

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2014 AND RECONVENED
ON 3 NOVEMBER 2014

Decisions published on 6 November 2014 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 13 November 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 j.gaskell@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. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 (agenda item 6a)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, which informed Members of the 2014/15 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of September 2014.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report and the latest revenue forecast for 2014/15 currently projecting a contribution to general reserves of £115,000 arising primarily from additional income.
2. To note the latest revenue forecast for TfGM currently projecting an underspend of £330,000 as detailed in section 2 of the report.

2. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 (agenda item 6b)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, providing an update in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2014/15 capital expenditure programme.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the current 2014/15 forecast compared to the 2014/15 capital budget agreed by GMCA in January 2014.
2. To approve both the budget increase in relation to 2014/15 Minor Works Capital Programme and scheme allocations, as detailed in section 6 of the report.
3. To note the current position for the Growing Places Fund and Regional Growth Fund as described in paragraphs 7.1 – 7.6 of the report.
4. To note the current position for the Empty Homes Programme as described in paragraphs 7.7 – 7.9 of the report.

3. METROLINK TRAFFORD PARK LINE TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT ORDER APPLICATION (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive of TfGM, providing an update in relation to the Metrolink Trafford Park Line (TPL) scheme alignment and seeking Members for approval to submit the associated Transport and Works Act Order application.

RESOLVED/-

1. Note the result of the recent public consultation on Trafford Park Line (TPL) scheme.
2. To approve the refinement of the alignment of the TPL scheme along a section of Trafford Wharf Road in the vicinity of the Manchester Ship Canal.
3. To approve the submission of the associated Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) application for the TPL scheme in November 2014.
4. To note the cost and funding requirement to progress the Metrolink Trafford Park scheme through the TWAO application is included within the funds previously approved by GMCA in October 2013, with delegated authority to the Chief Executive and the Finance and Corporate Services Director of TfGM, in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer, to progress the contractual arrangements.
5. To request officers to provide an explanation of the rationale for the position of stops on the route by the November 2014 meeting of the GMCA. In the meantime the works to progress the Order should continue so not to delay the scheme overall.

4. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE REPORT (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC providing Members with an update on the status of the Greater Manchester Investment Fund (GMIF).

RESOLVED/-

To note the report.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

5. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE (agenda item 11)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC providing a summary of investments to date from the Greater

Manchester Investment Fund, together with a summary of funding requests that have not been progressed.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report.

6. METROLINK - PORT SALFORD (agenda item 12)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, on the proposed approach for the future Metrolink extension to Port Salford.

RESOLVED/-

To note the approach for the review of the Metolink Port Salford extension, and that a further report be brought back to the GMCA early 2015.

**DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
RECONVENED MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2014**

1. GREATER MANCHESTER AGREEMENT: DEVOLUTION TO THE GMCA AND TRANSITION TO A DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYOR OF GREATER MANCHESTER (agenda item 9A)

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Service, GMCA, setting out the proposals for a staged approach to the evolution of Greater Manchester (GM) governance arrangements, in return for the devolution of significant additional functional and fiscal responsibilities by Government.

RESOLVED/-

1. To endorse the following principles which have guided GM's approach to governance changes and its approach to devolution:
 - a) GM should continue to position itself at the forefront of the debate about fiscal and functional devolution given the ambitions it has to continue to grow the GM economy and to reform public services. GM should be at the heart of the economic revival of the North of England to remain key to re-balancing the national economy
 - b) GM's ultimate ambition should be to exercise significant influence, if not control, over all public spending in Greater Manchester which currently is estimated at £22bn per annum. The focus of this policy approach should be on responsibilities being assumed from National Government to enable local government and local members to be better able to discharge their existing functions. It was accepted however that this overall ambition will take some years to achieve

- c) In this context, a Road Map is required to enable new functions and fiscal responsibilities to be transferred from National Government for discharge at GM level building upon the existing Combined Authority model which has a track record of achievement in GM
 - d) New arrangements are proposed to strengthen the relationships between local authorities and the GMCA, and between the GMCA and Chief Executives. An agreed set of governance protocols set out the core relationship between the GMCA, local authorities and partners: what the GMCA does for localities and what local authorities bring to the GMCA and AGMA
 - e) Governance change is also necessary if GM is to achieve its devolution ambitions. It is right that if we are to become responsible for more national functions and resources there must be direct accountability for the way these new responsibilities are discharged. It is also the case that if we are to commence the delivery of a Road Map we need additional political and executive capacity to embrace new opportunities now which are possible without new legislation
 - f) In return for significant additional responsibilities GM should move as soon as possible to a full-time appointed Mayor becoming the 11th member of the GMCA and the development of the Cabinet model involving all Leaders with clear portfolio responsibilities. This will require delegation of appropriate powers to the full-time appointed Mayor and to Portfolio Leaders to underpin accountability and efficiency. It will also require the appointment of a full-time Head of Paid Service, in addition to full-time Section 151 and Monitoring Officers
 - g) In return for legislation in the next Parliament on new functional responsibilities and access to resources, GM should commit itself to a directly elected Mayor who will Chair the CA and a Cabinet including 10 Leaders with portfolio responsibilities. This will require new powers to the directly elected Mayor and other powers to the GMCA
 - h) This evolutionary approach will enable GM to strengthen leadership and executive capacity in the quickest possible time, absorb the potential for enhanced responsibilities in the short term and create the platform for maximum devolution over time
2. To endorse the Greater Manchester Agreement: Devolution to the GMCA and the transition to a directly elected Mayor, (Annex B to the report) which sets out the additional powers and responsibilities (and budgets) which will be delivered by Government in return for the governance changes GM will be obliged to deliver.
 3. To invite all GM authorities, the GM LEP and the BLC to submit comments on the above principles and the Devolution Agreement by the 15th January 2015.
 4. To authorise the Head of Paid Service, in conjunction with the GM Wider Leadership Team, to bring back a further report at the end of January 2015 on the comments received and to enable the GMCA to finalise more detailed proposals, which will be the subject of a public consultation and submission to the Secretary of State seeking his support for the laying of the necessary Orders to give effect to the transitional arrangements as soon as possible.

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.