

**DECISIONS MADE AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND THE AGMA EXECUTIVE
BOARD HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 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 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 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. AGMA REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE 2014/15 (agenda item 5)

Members received a report from Richard Paver, AGMA Treasurer, presenting the 2014/15 forecast revenue outturn position as at end of September 2014.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report and the current revenue outturn forecast for 2014/15 which is projecting an underspend of £2,194,000.
2. To note and approve the revisions to the revenue budget plan 2014/15 as identified in paragraph 2.1 of the report.
3. To note the position on reserves as highlighted in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

2. EARLY YEARS PSR DEVELOPMENT FUND INVESTMENT (agenda item 6)

Members received a report from Donna Hall, Chief Executive, Wigan Council, supplementary to the AGMA budget monitoring report which provided an update on the £314k investment funding received from DCLG to support the Further and Faster implementation of Early Years (EY), seeking approval to the proposed options for investment of funding to help overcome some of the challenges of implementation of the EY new delivery model.

In addition the report proposed a potential match for the DCLG funding from the GM PSR Development Fund to enable GM achieve even greater outcomes and progress towards implementation.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the investment of £314k from DCLG to support the implementation of Early Years.
2. To agree the proposed areas for this investment as detailed in the report.

3. To approve the proposal to match the DCLG funding through the GM PSR Development Fund in order to achieve even greater outcomes.

3. BUSINESS RATES POOLING 2015/16 (agenda item 7)

Members received a received a report from Richard Paver, AGMA Treasurer, informing the meeting of the proposal to submit an outline proposal for the operation of a Business Rates Pool covering the 10 GM Districts and Cheshire East for the 2015/16 financial year.

The meeting was informed that all Districts have now signed off and agreed to enter into the pooling agreement. It was noted that Cheshire West had also expressed an interest in joining the pool in the future.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report and that the individual districts, via their S151 Officers, have signed and agreed to enter into a Business Rates Pooling agreement for 2015/16.
2. To note that a further report will be submitted in December on the then assessed position and outlining a process to reach a final decision on pooling for 2015/16.
3. To note that a final decision on whether to confirm participation in the Business Rates Pool for 2015/16 will need to be taken by individual districts at the time of the consultation on the provisional 2015/16 Settlement.

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.