

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2013

Decisions published on 5 December 2013 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 12 December 2013, subject to call-in, except for any urgent decisions.

The process for call in of decisions is set out as an Appendix to this note, extracted from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Constitution. The address for the purposes of the schedule is that of the GMCA Secretary, c/o Manchester City Council, PO Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA; or by contacting k.bond@agma.gov.uk

The reports detailed in this note can be accessed at the AGMA website via the following link: - <http://www.agma.gov.uk/calendar/index.html>. Any report not available on the web site will be available for Scrutiny Pool members from the GMCA Secretary on request, on a private and confidential basis.

1. HS2 CONSULTATION (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority received a report presented of Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM and Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Service summarising the proposed High Speed Rail 2 Phase 2 extension from the West Midlands to Manchester and the significant rail capacity and potential economic growth benefits that it offers Greater Manchester. The report sets out the work that is underway to ensure that Greater Manchester is best placed to maximise the benefits offered by HS2 at the earliest opportunity and summarises the approach proposed for submitting a response to the current consultation on the Phase 2 proposals on behalf of GMCA.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to welcome the Government's intention to progress with the proposed High Speed 2 (HS2) Phase 2 extension from the West Midlands to Manchester, which will include new stations at both Manchester Airport and Manchester Piccadilly and a new depot at Golborne in Wigan.
2. to note the quantum uplift in national rail connectivity that HS2 will secure for Greater Manchester, and endorse the Government's conclusion that none of the other options would provide the equivalent levels of capacity and national connectivity, or deliver the best balance between benefit and cost.
3. to welcome the initial report of the HS2 Growth Task Force, confirming the unique growth potential of HS2 and the focus of its on-going work to ensure that the right connectivity, regeneration/development and industry/workforce conditions are put into place to maximise the impact of HS2.
4. to note the significant potential that HS2 offers for economic growth in Greater Manchester and the arrangements being put into place to allow this potential to be maximised by ensuring that the optimum regional connectivity investment is identified to complement HS2, by seeking opportunities to accelerate the delivery of Phase 2 with a particular focus on the early delivery of the required station facilities in Greater Manchester, and by ensuring that the skills and business support arrangements are put into place to maximise the employment and supply chain opportunities for local residents and businesses across the city region.
5. that a full consultation response should be prepared by the Head of the

Paid Service and Chief Executive of TfGM, in consultation with the GMCA Chair, the GMCA Vice Chairs and the Chair of TfGMC, on the basis set out in this report, and on behalf of GMCA, so as to demonstrate Greater Manchester's strong support for the HS2 project and to set a clear framework for on-going engagement between Greater Manchester officers, DfT and HS2 officials on the project and its delivery.

6. to ask all Greater Manchester MPs to support HS2 as the only option to overcome the future capacity constraints to growth set out in this report, and to play their full part to ensure that all the necessary legislation and policies are put into place to safeguard the timely delivery of the programme.

2. MANCHESTER FAMILY RESTRUCTURING – UPDATE (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service providing a progress update on the implementation of further integration across the Manchester Family of companies.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the progress made by the Chair of the WLT and Group Chief Executive in implementing the actions agreed by the GMCA in September.
2. to note that an interim strategic plan and set of high level financial scenarios has been presented to the new board of directors of Economic Solutions Ltd (the "Group Board").
3. to request the AGMA Executive Board to approve the nomination of Councillor Keiran Quinn (GMCA Leader with portfolio responsibility for Investment) on the Group Board as a Director.
4. to endorse the principle of an independent Chair being appointed for the Group Board and for the Group Board's public sector Directors to be involved in the arrangements for recruitment and appointment of the Chair.
5. that the final, integrated Business & Financial Plan be presented to the GMCA and LEP as part of the 2014/15 Budget process.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

3. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK & CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (agenda item 10)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan seeking GMCA's approval for the MSP 'The Hub', Erad, iPlus and Monocore investment projects.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. that the project funding applications by MSP "The Hub" (loan of £2,500,000), Erad (loan of £2,000,000), iPlus (loan of £4,999,999) and Monocore (loan of £750,000), be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. a variation to the NXP project to reduce the funding request from £1,780,000 (representing a grant of £1,050,000 plus a loan of £730,000) to £1,050,000.
3. to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any

outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans at a) above.

4. to delegate authority to the Chief Executive of Stockport (as Chief Executive lead for Investment) in consultation with the Chair of the GMCA and Councillor Keiran Quinn (Leader with portfolio for Investment) to approve, subject to due diligence any projects requiring approval in the period following this meeting and the meeting of the GMCA in January 2013 in the view of there being no meeting of the GMCA in December 2013.

4. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND (agenda item 11)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan setting out the current status of the Greater Manchester Investment Funds and a summary of the next steps for the fund.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the contents of the report.
2. to receive an update paper in the new year to enable consideration to be given to how the projected receipts back into the Investment Fund can be recycled over the longer term including an approved criteria.
3. that consideration be given to an active communications strategy in support of the fund and the progress made.

5. LOW CARBON INVESTMENT STRATEGY (agenda item 12)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan summarising the current position regarding the proposed Joint Venture with the Green Investment Bank which sets out the need to develop and deliver a low carbon project pipeline, and seeks authority for the creation of a post of Low Carbon Commercial Director to assume responsibility for the management and delivery of the Low Carbon element of the wider GM Investment Strategy, reporting to the new Chief Investment Officer (currently being recruited by the GMCA).

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to approve the approach to the development of the low carbon pipeline and overall strategy as set out in the report.
2. to approve the constitution of a panel to appoint the proposed Low Carbon Commercial Director by the GMCA.
3. to note that the costs of the Low Carbon Commercial Director are funded in the short term (current and next financial year) with further options to be explored for the longer term team structure, including potential external sources of funding, via the normal AGMA budgeting process.

EXTRACT FROM THE GMCA CONSTITUTION

PART 5B - SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR GMCA, TFGMC AND TFGM

5. Call in of decisions

5.1 Call in of decisions of GMCA and TfGMC

- (a) Members of the Scrutiny Pool appointed under this Protocol will have the power to call in:-
 - (i) any decision of the GMCA;
 - (ii) any major or strategic decision of the TfGMC which is taken by the TfGMC in accordance with the delegations set out in Part 3 Section B II of this Constitution.

5.2 Publication of Notice of Decisions

- (a) When:-
 - (i) a decision is made by the GMCA; or
 - (ii) a major or strategic decision is made by the TfGMC in accordance with the delegations set out in Part 3, Section B II of this Constitution;

the decision shall be published, including where possible by electronic means, and shall be available normally within 2 days of being made. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to send electronic copies of the records of all such decisions to all members of the Scrutiny Pool within the same timescale.

- (b) The notices referred to at subparagraph 5.2(a) above will bear the date on which they are published and will specify that the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, as from 4.00 pm on the fifth day after the day on which the decision was published, unless 5 members of the Scrutiny Pool object to it and call it in.