

Meeting of the GM Air Quality Administration Committee, held on 29th January 2026 at GMCA Offices, Tootal Buildings, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU

Present:

Councillor Richard Silvester	Bolton Council
Councillor Alan Quinn (Chair)	Bury Council
Councillor Tracey Rawlins	Manchester City Council
Councillor Abdul Jabbar	Oldham Council
Councillor Tricia Ayrton	Rochdale Council
Councillor Mike McCusker	Salford City Council
Councillor Jake Austin	Stockport Council
Councillor Jacqueline Owen	Tameside Council
Councillor Aidan Williams	Trafford Council

Officers in Attendance:

Megan Black	Head of Logistics & Environment, TfGM
Gillian Duckworth	GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
Oliver Baldwin	AECOM
Frank Tudor	TfGM
Richard Grindrod	TfGM
Oliver Collins	GMCA
Paul Harris	Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA

AQAC2526/10. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (GM Lead Member for Clean Air), Councillor Laura Boyle (Tameside) and Councillor Paul Prescott (Wigan)

AQAC2526/11 Appointment of Chair of the Committee for the meeting

In the absence of the Committee's Chair, Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, nominations were sought for the appointment of Chair of the Committee for the meeting.

A nomination of Councillor Alan Quinn was moved and seconded.

There were no other nominations made.

Resolved/-

That Councillor Alan Quinn, be appointed as Chair of the committee for the meeting.

Councillor Alan Quinn in the Chair

AQAC2526/12 Chair's Announcements and Urgent Business

Resolved/-

There were no announcements or items of urgent business raised.

AQAC2526/13 Declarations of Interest

Resolved/-

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member in respect of any item on the agenda.

AQAC2526/14 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of the committee, held on 31st July 2025, were submitted.

Resolved/-

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Air Quality Administration Committee, held on 31st July 2025, be approved as a correct record.

AQAC2526/15. GM Clean Air Plan - January 2026 Update

The Head of Logistics & Environment, TfGM provided an update on the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan (GM CAP). The update detailed progress on the investment-led, non-charging Plan, including bus fleet electrification, local traffic measures, distribution of hackney carriage support funds, removal of CAZ signage, the outcome of a consultation to transfer of Clean Air Zone ANPR cameras to Greater Manchester Police for crime detection and the Performance Management Plan.

A Member asked what actions were being taken to provide support to hackney carriage and private hire taxi trade. In response, it was noted that in terms of hackney carriage support, funding for single vehicle upgrades was still available and the trade has been asked to advise of their intentions by 27 February 2026. A reminder of the availability of hackney carriage support funds and the need for application to be submitted by this date. Work was continuing with local authority licensing managers to be communicate the availability of the support fund to the trade. In respect of private hire support and following engagement with the trade, a

proposal to develop a fund to provide grants for interest free loans available to support the private hire trade would be considered as part of the GMCA budget setting process on 13th February 2026.

Committee members recognised the significant challenges to develop the investment-led, non-charging Clean Air Plan for Greater Manchester, wished to place on record their thanks to all those officers that have been involved in developing this unique scheme.

A Member commented on how the proposed repurposing of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to be used by GM Police can help to deter crime and terrorist activity.

Resolved/-

1. That the update on progress in delivering the GM Clean Air Plan; and the agreement of JAQU to adjust some elements of the Bus and Local Measures, be noted.
2. That the GM CAP Performance Management Plan, be approved.
3. That the latest position on the distribution grants through the Hackney Support Fund, be noted.
4. That the latest position on the consideration of Private Hire Vehicle Support Funding, be noted.
5. That the update on Clean Air Zone signage removal, be noted.
6. That the outcome of the CAZ ANPR change of use consultation, be noted.
7. That is be agreed that Greater Manchester Police take on the ownership of the Clean Air funded ANPR cameras and integrate them into their existing ANPR network, thereby changing their primary use to the purpose of crime detection, noting GMP will share data with TfGM to support transport planning and Clean Air Plan Monitoring and Evaluation and TfGM will not have access to live data from the ANPR cameras.
8. Agree a delegation to the Group Chief Executive, GMCA, GMFRS and TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor and GM Clean Air Lead to approve the final arrangements, including the implementation Data Protection Impact Assessment, to complete the ownership transfer of the ANPR cameras from TfGM to GMP.

AQAC2526/16. GM Clean Air Plan - Expenditure Update - January 2026

The Head of Logistics & Environment, TfGM introduced a report provided Members with an update on the funding and expenditure of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan as of November 2025 and outlined the allocation and usage of funds across scheme development, implementation, vehicle grants, and EV charging infrastructure.

A Member asked if there was a budget for the following year. In response, it was noted that the budget was effectively the £188.4 million outlined in the report, which will be expended in the year which will look to fund hackney hire support fund, bus investment, local traffic calming measures and bus depot electrification.

In terms of electrification and in addition to the public transport electrification measures provided by the GM Clean Air Plan, a Member asked if there was any clarity on how air quality will be affected by an increase in the number of electric vehicles being purchased by the public. In response, it was noted that this matter will be explored and included as part of the verified data which will be reported as part of the Annual Monitoring Report each July.

A Member highlighted that there needed to be future consideration on what the activities of the Committee will focus on going forward, given the progress being made.

Following an enquiry from a Member regarding the World Health Organisation's recommended guidelines for lower limits for nitrogen dioxide than UK legal limit of 40 µg/m³ of Nitrogen dioxide. In response, it was noted that GM was working to reach and maintain compliance of the UK's legal limit. In addition, it was noted that there was still role for the committee to ensure compliance of air quality requirements are maintained.

A Member reiterated the need to make sure the air is as clean as possible for all residents.

Members highlighted how utilities entering the highway can cause traffic congestion and in turn, impact negatively on air quality and businesses. A coordinated plan to such works is needed. The GM Road Activity Permit scheme was explained.

Emergency works can be frustrating and penalty measures where works don't get completed on time were suggested.

A Member highlighted ongoing road works taking place in Hollingworth and asked if the air quality measurements in this area be reviewed.

Resolved/-

1. That the total expenditure update on the GM Clean Air Plan, as set out in the report, be noted.
2. That the Plan is expected to be delivered within the awarded government funding of £188.4 million, with no additional funding required, be noted.
3. That it be noted that the future expenditure reporting will be reported in the GM CAP Annual Monitoring Report each July.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 am and finished at 10:33 am.