

## KEY DECISIONS NOTICE: GMCA – 26 JANUARY 2018

### PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham
Deputy Mayor (Police and Crime)	Baroness Beverley Hughes
Bolton Council	Councillor Linda Thomas
Bury Council	Councillor Rishi Shori
Manchester CC	Councillor Richard Leese, (Deputy Mayor)
Oldham Council	Councillor Jean Stretton
Rochdale BC	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford CC	Councillor John Merry
Stockport MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
Tameside MBC	Councillor John Taylor
Trafford Council	Councillor Sean Anstee
Wigan Council	Councillor Peter Smith

### OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fire Committee, Chair	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA, Chair	Councillor Nigel Murphy
Bolton	Councillor Anne-Marie Watters
Bury	Councillor Jane Black
Bury	Councillor Andrea Simpson
Manchester	Councillor Angelicki Stogia
Stockport	Councillor Wendy Wild
Tameside	Councillor Lynn Travis
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Dylan Butt
Trafford	Councillor Laura Evans
Wigan	Councillor Jennifer Bullen

### OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA – Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA – Treasurer	Richard Paver
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Pat Jones Greenhalgh
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Oldham	Helen Lockwood
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow

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Jim Taylor  
Pam Smith  
Steve Pleasant  
Theresa Grant  
Donna Hall  
Simon Warburton  
Steve Warrener  
Mark Hughes  
Simon Nokes  
Julie Connor  
Lindsay Dunn  
Nicola Ward

**APOLOGIES:**

Oldham  
Salford  
GMFRS  
GMHSC Partnership  
TfGM

Carolyn Wilkins  
Paul Dennett  
Dawn Docx  
Jon Rouse  
Jon Lamonte

**Agenda Item No.**

**6b. GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – CORPORATE ISSUES AND REFORM MINUTES**

1. That the appointment of Cllr Debbie Newall (Bolton) to the Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved.

**9a. GMCA MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW**

1. That the GMCA notes the process for considering the proposals submitted by the Mayor for his General Budget, precept and capital budget.
2. That it be noted that that final information underpinning the calculation of the Mayoral General budget and precept is not available for the meeting and that a further budget meeting has been arranged for 20 February 2018 to give consideration to the final proposals ahead of the Mayor formally determining his budget and precept in time for District Councils to start setting their Council Tax levels.
3. That the Chief Constable be invited to the March meeting of the GMCA to set out his plans for the utilisation of the 2018/19 precept in relation to policing.

**9b. GMCA MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET 2018/19**

1. That the proposal presented by the Mayor to set an overall Mayoral General Precept of £68.95 (Band D) comprising of £59.95 for functions previously covered by the Fire and Rescue Authority precept (no change) and £9.00 for other Mayoral General functions be approved in principle and the detailed budget calculations which support that level of precept be noted.
2. That it be noted that the proposal for the Mayoral General Precept for 2018/19 is the start of a 2-3 year strategy for setting the Mayoral precept baseline which will be adjusted in future years as further Mayoral functions are granted.
3. That the proposal to allow £11.5 million of Earnback grant to be used to support GMCA costs relating to bus reform be noted.
4. That the following items be noted:
  - i. detailed budget proposed for the Fire and Rescue Service
  - ii. the use of the reserves, to support the revenue and capital budgets and the assessment by the Treasurer that the reserves as at March 2019 are adequate
  - iii. the proposed capital programme and proposals for funding
  - iv. the 2019-20 medium term financial position which reflects the final year of the 4 year funding settlement set by Central Government
5. That the detailed budget proposals for other Mayoral functions be noted.
6. That the GMCA does not wish to submit any written comments to the Mayor in line with the legal process and timetable described in this report.
7. That it be noted that the draft budget does not include all the required statutory calculations under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, since various relevant information has not yet been provided to the Mayor by the Government and some billing authorities, including full information relating to the revenue support grant, tax bases, collection funds and various business rate information.
8. That it be recommended that the Mayor notifies the GMCA of the revised statutory calculations by no later than 15 February 2018 with a view to the GMCA making its final determination at a meeting on the 20 February 2018.

**9c. REVENUE TRANSPORT BUDGET 2018/19**

1. That the issues affecting the 2018/19 transport budgets as detailed in the report be noted.
2. That the proposal for the introduction of an annual charge of £12 for access to the

Local Concessionary Scheme be not approved.

3. That the consultation process which has been undertaken by officers with the Transport Levy Scrutiny Panel be noted; the proposals recommended by Scrutiny as set out in this report, other than the proposal noted at recommendation 2 above, be agreed. That it be noted that the proposal is now for a total levy for 2018/19 of £196.373 million, plus a one-off adjustment of £87.98 million in relation to a refund from districts of transport reserves which were refunded to them in 2017/18, less a reduction of £3.9 million in relation to the costs to be met from the Mayoral General budget to take the levy to be charged to £280.453 million.
4. That the GMCA budget relating to transport functions funded through the levy as set out in the report and amended in line with recommendation 2, for 2018/19 be approved.
5. That it be noted that the planned increases of around 1.8% and 1.57% with respect to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund will be deferred.
6. That the Transport Levy on the district councils in 2018/19 of £280.453 million as detailed above, apportioned on the basis of mid year population as at June 2016 be approved.
7. That the use of £11.5 million of Earnback revenue grant for use on GMCA transport functions be approved.
8. That the use of reserves in 2018/19 as detailed in section 5 be approved.
9. That the position on reserves as identified in the report be noted and approved.

**9d. GMCA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19**

1. That the budget relating to the GMCA Economic Development and Regeneration functions in 2018/19 as set out in section 2 of this report be approved.
2. That the District Contributions of £8.848 million as set out in section 3 of this report be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Health and Social Care to determine the appropriate grant to the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership of up to £0.6 million.
4. That the increases to the level of funding to MIDAS £0.2 million and Marketing Manchester £0.35 million, subject to confirmation that these additional sums are matched by private sector contributions be approved.

5. That it be noted that £4.9 million of Business Rates Income is to be retained by District Councils and shared on a pro-rata population basis.

**9e. GMCA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19**

1. That the revisions to the capital budget as set out in Appendix A and detailed within the report be agreed.
2. That the updated 2017/18 capital forecast compared to the previous 2017/18 capital forecast be noted.
3. That the capital programme budget for 2018/19 and the forward commitments as detailed in the report and in Appendix A be approved.
4. That it be noted that that the capital programme will be financed from a mixture of grants (including from DfT), external contributions and long term borrowings.
5. That it be noted that provision has been made in the revenue budget for the associated financing costs of borrowing.
6. That it be noted that that the capital programme will continue to be reviewed, with any new schemes which have not yet received specific approval added into the programme at a later date once approval has been sought.
7. That it be noted that a revised capital programme and Treasury Management Strategy (including prudential indicators), will need to be submitted once the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority joins the GMCA on the 1 April 2018.
8. That a report on the current patronage and planned purchase of additional trams for Metrolink be brought to a future meeting of the GMCA.

**10. BREXIT MONITOR**

That the Brexit Monitor for January 2018 be noted.

**11. INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY UPDATE**

1. That the approach outlined to developing the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy be noted in particular that the approach does not separate our growth priorities from our people priorities. In addition that 'infrastructure' should not just include hardware it should also include other enabling infrastructure such as childcare as being key to supporting business growth, particularly SMEs.
2. That the contents of the industrial strategy white paper of relevance to Greater Manchester be noted.

## **12. GREEN SUMMIT**

That arrangements for the planned Green Summit to be held on 21 March be noted and that local authorities and key stakeholders be encouraged to participate.

## **13. TOWN CENTRE CHALLENGE UPDATE**

1. That the issues set out in Sections 2 and 3 of this report and the town centres which have so far been put forward as part of the challenge be noted.
2. That it be noted that Manchester's nomination needs correction to reflect that they have a coherent approach to improving all of their local district centres, all of their centres being of equal importance and priority. It is within this context that they would want to work with the Mayor and GMCA to see if they can assist further.
3. That it be noted that Oldham Town Centre is Oldham's current strategic priority and they would seek a meeting with the Mayor to see if any of his new powers can assist to deliver their plans.

## **14. COMMISSIONING WORKING WELL (WORK AND HEALTH PROGRAMME)**

1. That the outcome of the Working Well (Work & Health Programme) procurement process and the winning bidder's delivery model be noted.
2. That the appreciation for Local Authority and partner support in the procurement process be noted.
3. That the Social Value outcomes associated with the contract be noted.
4. That the importance of Local Authorities and local governance to successful delivery and agree to support the implementation process through Local Integration Boards be noted.

## **15. SALFORD, BOLTON NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

1. That full approval be granted for the Salford Bolton Network Improvements - Bolton Delivery Package 4 (Farnworth) scheme; and grant release of funding of £1.676 million from the Local Growth Deal to enable delivery of the works; and
2. That the release of further funding of £0.192 million to facilitate TfGM project and programme management activities associated with the enabling, development and delivery of the Bolton and Salford SBNI packages be granted.

## **16. INTERMEDIATE BODY STATUS FOR GREATER MANCHESTER - DELEGATIONS**

That it be agreed to delegate the responsibility for ratification of GMCA Intermediate Body decisions on the strategic fit of ERDF applications based upon the recommendations of the GM ESIF Sub-Committee to the Chief Executive of GMCA in consultation with the Greater Manchester Mayor.

## **18. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

## **PART B**

### **19. GM CULTURAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT FUND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That it be agreed that the budget for the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund should be allocated at a level to fund the balanced portfolio including existing S48 organisations and the highest scoring applicants for the GMCA Cultural Fund detailed within this report.
2. That it be agreed that GMCVO should be funded to the level they were funded under Section 48 and this funding should be taken from the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund.
3. That it be noted that the conclusion of the equality impact assessment on the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund
4. That it be agreed that the portfolio and programme management costs should be found from within the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund budget.
5. That it be agreed that this report is made public within two months of this meeting.

### **20. GMCA FULL FIBRE CHALLENGE FUND PROPOSAL**

1. That it be agreed to submit a bid for funding under the DCMS Local Full Fibre Network Challenge Fund under Wave Two.
2. That the GM Digital Infrastructure Implementation Plan which sets the framework to create the best possible environment for market investment in digital infrastructure be approved.

3. That the development of a co-ordinated approach across GM to the development of standardised wayleaves, supportive planning policy, consistent regulation and a “one dig” approach, in order to encourage market investment in digital fibre infrastructure, reporting back to GMCA in early summer 2018 be supported.

## **17 & 21. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

1. That the funding application by Calamity Island Limited (investment of £210k) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. That it be agreed 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 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 loan at recommendation 1 above.
3. That the funding application by GPL Group Ltd (investment of up to £1,500k) be agreed in principle and progress to due diligence.
4. That it be agreed to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the GMCA and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and 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 loan at recommendation 2 above.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here:

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This decision notice was issued on **30 January 2018** on behalf of Eamonn Boylan, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU