

ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES

DECISIONS MADE BY THE AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2014

Decisions published on 5th February 2014 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 12th February 2014, 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 AGMA's constitution. The address for the purposes of the schedule is that of the AGMA Secretary, c/o GMIST, Manchester City Council, P.O. 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. AGMA RESOURCE REVIEW 2014/15 – 2015/16 AND REVENUE BUDGET UPDATE 2013/14 (agenda item 6A)

The AGMA Executive Board received a report from Richard Paver, AGMA Treasurer setting out the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities revenue budget for 2014/15 to 2015/16. The report also included the forecast outturn position for 2013/14.

The Executive Board AGREED-

1. To note the report and the current revenue outturn forecast for 2013/14 which is projecting an underspend of £676,000.
2. To note and approve the revisions to the revenue budget plan 2013/14 as identified in the report, noting in particular the budget transfer to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for the Planning & Housing Commission, Manchester Family Secondments, 14-19 Contributions and Low Carbon Investment Team as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report.
3. To note the position on reserves as highlighted in section 3 of the report.
4. To approve the District Allocations as detailed in Appendix 2, apportioned using the Mid Year 2012 Population figures, unless otherwise stated.

2. GMFRA REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (agenda item 6B)

The AGMA Executive Board received a report presented by Gerard Murphy, Director of Finance & Technical Services, GMFRA providing an updated budget paper outlining information on Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority's current budget position. The report pointed out that the proposed precept for 2014/15 is the same as that for 2013/14.

The Executive Board AGREED:

1. To note the range of strategic issues and risks set out in the report which will influence the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Authority budgetary requirements.

2. To support the proposed precept of £57.64 (subject to roundings) at Band D based on accepting the council tax freeze grant for 2014/2015.

3. GMWDA BUDGET PROSPECTS 2014/15 AND BEYOND (agenda item 6C)

The AGMA Executive Board received a report presented by Councillor Neil Swannick, Chair GMWDA providing an updated on the final budget and levy proposal of a 0% increase in 2014/15; and a request to establish agreement for a Medium Term Financial Plan for a 5 year period, which contributes to the overall AGMA response to the Government's latest austerity programme. He reported a correction to the figures in recommendation 2.1c) to be 6.1% and 6.4% respectively.

The Executive Board AGREED:

1. To support budget reduction measures set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report.
2. To support the use of balances to:
 - i) provide for a £6m in- year refund to constituent districts in 2013/14;
 - ii) deliver a 0% increase in levy in 2014/15;
 - iii) deliver a minus 3% levy in 2015/16; and
 - iv) deliver a further 0% increase in levy in 2016/17.
3. To note the potential for a 6.1% and 6.4% increase in levy in 2017/18 and 2018/19, before returning to a normative level which is around 70% of annual inflation.
4. To support the development of further budget reduction work, set out in paragraph 6.1, to maximise efficiencies in the post construction period and to mitigate the potential spikes in 2017/18 and 2018/19 noted above at (3).

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.