

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON  
TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2018, AT THE TRAFFORD TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Fire Committee, Chair	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA, Chair	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Guy Harkin
Bolton	Councillor Anne-Marie Watters
Bury	Councillor Jane Black
Manchester	Councillor Angeliki Stogia
Stockport	Councillor Wendy Wild
Trafford	Councillor Dylan Butt
Trafford	Councillor Laura Evans

**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	Ray Ward

Rochdale	Neil Thornton
Salford	Ben Dolan
Stockport	Michael Cullen
Tameside	Steven Pleasant
Trafford	Theresa Grant
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Emma Stonier

**APOLOGIES:**

Bury	Councillor Andrea Simpson
Tameside	Councillor Lynn Travis
Wigan	Councillor Jennifer Bullen
Oldham	Carolyn Wilkins
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Jim Taylor
Stockport	Pam Smith
Wigan	Donna Hall

**GMCA/27/18 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

Councillor Richard Leese explained that he was Chairing the meeting, as the Vice Chair of the GMCA, given the GMCA was considering the revised budget proposal from the Mayor.

**GMCA/28/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by any member of the GMCA in relation to items on the agenda.

**GMCA/29/18 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GMCA**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the appointment of the following members and substitute members to the GMCA:

District	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Linda Thomas	Ibrahim Adia
Rochdale	Allen Brett	Sara Rowbotham
Tameside	Brenda Warrington	John Taylor (current Substitute)

**GMCA/30/18 MINUTES OF GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2018**

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the GMCA Audit Committee meeting held on 19 January 2018 be noted, specifically:

**18/07 GMCA TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT BORROWING LIMITS AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2018/19**

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the Committee recommend that the GMCA approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement to apply from the 1st April 2018, in particular:
  - The Treasury Indicators listed in Appendix B of this report.
  - The MRP Strategy outlined in Appendix C.
  - The Treasury Management Policy Statement at Appendix D.
  - The Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation at Appendix E.
  - The Borrowing Requirements listed in Section 5.
  - The Borrowing Strategy outlined in Section 8.
  - The Annual Investment Strategy detailed in Section 9.
  
2. To note that the indicators currently exclude the Waste Authority, these will be updated following the transfer.

**GMCA/31/18 GMCA TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018/19 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18 – 2020/21**

Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, introduced an interim report setting out the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Borrowing Limits and Prudential Indicators for 2018/19 to 2020/21 for the GMCA, excluding the Greater Manchester Waste Authority which will transfer on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 and Housing Infrastructure Fund Loan that might be novated from Manchester City Council.

An updated strategy will be prepared for consideration by the Audit Committee in April and for GMCA at an appropriate meeting.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement to apply from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 be approved, in particular:

- The Treasury Indicators listed in Appendix B of this report.
- The MRP Strategy outlined in Appendix C.
- The Treasury Management Policy Statement at Appendix D.
- The Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation at Appendix E.
- The Borrowing Requirements listed in Section 5.
- The Borrowing Strategy outlined in Section 8.

- The Annual Investment Strategy detailed in Section 9.
- Note the strategy was recommended for approval by GMCA Audit Committee on 18 January 2018
- Note the PCC capital programme and approve the borrowing requirement included in the overall Treasury programme

**GMCA/32/18                      GMCA MAYORAL GENERAL BUDGET 2018/19**

The Mayor introduced a report setting out his revised proposals for the Mayoral General Budget (including Fire and Rescue) and seeking approval for the Mayoral General Precept for 2018/19.

He thanked colleagues for their help in progressing through the budget exercise recognising that times were tough for people across GM, who were facing real hardship, with Council Tax payers facing the burden of the lack of funding for policing and social care. Notwithstanding that, the public were also calling for more progress on tackling congestion, improving buses and public transport, protection for greenbelt, improving housing supply and dealing with homelessness. Work has been focused on striking a balance and he thanked Leaders for their support and in particular the GMCA Treasurer for the outstanding work and support provided. He also recognised the preparatory work undertaken by Councillor Kieran Quinn for consideration of this year’s budget as the portfolio lead for Finance & Investment.

The report to be considered was an update following the report considered in January and sought to strike a balance in recognising the pressures on the public and to deal with the priority issues facing GM. Since the last meeting final budget figures have been received and further work has been undertaken to look at further reductions and flexibility resulting in an updated proposition based on £8 for a Band D property, which would be a charge of £6.30 or just under per household on average Band B property. This was in addition to the contribution of £59.95 Band D as a charge for Fire and Rescue Service.

The Mayor reminded the meeting that GM had the strongest Devolution Deal in the Country providing opportunities to do more.

The Chair of the meeting reminded the meeting that the report recommended the setting of the Revenue Budget for 2018/19 as required under Section 42A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (updated in the Localism Act 2011) and the precepts and relevant levels of Council Tax required under sections 40, 42B and 47 of the Act.

He also advised that a named vote was required to approve the revised proposals for the Mayoral General Budget. Members voted as follow:

	GMCA Member	
Bolton	Cllr Linda Thomas	Agreed

Bury	Cllr Rishi Shori	Agreed
Manchester	Cllr Richard Leese	Agreed
Oldham	Cllr Jean Stretton	Agreed
Rochdale	Cllr Allen Brett	Agreed
Salford	Mayor Paul Dennett	Agreed
Stockport	Cllr Alex Ganotis	Agreed
Tameside	Cllr Brenda Warrington	Agreed
Trafford	Cllr Sean Anstee	Agreed
Wigan	Cllr Peter Smith	Agreed

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the Mayor's revised General budget and precept (£67.95 at Band D) for 2018/19 set out in Appendices A and B together with the calculation of the precepts and Council Tax rates set out in Appendices A to E.

