

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND THE
AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2015
AT THE AJ BELL STADIUM, SALFORD**

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese (in the Chair)
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 David Molyneux

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd
TIGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Howard Bernstein	GMCA Head of Paid Service
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Margaret Asquith	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
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Peter Fahy	Greater Manchester Police
Jayne Stephenson	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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Mike Emmerich
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Mark Hughes
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Ian Williamson
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Julie Gaskell

TfGM
New Economy
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Manchester Growth Company
GM Public Service Reform Team
GM Clinical Commissioning Group
Bill Enevoldson
) Greater Manchester
) Integrated Support Team
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06/15 APOLOGIES

Councillor Peter Smith and Jon Lamonte, TfGM.

07/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

08/15 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTVE BOARD MEETING – 30 JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meeting held on 30 January 2015 as a correct record.

09/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

10/15 GM HEALTH SCRUTINY AND GREATER MANCHESTER HEALTH & WELL BEING BOARD – CHANGE IN SALFORD CITY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the appointment of Councillor Margaret Morris, replacing Councillor Val Burgoyne on the GM Health Scrutiny Panel, with immediate effect.
2. To approve the appointment of Councillor Lisa Stone, replacing Councillor Margaret Morris, to the Greater Manchester Health and Well Being Board, with immediate effect.

11/15 GREATER MANCHESTER DEVOLUTION: HEALTH

Members received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of the Paid Service and Steven Pleasant Lead Chief Executive for Health providing an analysis of a Memorandum of Understanding that has been developed between GM local authorities, GM CCGs and NHS England in consultation with other stakeholders including GM NHS Providers. The MoU creates a framework for the delegation and ultimate devolution of health and social care responsibilities to Greater Manchester as part of a new partnership between GM local authorities, CCGs, NHS England and other stakeholders.

The Chair gave thanks to all involved with the enormous amount of work undertaken to secure the MoU agreement. He stressed that the agreement represented a genuine partnership with the GM Health Sector.

Decisions will now need to be taken by each of the ten GM local authorities and the Clinical Commissioning Groups. Members noted that a summary of the MoU would be circulated to leaders following the meeting.

Ian Williamson expressed thanks on behalf of the GM Health Sector.

RESOLVED/-

1. To welcome the MoU as representing an important and significant step in the development of a new collaborative partnership model for GM health and social care leading to the full devolution of responsibilities in April 2016.
2. To reinforce the commitment of the GMCA and AGMA to work constructively and in partnership with all NHS stakeholders so that together all organisations create the best possible platform for improving the outcomes for local people and the long term sustainability of the health and social care system.
3. To endorse the MoU and commend it to all ten AGMA local authorities and request that it is considered and endorsed by each authority by 30th March 2015.
4. To authorise officers to bring back a report to the next meeting following consultation with NHS colleagues on an Implementation Plan.

12/15 GMCA COMMUNICATIONS

Members received a report from Donna Hall, Chief Executive, Wigan Council presenting the GMCA Communications Strategy and the latest brand designs for approval, and to provide a brief update on progress towards a new website, driven by both the new strategy and the brand.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the updated Communications Strategy, noting the coverage of portfolio areas at annex A to the Strategy.

2. To approve the brand materials.
3. To note that the redevelopment of the GMCA website is underway and that further details will be brought back to Leaders as soon as possible.

13/15 PROJECT PHOENIX

Members received a report from Jim Taylor, City Director, Salford City Council providing details of the progress to date in the delivery of Project Phoenix, particularly the development of a 'Phoenix Handbook' of good practice. Following discussions with the Police and Crime Commissioner a new governance framework has been drafted.

RESOLVED/-

1. To accept the Phoenix Handbook as a good practice guide to dealing with Child Sexual Exploitation and to disseminate within organisations and across Local Safeguarding Children's Boards.
2. To adopt the new governance arrangements for Phoenix, including the programme for peer support and challenge.
3. To note the plans for Phoenix in 2015, particularly the development of a Project Plan and the extension of the contract for the post of Project Manager.

14/15 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.

15/15 GM ENERGY ADVICE SERVICE – FUTURE PROPOSALS

Members received a report from Mike Kelly, Chief Executive, Bury MBC setting out the current position of the Greater Manchester Energy Advice Service.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve recommendations in the report in relation to the service including the estimated funding requirement.
2. To note and approve the estimated funding requirement as detailed in the report as a result of payments in respect of voluntary severance, voluntary early retirement or time limited costs of unplaced staff within the service, to be funded from reserves.

Chair

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

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MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2015 AT THE AJ BELL STADIUM, SALFORD

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18/15 APOLOGIES

Councillor Peter Smith and Jon Lamonte, TfGM.

19/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

20/15 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING ON 30 JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meetings on 30 January 2015 as a correct record.

21/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

**22/15 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP:
MEMBERSHIP 2015-2017**

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service seeking GMCA endorsement of the recommendations regarding the future private sector membership of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership for the period April 2015 until March 2017.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the eight existing private sector members' terms of office are renewed for another two year term (these members are Mike Blackburn, David Birch, Lou Cordwell, Scott Fletcher, Keith Johnston, Wayne Jones, Jeurgen Maier, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell).
2. To agree that Mike Blackburn is invited to continue as Chair of the GM LEP for a further two years.
3. To agree that the Chair of the Manchester Growth Company, Richard Topliss, is invited to join the LEP as a full board member.
4. To agree that a full review for the GM LEP's private sector membership is undertaken in 2017.

23/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL: ROUND 2

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service, setting out details of the Greater Manchester's second Local Growth Fund allocation, awarded through the second round of Growth Deals, and announced by Government on 29 January 2015.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To welcome the additional funding, which will support GM's broader programme of investment, designed to support the transport and connectivity requirements of GM, and to further develop business support and skills capacity to meet the needs of employers.

24/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL - SKILLS CAPITAL

The Combined Authority received a report from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy, seeking conditional GMCA approval to make five offers of grant funding against the Skills Capital funding announced by government in July 2014 as part of Greater Manchester's Growth Deal.

RESOLVED/-

1. To conditionally approve:
 - (a) the five grant offers in line with the detailed recommendations set out in the accompanying Part B report, subject to the conditions identified in those recommendations and including the satisfactory completion of further due diligence.
 - (b) the use of up to a further £300,000 of funds allocated in the Growth Deal to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects.
(with the GMCA's approval being subject to the terms of the legal agreement for the GM Growth Deal funds which is to be entered into with government).
2. To approve the submission of the proposed grant offers and use of funds to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the LEP for endorsement.
3. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to finalise the five grant offers upon government's confirmation of Growth Deal funds and associated terms and conditions.
4. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer to determine an appropriate financial structure and accounting treatment for the funding of the due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects.
5. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review further due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review, to sign off any outstanding conditions, and complete grant funding agreement documentation in respect of the five grant offers.

25/15 HIGHWAYS REFORM - PROPOSED KEY ROUTE NETWORK

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Steve Warrener, Finance and Corporate Services Director, TfGM, setting out a strategic case for the establishment of a Key Route Network in Greater Manchester, including the unique opportunity that it offers to secure influence over the Highways Agency's operations and spending priorities on the Greater Manchester motorway network. The report also included an initial proposal for the definition and management of the Key Route Network that has been developed with local authority highway leads through the Highways Reform Group and reported to Wider Leadership Team.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the strategic case for the Key Route Network proposition, as proposed in the report.
2. To approve the shared responsibilities as set out in the proposed governance arrangements and outline operating model summarised in the report.

26/15 MINUTES OF SCRUTINY POOL – 13 FEBRUARY 2015

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 13 February 2015.

27/15 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.

28/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND: PROJECTS SUMMARY

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC summarising the Regional Growth Fund projects approved by himself in consultation with Councillor Kieran Quinn, in line with the delegation agreed at the meeting of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on 30th January 2015.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report.

29/15 MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROJECT APPROVALS

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking approval for a project funding application.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the project funding application as detailed in the report be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence. The funding is subject to Trafford MBC agreeing a loan for the balance of the required funding.
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 transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan at 1) above.

30/15 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, detailing progress made in establishing the GM Housing Fund and in particular the underwriting arrangements that will need to be put in place with DCLG to underpin the agreement to set up the Housing Fund and the GMCA cost implications.

RESOLVED/-

1. To endorse the underwriting arrangements for the Housing Fund and request that each GM local authority approves through their appropriate procedures their element of the Guarantee.
2. To endorse the proposal for Manchester City Council to enter into the legal agreement with DCLG to take the funds on behalf of Greater Manchester, in view of restrictions on the Combined Authority's borrowing powers.
3. To note that officers will bring back proposals on staffing and recruitment arrangements for the GM Investment Team and any other costs for administering the Fund, following consultation with appropriate Leaders, for approval by the Combined Authority.
4. To agree that officers will bring back a report on the overall pipeline and the status of projects under development which may come forward as early applications to the Housing Fund, to be considered at the Combined Authority's meeting in April 2015.
5. To agree that officers will bring back a report on the proposed Investment Strategy for the Housing Fund, to be developed in close consultation with Leaders and following further discussion with government, for endorsement by the Combined Authority.

31/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL - SKILLS CAPITAL

The Combined Authority received a report from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy, setting out recommendations for the conditional approval of five conditional offers of grant funding against the Skills Capital funding announced by government in July 2014 as part of Greater Manchester's Growth Deal.

RESOLVED/-

1. To conditionally approve the five grant offers as set out in the appendix to the report.
2. To agree to use the funds allocated in the Growth Deal to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects. The GMCA's approval being subject to the terms of the legal agreement for the GM Growth Deal funds which is to be entered into with government.
3. To approve the submission of the proposed grant offers and use of funds to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the LEP for endorsement.
4. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to finalise the five grant offers upon government's confirmation of Growth Deal funds and associated terms and conditions.
5. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer to determine an appropriate financial structure and accounting treatment for the funding of the due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects.
6. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review further due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review, to sign off any outstanding conditions, and complete grant funding agreement documentation in respect of the five grant offers.

Chair