

**DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER  
COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2017 AT BURY TOWN  
HALL**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Sue Murphy
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	City Mayor Paul Dennett
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

**JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

GMF&RS	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Pat Jones-Greenhalgh	Bury Council
Geoff Little	Manchester CC
Helen Lockwood	Oldham Council
Mark Robinson	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council
Donna Hall	Wigan Council
Ian Hopkins	GM Police
Andrea Heffernan	GM Fire & Rescue Service
John Lamonte	Transport for Greater Manchester
Jon Rouse	Health and Social Care Partnership
Mark Hughes	Manchester Growth Company
Clare Monaghan	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Rodney Lund	Manchester CC
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Head of the Paid Service
Julie Connor	Head of GMIST
Sylvia Welsh	GM Integrated Support Team
Paul Harris	GM Integrated Support Team

#### **54/17 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor Richard Leese (Manchester). Councillor Sue Murphy was in attendance in Councillor Leese's absence. Apologies were also received and noted from Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham) and Steve Rumbelow (Rochdale).

#### **55/17 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair requested the GMCA consider the Local Growth Fund 3 – Transport Settlement Report as urgent business, deferred from the February GMCA meeting.

#### **56/17 LOCAL GROWTH FUND 3 (LGF3) – TRANSPORT FUNDING SETTLEMENT**

Tony Lloyd introduced a report summarising the outcome of the LGF3 settlement for transport with a proposal for the allocation of funds across the GMCA's pre-agreed priorities. The report included details on the process used to prioritise schemes for inclusion in the original bid and for preparing a final set of adjusted priorities following GM's final agreed settlement.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the implications of the LGF3 settlement for transport spending priorities in GM be noted.
2. That the proposed spending programme set out in the report, utilising currently available LGF and National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) including the proposals with respect to the Northern Gateway Regeneration Initiative be approved.
3. That the transport investment priorities in the report submitted also be retained as priorities for forthcoming national transport funding rounds, including the Autumn 2017 NPIF transport funding competition confirmed in the Government's Spring Budget report.

#### **57/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by a Member in respect of any item on the agenda.

**58/17 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2017**

The minutes of the GMCA meeting, held on 24 February 2017 were submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the GMCA meeting, held on 24 February 2017 be approved as a correct record.

**59/17 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF GMCA**

Consideration was given to a report advising members of those strategic decisions that were to be considered by the GMCA over the forthcoming months.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions, as set out in the report be noted.

**60/17 MINUTES**

**a. GMCA STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 16 MARCH 2017**

The Minutes of the GMCA Standards Committee held on 16 March 2017 were submitted for information.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the GMCA Standards Committee held on 10 February 2017 be noted.

**b. TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE – 17 MARCH 2017**

The Minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 17 March 2017 were submitted for information.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 17 March 2017 be noted.

**c. GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP - 20 MARCH 2017**

The Minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership held on 20 March 2017 were submitted for information.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership held on 20 March 2017 be noted.

**61/17 CHALLENGING HATE AND BUILDING COHESION**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor introduced a report that sought agreement from the GMCA, as a body, to adopt an agreed definition of anti-Semitism to help ensure there is clarity around what anti-Semitism is.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the GMCA adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism.
2. That the GMCA encourages other Greater Manchester local authorities and partners to also adopt the definition.

**62/17 WORKING WELL**

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Employment & Skills and Councillor Peter Smith, Portfolio Lead for Health & Social Care, presented a report which provided an update for Members on the progress of Working Well programmes and sought to gain support for future plans on the work and health agenda. Members noted that a similar report had been presented to the Health and Social Care Partnership Board which met prior to the Combined Authority meeting.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the Working Well Pilot's success in supporting participants into sustained employment be noted.
2. That the benefit reassessment resulting in 23% of Pilot participants being exited early from the programme and its impact on performance be noted.
3. That the analysis of factors that influence a participant's likelihood of securing work be noted.
4. That the broader well-being outcomes achieved by the Pilot be noted.
5. That the positive job start performance for Working Well Expansion be noted.
6. That the added value of the GP referral route and Talking Therapies be noted.
7. That it be noted how local integration and co-ordination was supporting delivery and continuous improvement.

8. That it be noted that ESF has been secured to extend Working Well until Work & Health Programme goes live.
9. That the broader ambitions to address poor health, worklessness and low productivity through a GM health and employment system be supported.

**63/17            GREATER MANCHESTER SUBMISSION TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS INCLUSIVE GROWTH COMMISSION**

Councillor Jean Stretton, Portfolio Lead for Fairness, Equalities and Cohesion, introduced a report which provided Members with the details of the paper on inclusive growth in GM that was submitted to the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) Inclusive Growth Commission, set out brief details of the Commission's final report and described how the GM paper relates to it. Members noted that the report also provided updates on plans to undertake further work on inclusive growth that is linked to the refresh of the Greater Manchester Strategy and the work programme that supports the GMCA Fairness, Equalities and Cohesion portfolio.

Councillor Stretton highlighted that there was a need to develop a funding formula that will benefit the whole of the conurbation, which factors in social value and did not find ways for investment on a solely GVA business case.

Members also noted that appendices can be viewed from the following link to the GMCA Website:

[https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/322/greater\\_manchester\\_combined\\_authority](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/322/greater_manchester_combined_authority)

**RESOLVED/-**

That the report be noted and that the intention to submit a further paper on the development of GMCA's work on inclusive growth as part of the work programme supporting the Fairness, Equalities and Cohesion portfolio be noted.

**64/17            DRAFT GREATER MANCHESTER CONTINUITY OF SERVICE PROTOCOL**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor, introduced a report which reminded Members that the GM Workforce Engagement Board (WEB) has been established since January 2016 and meets quarterly to enable senior representatives from GMCA and the trades unions to consider the workforce implications relating to the delivery of the devolution agenda.

The report presented a draft protocol that had been developed by the WEB to be recommended for adoption by the GMCA and its constituent bodies, GM local authorities and GM NHS organisations on a voluntary basis to recognise continuity of service when an employee moves on a voluntary basis between those organisations listed at Appendix 1 of the protocol.

Members were advised that the protocol was voluntary and developed in the spirit of arrangements to work across the organisations and demonstrated the strength of the working relationship with Trade Unions.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That GM Continuity of Service Protocol be recommended for adoption by the organisations listed at appendix 1 of the Protocol.
2. That a progress report be presented to the GMCA and GM Health and Social Care Partnership Board in three months time to report on the level of adoption and any issues encountered.

**65/17 BREXIT MONITOR AND SPRING BUDGET**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor, introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the key economic and policy developments in relation to the UK's decision to leave the European Union (EU). The latest edition of the monthly Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor was also circulated to provide a real-time view of the economic and policy impact of Brexit in addition to a briefing on the Spring Budget, summarising the key policy announcements of interest and relevance to Greater Manchester.

Members noted that Article 50 had now been moved and there was a need to ensure that as part of the negotiations, Greater Manchester's voice was still heard by Central Government.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the contents of the March Brexit Monitor and the briefing on the Spring Budget as set out at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to the report respectively be noted.

**66/17 NORTHERN POWERHOUSE PARTNERSHIP**

Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Service, provided a report which updated Members on the publication of the first report by the Northern Powerhouse Partnership (NPP) and identified priorities around the four Prime Capabilities of the North, alongside Education and Skills. The report noted that there was an opportunity for GM to ensure that it was able to shape the agenda going forward, ensure our major assets were recognised at the level of the North, and to support the actions which will be able to make the most difference to economic growth. It will also help to persuade national government that the overall outcomes for the UK are best achieved by both investing in, and devolving more power to, the North of England.

Simon Nokes was thanked for coordinating the northern interests.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the developments around the NPP be noted and that it be agreed that GM should continue to be represented at the appropriate level in this work to ensure it supports broader GM objectives.

**67/17            TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH – ACCOUNTABLE BODY TRANSFER**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy & Finance, introduced a report which presented an outline on the roles and responsibilities the GMCA was proposing to undertake in becoming the Accountable Body for Transport for the North.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the current position in relation to the Accountable Body for Transport for the North be noted.
2. That the transfer of the Accountable Body from Sheffield City Region Combined Authority (SCRCA) to GMCA from 1 April 2017 be approved.

**68/17            DEVOLVED TRANSPORT FUNDING, INCLUDING HIGHWAYS FUNDING UPDATE**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the amount and the allocation of the Devolved Transport Funding for 2017/18.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the allocations of funding for Highways Maintenance and the Incentive elements for 2017/18 as part of the Devolved Transport Grant ('Single Pot') be noted.
2. That the funding mechanism for the payment of the Integrated Transport Block Grant, Highways Maintenance Capital Grant and Highways Maintenance Incentive funding in 2017/18, which will be received through additional retained business rates, be noted.
3. That the inclusion of the capital elements of the Highways Maintenance funding in the GMCA Capital programme for 2017/18 be approved.
4. That the intention to bring a future report to WLT and GMCA regarding the proposed treatment of the Devolved Transport Grant for 2018/19 onwards be noted.
5. That the bidding process for the Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund be noted and that the delegation of authority for the submission of the bid on behalf of the for the GMCA, to the Head of Paid Service and the Chief Executive of TfGM, in consultation with the Interim Mayor be approved.

**69/17 LOCAL GROWTH DEAL (1 & 2) – 6 MONTHLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report which provided the GMCA with an update on the latest position in relation to the Local Growth Deal (1 and 2) Transport Programme, following on from the last update in September 2016. The report also sought Full Approval and the release of the necessary funding to enable the delivery of the following schemes:

- Salford Bolton Network Improvement - Salford Delivery Package 1 (Walkden and Pendleton);
- Stockport Town Centre Access Plan Phase 2A;
- Wigan Bus Station.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the current position in relation to the current Growth Deal Major Schemes programme be noted.
2. That the current position in relation to the current Growth Deal Minor works and Additional Priorities programmes be noted.
3. That the current position in relation to the third round of Local Growth Deal funding be noted.
4. That Full Approval for the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Salford Delivery Package 1 and the associated release of £1.729 million to enable the delivery the Salford Package 1 scheme (Walkden and Pendleton) be granted.
5. That Full Approval for the Wigan Bus Station scheme and the associated release of £14.506 million to enable the construction and completion of the new station be granted.
6. That Full Approval for the Stockport Town Centre Access Plan Phase 2A and the associated release of £17.268 million to enable the delivery of Phase 2A be granted.

**70/17 GREATER MANCHESTER COLLABORATIVE WORKING IN THE DELIVERY OF HIGHWAYS SERVICES**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report which set out the progress to date in collaborative working across Greater Manchester in the delivery of Highway Services. The report also proposed that the next phase of collaboration be delivered under a Memorandum of Understanding signed by all 10 Local Authorities and TfGM.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the the proposed partnership / collaborative approach to delivering highway services and to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for all 10 Local



Authorities and TfGM with the aim of strengthening Highways collaboration across Greater Manchester be endorsed.

**71/17 WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) – BREATHE CLEAN CAMPAIGN**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report which provided Members with an overview of the health impacts of air pollution in Greater Manchester, presents an update on current activity to reduce the health impacts of air pollution and seeks support and agree for an application for Greater Manchester to become a WHO ‘BreatheLife’ City Region.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the report be noted and that an application for Greater Manchester to become a WHO ‘BreatheLife’ City Region be supported.

**72/17 CORNBROOK HUB**

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning and Housing, introduced a report which sought the approval, in principle, to utilise GMCA powers and seeking delegate authority to the Chief Executives of Manchester and Trafford in consultation with their relevant Leaders to present a report to the GMCA requesting that a Compulsory Purchase Order is made.

Members noted that this was the first time such CPO powers had been utilised by the GMCA and will allow for high quality regeneration schemes such as the Cornbrook Hub scheme, to be provided.

In supporting the report, Councillor Anstee highlighted that the Cornbrook Hub scheme was an excellent example of how CPO powers can be used.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the exercise of the GMCA’s powers to acquire all interests in the Cornbrook Hub site, in order to achieve redevelopment of the site in line with the Cornbrook Hub Strategic Regeneration Framework be approved, in principle, subject to:
  - i) a further report being submitted detailing the justification for a CPO in line with government guidance, and
  - ii) agreement that all costs of making a Compulsory Purchase Order (including all Heads of Compensation) are to be met under the terms of an appropriate indemnity.
2. That the appointment of Manchester City Council to act on the GMCA’s behalf in taking all necessary steps to prepare the case for the CPO, including but not limited to securing an appropriate indemnity in respect of the GMCA’s costs in promoting and making the CPO be approved.

**73/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOAN FUND  
- INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning and Housing, introduced a report which seeking Members’ approval of the GM Housing Investment Loan Fund loans as set out in the report.

Members agreed to take the confidential, commercially sensitive Part B report at Item 22 as read whilst considering this report.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the GM Housing Investment Loan Fund loans in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report be approved.

<b>BORROWER</b>	<b>SCHEME</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>LOAN</b>
Wiggett Homes Ltd.	Brook Street, Radcliffe	Bury	£1,555,880
Blue Dog Property 2 Ltd	Former Police Station, Baguley	Manchester	£1,866,000
Select Property Group / GM Property Venture Fund SPV	Circle Square	Manchester	£36,300,000
Urban & Civic (Princess Street) Ltd.	Princess Street	Manchester	£43,310,000
FICM Ltd.	Trinity, Salford	Salford	£22,500,000
Hillcrest Homes Woodland Ltd.	Bretherens Hall, Heaton Mersey	Stockport	£3,900,000

2. That Manchester City Council be requested to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements in accordance with its approved internal processes.

**74/17 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECT UPDATES**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy and Finance, introduced a report seeking Members’ approval for investments to Kids Allowed Limited, Tailored Fire & Security Group Limited, Sitedesk Limited and Intechnica Limited. Members noted that the investments identified in the report will be made from recycled monies.

Members agreed to take the confidential, commercially sensitive Part B report at Item 23 as read whilst considering this report.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the project funding applications by Kids Allowed Limited (loan of £600,000), Tailored Fire & Security (loan of £1,100,000), Sitedesk Limited, (investment of £150,000) and Intechnica Limited (investment of £150,000) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence, as set out in the report, be approved.
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/investments at 1. Above, as set out in the report.

**75/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members noted that the commercially sensitive information contained in Item 22 Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund – Investment Approval and Item 23, Greater Manchester Investment Framework and Conditional Project Approval, of the Agenda, were taken as read during the consideration of Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loan Fund - Investment Approval Recommendations (Minute 72/17) and Greater Manchester Investment Framework Update (Minute 73/17) and for this reason, the recommendation to exclude members of the press and public was not moved.

**76/17 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT LOAN FUND - INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A GM Housing Investment Loan Fund Investment Approval Recommendations report at Minute 73/17 above.

**77/17 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework and Conditional Project Approval at Minute 74/17 above.