

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY,
HELD ON FRIDAY 28 JULY 2017 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT

GM MAYOR	Andy Burnham
DEPUTY MAYOR (Police and Crime)	Baroness Beverley Hughes
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Linda Thomas
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori, Deputy Mayor
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	Councillor John Merry
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Fire Committee Chair	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA	Councillor Michael Young

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

GMCA Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA – Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
Bolton Council	Sue Johnson
Bury Council	Pat Jones-Greenhalgh
Manchester CC	Joanne Roney
Oldham Council	Carolyn Wilkins
Rochdale MBC	Steve Rumbelow
Salford CC	Ben Dolan
Stockport MBC	Laureen Donnan
Tameside MBC	Steven Pleasant
Trafford Council	Joanne Hyde

Wigan Council	Donna Hall
TfGM – Chief Executive	Jon Lamonte
GM HSCP – Chief Officer	Jon Rouse
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA	Simon Nokes
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Amanda Fox
GMCA	Nicola Ward

120/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Cliff Morris (Bolton - Cllr Linda Thomas attending), City Mayor Paul Dennett (Salford – Cllr John Merry attending), and Nigel Murphy (GM Waste – Cllr Michael Young attending).

Chief Executives – Margaret Asquith (Bolton - Sue Johnson attending), Jim Taylor (Salford – Ben Dolan attending), Theresa Grant (Trafford – Joanne Hyde attending) and Jim Taylor (Salford – Ben Dolan attending).

121/17 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

a) Manchester Arena Attack Update

The Mayor informed the meeting that the funeral for the Saffie Rose Roussos, victim of the Manchester Arena attack had taken place earlier this week and re-iterated that the thoughts of members of the GMCA remain with all the bereaved families and of the families of the people who were injured on that evening. He praised the response of all GM emergency services during and after the event. He also welcomed the appointment of Sir Bob Kerslake to Chair an Independent Review into the preparedness of GM services to the Manchester Arena Incident and lessons learnt from the incident.

Councillor Richard Leese further reported that Manchester City Council had held an Extraordinary Council meeting where discussions had began regarding the installation of permanent memorials for the victims and informed members that a Strategic Recovery Group had been established to look at ways that Greater Manchester, as a whole, could support those affected by the attack. The first meeting had taken place recently with Bev Hughes, Deputy Mayor, representing the GMCA, with the establishment of a welfare and health workstream to be overseen by the Group, acknowledging that this may result in lifetime support for some, if not all, victims.

The Mayor confirmed that obligations would continue to be met and thanked colleagues for their work and support in the aftermath of the incident. He also

advised that Councillor Peter Smith had submitted a bid to the Department of Health to assist with the provision of specialist support. GM Police have also been visiting schools in recognition that young people would continue to require support.

b) Grenfell Tower Fire

The Mayor reminded members that following the devastating Grenville Tower Fire in Kensington, Greater Manchester had established a Task Force to review all high rise towers in the sub-region. He expressed his thanks to Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service for all their work in progressing this work.

Councillor David Acton, the Chair of the Fire Committee, provided the meeting with an overview of the work undertaken following the fire, advising of the outcome of recent national fire testing of cladding and insulation. The removal and replacement of materials was going to be expensive, albeit essential, with discussions on financial support to continue. Current Fire and Building regulations were not fit for purpose and need to be changed. The GM Task Force will have assessed 491 tower blocks by mid-September and the development of the Fire Safe and Secure Strategy was currently under development.

He further advised that recent investigations had also recommended that sprinkler systems should be installed across all high rise towers. It was hoped that this would be a recommendation for implementation going forward. Discussions with Government do need to progress on the basis that all new buildings do need to have fire prevention as a priority measure.

Councillor John Merry spoke on behalf of Salford City Council, providing an update on recent testing procedures, advising that work was underway to evaluate solutions going forward, including short term measures such as 24 hour fire marshals and improvements to alarm systems. Work was to continue with a view to ensuring the needs and safety of tenants was addressed.

The Mayor further added that the GM Fire Committee was best placed to respond to the outcome of the work of the GM Taskforce Group and he would work with the Chair, David Action to agree what work was required by the Committee with a view to bringing back a proposal to the GMCA in September 2017.

RESOLVED/-

That the update report be noted and that a report on GM's High Rise Task Force and Fire Safe and Secure Strategy be submitted to the September meeting of the GMCA.

122/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Richard Leese declared an interest in relation to item 24 as a Board member of Manchester Life Developments.

123/17 MINUTES OF GMCA MEETINGS HELD ON 30 JUNE 2017

The minutes of the GMCA Annual Meeting and GMCA Ordinary meeting held on the 30 June were submitted.

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GMCA Annual Meeting and GMCA Ordinary Meeting held on 30 June 2017 be approved as correct records.

124/17 MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP HELD ON THE 17 JULY 2017

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership held on the 17 July be noted.

125/17 MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 14 JULY 2017

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on the 14 July be noted.

126/17 GMCA SCRUTINY POOL APPOINTMENTS PROCESS

The Mayor circulated a list of proposed appointments to each of the 3 new GM Overview and Scrutiny Committees following nomination from the Greater Manchester Local Authorities, advising that it was proposed to appoint 11 members to each Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a view to the additional members from the pool to be appointed at the GMCA meeting on 29 September 2017.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the first eleven nominations to each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees be approved as follows:

CORPORATE ISSUES & REFORM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY			
1	Bolton	Darren Whitehead	LAB
2	Bury	Stella Smith	LAB
3	Manchester	Zahra Alijah	LAB
4	Oldham	Ateeque Ur Rehman	LAB

5	Rochdale	Neil Butterworth	LAB
6	Salford	David Jolley	LAB
7	Stockport	Yvonne Guariento	LAB
8	Tameside	John Bell	CON
9	Trafford	Nathan Evans	CON
10	Wigan	Pam Stewart	LAB
11	Bury	Tim Pickstone	LIB DEM
12	Vacancy		
13	Vacancy		
14	Vacancy		
15	Vacancy		

ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH & SKILLS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

1	Bolton	Susan Haworth	LAB
2	Bury	Jane Lewis	LAB
3	Manchester	Ahmed Ali	LAB
4	Oldham	Chris Goodwin	LAB
5	Rochdale	Michael Holly	CON
6	Salford	Kate Lewis	LAB
7	Stockport	Elise Wilson	LAB
8	Tameside	Yvonne Cartey	LAB
9	Trafford	John Holden	CON
10	Wigan	Charles Rigby	LAB
11	Stockport	Mark Hunter	LIB DEM
12	Vacancy		
13	Vacancy		
14	Vacancy		
15	Vacancy		

HOUSING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

1	Bolton	Elaine Sherrington	LAB
2	Bury	Rachel Skillen	LAB
3	Manchester	James Wilson	LAB
4	Oldham	Hannah Roberts	LAB
5	Rochdale	Linda Robinson	LAB
6	Salford	Robert Sharpe	LAB
7	Stockport	Elise Wilson	LAB
8	Tameside	Gill Peet	LAB
9	Trafford	Rob Chilton	CON
10	Wigan	Lynn Holland	LAB
11	Stockport	Lisa Smart	LIB DEM
12	Vacancy		
13	Vacancy		
14	Vacancy		

15	Vacancy	
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2. That the remaining four appointments to each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be considered at the GMCA meeting held on 29 September 2017, noting that political balance and gender would need to apply in accordance with the constitution.

127/17 GMCA APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED /-

1. To appoint Councillor Jean Stretton to the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership.
2. To appoint Beverley Hughes, Deputy Mayor as a representative of the GMCA to the Regional Leaders Board.

128/17 GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY REFRESH

The Mayor introduced a report providing the refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS) which will be developed with communities at the centre of its ambitions. Designing policies with the engagement of residents was central to unlocking the key objectives of the strategy. It is also important that the strategy recognised the different life stages of residents in GM, with a focus on social as well as economic outcomes.

He further added that the next stage of the strategy development would include developing the principles into practices with each of the GMCA's Portfolio Leads and bringing individual priorities to future meetings of the GMCA for closer examination.

Councillor Richard Leese proposed an amendment to paragraph 2.1, with the need to be more explicit in terms of GM's commitment to climate change:

'A place at the forefront of action on climate change, with clean air and a flourishing natural environment'.

Councillor Kieran Quinn advised of a number of areas that should be strengthened, including internationalisation as a key to the growth of the economy, and the aspiration of creating an orbital transport link around GM, which was just as important as links to the regional centre.

Beverley Hughes highlighted the importance of emphasising the interdependencies of the individual elements of the strategy alongside the 10 priorities. In acknowledging that data was available to support the delivery of the Strategy, in developing Implementation Plans a range of performance indicators will need to be considered to push forward the delivery of ambitions.

Councillor Peter Smith reiterated the need to engage with communities, advising of the imperative of having the right people to develop the

Implementation Plan that can be delivered on a local level. He also emphasised the importance of changing the family life experience in a holistic way and the removal of barriers to achievement. Targets do need to be developed recognising the process to reach those overall aspirations.

Donna Hall reminded the meetings that outputs on a neighbourhood level and the relationship between the strategies collectively to deliver these outputs was important.

Councillor John Merry also reminded the meeting that the GM Strategy needs to be owned by the GM Local Authorities in addition to the GMCA to ensure delivery of its aspirations, adding that the 'asks' of Government do need to be clear in order to achieve the required outputs.

The Mayor reported that all schools should be encouraged to sign up to the school readiness principles as contained within the GM Strategy, in addition to the development of an outcomes framework to monitor the outputs of the GM Strategy.

In conclusion, members supported the above comments for incorporation into the strategy.

RESOLVED /-

1. That (subject to the changes to the narrative as discussed) the revised Greater Manchester Strategy be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor to approve the final changes to the GM Strategy, reflecting the above comments.
3. That it be agreed that additional public facing material on the GM Strategy be developed and that the strategy should be formally launched in early-Autumn.
4. That the GM Strategy Implementation Plan, also under development, linked to portfolio priority actions, be noted for submission to the GMCA on 29 September 2017.

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GREATER MANCHESTER MOVING – 2017-21

Councillor Peter Smith, Portfolio Lead for Health and Social Care shared the final version of the Greater Manchester Moving Plan (2017-21), also considered by the Health and Social Care Partnership Board held earlier in the day, which aimed to promote physical activity to improve the physical and mental health of people in GM.

The Mayor commented that this was a good and positive strategy for promoting levels of activity as a pathway to better health and wellbeing. He

further announced the appointment of Chris Boardman as the Cycling and Walking Commissioner for GM and welcomed the support he will bring to this important agenda.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GM Moving Plan for 2017-21 be endorsed and supported.
2. To continue to lead and support the implementation of GM Moving, further embedding physical activity within the work of GMCA, and to continue to work collaboratively with Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership Board and Sport England through the MOU.
3. That the development of the Implementation Plan be supported.

130/17 TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER BOARD – APPOINTMENT OF NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Mayor introduced a report seeking approval to extend the appointments of Mr Richard Paver, Mr Edward Pysden and Mr Les Mosco as Non-Executive Directors of Transport for Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the short term extension of the appointments of Mr Richard Paver, Mr Edward Pysden and Mr Les Mosco as Non-Executive Directors of TfGM to 31 March 2018 be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive of TfGM to formalise the terms of their re-appointment.

131/17 URBAN PIONEER AND NATURAL CAPITAL UPDATE

Councillor Alex Ganotis, Portfolio Lead for Green City-Region, introduced a report which provided members with an update on the progress of the Urban Pioneer Project, including how this may support delivery of the Mayors' ambition for a Green City Region. He added that the pilot project looked to create clean, safe places for inclusive growth and maximise GM's natural capital, and further suggested that the City of Trees initiative may be further practical project to help the sub region achieve wider ambitions around healthy lives and economic growth.

The Mayor echoed his comments that this project had great potential and could bring many benefits to GM.

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted and the Urban Pioneer Project Plan be approved.

132/17 LOCAL ENERGY ADVICE PROGRAMME (LEAP) FOR FUEL POOR

Councillor Alex Ganotis, Portfolio Lead for Green City-Region, introduced a report which detailed an opportunity to initiate a free GM-wide Local Energy Advice Programme (LEAP) aimed at supporting the alleviation of fuel poverty in GM. He reported that Tameside Council had been a pilot for this scheme and that it was envisaged that this would be rolled out across GM.

The report also summarised 'Flexible Eligibility', the new element to Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funds, which are provided by utility companies to assist fuel poor residents.

Councillor Jean Stretton, Portfolio Lead for Equality, Fairness and Inclusion welcomed the report and informed members that Oldham Council had succeeded in reducing fuel poverty through their current programme and would welcome the new programme to support more families. Oldham staff will be participating in the programme and training.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the delivery of the proposed Local Energy Advice Programme (LEAP) across GM to assist fuel poor residents be agreed and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on LEAP be approved and supported.
2. That the proposed GM Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent (SOI) be approved to enable GM to further assist vulnerable residents through ECO funds where appropriate and placed on the GMCA website, as required by BEIS.
3. To note that the statement has been developed in consultation with all 10 local authorities.

133/17 BREXIT MONITOR – MONTHLY REPORT

Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Business & Economy, introduced a report which updated members on the key economic and policy developments in relation to the UK's decision to leave the European Union (EU). He added that the report demonstrates increasing levels of uncertainty due to an unstable UK economy and that unemployment figures for GM remained high, both of which were serious concerns for GM.

He advised that transitional arrangements post 2019, should be on a longer rather than shorter term transition, reiterating the need to be involved in the ongoing Brexit discussions.

The Mayor reiterated the sentiments in relation to Brexit discussions, adding that the meeting of Elected Mayors was still to take place and that he would

be pushing for the establishment of a Brexit Committee on a national and regional level.

RESOLVED /-

That the July Brexit Monitor be noted.

134/17 LOCAL GROWTH FUND APPLICATIONS

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Business and Economy, introduced a report which provided details of business cases for four schemes, seeking funding from the Local Growth Fund 3. These schemes were recommended to the GMCA approval by the GM Local Enterprise Partnership (GMLEP) on 17th July 2017. He further commented that there was not sufficient capital for the skills system going forward, and that it would be necessary for GM to press for other funding opportunities.

The Mayor informed members that the Digital Summit had been held in June, with representatives from the skills sector which had highlighted the need for greater emphasis on children and schools around digital skills and the existing workforce to provide increased opportunities in higher education for skills conversion courses.

Beverley Hughes suggested that the cyber innovation hub project could have potential links to the work GM Police was undertaking into cyber and digital crime.

Councillor Peter Smith advised that funding had now been secured to implement the Health and Social Care Information Management and Technology Strategy.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Skills Capital Strategic Outline Business Case (gateway 1) be approved that it be agreed that the applications process should be launched in August 2017.
2. That the Digital Skills Outline Business Case (gateway 2) be approved as a portfolio scheme and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead Member for Skills & Employment and the Portfolio Lead Member for Digital City Region. Gateway 3, to sign-off for individual elements.
3. That the International Screen School Manchester Full Business Case (gateway 3) be approved and that it be agreed that a grant should be offered subject to the following conditions being met prior to drawdown of funds:
 - o Finalisation of detailed scheme costings

- MMU Board approval of the Business Case and confirmed commitment to the capital sums required to deliver the scheme.
 - Appointment of the construction contractor
 - Sign off that the project is State Aid compliant
4. That the Cyber Innovation Hub business case (Gateway 3) be approved and that it be agreed that a grant agreement should be issued to Manchester City Council, subject to agreement of the operating model of the Cyber Hub.
 5. That the development of a full business case for the Productivity Programme be noted and submitted to the GMCA on 29 September.
 6. That the addition of the Local Growth Fund 3 spend on Skills Capital, Cyber Hub and Screen School to the GMCA capital programme be approved.

135/17 GREATER MANCHESTER EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Skills, Employment & Apprenticeships, introduced a report which updated members on the development of an Employer Engagement Framework across GM partners. He reported that long term dialogue was crucial to the success of employer engagement and that there were already strong links within the business community which could be used to further strengthen engagement with SME and independent businesses.

He further re-iterated the value of work experience, as evidence shows that a person is more likely to enter work or further education following this opportunity.

The Mayor was concerned about some of the context of the report which indicated that on average 40% of children in GM were not school-ready when going to Reception, and that 47% left school without a GCSEs. This was a significant challenge that would need to be addressed in multiple ways across a number of workstreams. Councillor Sean Anstee added that these figures represented GM averages, in some places the situation was much worse.

He also highlighted the opportunities created in attracting businesses to the region with a wide ranging accessible workforce with inherent skills.

Beverley Hughes further added that in promoting the 'The Mayor Employment Charter', the contribution of the public sector as a significant employer should be included.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposed five key employer engagement priorities be noted.
2. That the progress made to date in moving towards 'excellent employer engagement' be noted.
3. That the areas for immediate focus within each Priority over the next 6 months, as highlighted in Section 4 of the report, including the alignment and support for The Mayor Employment Charter, be noted.
4. That an Action Plan be developed for each element above which will set out key partners and lead which will be presented at GMCA in September/October 2017.

136/17 TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH AND RAIL NORTH

Councillor Richard Leese, Deputy Mayor, introduced a report requesting the GMCA to re-affirm its decision to become a constituent authority of Transport for the North (TfN) and to consent to the making of regulations to establish TfN as a statutory Sub-National Transport Body (STB).

He drew members' attention to section 4.6 of the report, which reflected a late change from the Department for Transport stating that Combined Authority representatives on Transport for the North must be elected Mayors. Representations will be made to Government on the basis that those Combined Authorities with devolved powers should be able to select their own representative to the Board rather than it being prescribed by the Department for Transport.

The Mayor reminded members of the recent announcement of the Government's decision to move forward with Cross Rail 2 and the impact on schemes in the north of England including HS2, Northern Powerhouse Rail, Leeds-Manchester electrification and the Northern Hub was highlighted, with further discussions to be held with Government seeking reassurance of the investment required to progress these crucial schemes.

As a consequence a 'Northern Rail Summit' has been scheduled for the 23 August 2017, which would provide the opportunity for both the public and business sectors to discuss the implications and next steps for rail in the north.

Councillor Richard Leese concurred with the Mayor's points, and added that the Northern Powerhouse needs large scale transport infrastructure and commitment from Government to ensure it can reach its potential. He reminded the meeting that a Public Inquiry reports on the Northern Hub had now been with Ministers for 2 years. The Department for Transport had also commissioned a report from Steer Davies Gleaves which had been concluded but not yet released. He also highlighted the impact of underinvesting in rail

which has led to safety issues surrounding platforms 13 & 14 at Piccadilly due to overcrowding, the Chair of Network rail has advised that the Leeds – Manchester electrification required track and signal improvements.

In supporting comments, Councillor Sean Anstee added that the pace of conception to delivery of schemes needs to be expedited, together with the use of future technology to develop ambitious transport schemes

Councillor Jean Stretton also reminded colleagues that there was not a fair spread of resources with priority given to spend on infrastructure schemes in the South East of England rather than the North of England.

In conclusion the Mayor suggested that the issues be further debated at the GMCA on 29 September following the Northern Rail Summit on 23 August.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the decision of 29 July 2016 to become a constituent authority of a statutory Transport for the North (TfN) be reaffirmed.
2. That , subject to recommendation 3, to consent to the making by the Secretary of State of regulations under section 102E of the Local Transport Act 2008 to establish Transport for the North (TfN) as a Sub-national Transport Body (STB) and to TfN having such concurrent local transport functions as specified in paragraph 4.3 of this report.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, to consent to the final draft of the regulations before they are laid before Parliament.
4. That TfGM be requested to consent (if required) to the draft regulation providing TfN with the concurrent PTE function under section 13 of the Railways Act 2005.
5. That the transfer of the membership of Rail North Ltd (RNL) to TfN, be agreed, subject to entering to an agreement with TfN preserving for GMCA rights equivalent to those under the RNL Members' Agreement.
6. That it be agreed to pay to TfN after the transfer an amount equivalent to the sums currently paid to RNL in respect of GMCA's membership of RNL.

137/17 GMCA REVENUE OUTTURN 2016/17

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Finance & Investment, introduced a report informing members of the revenue outturn for 2016/17, the position

on reserves and seeking approval of the transfer of funds to earmarked reserves.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the GMCA transport revenue outturn position for 2016/17 is in line with budget after transfers to earmarked reserves.
2. That the GMCA Economic Development and Regeneration revenue outturn position for 2016/17, which shows a favourable position of £1.311 million after transfers to earmarked reserves, be noted.
3. That the contribution to earmarked Economic Regeneration and Development reserves, as summarised in paragraph 3.1 of the report, be approved.
4. That the contribution to earmarked transport reserves, as summarised in paragraph 5.1, be approved.
5. That it be noted that the TfGM revenue position for 2016/17 shows a favourable position of £0.090 million against budget, as detailed in paragraph 6.
6. That the position on reserves, as detailed in paragraph 7, be noted.
7. That it be noted that the final outturn position was subject to the completion of the annual external audit to be finalised by 30 September 2017 which will be reported to the GMCA Audit Committee at its meeting in September.

138/17 GMCA CAPITAL OUTTURN 2016/17

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Finance & Investment presented a report informing members of the GMCA capital outturn for 2016/17.

RESOLVED /-

That the 2016/17 outturn capital expenditure compared to the forecast position presented to GMCA in January 2017 be noted.

139/17 GMCA CAPITAL UPDATE 2017/18

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Finance & Investment ,introduced a report which provided the first quarterly update of the GMCA 2017/18 capital expenditure programme. He reported that appendix 1 summarised the capital programme for the year and the forecast outturn and that there should be a correction noted to the two lines of the table in relation to 'Other Metrolink Schemes' that should read, *Trafford Line – current forecast £44.413m*

(variance of £5.797m) and Metrolink renewal – current forecast £2.247m (variance of £0.7m) both of which have no impact on the bottom line forecast.

RESOLVED /-

1. That an increase to the capital budget of £71 million in connection with Skills Capital (Growth Deal 2 and 3), as detailed within paragraph 8.7, be approved.
2. That an increase to the capital budget of £15 million in connection with the International Screen School Manchester, as detailed within paragraph 8.11, be approved.
3. That an increase to the capital budget of £5 million in connection with the Cyber Innovation Hub, as detailed within paragraph 8.12, be approved.
4. That the current 2017/18 forecast compared to the 2017/18 capital budget be noted.

140/17 STOCKPORT TOWN CENTRE ACCESS PLAN PHASE 2B AND STOCKPORT BRIDGE

The Mayor introduced a report a report seeking full approval and the release of the necessary funding to enable the delivery of the Stockport Town Centre Access Plan Phase 2B scheme and the advanced bridge works.

Alex Ganotis, Leader of Stockport Council, provided the meeting with an overview of the works underway in Stockport Town Centre re-iterating the benefits to the transport system across GM in response to these improvements.

RESOLVED /-

That full approval for the Stockport Town Centre Access Plan Phase 2B scheme, including the advanced works package for Stockport Interchange Bridge and the associated release of £16.121 million and £3.730 million, respectively of funding from the Local Growth Deal budget to enable the delivery of the schemes, be approved.

141/17 GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD PERMIT SCHEME YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The Mayor introduced a report which updated the GMCA on the fourth year operation of The Greater Manchester Road Activity Permit Scheme (GMRAPS) and provided a report which gave a financial forecast for the fifth year of operation.

RESOLVED

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1. That the financial review and forecasts, as set out in Section 2, be noted.
2. That, based upon the financial update, set out in Section 2, the scheme not be amended during year five of operation.

142/17 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECTS UPDATES

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Finance & Investment introduced a report seeking GMCA approval for investments to AZoNetwork UK Limited and SGV (Salford) Limited. The report also provides an update on FPE Global and switchmybusiness.

RESOLVED /-

1. That that the funding applications by AZoNetwork UK Limited (investment of £500k) and SGV (Salford) Limited (loan of £2,000k) be conditionally approval and progress to due diligence.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and 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 a) above.
3. That the changes to the commercial terms in line with the updates provided on FPE Global and switchmybusiness as set out in the confidential part of the agenda be approved.

143/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND – ANNUAL REPORT

Eamonn Boylan introduced a report which informed members of the outturn position of the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund for 2016/17 and noted the position in relation to the indemnity entered into by each of the Local Authorities in relation to the GM Housing Investment Loan Fund.

RESOLVED /-

That the outturn position of the Git also be noted that there has been no requirement for the GM Local Authorities to account for any impairments as a result of the performance of the Fund.

144/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION

Councillor Richard Leese declared an interest in relation to item 24 as a Board member of Manchester Life Developments.

Eamonn Boylan introduced a report seeking approval of the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans.

Councillor Richard Leese provided members with an overview of the impact of the Crusader Mill Works scheme, which was used by local artists, work was now underway to find them alternative space in East Manchester, as agreed by Department for Education, on a peppercorn rent basis. He further added that there was still unmet demand for residential developments for young professionals particularly in the city centre and Salford and that there will be continued re-investment into schemes once loan monies begin to be returned.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans in the table below, be approved

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Capital & Centric (Cinnamon) Ltd.	Crusader Works	Manchester	£25,450,000
Casey Living Ltd.	Hulton Lane	Bolton	£950,000
Former Delph Chapel Ltd.	Delph Chapel	Oldham	£987,000
Hillcliffe Homes Ltd.	Harvey Street, Ince	Wigan	£664,000

2. That the use of £130,000 of City Deal receipts to provide additional mezzanine lending to Former Delph Chapel Ltd, noting that this investment will be subject to the approval of the Homes and Communities Agency to be obtained through the GM Housing Investment Board be approved.
3. That Manchester City Council be recommended to approve the above and prepares and effects the necessary legal agreements in accordance with its approved internal processes.

145/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members noted that the commercially sensitive information contained in Items 27 and 28 Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update and Greater Manchester Housing Investment Fund – Investment Approval recommendations was taken as read during consideration of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update (minute ref 142 & 143/17 refers) and for this reason the exclusion resolution was not moved.

**146/17 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVALS**

CLERK’S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update at minute 142/17 above.

**147/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS
FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION**

CLERK’S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework Projects Update at minute 143/17 above.