

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025 AT ROCHDALE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT

GMCA Deputy Mayor	City Mayor Paul Dennett (In the Chair)
Deputy Mayor (Police, Crime & Fire)	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Nicholas Peel
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Bev Craig
Oldham	Councillor Arooj Shah
Rochdale	Councillor Neil Emmott
Stockport	Councillor Mark Roberts
Tameside	Councillor Eleanor Wills
Trafford	Councillor Tom Ross
Wigan	Councillor Nazia Rehman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair of VCSFE Leadership Group	Warren Escadale
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Group Chief Executive Officer	Caroline Simpson
Group Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
Group Solicitor & Monitoring Officer	Gillian Duckworth
Group Chief Finance Officer	Steve Wilson
Group Secretary	Sarah Horseman
Bolton	Sue Johnston
Bury	Paul Lakin
Manchester	Paul Marshall
Oldham	Shelley Kipling
Rochdale	James Binks
Salford	Melissa Caslake
Stockport	Michael Cullen

Tameside	Harry Catherall
Trafford	Sarah Saleh
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
TfGM	Steve Warrener
TfGM	Martin Lax
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lee Teasdale

GMCA 84/25 APOLOGIES

That apologies be received and noted from Andy Burnham (Mayor of Greater Manchester), Councillor David Molyneux (Wigan), Lynne Ridsdale (Bury), Tom Stannard (Manchester) & Sara Todd (Trafford).

Note: In the absence of Mayor Andy Burnham, Deputy Mayor of the GMCA, City Mayor Paul Dennett took the Chair for the meeting.

GMCA 85/25 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2025/26

RESOLVED /-

That it be noted that Andy Burnham, as the Mayor of Greater Manchester, under Part 5A, section 4 of the Constitution, is the Chair of the GMCA (ex-officio).

GMCA 86/25 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRS 2025/26

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Deputy Mayor, is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair of the GMCA, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.

2. That it be noted that Councillor Mark Roberts is automatically appointed as a Vice Chair of the GMCA, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution.
3. That the appointment of Councillor Bev Craig as a Vice Chair of the GMCA, under Part 5A, section 4, of the Constitution be approved.

GMCA 87/25 GMCA CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED /-

That the revised constitution accompanying this report as the Constitution of the GMCA be adopted.

GMCA 88/25 APPOINTMENTS TO GREATER MANCHESTER BODIES

RESOLVED /-

1. That the appointments by Greater Manchester Local Authorities of members and substitute members to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for 2025/26 be noted as follows:

Local Authority	Member	Substitute Member
GMCA	Andy Burnham	
Bolton	Nicholas Peel (Lab)	Jackie Schofield (Lab)
Bury	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)	Lucy Smith (Lab)
Manchester	Bev Craig (Lab)	Joanna Midgley (Lab)
Oldham	Arooj Shah (Lab)	Elaine Taylor (Lab)
Rochdale	Neil Emmott (Lab)	Daalat Ali (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	Tracy Kelly (Lab)
Stockport	Mark Roberts (Lib Dem)	Jilly Julian (Lib Dem)

Tameside	Eleanor Wills (Lab)	Andrew McLaren (Lab)
Trafford	Tom Ross (Lab)	Liz Patel (Lab)
Wigan	David Molyneux (Lab)	Nazia Rahman (Lab)

2. That the appointment of Sarah Horseman, Interim Deputy Director of Governance & Scrutiny, as the Secretary of the GMCA be approved.
3. That the appointment of the following members to the GMCA Standards Committee for 2025/26 be approved:

	Member	Local Authority
1.	Arooj Shah	Oldham (Lab)
2.	Eleanor Wills	Tameside (Lab)
3.	Nick Peel	Bolton (Lab)
4.	Tom Ross	Trafford (Lab)
5.	Mark Roberts	Stockport (Lib Dem)

4. That the appointment of the following members to the GMCA Resources Committee for 2025/26 be approved:

	Member	Local Authority
1.	Paul Dennett	Salford (Lab)
2.	Tom Ross	Trafford (Lab)
3.	Eamonn O'Brien	Bury (Lab)
4.	Bev Craig	Manchester (Lab)
5.	Andy Burnham	GMCA (Lab)
6.	David Molyneux	Wigan (Lab)
7.	Mark Roberts	Stockport (Lib Dem)

5. That the appointment of the following members and substitute members to the GMCA Audit Committee for 2025/26 be approved:

	Member	Local Authority
1.	Olly Baskerville	Trafford (Lab)
2.	Elliott Moss	Bury (Lab)
3.	Colin McLaren	Oldham (Lab)
4.	Martyn Cox	Bolton (Con)
	Local Authority	Substitute Member
1.	Emily Mort	Bolton (Lab)
2.	John Merry	Salford (Lab)

6. That 15 members and 15 substitute members be appointed to the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee for 2025/26 as follows:

Local Authority	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Richard Silvester (Lab)	To be confirmed
Bury	Gareth Staple-Jones (Lab)	To be confirmed
	Alan Quinn (Lab)	To be confirmed
Manchester	Lee-Ann Igbon (Lab)	To be confirmed
	Shaukat Ali (Lab)	To be confirmed
Oldham	Ken Rustidge (Lab)	Pamela Byrne (Con)
Rochdale	Aasim Rashid (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Paul Heilbron (Lib Dem)	Arnold Saunders (Con)
	Barbara Bentham (Lab)	To be confirmed
Stockport	Jake Austin (Lib Dem)	Grace Baynham (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Liam Billington (Con)	To be confirmed
	Laura Boyle (Lab)	To be confirmed

Trafford	Dylan Butt (Con)	Simon Lepori (Lib Dem)
	Stephen Adshead (Lab)	To be confirmed
	Sue Maitland (Lab)	To be confirmed
Wigan	N/A	

7. That the appointment of the Mayor of Greater Manchester to the Bee Network Committee for 2025/26 be noted.
8. That Tom Ross (Lab) (Trafford) be appointed, to act as the substitute member for the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to the Bee Network Committee for 2025/26.
9. That Eamonn O'Brien (Lab) (Bury) be appointed to act as the GMCA member on the Bee Network Committee member for 2025/26, and that Neil Emmott (Lab) (Rochdale) be appointed to act as GMCA substitute member on the Bee Network Committee for 2025/26.
10. That the Bee Network Committee be requested to appoint five members from the Committee (4 Labour and 1 Conservative) to the Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Ltd (GMATL) Board.
11. That the appointments to the Bee Network Committee by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2025/26, be noted, as follows:

Local Authority	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Hamdi Khurram (Lab)	Sean Fielding (Lab)
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Gareth Staples-Jones (Lab)
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins (Lab)	Anthony McCaul (Lab)
Oldham	Joshua Charters (Lab)	Chris Goodwin (Lab)

Rochdale	Phil Burke (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	Mike McCusker (Lab)
Stockport	Grace Baynham (Lib Dem)	Michaela Meikle (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Stephen Homer (Lab)	Jacqueline Owen (Lab)
Trafford	Aidan Williams (Lab)	Stephen Adshead (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	John Vickers (Lab)

12. That it be noted that the Mayor will appoint up to 4 additional members to the GMCA Bee Network Committee.
13. That 20 members and 20 substitute members be appointed to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee for 2025/26 as follows:

Local Authority	Member (x20)	Substitute Pool (x20)
Bolton	John Walsh (Con)	Nadim Muslim (Con)
	Peter Wright (Independent)	Mohammed Ayub (Lab)
Bury	Russell Bernstein (Con)	Martin Hayes (Lab)
	Imran Rizvi (Lab)	Gavin McGill (Lab)
Manchester	John Leech (Lib Dem)	Alan Good (Lib Dem)
	Mandie Shilton-Godwin (Lab)	Olusegun Ogunbambo (Lab)
	Basil Curley (Lab)	Basat Sheik (Lab)
Oldham	Colin McLaren (Lab)	Louie Hamblett (Lib Dem)
	Ken Rustidge (Lab)	Graham Shuttleworth (Lab)
Rochdale	Terry Smith (Lab)	Aiza Rashid (Lab)
	Dylan Williams (Lab)	Mohammad Arshad (Lab)
Salford	Lewis Nelson (Lab)	Maria Brabiner (Lab)
	Tony Davies (Lab)	Neil Reynolds (Lab)

Stockport	Helen Hibbert (Lab)	Rachel Wise (Lab)
Tameside	Sangita Patel (Lab)	Michael Smith (Lab)
	David Sweeton (Lab)	Christine Beardmore (Lab)
Trafford	Shaun Ennis (Lib Dem)	Nathan Evans (Con)
	Will Jones (Lab)	Jill Axford (Lab)
Wigan	Samantha Brown (Lab)	Debra Wailes (Lab)
	Mary Callaghan (Lab)	Fred Walker (Lab)

14. That the Portfolio Lead for Culture be appointed to the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee.
15. That the appointments made by the GM Local Authorities to the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee for 2025/26 be approved as follows:

Local Authority	Member	Substitute Member
GMCA Portfolio Lead	Neil Emmott	
Bolton	Nadeem Ayub (Lab)	Karen Hon (Lab)
Bury	Charlotte Morris (Lab)	Michael Rubinstein (Lab)
Manchester	Tim Whiston (Lab)	Leslie Bell (Lab)
Oldham	Peter Dean (Lab)	Aftab Hussain (Lab)
Rochdale	Janet Emsley (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Hannah Robinson-Smith (Lab)	Joshua Brooks (Lab)
Stockport	Dan Oliver (Lib Dem)	Jilly Julian (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Leanne Feeley (Lab)	Hugh Roderick (Lab)
Trafford	Eve Parker (Lab)	Rose Thompson (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

16. That the Portfolio Lead for Green City Region be appointed to the Green City Region Board.

17. That the appointments to the Green City Region Board as nominated by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2025/26 be approved as follows:

Local Authority	Member
GMCA Portfolio Lead	Tom Ross (Lab)
Bolton	Richard Silvester (Lab)
Bury	Gareth Staple-Jones (Lab)
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins (Lab)
Oldham	Abdul Jabbar (Lab)
Rochdale	Tricia Ayrton (Lab)
Salford	Mike McCusker (Lab)
Stockport	Jake Austin (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Laura Boyle (Lab)
Trafford	Aidan Williams (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)

18. That the GMCA Green-City Region Portfolio Leader be appointed to the Greater Manchester Green City Region Partnership Board for 2025/26.
19. That the Portfolio Lead for Housing First be appointed to the Greater Manchester Homelessness Board.
20. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Homelessness Board as nominated by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2025/26 be approved as follows:

Local Authority	Member
GMCA Portfolio Lead	Paul Dennett (Lab)
Bolton	Sean Fielding (Lab)
Bury	Clare Cummins (Lab)
Manchester	Joanna Midgely (Lab)
Oldham	Holly Harrison (Lab)
Rochdale	To be confirmed
Salford	Tracy Kelly (Lab)

Stockport	Jake Austin (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Andrew McLaren (Lab)
Trafford	George Devlin (Lab)
Wigan	Susan Gambles (Lab)

21. That the Portfolio Lead for Children & Young People be appointed to the GMCA Children's Board.
22. That the appointments to the GMCA Children's Board as nominated by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2025/26 be approved as follows:

Local Authority	Member
GMCA Portfolio Lead	Mark Roberts (Lib Dem)
Bolton	Martin Donaghy (Lab)
Bury	Lucy Smith (Lab)
Manchester	Julie Reid (Lab)
Oldham	Shaid Mushtaq (Lab)
Rochdale	Rachel Massey (Lab)
Salford	Jim Cammell (Lab)
Stockport	Wendy Meikle (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Teresa Smith (Lab)
Trafford	Karina Cater (Lab)
Wigan	Dane Anderton (Lab)

23. That the appointments from the GM Local Authorities to the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee for 2025/26 be noted as follows:

Local Authority	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Richard Silvester (Lab)	To be confirmed
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Gary Staples-Jones (Lab)
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins (Lab)	Anthony McCaul (Lab)
Oldham	Abdul Jabbar (Lab)	Elaine Taylor (Lab)

Rochdale	Trisha Ayrton (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Mike McCusker (Lab)	Jane Hamilton (Lab)
Stockport	Jake Austin (Lib Dem)	Grace Baynham (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Laura Boyle (Lab)	Jacqueline Owen (Lab)
Trafford	Aidan Williams (Lab)	Stephen Adshead (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Samantha Brown (Lab)

24. That the Portfolio Leader for Clean Air be appointed to the Air Quality Administration Committee.
25. That the appointments from the GM Local Authorities to the Air Quality Administration Committee for 2025/26 be noted as follows:

Local Authority	Member	Substitute
GMCA	Eamonn O'Brien	
Bolton	Richard Silvester (Lab)	To be confirmed
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Gary Staples-Jones (Lab)
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins (Lab)	Anthony McCaul (Lab)
Oldham	Abdul Jabbar (Lab)	Elaine Taylor (Lab)
Rochdale	Tricia Ayrton (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Mike McCusker (Lab)	Jane Hamilton (Lab)
Stockport	Jake Austin (Lib Dem)	Grace Baynham (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Laura Boyle (Lab)	Jacqueline Owen (Lab)
Trafford	Aidan Williams (Lab)	Stephen Adshead (Lab)
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Samantha Brown (Lab)

26. That the appointments from the GM Local Authorities to the GM Clean Air Scrutiny Committee for 2025/26 be noted as follows:

Local Authority	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Martin Donaghy (Lab)	Shafaqat Shaikh (Lab)
Bury	Elliot Moss (Lab)	To be confirmed

Manchester	Mandie Shilton Godwin (Lab)	To be confirmed
Oldham	Graham Shuttleworth (Lab)	Junaid Hussain (Lab)
Rochdale	Tom Besford (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	John Mullen (Lab)	Stuart Dickman (Lab)
Stockport	Frankie Singleton (Lib Dem)	Jeremy Meal (Lib Dem)
Tameside	David Sweeton (Lab)	Christine Beardmore (Lab)
Trafford	Jill Axford (Lab)	David Jarman (Lab)
Wigan	Christine Roberts (Lab)	To be confirmed

27. That the appointments from the GM Local Authorities to the Police Fire and Crime Panel for 2025/26 be noted as follows:

Local Authority	Member	Substitute
Bolton	Rabiya Jiva (Lab)	Abdul Atcha (Lab)
Bury	Sandra Walmsley (Lab)	Ummrana Farooq (Lab)
Manchester	Garry Bridges (Lab)	Rabnawaz Akbar (Lab)
Oldham	Aftab Hussain (Lab)	Holly Harrison (Lab)
Rochdale	Janet Emsley (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	Barbara Bentham (Lab)	Gina Reynolds (Lab)
Stockport	Dan Oliver (Lib Dem)	Helen Foster-Grime (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Stephen Homer (Lab)	Jacqueline Owen (Lab)
Trafford	Rose Thompson (Lab)	Simon Thomas (Lab)
Wigan	Kevin Anderson (Lab)	Yvonne Klieve (Lab)

28. That the appointments from the GM Local Authorities to the Police Fire and Crime Steering Group for 2025/26 as follows:

Local Authority	Member
Bolton	Rabiya Jiva (Lab)
Bury	Sandra Walmsley (Lab)
Manchester	Garry Bridges (Lab)

Oldham	Aftab Hussain (Lab)
Rochdale	Janet Emsley (Lab)
Salford	Barbara Bentham (Lab)
Stockport	Dan Oliver (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Stephen Homer (Lab)
Trafford	Rose Thompson (Lab)
Wigan	Kevin Anderson (Lab)

29. That the Portfolio Leader for Healthy Lives be appointed to the GM Integrated Care Partnership Board.
30. That the appointments from GM Local Authorities to the GM Integrated Care Partnership Board be noted as follows:

Local Authority	Member	Substitute
GMCA	GM Mayor	
Bolton	Sean Fielding (Lab)	Jackie Schofield (Lab)
Bury	Tamoor Tariq (Lab)	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)
Manchester	Bev Craig (Lab)	Thomas Robinson (Lab)
Oldham	Barbara Brownridge (Lab)	Elaine Taylor (Lab)
Rochdale	Daalat Ali (Lab)	To be confirmed
Salford	John Merry (Lab)	Mishal Saeed (Lab)
Stockport	Keith Holloway (Lib Dem)	Helen Foster-Grime (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Eleanor Wills (Lab)	Tafheen Sharif (Lab)
Trafford	Jane Slater (Lab)	Tom Ross (Lab)
Wigan	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)	David Molyneux (Lab)

31. That it be noted that the Mayor of Greater Manchester be appointed to the GM Business Board.

32. That Arooj Shah (Lab) (Oldham), Bev Craig (Lab) (Manchester) and Eamonn O'Brien (Lab) (Bury) be appointed to the Greater Manchester Business Board (formerly Local Enterprise Partnership) for 2025/26.
33. That Stephen Adshead (Lab) (Trafford) be appointed, and Aiden Williams (Lab) (Trafford) be appointed as the substitute member to act as the GMCA's appointment to the Transport for the North Audit & Governance Committee.
34. That Paul Prescott (Lab) (Wigan) be appointed, and Colin McLaren (Lab) (Oldham) be appointed as the substitute member to act as the GMCA's appointment to the Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee.
35. That Councillors Eleanor Wills (Lab) (Tameside), Bev Craig (Lab) (Manchester), Nazia Rehman (Lab) (Wigan), Arooj Shah (Lab) (Oldham) and Liz Patel (Lab) (Trafford) be appointed to the Growth Company Board for 2025/26.

GMCA 89/25 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2025/26

RESOLVED /-

That the following schedule of meetings for 2025/26 be noted:

2025

22 August 2025 (replacing 25 July meeting)

26 September 2025

7 November 2025 (replacing 31 October meeting)

28 November 2025

13 December 2025

2026

30 January 2026

13 February 2026

27 February 2026 (if required)

27 March 2026

27 May 2026

26 June 2026

GMCA 90/25 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED /-

There were none.

GMCA 91/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

There were none.

GMCA 92/25 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 30 MAY 2025

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA held on 30 May 2025 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 93/25 MINUTES OF THE GMCA BEE NETWORK COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2025**

RESOLVED /-

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Bee Network Committee held on 29 May 2025 be noted.

GMCA 94/25**ADOPTING A NEW GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY**

Caroline Simpson, Group Chief Executive, presented a report which provided the refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS) for approval, including the performance framework for the monitoring of progress of the Strategy's delivery.

The GSM had been developed over a number of months with a considerable level of system engagement with partners across the region. Particular thanks was given to the editorial board chaired by Councillor Bev Craig.

The GSM would be supported in the coming months by a ten-year delivery plan and a performance management framework. A series of pledges would also sit at the heart of the GSM to really 'bring to life' how the vision and ambition within the document would tangibly make a difference to the life of residents and success of the business community.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the draft Greater Manchester Strategy be approved for adoption.
2. That the draft Greater Manchester Strategy Performance Framework be approved.
3. That the proposed next steps with the intention to develop a Delivery Plan in coming months be noted.

GMCA 95/25**GREATER MANCHESTER VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY, FAITH AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ACCORD: UPDATE AND FORWARD STRATEGY**

Councillor Arooj Shah, Portfolio Leader for Communities and Equalities, presented a report that looked forward towards and beyond the end of the current 5-year GM Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise Accord agreement and set out a direction of travel for the Combined Authority's collaboration with the sector,

recognising the crucial community facing and system/strategic influencing role the VCFSE sector plays and the challenges it faces in the current landscape.

The final year of the current GM Accord grant agreement would see a closer focus on VCFSE sector resilience: diversifying income streams and addressing contracting issues, ensuring that the VCFSE voice can be heard in strategic conversations, enabling a robust support ecosystem within the sector, and gathering and sharing intelligence about its work.

The proposed forward strategy for the work of the Combined Authority with the VCFSE sector builds on the strength and maturity of the work of the last five years, delivering an even greater cultural shift towards true collaboration and partnership, and acting as a trailblazer for partners to adopt and follow.

The forward strategy set out an ambition to work with the VCFSE sector as an equal and respected partner in service delivery, including key priorities such as the creation of a Live Well system, the Bee Network, MBacc, Safer Stronger Communities and Housing First’.

Warren Escadale, Chair of the Greater Manchester VCFSE Leadership Group was invited to address the GMCA. He stated that the agreement was crucial to the sector as it set out the ground rules for collaborative work with partners. He advised that a meeting had just taken place in parliament the previous week that had championed the model of VCFSE work in GM as an exemplar for the rest of the country.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the challenges outlined in the report, faced by many VCFSE organisations at this time, and the resulting risks to delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy ambition, including programmes led by GMCA, its partners and constituent local authority members, be noted.
2. That the proposed VCFSE Accord Delivery Plan for 2025/26 be noted.
3. That the proposed forward strategy for GMCA collaboration with the VCFSE sector be endorsed.

4. That the comments highlighted by the Chair of the Greater Manchester VCFSE Leadership Group be received.
5. That the GMCA record its thanks to the Greater Manchester VCFSE Leadership Group for their work on the forward strategy.

**GMCA 96/25 RACE EQUALITY FRAMEWORK: IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE
AND FUTURE AREAS OF FOCUS**

Councillor Arooj Shah, Portfolio Leader for Equalities & Communities, presented a report that provided a progress update on implementation of the Greater Manchester Race Equity Framework and set out key deliverables for the next 12 months.

The Framework formed a key component of the strategy for tackling structural racism and increasing equalities across the region. Great progress had been made with progress reports across the board having shown evidence of real leadership on this area. Political and organisational leads had now been appointed across all authorities and there was an emerging focus on stronger staff networks and anti-racism training.

However, there were still areas of concern arising within the report, for example outcomes for racially diverse communities were not improving as fast as hoped despite increased focus upon this. Engagement with communities had historically often been patchy and under resourced, and it was important to resolve this.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the collective progress in implementing the Race Equity Framework be noted.
2. That the collective key deliverables for the next 12 months be approved.
3. That the GMCA will continue to lead, support and challenge implementation of the framework within their organisations and Portfolios, and champion racial equity at every opportunity.

Steve Warrener, Managing Director, TfGM, presented a report that provided a summary of what Greater Manchester set out to achieve for its bus services through the process of bus reform, the activities delivered so far in relation to bus franchising and related bus investments, the achievements to date, and some of the key ambitions for the future.

Encouraging progress included a 14% in journeys taken year on year in the first two tranches, significant punctuality improvements were being seen and changes were being made to routes to bring about improvements, with a series of night bus trials now taking place, and the first round of network reviews lined up to further enhance routes and bring in new services where required.

It was confirmed that a schedule was now in place for the network review programme to commence. It was also highlighted that before this programme has commenced, a series of smaller but not insignificant changes had been implemented on the network, and TfGM were thanked for making these improvements wherever possible.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report and the publication of the 'Delivering Better Bus Services for Greater Manchester – report on early results, June 2025' be noted.
2. That it be noted that the National Audit Report will be shared with members of the GMCA.
3. That officers be requested to submit a further update to the GMCA in due course.
4. That endorsement of the network review schedule by the Bee Network Committee be noted.
5. That the GMCA record its thanks to Bee Network officers for the route changes that have been made to date to improve the network.

Steve Warrener, Managing Director, TfGM, presented a report which proposed the reprioritisation of CRSTS1 funding to unlock and deliver growth, following its inclusion in the GM Integrated Settlement.

The report also included additional proposals in relation to highways maintenance funding and proposals for further integrated arrangements across local authorities to review highways network management.

Members highlighted the vital importance of the reprioritisation work, highlighting that the success of the Bee Network can only be as good as the highway network that supports it. Thanks were put on the record to the team at TfGM for their hard work on this.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the current position in relation to the transport infrastructure pipeline be noted.
2. That the proposals for the reprioritisation of CRSTS1 capital funding, as detailed within Section 3 of the report, be approved.
3. That the proposals for the allocation of CRSTS1 revenue funding for 2025/26, as set out in section 3 of the report, be approved.
4. That the proposals for additional Highways Maintenance funding, as set out in Section 4 of the report, be approved.
5. That the proposals to review arrangements for Highways Network Management, as set out in Section 4 of the report, be noted.
6. That the proposed list of prioritised schemes to support the delivery of the Integrated Pipeline, detailed in Section 5 and Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

7. That the proposed list of prioritised schemes for the receipt of funding to support the delivery of the Bee Network, detailed in Section 6 and Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.
8. That the outline proposals for the funding to support the delivery of Active Travel improvements, set out in Section 7 of the report, be noted and that officers be requested to submit detailed proposals on the prioritisation of these allocations to the next meeting of the GMCA.
9. That the proposals in relation to the Potential Capital to Revenue 'switch', as set out in Section 8 of the report, be noted.
10. That the allocation of the additional CRSTS1 revenue funding, set out in Section 9 of the report, be approved.
11. That the next steps, as set out in Section 10 of the report, be approved.
12. That it be noted that a drawdown of capital funding of 15% of the budgeted cost for each scheme, detailed in Appendix One and Two of the report, has been sought from the Bee Network Committee, subject to the approval of Recommendations 5 and 6 to facilitate the immediate progression of these schemes.
13. That it be noted that a drawdown of capital funding totalling £10.2m for Local Authority Highways Maintenance, which represents the portion of the overall £25m allocation, detailed in Section 4 of this report, derived from headroom in the CRSTS1 pipeline, has been sought from the Bee Network Committee, subject to the approval of Recommendation 4.

**RECOMMISSIONING OUR PASS EXCLUSIVES: ELIMINATING
COST BARRIERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCESS
CULTURAL, LEISURE AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Portfolio Leader for Technical Education, Skills & Work, presented a report providing an update on the Our Pass Exclusives service, including an overview of the current procurement process being undertaken to re-commission the service.

The re-commissioning process would look further at how to get the best use out of the exclusive offers arising from Our Pass, and how best to promote these and make the most of their potential.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the update regarding promotion of Our Pass and the Exclusives offer be noted.
2. That it be noted that the completed impact assessments show that areas relevant to the Our Pass Promotion and Exclusives contract show emphatically positive impacts overall. There were no negative impacts in the areas reviewed, with no need for caveats or mitigations to make this offer worthwhile to young people in Greater Manchester.
3. That the proposals for re-commissioning, as set out in this report, be endorsed.
4. That, Paul Dennett, Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester, acting in place of the Mayor, agreed that the Exclusives offer should continue and the approach to re-commissioning being taken by officers.
5. That, Paul Dennett, Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester, acting in place of the Mayor, delegated authority to the Group Chief Finance Officer (in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer Lead and Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills and Work) to approve the award of the new contract and any post-award.

GMCA 100/25 IMPROVING RENTING STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT ACROSS GREATER MANCHESTER

Deputy Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Leader for Housing First, presented a report seeking agreement to the approach to implementing the Property Check and the continuing development of the Good Landlord Charter.

The launch event for the Good Landlord Charter had taken place on Thursday 26th June at the Central Convention Centre and had been very well received. Thanks were expressed to all who had been involved in the development and launch process, with the Charter having been co-developed over a period of years by a wide range of partners.

Over 40% of residents in GM lived in rented accommodation, with conditions in private rented accommodation known to be the worst of any form of tenure, and the Charter would provide support within a wider picture of reforms taking place nationally such as the pursuing of the Renters Rights Bill, Awab's Law and a new decent homes standard that will apply to the private rented sector.

Reference was made to the Independent Good Landlord Charter implementation unit. It was vital that people could have faith in the system that had been created, and that they felt that they could come forward with issues without fear of eviction-based reprisal from landlords.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the three proposed areas of focus for the implementation of the Property Check be approved and that the £1 million for implementation from the Housing First retained business rates 2025/26 allocation be noted.
2. That officers be requested to explore the possibility of Greater Manchester becoming a pilot area for the national landlord database with Greater Manchester councils and government officials.
3. That the update on the launch of the Good Landlord Charter be noted.

4. That the use of Retained Business Rates, that have already been committed to Housing First in 2025/26, should a decision be made to extend the Good Landlord Charter Implementation Unit contract, as set out in paragraph 3.4, be approved.
5. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Managing Director to make operational decisions regarding the future development of the Good Landlord Charter, with decisions on accreditation being taken in consultation with the GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer and other decisions being in consultation with the Good Landlord Charter Board, as set out in paragraph 3.6, of the report.
6. That the successful outcomes of the Good Landlord Scheme Trainee Programme and PRS Pathfinder Project be noted.

**GMCA 101/25 HEALTHY HOMES SERVICES IN GREATER MANCHESTER:
SUPPORTING LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE FIRST FALLS
PREVENTION POST**

Deputy Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Leader for Housing First, presented a report outlining activity to date of the Healthy Homes project, which aimed to support local authorities in the delivery of home improvement and adaptation services and work towards a consistent Healthy Homes service across Greater Manchester. The report also outlined the upcoming priorities for the project, specifically the adoption of the Housing Assistance Policy template and the proposal to establish an NHS GM funded First Falls Prevention Pilot.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the Housing Assistance Policy template be endorsed.
3. That the GMCA supports the proposal for the upcoming First Falls Prevention Pilot.

**GREATER MANCHESTER BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND:
ORIGINAL BROWNFIELD HOUSING FUND REVIEW, 2025/26
PROGRAMME AND PRIORITISATION METHODOLOGY**

Deputy Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Leader for Housing First, presented a report updating on the 2025/26 (Year 3) Greater Manchester Brownfield Housing Fund Programme and seeking approval of the prioritisation methodology for allocating more projects for delivery this year to achieve a 25% overprogrammed position. The report also updated on the Original Brownfield Housing Fund, following the close of the original programme. In addition, the report set out project variations and a new funding allocation for approval.

Members welcomed the report and revised criteria, stating that viability gaps could often prove challenging, particularly within town centre sites, so the increased scope for grants per unit was a positive development.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the prioritisation methodology for allocating additional Brownfield funding to schemes in the Year 3 Programme, be approved.
2. That the review of the Original Brownfield Housing Fund programme be noted.
3. That the project variations and new funding allocation, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved.
4. That the review of the Original Brownfield Housing Fund programme be noted.
5. That authority be delegated to the Group Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Housing, to approve urgent variations to existing funding from the Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loans Fund and approve new funding and urgent variations to existing funding from the Brownfield Housing Fund, in the period 28 June 2025 to 21 August 2025.

6. That authority be delegated to the Group Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

**GMCA 103/25 STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(MDC) DELIVERY PLAN 2025-2030**

Councillor Bev Craig, Portfolio Leader for Economy, Business and Inclusive Growth, presented a report seeking approval from the GMCA for the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan 2025-2023 and the Annual Action Plan 2025-2026.

Members welcomed the delivery plan and work undertaken to date – emphasising the good work that could be achieved through cross-party collaboration.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Strategic Business Plan 2025-2030 (Appendix A) be approved.
2. That the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation's Action Plan 2025-2030 (Appendix B) be approved.

**GMCA 104/25 WESTERN GATEWAY: PROPOSED MAYORAL
DEVELOPMENT ZONE**

Councillor Bev Craig, Portfolio Leader for Economy, Business and Inclusive Growth, presented a report seeking approval for the designation of a Mayoral Development Zone (MDZ) in the Western Gateway, to be named The Western Gateway Development Zone (WGDZ). The Western Gateway encompassed the area on the western side of Greater Manchester and is cross boundary between Salford and Trafford.

Members welcomed the substantial number of opportunities that could be opened up through the WGDZ for residents of the whole region – such as the Wharfside development that would complement Salford Quays sitting opposite.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the designation of a Mayoral Development Zone, known as The Western Gateway Development Zone (WGDZ), be approved.
2. That the proposed area of the WGDZ, as indicated in Map 1 attached at Appendix 1, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Group Chief Executive, to agree appropriate representation on the Board, in consultation with Salford and Trafford Council.
4. That the use of the existing Salford and Trafford Infrastructure Board will act as the shadow board until the new WGDZ Board gets approval.
5. That the principles of the strategic investment plan and development strategy for the MDZ, be noted and agreed, as set out in paragraphs 5.2-5.6 of the report, which the WGDZ Board will oversee and submit to the GMCA for approval.
6. That officers be requested to submit future updates on delivery progress on the WGDZ to the GMCA.

GMCA 105/25 PROPOSED OLD TRAFFORD REGENERATION AREA MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MDC)

Councillor Bev Craig, Portfolio Leader for Economy, Business and Inclusive Growth, presented a report seeking approval from the GMCA to consult on the establishment of a Mayoral Development Corporation in Old Trafford Regeneration area enabling it to become the delivery vehicle for regeneration of the area.

Councillor Tom Ross stated that Trafford Council's Cabinet had agreed that this was the most appropriate vehicle for commencing early discussion work around the Old Trafford regeneration. Reference was made to the statutory consultees within the paper, as expected the regeneration discussions were generating considerable

interest, and there was keenness from other local partners to engage with the consultation, not least Lancashire Cricket Club.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the creation of an MDC for the regeneration of Old Trafford Regeneration area be approved, in principle.
2. That the undertaking a consultation exercise by the Mayor, in respect of the designation of a Mayoral Development Corporation for the Old Trafford Regeneration area, be endorsed.
3. That it be noted that if the principle of an MDC and consultation were approved, GMCA officers will explore with Trafford Council detailed options for an MDC to be created for the Old Trafford Regeneration area, with these matters to be the subject of further reports in due course.
4. That it be noted that if the principle of an MDC and consultation are approved it is proposed that contact will be made with the relevant Government department to outline proposals for the Old Trafford Regeneration MDC and obtain support for the proposed MDC.
5. That officers be requested to submit a further report to the GMCA setting out the outcome of the consultation and further investigation work.
6. That, Paul Dennett, Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester, acting in the place of the Mayor, agreed in principle, to the creation of an MDC for the regeneration of the Old Trafford Regeneration area.
7. That, Paul Dennett Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester, acting in the place of the Mayor, approved the undertaking of a consultation exercise, as described above and in this report.
8. That it be noted that Lancashire Cricket Club would also be engaged, as a valuable partner organisation on the development of the proposed MDC.

**GMCA 106/25 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Councillor Nazia Rehman, deputising for Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Leader for Resources & Investment presented a report asking for approval of a £3.5m loan to P. Fahey and Sons (U.K.) Limited, as well as an amendment to the previous loan provided to ClearCycle Ltd.

RESOLVED /-

1. That a loan of up to £3,500,000 to P. Fahey and Sons (U.K.) Limited be approved.
2. That an amendment to a loan provided to ClearCycle Ltd be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Group Chief Executive and Group Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources, to approve projects for funding and agree urgent variations to the terms of funding in the period 28 June March to 21 August 2025.
4. That authority be delegated to the Group Chief Finance Officer and the Group Solicitor and the Group Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above investments, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the investments, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of these.

GMCA 107/25 GMCA CAPITAL OUTTURN 2024/25

Councillor Nazia Rehman, deputising for Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Leader for Resources & Investment, presented a report informing members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority of the capital outturn for 2024/2025.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the 2024/25 actual outturn capital expenditure of £598.0m compared to the forecast position presented to GMCA on 7 February 2025 of £631.6m be noted.
2. That the great work being undertaken in the region by Project Skyline be noted.

GMCA 108/25 GMCA REVENUE OUTTURN 2024/25

Councillor Nazia Rehman, deputising for Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Leader for Resources & Investment, presented a report informing members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority of the revenue outturn for 2024/2025.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the Mayoral General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2024/25 was breakeven after planned transfer to earmarked reserves.
2. That it be noted that the GMCA General Budget provisional revenue outturn position for 2024/25 was breakeven after planned transfer to earmarked reserves.
3. That it be noted that the Mayoral General – GM Fire & Rescue provisional revenue outturn position for 2024/25 was breakeven after a transfer of revenue funding to capital.
4. That it be noted that the Waste and Resourcing provisional revenue outturn position for 2024/25 was breakeven after a transfer from reserve of £18.7m.
5. That it be noted that the GMCA Transport and TfGM provisional revenue outturn positions for 2024/25 were breakeven after transfers between earmarked reserves.

6. That it be noted that the final position was subject to the submission of the audited accounts to be reported to the GMCA Audit Committee.

GMCA 109/25 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

**GMCA 110/25 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK:
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 111/25 STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(MDC) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2025 - 2026**

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.