

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 25th JANUARY 2013 AT ROCHDALE TOWN HALL

Decisions published on 30 January 2013 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 6 February 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, 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. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (agenda item 5)

The Combined Authority received a report from Charlie Parker, Environment Lead Chief Executive seeking approval of the final draft of the Greater Manchester Climate Change Strategy Implementation Plan 2011-2015.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the report; and
2. to approve the final draft of the Greater Manchester Climate Change Strategy Implementation Plan 2011-2015.

2. GREATER MANCHESTER POSITION ON GROWTH - HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT LAND REQUIREMENTS (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Planning & Housing Lead Chief Executive seeking endorsement for the progression of a project to develop a Greater Manchester strategy on future housing and employment land requirements to support growth.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the report;
2. that officers continue to develop proposals for an up-to-date GM strategy on the scale and distribution of housing and employment land required to deliver Greater Manchester's growth; and
3. that a future paper be brought back to confirm the timetable and processes for engaging with stakeholders on preparation of strategic documents.

3. FUTURE TRANSPORT PRIORITISATION – GOVERNANCE (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive TfGM informing members of the DfT publication of formal guidance for the establishment of Local Transport Bodies which will enable the devolution of major scheme funding from 2015.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the publication of formal DfT guidance on the establishment of Local Transport Bodies to manage future devolved major scheme funding;
2. to note the summary of guidance and the outline commentary on issues for Greater Manchester, including the requirement to submit an assurance framework for the future Greater Manchester LTB to DfT by the end of February; and
3. that a final draft assurance framework be brought back to the next meeting of the Combined Authority.

4. DEVOLUTION OF RAIL RE-FRANCHISING IN NORTH OF ENGLAND (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received a report from Howard Bernstein Head of Paid Service, GMCA and Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive TfGM providing Members with an update of the work currently underway on the potential devolution of rail re-franchising responsibility from the Department for Transport to the North of England.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the report;
2. to note that a report on this topic was discussed at TfGMC on 11th January;
3. to support Greater Manchester continuing to work with local authorities across the North to develop these proposals; and
4. that a report be brought back to a future GMCA meeting with a view to agreeing definitive governance and shadow-running proposals.

5. GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITIES PERMIT SCHEME (agenda item 9)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive TfGM updating members on the progress of implementing the Greater Manchester Road Activities Permit Scheme.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the report; and
2. that a report be brought to a future GMCA meeting to approve the GMRAPS Operating Agreement.

6. GREATER MANCHESTER IMPACT OF RECENT FORMAL RAIL BUSINESS PLANS (agenda item 10)

The Combined Authority received a report from Howard Bernstein Head of Paid Service, GMCA and Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive TfGM providing a briefing on the January publication of the Network Rail Strategic Business Plan and the Rail Industry Strategic Business Plan, highlighting issues that Greater Manchester might wish to include in its formal responses.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the report;

2. that officers review the two strategic plans in full, and that TfGMC approves the main elements of the initial response into the formal regulatory process, taking into account the issues set out in the final paragraph of this report; and
3. to note that specific issues Greater Manchester might comment on include (a) the timescales for some elements of the electrification programme, (b) clearer plans for the industry wide delivery of non-customer-facing efficiencies, and (c) governance arrangements for the smaller funding pots such as those for stations and customer journey improvements.

7. DfT LOCAL PINCH POINT FUND (agenda item 11)

The Combined Authority received a report of Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive TfGM informing members of the recent launch of a new DfT Local Pinch Point Fund and giving guidance on bids to the Fund and the arrangements in place to prepare a Greater Manchester package bid.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the launch of the DfT Local Pinch Point Fund and that bids are required by 21 February 2013;
2. to note that arrangements are underway to prepare a Greater Manchester package submission to the Fund; and
3. that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive of TfGM and the Head of the Paid Service, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of GMCA, the Chair of TfGMC and the Chair of the GMLEP, to agree the final submission to DfT.

8. BUDGETS (agenda item 13)

a. GMCA Revenue 2013/14 to 2015/16

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver GMCA Treasurer setting out-

- the GMCA budget for 2013/14
- the indicative budgets for 2014/15 and 2015/16, including the forecast outturn position for 2012/13
- the proposed Transport Levy and charges to support the Economic Development and Regeneration Functions for 2013/14; and
- the recommended allocations to the District Councils of Greater Manchester.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to approve the budget relating to the GMCA transport function for 2013/14 and the indicative budget proposals for 2014/15 and 2015/16 which will be subject to regular review;
2. to approve the budget relating to the GMCA Economic Development and Regeneration functions for 2013/14 and the indicative budget proposals for 2014/15 and 2015/16 which will be subject to regular review;
3. to note the issues which are affecting the 2013/14 transport budget and projections for 2014/15 and 2015/16 as detailed in the report;
4. to note the consultation process which has been undertaken by officers with the Transport Levy Scrutiny Panel and that the outcome of the consultation is a proposal that will result in a total levy for 2013/14 of £198.094 million;
5. to approve the overall proposed increase in the Transport Levy for 2013/14 of 3.6% which represents a 3% increase with respect to the Greater

- Manchester Transport Fund; and a 0.6% increase relating to funding for the rest of the budgeted costs;
6. to approve a Transport Levy on the district councils in 2013/14 of £198.094 million apportioned as set out in the report;
 7. to continue to support the provision of a county-wide demand responsive service for those who are unable to access conventional transport services; such support to be by way of a grant of up to £5.4 million, made under the provisions of s.106 of the Transport Act 1985 and s.99 and 102A of the Local Transport Act 2008, to the Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Trust (GMATT);
 8. to confirm the proposed increase in Bus Station Departure Charges of 3.2%, with effect from 1st April 2013;
 9. to approve the charges on the GM District Councils to support the Economic Development and Regeneration Functions in 2013/14 of £2.813 million as set out in the report;
 10. to approve the revised budget for 2012/13 and to note the forecast outturn for 2012/13 as detailed in paragraphs 5-13 of the report;
 11. to note and approve the position on reserves; and
 12. to note item 13d on the agenda - the recommendations of the report on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement Borrowing Limits and Annual Investment Strategy 2013/14.

b. GMCA Capital Programme 2013/14-2015/16

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer updating members on the forecast capital outturn position for 2012/13 and to present the 2013/14 capital programme and forward commitments for approval by the GMCA.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note that the current forecast capital expenditure for 2012/13;
2. to approve the one year capital programme 2013/14 and forward commitments;
3. to note that the capital programme will require a potential long term borrowing requirement of £429.3 million over the next three years and that provision has been made in the revenue budget for the associated financing costs;
4. to note that the capital programme will continue to be reviewed and any recommendations will be reported back to the Authority later in the financial year 2013/14;
5. to note that revised Treasury Management indicators have been reported in agenda item 13d to reflect the approved capital programme and updated cash flows;
6. to note that any schemes included in the programme which have not received specific approval will be brought back to the GMCA for approval in due course.

c. Centre of Excellence Budget 2013-14

The Combined Authority received a report from Paul Simpson, Manchester Family Chief Operating Officer outlining the budget request for the Manchester family of agencies - Marketing Manchester, MIDAS and New Economy for the financial year 2013/14.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. the budget for the Manchester family of agencies (Marketing Manchester, MIDAS and New Economy) for 2013/14; and
2. to receive a refreshed 3 year Business Plan at their meeting being held on 22 March.

d. Treasury Management Strategy

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer setting out the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Borrowing Limits for 2013/14 and Prudential Indicators for 2013/14 to 2015/16 which had been approved at the GMCA Audit Committee meeting held on 24 January 2013.

The Combined Authority AGREED the report.

PART B

9. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND (agenda item 16)

a. Greater Manchester Loan Fund

The Combined Authority received a report of Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment providing a summary of the Greater Manchester Loan Fund project that will provide loan finance for new and growing businesses in GM an outline of the outcomes that the fund will deliver, the outline proposed terms of appointment of the fund manager and the proposed fund governance arrangements.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to appoint the fund manager;
2. to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to scope out the nature of their appointment including procuring external legal advisors to assist with the necessary legal work and drafting of documents, including setting up the legal structure, expected to be as a limited partnership with the GMCA becoming the sole limited partner;
3. the award of £2 million Regional Growth Fund monies from the Greater Manchester RGF 3 programme, subject to satisfactory completion of due diligence;
4. to note the proposals for Manchester City Council to lend to the fund between £12-14 million and that the AGMA authorities agree to underwrite any losses alongside Manchester City Council in proportion to the resident population of each authority as at the date of the establishment of the fund; and
5. that the individual districts agree the appropriate form of guarantee and for Manchester City Council to consider making the loan.

b. Investment Decisions

The Combined Authority received a report of Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment summarising four new projects which have been reviewed by the Core Investment Team, Chief Executive Sub Group and Independent Advisor.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. that the Zen Internet Ltd, AppLearn Ltd, Ruk Bug Ltd and Poole's of Wigan Limited be recommended for conditional approval and progress to due diligence;
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, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation.

JOINT GMCA & AGMA REPORTS

10. AGMA BUDGET 2013/14 & REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2012/13 (agenda item 17)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer informing members of the revised forecast revenue outturn position for AGMA as at end December 2012 and provides details of the proposed budgets and district allocations for 2013/14 with regards to the AGMA Executive Board Functions.

The Combined Authority and Executive Board AGREED:

1. to note the current revenue outturn forecast for 2012/13, which is projecting an underspend of £148,000 - AGMA;
2. to approve the proposed AGMA budget for 2013/14 as detailed in the report;
3. to approve the District Allocations in respect of AGMA, as detailed in the report, apportioned using the Mid Year 2011 Population figures, unless otherwise stated;
4. to approve the utilisation of the Growing Places Fund grant allocated to GMCA as described in the report; and
5. to approve the use of non transport related funds from the GMCA to meet budget requirements as detailed in the report. To also note that any further shortfall at year end would be net from either growing places fund or general reserves.

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.