Concessionary Scheme; and approval by the Mayor.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. That the comments made by Jas Taylor on behalf of the GM Disabled Persons Panel be received. 4. That the results of the all day bus travel trial will be sent on to the Secretary of State for Transport. |
| In her Shoes - Review of Safety of Women & Young Girls on Public Transport | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the final review be endorsed. 2. That the update on the review made by the Chair, Councillor Helen Hibbert, be received. 3. That the presentation highlighting the early impact of TravelSafe Live Chat be received. 4. That a detailed response to the Task & Finish Group recommendations be submitted to the GMCA. |
| A New Model of Public Service Delivery: Live Well, Prevention Demonstrator & Economic Inactivity Trailblazer Deep Dive | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That support be given to taking Live Well to the next level throughout 2026 by making it a visible, practical offer for residents. This would include embedding Live Well in each locality and harnessing the power of local partnerships to deliver integrated, accessible support. 2. That it be noted that this next step s vital to strengthen and accelerate prevention in practice, ensuring Live Well continues to be a driving force for better outcomes for residents across Greater Manchester. 3. That the comments highlighted on behalf of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received. |
| Commissioning Biodiversity Net Gain in Greater Manchester | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the background to the Responsible Body Service be noted. 2. That the commissioning of the Responsible Body Service be approved. 3. That authority be delegated to the Managing Director of GMCA, in consultation with the Group Chief Finance Officer and Group Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to enter into agreements with the Local Authorities as described in Clause 5.2. |
| Revenue Budget Update - Quarter 2 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the forecast position at 30th September 2025 be noted. |
| Capital Budget Update - Quarter 2 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the current 2025/26 forecast of £620.4m compared to the previous forecast of £652.9m be noted. |
| Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-Year Review Report 2025/26 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-Year Review Report 2025/26 be approved. |

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| Greater Manchester Investment Framework Requests | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That an equity investment of up to £500,000 to C3 Biotechnologies Limited be approved. 2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the GMCA Solicitor and 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. |
| Greater Manchester Investment Framework Requests | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the contents of the report be noted. |

5. Recommendation(s)

- 5.1. That Council note the updates from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Transport for Greater Manchester, and Recycle for Greater Manchester, with further updates to be presented to future Council meetings

List of Background Papers:-

Minutes of GMCA meetings linked throughout.

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