

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2014

Decisions published on 5 March 2014 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 12 March 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 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. GMCA AGMA GOVERNANCE REVIEW (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Service and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer setting out a series of proposals for consideration following the decision to undertake a review of current GM Governance arrangements.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note the legal and constitutional context for GMCA and AGMA and agree to conduct a review of current arrangements in accordance with the review objectives as set out in the report.
2. That the review should examine appropriate GMCA and AGMA structures, statutory bodies, committees, scrutiny etc.(other than those already recently reviewed) to ensure that they remain fit for purpose and have the appropriate representation, including, strengthening leadership and engagement of all partners in relation to the reform agenda within a commission type arrangement, but recognising the need for GMCA and AGMA to maintain its current strategic overview of the reform agenda to ensure momentum.
3. That the GMCA and AGMA statutory bodies (Transport for Greater Manchester Committee, GM Fire and Rescue Authority and the GM Waste Disposal Authority) be invited to take a lead role in reviewing their own current structures. To fully explore all options within the scope of existing legislation and to bring forward proposals which can improve efficiency and accountability to both constituent district authorities and to GMCA and AGMA as a single accountable focus for Greater Manchester.
4. That further work be undertaken to enable the Chairs and Vice Chairs to develop proposals for the creation of leadership portfolio teams in order to strengthen leadership capacity around portfolio responsibilities.
5. To the development of a set of protocols setting out the core relationship, understanding and commitment between GMCA, AGMA and the GM districts and partners as set in section 5.3 of the report, with officers requested to develop and bring back proposals, in April.
6. That the outcomes of the Governance Review should be determined before June

to allow any required constitutional changes to be made at the GMCA and AGMA annual general meetings.

2. GMCA/AGMA COMMUNICATIONS (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority received a report from Donna Hall, Chief Executive, Wigan MBC setting out an approach designed to strengthen GMCA communications within the wider context of the growth and reform agenda.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To approve the establishment of a small dedicated GM communications resource to work as part of GMIST to plan and co-ordinate communications at a GM level, including management of the website.
2. To endorse the proposal to buy-in this resource at a cost of £50,000.
3. That subject to approval of an annual Communications Plan that £50,000 per annum be earmarked within the AGMA revenue budget to fund this resource on an ongoing basis.
4. To endorse the proposed way forward in developing a new, improved GM website, noting that a small budget has been put aside for this purpose utilising underspend from 2013/14.

3. GREATER MANCHESTER SCIENCE EDUCATION HUB (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Service on the development of the proposal for a Greater Manchester science education hub and requesting Leaders to endorse the vision and next steps outlined in the report.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To approve the overall approach proposed and the key principles outlined in the report, with particular focus on the education vision.
2. That officers, in consultation with Greater Manchester education departments, and through Wider Leadership Team bring back definitive proposals on the development of a science education hub for ultimate presentation to Government.
3. That Greater Manchester partners be included in the development of the proposal.

4. RAIL NORTH – DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP PROPOSALS (agenda item 9)

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Service providing an update on progress and the next steps including the establishment of a Leaders group with representatives from each sub region.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note the progress and principles underpinning the partnership approach to rail Franchising.
2. To note and endorse the action of the Chair of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority in nominating Sir Richard Leese, Vice Chair of GMCA and Leader of Manchester City Council to represent Greater Manchester on the sub-group of Leaders who will support the next phase of activity.
3. That the Head of the Paid Service and Chief Executive of TfGM should

support the engagement with the Department for Transport by Rail North. TfGM and CA officers will be heavily involved in the work. Noted that at key milestones further progress reports will be brought back to GMCA.

5. LYONS HOUSING REVIEW: POSSIBLE GREATER MANCHESTER RESPONSE (agenda item 10)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment proposing the submission of a GM response to the Independent Housing Commission set up by the Labour Party, chaired by Sir Michael Lyons.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. That the draft response be submitted on behalf of GMCA to the Independent Housing Commission, subject to it being strengthened in relation to referencing all tenure's, quality of design and the rehabilitation of empty homes.

6. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE (agenda item 12)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment providing an update on the status of the Greater Manchester Investment Fund.

The Combined Authority AGREED to note the contents of the report.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

7. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE (agenda item 14)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment providing a summary of investments to date from the Greater Manchester Investment Fund.

The Combined Authority AGREED to note the contents of the report.

8. MANCHESTER GROWTH COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN 2014 - 2017 (agenda item 15)

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Service presenting the Manchester Growth Company's draft Business Plan for the period 2014 to 2017.

The Combined Authority AGREED the content of the Business Plan for the period 2014 to 2017.

9. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (agenda item 16)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment seeking conditional approval for three project applications to the Investment Fund.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To approve the projects and loan guarantee as detailed in the report.
2. 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 1) above.
3. To delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer to agree the detailed terms of the loan guarantee from the Combined as detailed in the report.

10. NEDO SMART COMMUNITIES PROJECT (agenda item 17)

The Combined Authority received a report from Mike Kelly, Lead Chief Executive for Environment providing an update on the NEDO Smart Communities Project and seeking approval for Lord Peter Smith to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with NEDO to deliver the project.

The Combined Authority AGREED to note the report and delegate authority to Lord Peter Smith, Chair of the GMCA to sign the high level Memorandum of Understanding as detailed in the report .

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.