

**GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING  
HELD ON FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2015 AT BOLTON COUNCIL**

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jim McMahon
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	Ian Stewart
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Sue Derbyshire
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith (in the Chair)

**JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender
GMFRSA	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA	Councillor John Bland
Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Howard Bernstein	GMCA Head of Paid Service
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Sean Harriss	Bolton Council
Mike Kelly	Bury Council
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Paul McKevitt	Wigan Council
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	Adam Allen

Peter Fahy

GM Police

Dave Newton  
Andrew Lightfoot  
Simon Nokes  
Julie Connor  
Rebecca Heron  
Sylvia Welsh  
Kerry Bond

TfGM  
GM PSR  
New Economy  
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)Greater Manchester  
) Integrated Support Team  
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**176/14 APOLOGIES**

Donna Hall and Jon Lamonte.

**177/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**178/14 MINUTES OF GMCA MEETINGS ON 28 NOVEMBER 2014**

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meetings on 28 November 2014 as correct records.

**179/14 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the Forward Plan.

**180/14 GM DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT: REVIEW AND PROPOSED SCHEME**

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer reviewing the current GMCA Governance arrangements and proposed changes that will improve the achievement of the objectives of the GMCA.

The report also provides a Scheme that, subject to the agreement of the GMCA, will enable the Secretary of State to produce and consult on a draft Order to implement revised governance arrangements for Greater Manchester. This will allow for an 11th member of the CA who will be the Appointed (or Interim) Mayor for Greater Manchester, as a transition to a Directly Elected Mayor once primary legislation is in place which is expected to be operational in 2017.

The Chair reported verbally in relation to proposals to be developed for the selection and appointment process for the Interim Mayor, and asked that there should be an opportunity for all GM councillors to meet shortlisted candidates informally, ask questions and comment back to the GMCA.

## **RESOLVED/-**

1. To confirm support for the Devolution Agreement following consultation with the 10 Greater Manchester districts, the LEP and BLC. This transfers significant powers and responsibilities to Greater Manchester alongside steps to strengthen governance and introduce an Appointed (or Interim) Mayor as an 11<sup>th</sup> member of the GMCA as a transition to a Directly Elected Mayor.
2. To agree that, in the light of the Devolution Agreement and conclusions of the governance review, the GMCA Order should be amended to allow for an Appointed (or Interim) Mayor and that this would:
  - build on and strengthen the existing governance arrangements for Greater Manchester;
  - reflect the single economic geography for Greater Manchester;
  - strengthen significantly our ability to deliver priorities related to growth and reform; and
  - at the same time align with the roles and responsibilities of individual local authorities, whose existing functions will remain unchanged.
3. To agree that a Scheme to revise the existing GMCA Order should set out the arrangements for introducing an 11th member of the GMCA who would be an appointed by the GMCA, bringing additional leadership capacity and providing a transition to an Elected Mayor.

Such a scheme will be based upon the following principles which have been determined following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the GMCA and Councillor Quinn as follows:

  - The Appointment of the appointed (or Interim) Mayor will be made by a majority vote of members of the GMCA.
  - To be eligible to be appointed as the appointed (or Interim) Mayor a person must at the time of application and appointment a) have been on a GM electoral register for the previous 12 months and b) be currently holding a position that has been subject to a public election in Greater Manchester, which they have held for at least 12 months.
  - The term of office for the appointed (or Interim) Mayor shall expire at the end of May 2017 or the election of the Mayor if this is earlier.
  - The GMCA may at any time terminate the appointment of the appointed (or Interim) Mayor within the context of the standards regime or a vote of no confidence provided that at least two thirds of the members of the GMCA vote in favour of a resolution to terminate.
  - GMCA voting requirements shall be increased to at least 8 votes in favour on strategic issues and 11 votes in favour on congestion charging noting that the CA does not have powers in relation to congestion charging in any event; and the CA has previously agreed that approval of the GM Spatial Strategy will require approval by all GM local authorities.
4. To authorise the Head of the Paid Service to submit the approved Scheme to the Secretary of State to commence the formal process for changing the

statutory Order as soon as possible and thereby enact the first step of governance changes in the Devolution Agreement.

5. To agree that the proposals to be developed for the appointment and selection process for the Interim Mayor and be referred to all local authorities in Greater Manchester and the GM LEP, BLC, for comments in time for the GMCA meeting in January 2015. The process should include an opportunity for all GM Councillors to meet shortlisted candidates informally, to ask questions and make comments back to the GMCA .

#### **181/14      MANUFACTURING STRATEGY**

The Combined Authority considered a report from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy detailing feedback from the Manufacturing Strategy consultation and to update on progress with the delivery of its recommendations.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the Combined Authority approves the GM Manufacturing Strategy Document for publication.
2. That progress on the delivery of the Strategy recommendations is noted, and that a strong communications plan is required as part of the implementation of the strategy in order to raise the profile of the manufacturing industry.

#### **182/14      ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

The Combined Authority received a report from Linda Fisher, Acting Chief Executive, Rochdale MBC, provide an update to the Combined Authority on the Armed Forces workstreams across Greater Manchester. The report also recommends that the Combined Authority agrees to sign the Armed Forces Community Covenant to ensure that Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families benefit from the work undertaken by the Combined Authority across Greater Manchester.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree that the Greater Manchester Combined Authority together with its partner organisations signs the Armed Forces Community Covenant.
2. To note and support the progress and actions detailed in the report in relation to the Armed Forces work.

#### **183/14      ONE NORTH / TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH**

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing an update on the work that has been progressing to further develop One North: a Proposition for an Interconnected North, that was publicly launched in August 2014 in the presence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The report also provides an update on discussions that have been taking place with Government relating to establishing Transport for the North, the body that is intended to oversee the further development of a transport strategy for the North of England building on the transformational vision for transport connectivity in the North set out in the One North proposition

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the further work that has been undertaken to further develop One North: A Proposition for an Interconnected North, since its public launch in August. This has culminated in the development of One North: The Programme, a working document, the Executive Summary of which is attached at appendix 1 of the report.
2. To note the discussions that have been taking place with Government relating to the establishment of Transport for the North, further to the recommendations of the report by Sir David Higgins, Rebalancing Britain: From HS2 Towards a National Transport Strategy.
3. To request that a further report be submitted once the negotiations with Government on the governance arrangements and final remit for Transport for the North has been agreed.

**184/14 TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER – APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte seeking approval from GMCA to reappoint TfGM's current Non-Executive Directors for a further period, ending 28 February 2018.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree the appointment of Ken Giles and Edward Pysden to serve as Non-Executive Directors on TfGM's Executive for a further period of three years ending 28 February 2018.
2. To agree to extend the appointment of Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, as a Non-Executive Director of TfGM for a further period ending 28 February 2018.

**185/14 MINUTES OF GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 11 NOVEMBER 2014**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership Board held on 11 November 2014.

**186/14 MINUTES OF SCRUTINY POOL – 12 DECEMBER 2014**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the minutes of Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 12 December 2014.

**187/14 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED/-**

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 item of business on the grounds

that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### **188/14 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC seeking approval for five projects.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree that the project funding applications detailed in the report be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans at 1) above.

#### **189/14 GROWING PLACES – EVERGREEN TOP-UP**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking approval for the use of the Growing Places Funding to invest in the North West Evergreen Fund projects.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To endorse the provision of Growing Places Funding to the Evergreen Fund and to progress to the completion of all necessary legal documentation.
2. To delegate authority to the Richard Paver and Liz Treacy, Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans/grant at 1) above.

Chair