

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED  
AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2026 AT GUARDSMAN TONY  
DOWNES HOUSE, DROYLSDEN**

**PRESENT**

GMCA Deputy Mayor	City Mayor Paul Dennett (In the Chair)
GM Deputy Mayor	Kate Green
Bolton	Councillor Akhtar Zaman
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:**

Bury	Councillor Sean Thorpe
Wigan	Councillor Mary Callaghan
GM Integrated Care Board	Majid Hussain
GM Race Equality Panel	Kofo Kego Oyeleye
GM Civic Leadership Programme	Diane Edwards

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Group Chief Executive Officer	Caroline Simpson
Group Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
Group Monitoring Officer	Gillian Duckworth
GMCA Secretary	Sarah Horsman
Bolton	Sue Johnston
Bury	Lynne Ridsdale
Manchester	Tom Stannard
Oldham	Shelley Kipling

Rochdale	Julie Murphy
Salford	Stephen Young
Stockport	Michael Cullen
Tameside	Emma Alexander
Trafford	Sarah Saleh
Wigan	James Winterbottom
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lee Teasdale
GMCA	Karen Chambers

**GMCA 53/26            APOLOGIES**

That apologies be received and noted from Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (Bury), Councillor Bev Craig (Manchester), Sara Todd (Trafford) & Alison McKenzie-Folan (Wigan).

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

**GMCA 54/26            APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2026/27**

**RESOLVED /-**

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

**GMCA 55/26            APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRS 2026/27**

**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.

**GMCA 56/26            GMCA CONSTITUTION**

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the creation of an Investment Sub-Committee as outlined in the report be approved.
2. That the revised constitution accompanying the report be adopted as the constitution of the GMCA.

**GMCA 57/26            APPOINTMENTS TO GREATER MANCHESTER BODIES**

**RESOLVED /-**

**Appointments to Greater Manchester Bodies**

1. That the appointments by Greater Manchester Local Authorities of members and substitute members to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for 2026/27 be noted as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute Member</b>
<b>GMCA</b>	Andy Burnham	-
<b>Bolton</b>	Akhtar Zaman (Lab)	Jackie Schofield (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)	Lucy Smith (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Bev Craig (Lab)	Garry Bridges (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	TBC	TBC
<b>Rochdale</b>	Neil Emmott (Lab)	Tricia Ayrton (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Paul Dennett (Lab)	Tracy Kelly (Lab)

<b>Stockport</b>	Mark Roberts (Lib Dem)	Jilly Julian (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Eleanor Wills (Lab)	Andrew McLaren (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Tom Ross (Lab)	Liz Patel (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Nazia Rehman (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

2. That the appointment of Sarah Horseman, Director of Governance, Risk & Assurance, as the Secretary of the GMCA be approved.
3. That the appointment of the following members to the GMCA Standards Committee for 2026/27 be approved:

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>
1.	Tom Ross	Trafford (Lab)
2.	Eleanor Wills	Tameside (Lab)
3.	Akhtar Zaman	Bolton (Lab)
4.	Nazia Rehman	Wigan (Lab)
5.	Mark Roberts	Stockport (Lib Dem)

4. That the appointment of the following members to the GMCA Resources Committee for 2026/27 be approved:

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>
1.	Nazia Rehman	Wigan (Lab)
2.	Paul Dennett	Salford (Lab)

3.	Tom Ross	Trafford (Lab)
4.	Eleanor Wills	Tameside (Lab)
5.	Eamonn O'Brien	Bury (Lab)
6.	Bev Craig	Manchester (Lab)
7.	Mark Roberts	Stockport (Lib Dem)

5. That the appointment of the following members to the GMCA Investment Sub-Committee for 2026/27 be approved:

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>
1.	Eleanor Wills	Tameside (Lab)
2.	Nazia Rehman	Wigan (Lab)
3.	Bev Craig	Manchester (Lab)
4.	Paul Dennett	Salford (Lab)
5.	Mark Roberts	Stockport (Lib Dem)

6. That the appointment of the following members and substitute members to the GMCA Audit Committee for 2026/27 be approved:

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>
1.	Emily Mort	Bolton (Lab)
2.	Jodie Hook	Bury (Lab)
3.	Olly Baskerville	Trafford (Lab)
4.	Paul Robinson	Oldham (Reform)

	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Substitute Member</b>
1.	David Godfrey	Manchester (Lab)
2.	Lee McStein	Wigan (Lab)

7. That 14 members and 14 substitute members be appointed to the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee for 2026/27 as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	Robert Morrissey (Lab)	Nadeem Ayub (Lab)
	Garry Veevers (Lib Dem)	
<b>Bury</b>	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Jodie Hook (Lab)
	Paul Davies (Reform)	
<b>Manchester</b>	Tim Whiston (Lab)	Basat Sheikh (Lab)
		Steve Hodgkiss (Reform)
<b>Oldham</b>	Vacancy	Vacancy
	Peter Hanlon (Reform)	
<b>Rochdale</b>	Aiza Rashid (Lab)	Terry Smith (Lab)
	Anthony Gilbert (Reform)	
	Stephen Anstee (Con)	
<b>Salford</b>	Barbara Bentham (Lab)	Wilson Nkurunziza (Lab)
		Chris Bates (Reform)

<b>Stockport</b>	Jake Austin (Lib Dem)	Grace Baynham (Lib Dem)
		Shaun Regan (Reform)
<b>Tameside</b>	Laura Boyle (Lab)	Andrew McLaren (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Stephen Adshead (Lab)	Sue Maitland (Lab)
	Daniel Jerome (Green)	Jane Leicester (Green)
		Jane Brophy (Lib Dem)
		Dylan Butt (Con)
<b>Wigan</b>	N/A	N/A

8. That the appointment of the Mayor of Greater Manchester to the Bee Network Committee for 2026/27 be noted.
9. 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 2026/27.
10. That Nazia Rehman (Lab) (Wigan) be appointed to act as the GMCA member on the Bee Network Committee member for 2026/27, and that Neil Emmott (Lab) (Rochdale) be appointed to act as GMCA substitute member on the Bee Network Committee for 2026/27.
11. That the Bee Network Committee be requested to appoint five members from the Committee to the Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Ltd (GMATL) Board for 2026/27.
12. That the appointments to the Bee Network Committee by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2026/27, be noted, as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	Nadeem Ayub (Lab)	Sean Fielding (Lab)

<b>Bury</b>	Lucy Smith (Lab)	Gareth Staples-Jones (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Mandie Shilton-Godwin (Lab)	Anthony McCaul (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Vacancy	Vacancy
<b>Rochdale</b>	Terry Smith (Lab)	Shah Wazir (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Paul Dennett (Lab)	Mike McCusker (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Grace Baynham (Lib Dem)	Michaela Meikle (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Stephen Homer (Lab)	Jacqueline Owen (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Barry Winstanley (Lab)	Stephen Adshead (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Paul Kenny (Lab)	Dane Anderton (Lab)

13. That it be noted that the Mayor will appoint up to 4 additional members to the GMCA Bee Network Committee reflecting as far as reasonably practicable the balance of political parties.

14. That 19 members and 19 substitute members be appointed to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee for 2026/27 as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member (x20)</b>	<b>Substitute Pool (x20)</b>
Bolton	Peter Wright (Horwich & Blackrod First)	Emily Mort (Lab)
	Nadim Muslim (Con)	

	Susan Howarth (Reform)	
Bury	Imran Rizvi (Lab)	Martin Hayes (Lab)
Manchester	Basil Curley (Lab)	Linda Foley (Lab)
	Sian Astley (Reform)	Jawad Amin (Lab)
	John Leech (Lib Dem)	Alan Good (Lib Dem)
		Astrid Johnson (Green)
Oldham	Vacancy	Vacancy
		Max Woodvine (Con)
		Paul Taylor (Reform)
Rochdale	Kathryn Bromfield (Lab)	Patricia Dale (Lab)
	Tom Besford (Lab)	
	Mark Stephens (Reform)	Matthew Pilkington (Reform)
Salford	Maria Brabiner (Lab)	Tony Davies (Lab)
		Miles Henderson (Reform)
		Bob Clarke (Con)
Stockport		Frankie Singleton (Lib Dem)
Tameside	Sangita Patel (Lab)	Christine Beardmore (Lab)
	Allan Hopwood (Reform)	Kim Roberts (Reform)
Trafford	Jill Axford (Lab)	Will Jones (Lab)
	Shaun Ennis (Lib Dem)	Ged Carter (Lab)
	Geraldine Coggins (Green)	

	Nathan Evans (Con)	
Wigan	Christine Roberts (Lab)	Jenny Gregory (Lab)
	James Talbot (Lab)	

15. That the Portfolio Lead for Culture be appointed to the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee for 2026/27.

16. That the appointments made by the GM Local Authorities to the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee for 2026/27 be approved as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute Member</b>
<b>GMCA Portfolio Lead</b>	Neil Emmott (Lab)	
<b>Bolton</b>	Debbie Newall (Lab)	Karen Hon (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Gavin McGill (Lab)	Michael Rubinstein (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Tina Kirwin-McGinley (Lab)	Leslie Bell (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Vacancy	Vacancy
<b>Rochdale</b>	Susan Smith (Lab)	Georgina Jacques (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Hannah Robinson-Smith (Lab)	Jane Hamilton (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Dan Oliver (Lib Dem)	Jilly Julian (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Leanne Feeley (Lab)	Hugh Roderick (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Eve Parker (Lab)	Rose Thompson (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)	Paul Kenny (Lab)

17. That the Portfolio Lead for Green City Region be appointed to the Green City Region Board for 2026/27.

18. That the appointments to the Green City Region Board as nominated by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2026/27 be approved as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>GMCA Portfolio Lead</b>	Tom Ross (Lab)
<b>Bolton</b>	Robert Morrissey (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Gareth Staples-Jones (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Mandie Shilton-Godwin (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Vacancy
<b>Rochdale</b>	Tricia Ayrton (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Mike McCusker (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Jake Austin (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Laura Boyle (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Barry Winstanley (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Paul Kenny (Lab)

19. That the GMCA Green-City Region Portfolio Leader be appointed to the Greater Manchester Green City Region Partnership Board for 2026/27.

20. That the Portfolio Lead for Children & Young People be appointed to the GMCA Children's Board for 2026/27.

21. That the appointments to the GMCA Children's Board as nominated by the 10 GM Local Authorities for 2026/27 be approved as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>GMCA Portfolio Lead</b>	Mark Roberts (Lib Dem)
<b>Bolton</b>	Rabiya Jiva (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Lucy Smith (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Julie Reid (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Vacancy
<b>Rochdale</b>	Rachel Massey (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Jim Cammell (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Colin MacAlister (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Teresa Smith (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	George Devlin (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Laura Flynn (Lab)

22. That the Portfolio Leader for Clean Air be appointed to the Air Quality Administration Committee for 2026/27.

23. That the appointments from the GM Local Authorities to the Air Quality Administration Committee for 2026/27 be noted as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
<b>GMCA Portfolio Lead</b>	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)	
<b>Bolton</b>	Robert Morrissey (Lab)	Vacancy
<b>Bury</b>	Lucy Smith (Lab)	Gary Staples-Jones (Lab)

<b>Manchester</b>	Mandie Shilton-Godwin (Lab)	Anthony McCaul (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Vacancy	Vacancy
<b>Rochdale</b>	Tricia Ayrton (Lab)	Vacancy
<b>Salford</b>	Mike McCusker (Lab)	Philip Cusack (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Jake Austin (Lib Dem)	Grace Baynham (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Laura Boyle (Lab)	Jacqueline Owen (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Barry Winstanley (Lab)	Stephen Adshead (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Paul Kenny (Lab)	Vacancy

24. That the appointments from the GM Local Authorities to the GM Clean Air Scrutiny Committee for 2026/27 be noted as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	Martin Donaghy (Lab)	Shafaqat Shaikh (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Noel Bayley (Lab)	Vacancy
<b>Manchester</b>	Angeliki Stogia (Lab)	Vacancy
<b>Oldham</b>	Vacancy	Vacancy
<b>Rochdale</b>	Tom Besford (Lab)	Vacancy
<b>Salford</b>	Rob Sharpe (Lab)	John Mullen (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Frankie Singleton (Lib Dem)	Jeremy Meal (Lib Dem)

<b>Tameside</b>	Christine Beardmore (Lab)	Vacancy
<b>Trafford</b>	Jill Axford (Lab)	David Jarman (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Christine Roberts (Lab)	Charles Rigby (Lab)

25. That the appointments from the GM Local Authorities to the Police Fire and Crime Panel for 2026/27 be noted as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	Hamid Khurram (Lab)	Shafaqat Shaikh (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Richard Gold (Lab)	Imran Rizvi (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Vacancy	Basat Sheikh (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Vacancy	Vacancy
<b>Rochdale</b>	Daalat Ali (Lab)	Peter Joinson (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Barbara Bentham (Lab)	Wilson Nkurunziza (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Dan Oliver (Lib Dem)	Helen Foster-Grime (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Stephen Homer (Lab)	Jacqueline Owen (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Keleigh Glenton (Lab)	Rose Thompson (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Kevin Anderson (Lab)	Yvonne Klieve (Lab)

26. That the appointments from the GM Local Authorities to the Police Fire and Crime Steering Group for 2026/27 as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>

<b>Bolton</b>	Hamid Khurram (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Richard Gold (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Vacancy
<b>Oldham</b>	Vacancy
<b>Rochdale</b>	Daalat Ali (Lab)
<b>Salford</b>	Barbara Bentham (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Dan Oliver (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Stephen Homer (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Keleigh Glenton (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Kevin Anderson (Lab)

27. That the Portfolio Holder for Healthy Lives be appointed to the GM Integrated Care Partnership Board.

28. That the appointments from GM Local Authorities to the GM Integrated Care Partnership Board for 2026/27 be noted as follows:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
<b>GMCA</b>	Portfolio Lead for Healthy Lives	
<b>Bolton</b>	Sean Fielding (Lab)	Jackie Schofield (Lab)
<b>Bury</b>	Tamoor Tariq (Lab)	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)
<b>Manchester</b>	Bev Craig (Lab)	Thomas Robinson (Lab)
<b>Oldham</b>	Vacancy	Vacancy
<b>Rochdale</b>	Daalat Ali (Lab)	Vacancy

<b>Salford</b>	Tracy Kelly (Lab)	Hannah Robinson-Smith (Lab)
<b>Stockport</b>	Keith Holloway (Lib Dem)	Helen Foster-Grime (Lib Dem)
<b>Tameside</b>	Eleanor Wills (Lab)	Mike Smith (Lab)
<b>Trafford</b>	Jane Slater (Lab)	Tom Ross (Lab)
<b>Wigan</b>	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)	Nazia Rehman (Lab)

29. That the Mayor be appointed, and Paul Dennett (Lab) (Salford) be appointed as the substitute member to act as the GMCA's appointment to the Transport for the North Board and the Rail North Committee.
30. That the Mayor be appointed, and Paul Dennett (Lab) (Salford) be appointed as the substitute member to act as the GMCA's appointment to the Transport for the North General Purposes Committee.
31. That Stephen Adshead (Lab) (Trafford) be appointed, and Barry Taylor (Lab) (Wigan) be appointed as the substitute member to act as the GMCA's appointment to the Transport for the North Audit & Governance Committee.
32. That Paul Kenny (Lab) (Wigan) be appointed, and Olly Baskerville (Lab) (Trafford) be appointed as the substitute member to act as the GMCA's appointment to the Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee.
33. That Councillors Eleanor Wills (Lab) (Tameside), Akhtar Zaman (Lab) (Bolton), Nazia Rehman (Lab) (Wigan), Phil Cusack (Lab) (Salford) and Liz Patel (Lab) (Trafford) be appointed to the Growth Company Board for 2026/27.

**GMCA 58/26            SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2026/27**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the following schedule of meetings for 2026/27 be noted:

**2026**

25 September 2026

30 October 2026

27 November 2026

11 December 2026

**2027**

29 January 2027

12 February 2027

26 February 2027 (if required)

26 March 2027

25 June 2027

**GMCA 59/26            CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RESOLVED /-**

There were none.

**GMCA 60/26            URGENT BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED /-**

There was none.

**GMCA 61/26            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED /-**

There were none.

**GMCA 62/26            MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2026**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA held on 27 March 2026 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 63/26            MINUTES OF THE GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2026**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Resources Committee held on 27 March 2026 be approved as a correct record.

**GMCA 64/26            MINUTES OF THE GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2026**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 25 March 2026 be noted.

**GMCA 65/26            MINUTES OF THE GMCA BEE NETWORK COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2026**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Bee Network Committee held on 26 March 2026 be noted.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the following decisions taken under delegation in the absence of a GMCA meeting in May 2026:

<b>Decision date taken</b>	<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Decisions</b>
29/05/2026	Paul Dennett (Mayoral Decision)	Appointments to Atom Valley Northern Gateway Board
29/05/2026	Group Chief Finance Officer (Mayoral Decision)	Allocation of supported housing funding to Manchester City Council (80%) and to other LA schemes from remaining 20%
29/05/2026	Group Chief Executive	Future shape of GM Adult Skills – GM Local Skills Improvement Plan
29/05/2026	Group Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer	Greater Manchester Good Growth Fund – May 2026 Allocations
01/06/2026	Group Chief Finance Officer (Mayoral Decision)	Future shape of GM Adult Skills - funding and contract approvals for AY2026/27

Councillor Mary Callaghan, Chair of the Task and Finish Group, presented the final task and finish review, which had been endorsed by members of the GMCA Overview

& Scrutiny Committee into workforce retention and quality within early education and childcare.

The review emphasised that early education and childcare had been considered not simply as a cost to be managed, but as an investment in economic and social infrastructure. The review had noted that high-quality provision benefited society as a whole, supported school readiness, lifelong wellbeing and efforts to reduce inequality, and was particularly important given that approximately 30.4% of children in Greater Manchester were living in poverty.

The review also highlighted that giving children the best start in life had led to better educational outcomes, improved economic opportunities and stronger communities. The review recognised the importance of quality provision, workforce support and retention, and called for further reform, including professional registration, a simplified funding model and greater devolution, so that Greater Manchester could build on existing work and continue to narrow the school-readiness gap.

## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the recommendations of the review be noted:
  - a. Recognise early education and childcare as social and economic infrastructure enabler and its impact on prevention.
  - b. Make early education and childcare a desired career choice.
  - c. Increase data insight without additional burden.
  - d. Champion the real living wage for all early education and childcare staff.
  - e. Invest in career progression, continued professional development and training.
  - f. Promote integrated models and social purpose businesses.
  - g. Pursue market reform and national policy influence.
  - h. Strengthen partnership working to create spaces for sector voice.
2. That the final review be endorsed
3. That it be noted that the final review will be shared with partners.

Councillor Arooj Shah 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.

Majid Hussain, Director of Equality and Inclusion at the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board, Kofo Kego Oyeleye, Chair of the GM Race Equality Panel and Diane Edwards, Chair of the GM Civic Leadership Programme Steering Group were all present for the item.

Cllr Shah noted that the GMS required partners to stand up to racism and discrimination in order to achieve its wider ambitions across all workstreams and localities. The pandemic had highlighted and reinforced racial inequalities experienced by staff and residents, and that progress reports from all ten councils, TfGM, GMFRS and GMCA had identified collective progress, good practice, shared challenges and areas requiring further focus. It was recognised that progress had been made through more visible leadership, stronger staff support, improved use of data and insight, and more targeted interventions, but that activity needed to be scaled up and delivered more consistently across organisations and the Greater Manchester system.

The contributions from Diane Edwards, Majid Hussain and Kofo Kego Oyeleye highlighted the impact of civic leadership programmes, the need for system-wide action in response to racism experienced by staff, patients and communities, and the importance of translating progress into tangible improvements in outcomes. There was also emphasis of the need for sustained leadership, accountability, better collection and publication of data, and continued collaboration through the Race Equity Group to ensure that staff and communities could see demonstrable impact in tackling racism and racial inequalities.

**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 agreed.

3. That all will continue to lead, support and challenge implementation of the Race Equity Framework within their organisations and Portfolios, particularly the pursuit of evidence of impact in tackling racial inequalities.
4. That all will champion racial equity and proactively lead commitment to anti-racism at every opportunity.

### **GMCA 69/26            PREVENTION DEMONSTRATOR – MOVING TO DELIVERY**

Warren Heppolette, Prevention Demonstrator Director, presented a report that set out Greater Manchester's approach to implementation as the UK's first national Prevention Demonstrator.

The report emphasised the importance of a fully realised Live Well ambition to GM's approach as a preventative system. It described the evaluation framework to confirm how to capture the evidence and impact of what works to improve outcomes and reduce demand and cost. It confirmed the approach to system wide mobilisation and how to connect the learning from preventative approaches to planning and budget setting processes.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the GMCA supports the approach to mobilise the Prevention Demonstrator.
2. That endorsement be given to the participation of all ten areas through the spread of Live Well and the contribution of Manchester, Rochdale, Stockport and Wigan to the detailed blueprinting and evaluation activities.
3. That the alignment of resources across the key preventative programmes be maximised.
4. That the outputs of the evaluation will be connected into medium term financial planning and devolution negotiations with government.

Caroline Simpson, Group Chief Executive, presented a report that sought approval to revise the previously agreed Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) Support Fund by removing the loan element and moving to a grant-only model to help eligible private hire vehicle owners replace older, non-compliant vehicles with cleaner compliant vehicles.

Members welcomed the report but also emphasised the need to keep lobbying the government to end out of area working for vehicles licensed within authorities with lower requirements in terms of vehicle status.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That approval be given to the revision to the previously approved Private Hire Vehicle Support Fund by removing the loan element and moving to a grant-only model, including provision for retrospective grant funding where applicants have already purchased a compliant replacement vehicle and meet the eligibility criteria, as set out in the report.
2. That the eligibility criteria for the revised fund be approved, including retrospective eligibility, as set out at paragraph 3.2. of the report.
3. That it be noted that the revised grant-only scheme will provide a grant of £2,500 per eligible vehicle, being half the previously proposed loan amount, and is estimated to cost up to a maximum of £1.98m in total, as set out in the report.
4. That a delegation be agreed to the Group Chief Executive, GMCA, GMFRS and TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor and GM Clean Air Lead, to finalise the implementation of the Private Hire Vehicle Support Fund prior to launch in September 2026.