

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER
AUTHORITIES EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2025**

PRESENT:

GMCA Mayor	Andy Burnham (in the Chair)
GMCA	Deputy Mayor Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Nicholas Peel
Bury	Councillor Lucy Smith
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Mark Roberts
Tameside	Councillor Eleanor Wills
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Group Chief Executive Officer	Caroline Simpson
Group Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
Group Solicitor & Monitoring Officer	Gill Duckworth
Group Chief Finance Officer	Steve Wilson
Group Secretary	Sarah Horsman
Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Tom Stannard
Oldham	Shelley Kipling
Rochdale	Kiama Thompson
Salford	Stephen Young
Stockport	Paul Richards
Tameside	Emma Alexander
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee

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Steve Warrener
Martin Lax
Sylvia Welsh
Lee Teasdale

AGMA 22/25 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

That apologies be received from Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Bury), James Binks (Rochdale) & Michael Cullen (Stockport).

AGMA 23/25 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

AGMA 24/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

AGMA 25/25 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2025

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the AGMA Executive Board held on 22 August 2025 be approved.

AGMA 26/25 GREATER MANCHESTER PLANNING ADVISORY UNITS – PROPOSED REFORMS

Deputy Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Leader for Housing First provided an update on the funding arrangements for the 3 Planning Advisory Units and Flood Risk Co-ordinator post to feed into the budget setting process for April 2026 and the strengthening of monitoring and reporting arrangements for the units.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the preferred options for hosting and funding the units as set out in the report be endorsed.
2. That it be recommended to the GMCA that it assumes responsibility for funding the post of Flood Risk Co-ordinator as set out in para 2.4 of the report.
3. That it be agreed that responsibility for management of the Service Level Agreements for the Waste and Minerals Unit, Greater Manchester Archaeology Service and Greater Manchester Ecology Unit be delegated to the GMCA Director for Sustainable Growth and Infrastructure, subject to GMCA approval.
4. That it be agreed that a proportion of Biodiversity Net Gain new burdens funding awarded to the GM Local Planning Authorities by Defra for the 2025/26 financial year be allocated to the GMEU as set out in para 3.6 of the report.
5. That it be agreed in principle that any future Biodiversity Net Gain new burdens funding provided by Defra will be committed to GMEU by the GMCA and 9 of the GM Local Planning Authorities (excluding Stockport) for the financial year 2026/27 subject to allocations and budget approvals.
6. That it be recommended to the GMCA that it funds the Waste and Minerals Unit from the start of the next financial year, such funding being subject to successful budget submission for Housing First priorities through the retained business rates process as set out in para 2.5 of the report.