

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026 AT GMCA BOARDROOM**

PRESENT

GMCA Deputy Mayor	City Mayor Paul Dennett (In the Chair - Part)
Bolton	Councillor Jackie Schofield
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Garry Bridges
Rochdale	Councillor Tricia Ayrton
Stockport	Councillor Mark Roberts (In the Chair – Part)
Tameside	Councillor Eleanor Wills
Trafford	Councillor Liz Patel
Wigan	Councillor Keith Cunliffe

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Group Monitoring Officer	Gillian Duckworth
GMCA Secretary	Sarah Horseman
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Fiona Ledden
Oldham	Shelley Kipling
Rochdale	Julie Murphy
Salford	Surjit Tour
Stockport	Michael Cullen
Tameside	Emma Alexander
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
GMCA	Lee Teasdale

Clerk's note: Due to the unavailability of Mayor Paul Dennett at the outset of the meeting, the Chair was taken by Vice-Chair of the GMCA Councillor Mark Roberts until Mayor Dennett was able to take the Chair at item GMCA 78/26

GMCA 71/26 APOLOGIES

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor Akhtar Zaman (Bolton), Councillor Bev Craig (Manchester), Councillor Neil Emmott (Rochdale), Councillor Tom Ross (Trafford), Councillor Nazia Rehman (Wigan), Sue Johnson (Bolton), Tom Stannard (Manchester) & Stephen Young (Salford).

GMCA 72/26 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS & URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED /-

There was none.

GMCA 73/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

There were none.

GMCA 74/26 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2026

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA held on 26 June 2026 be approved as a correct record.

GMCA 75/26 GREATER MANCHESTER APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS

Group Monitoring Officer Gill Duckworth advised members that an amendment had been made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee appointments, which a change being sought so that Councillor Tony Davies (Salford, Labour) becomes a member of

the Committee, with Councillor Maria Brabiner (Salford, Labour) becoming the substitute member.

RESOLVED /-

1. That appointment of Councillor Tony Davies (Salford, Labour) as the member, and Councillor Maria Brabiner (Salford, Labour) as the substitute member to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be approved.

GMCA 76/26 APPOINTMENT OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY RETURNING OFFICER (CARO)

Gill Duckworth, Group Monitoring Officer, presented a report proposing that Andrew Lightfoot, Deputy Group Chief Executive and Managing Director of the GMCA, be appointed as the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Returning Officer, with immediate effect.

RESOLVED /-

1. That Andrew Lightfoot, the Deputy Group Chief Executive and Managing Director of the GMCA, be appointed, with immediate effect, as the Combined Authority Returning Officer for elections of a Greater Manchester Combined Authority Mayor.

GMCA 77/26 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 items of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

GMCA 78/26

**VARIATION OF THE CONTRACT OF THE GROUP CHIEF
EXECUTIVE TO REMOVE CARO RESPONSIBILITIES AND
RELATED MATTERS**

Gill Duckworth, Group Monitoring Officer, presented a report asking the GMCA to consider variations to the Group Chief Executive Officer's contract following receipt of a resignation of the role of CARO from the Group Chief Executive Officer (Group CEO).

RESOLVED /-

1. That the recommendations be approved.