

**DECISIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER  
COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2017 AT GREATER  
MANCHESTER POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL PARK, MANCHESTER**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
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
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Eamonn Boylan	GMCA
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Head of the Paid Service, GMCA
Julie Connor	Head of Governance and Scrutiny, GMCA
Paul Harris	Governance and Scrutiny, GMCA
Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Pat Jones-Greenhalgh	Bury Council
Joanne Roney	Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steven Pleasant	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Laureen Donnan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Theresa Grant	Trafford Council

Alison McKenzie Folan  
Ian Hopkins  
Peter O'Reilly  
Steve Warrener  
Jon Rouse  
Mark Hughes  
Adam Allen  
Clare Monaghan  
Rodney Lund

Wigan Council  
GM Police  
GM Fire & Rescue Service  
Transport for Greater Manchester  
Health and Social Care Partnership  
Manchester Growth Company  
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner  
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Manchester CC

## **80/17 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Donna Hall (Wigan) and Jon Lamonte (TfGM).

## **81/17 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

### **a) Welcome**

The Chair extended a welcome to Eamon Boylan who was attending his first meeting in his capacity as the newly appointed Chief Executive of the GMCA.

He also acknowledged that this was his final GMCA meeting as Interim Mayor and Chair and offered thanks to officers and Members for their support during his tenure.

### **b) Workers' Memorial Day**

The Chair reminded Members that today was Workers' Memorial Day.

### **c) Fire Incident at The Christie**

Councillor David Action, Chair of the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service provided an update on the recent fire incident at The Christie Hospital. Members noted that this was a complex fire which required the attendance of 20 appliances and paid tribute to their efforts.

## **82/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Sean Anstee declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 6, Outcome of Independent Remuneration Panel.

## **83/17 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 31 MARCH 2017**

The Minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 31 March 2017 were submitted.

### **Resolved/-**

That the Minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 31 March 2017 be approved as a correct record.

## **84/17 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.

## **85/17 OUTCOME OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

**[Note: Councillor Sean Anstee declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting room during its consideration.]**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor, introduced a report which provided Members with an update on the outcome of the Independent Remuneration Panel which was established in order to make recommendations on the level of remuneration for the GM Elected Mayor.

Members were reminded that the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Order 2011, as amended by the GMCA (Amendment) Order 2015 and the GMCA (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017 and provides for the appointment of a GMCA Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP). The Order as amended provides that the GMCA may pay an allowance to the Elected Mayor subject to the following conditions:-

- a) that the GMCA has considered recommendations made by the IRP which contains recommendations for such an allowance.
- b) that the allowance paid by the GMCA does not exceed the amount specified in the recommendation made by the independent remuneration panel.

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel that the allowance for the Elected Mayor of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority of £110,000 per year be approved and to note that this allowance was not index linked or pensionable.
2. That the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel to review the Mayoral allowance in 2020, with the outcome of the review to be applicable from the beginning of the next mayoral term in May 2020, be approved.

## **85/17 REVISED GMCA TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, BORROWING LIMITS AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2017/18 - 2019/20**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment Strategy and Finance, introduced a report which set out the proposed Treasury Management Strategy

Statement, Borrowing Limits and Prudential Indicators for 2017/18 to 2019/20 for the GMCA from the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017, incorporating the Police and Crime Commissioner and fire functions which transfer at that time.

The Strategy also sets out the Borrowing Limits and Prudential Indicators for the GMCA if the Housing Investment Fund is included, which is dependent on the Authority being granted the necessary borrowing powers to allow the funds currently held by Manchester City Council to transfer.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement be approved, applicable from the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017, in particular:-

- i) The Treasury Indicators listed in Appendix A of this report.
- ii) The MRP Strategy outlined in Appendix B to the report.
- iii) The Treasury Management Policy Statement at Appendix C to the report.
- iv) The Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation at Appendix D to the report.
- v) The Borrowing Requirements listed in Section 5 of the report
- vi) The Borrowing Strategy outlined in Section 8 of the report.
- vii) The Annual Investment Strategy detailed in Section 9 of the report.
- viii) Unlimited lending to the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority in the period until it becomes part of the GMCA.

**86/17 BREXIT MONITOR**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economic Strategy, 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). The latest edition of the monthly Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor was appended to the report and provided a real-time view of the economic and policy impact of Brexit.

Members noted that a number of companies continued to invest in Greater Manchester and was out performing the national level in this regard.

Councillor Leese commented that Greater Manchester was both demographically and economically larger than Wales and for this reason should have a voice in the Brexit negotiations.

Councillor Richard Farnell noted a recent report which had identified that although there had been an increase of 60,000 jobs in Greater Manchester since 2011, overall no net employment growth had been created.

Councillor Shori noted a skills gap in Greater Manchester and highlighted the aspiration to grow the local economy.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the contents of the April Brexit Monitor, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

#### **87/17 INTERMEDIATE BODY STATUS FOR GREATER**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment, introduced a report which sought the agreement from Leaders for GMCA to become an Intermediate Body for the purpose of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

Members noted that becoming an Intermediate Body will give GMCA a greater level of local control over ERDF call activity and timing, strategic selection of projects and involvement in project monitoring.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That it be agreed that GMCA become an Intermediate Body from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017, for the reasons set out in the report.
2. To grant delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to finalise the GM Intermediate Body Memorandum of Understanding.

#### **88/17 HOUSING WHITE PAPER – ‘FIXING THE BROKEN HOUSING MARKET’- GREATER MANCHESTER RESPONSE**

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning and Housing, introduced a report which reminded Members that on the 7 February 2017, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government announced the publication of the Government's White Paper on housing and planning, designed to address the "broken housing market" and its failure to deliver the numbers of homes needed to house the nation.

Members noted that the deadline for comments is 2 May and the report provided a short briefing of the White Paper and a suggested draft response from Greater Manchester.

Councillor Farnell highlighted that the White Paper did provide for land banking by developers or make provisions for sanctions to ensure that they develop these sites. Clarification had also been requested in relation to assisting the release of brownfield sites.

Councillor Smith commented on the need for affordable housing and the issues associated eg young people being forced out of the housing market due to house prices relative to their income. He also highlighted the potential problem of a shortage of skilled building workers post Brexit.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the report be noted and that the draft response along with the comments recorded above be endorsed.

2. To grant delegated authority to the Lead Chief Executive, Planning & Housing, in consultation with Councillor Farnell, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, to make final amendments to the consultation documents and submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government

**89/17 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE UPDATE: IN RESPECT OF GREATER MANCHESTER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor, introduced a report, which provided an update in relation to the progress made around the building community resilience agenda and in particular, he wished to draw Members' attention to positive outcomes and areas of work which would benefit from additional investment.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That GM Prevent Duty Self-Assessment framework process described in the report continues to be resourced and supported locally.
2. That the approach to Prevent as outlined in the report and in particular the Channel peer review process and ensure that adequate local resource is allocated to both the planning and implementation of this work, be supported.

**90/17 INDEPENDENT REPORT OF GREATER MANCHESTER CRISIS CONCORDAT**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor, introduced a report which updated Members in relation to Lord Bradley's independent review of the Greater Manchester Crisis Care Concordat partnership work.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the report and comment on areas of significance, in particular the recommendations made in relation to leadership be noted.
2. That the recommendations be considered in the first instance by the Mental Health Strategic Partnership Board, which reserves the right to delegate responsibility for recommendation implementation to those working groups which already function within the Greater Manchester Mental Health strategic governance arrangements.

**91/17 APPOINTMENT OF NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER BOARD**

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report which sought the approval of Members to extend the appointment of Mr Les Mosco as a Non-Executive Director of Transport for Greater Manchester.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the short term extension of the appointment of Mr Les Mosco as a Non-Executive Director of TfGM to 31 December 2017 be approved; and
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive of TfGM to formalise the terms of this re-appointment.

**92/17 MANCHESTER GROWTH COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Economic Strategy, introduced a report which presented Members with the Manchester Growth Company (MGC) Business Plan for the 2017-18 financial year.

The full business plan has been approved by the MGC Board with input from Local Authority Chief Executive portfolio leads. Members noted that alongside the plan is an agreed performance reporting framework to allow oversight on core MGC deliverables.

Members agreed to take the confidential, commercially sensitive Part B report at Item 16 of the agenda as read whilst considering this report.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the report and the priorities for 2017/18, as set out in the report be noted and the business plan be endorsed.
2. That the change of company name from Manchester Growth Company to Growth Company be noted.

**93/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members noted that the commercially sensitive information contained in Item 16, Manchester Growth Company Business Plan was taken as read during the consideration of the Part A Manchester Growth Company Business Plan (Minute Ref 92/17 refers) and for this reason the exclusion resolution was not moved.

**94/17 MANCHESTER GROWTH COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A Manchester Growth Company Business Plan at Minute 92/17 above.