

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2013 AT SWINTON CIVIC CENTRE

Decisions published on 26th February 2013 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 5th March 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. FUTURE TRANSPORT PRIORITISATION GOVERNANCE (agenda item 5)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM summarising the assurance framework for the future Local Transport Body (LTB) for Greater Manchester, in line with recent DfT guidance, which will enable the devolution of major scheme funding from 2015.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To endorse the draft Greater Manchester LTB assurance framework for submission to DfT based on the outline proposals as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
2. The membership composition for the future Greater Manchester LTB be as follows:
 - GMCA Transport Lead Member, Councillor Matthew Colledge, Trafford Council.
 - Three additional GMCA Members: Councillor Peter Smith, Wigan Council, Mayor Ian Stewart, Salford CC and Councillor Mike Connelly, Bury Council.
 - Chair of TfGMC.
 - Chair of TfGMC Capital Projects and Policy Sub-Committee.
 - Chair of GM LEP and one further non-local authority LEP member nominee, to be confirmed at next LEP meeting.
 - Chair and Lead Transport member of the BLC.
3. To receive a further report on the mobilisation arrangements for the future LTB on completion of the review of the assurance framework with DfT.

2. HIGH SPEED RAIL (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM informing Members of the recent Government announcement regarding Phase 2 of the proposed HS2 high speed rail line.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note the report.
2. To support the case for early delivery of the project.
3. That officers be requested to continue to work with representatives from HS2 Ltd, Department for Transport, relevant districts, Manchester Airports Group and Network Rail to deliver the proposals and ensure maximum benefit are achieved at the chosen station locations.

3. RAIL RE-FRANCHISING IN NORTH OF ENGLAND (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority received a verbal update from Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Services, GMCA on the progress of the rail re-franchising process since their last meeting held in January. Leaders across all the North of England Local Transport Authorities had recently met at all events confirming commitment, work going forward and including governance.

The Combined Authority AGREED to receive a further update report at their meeting in March or April which will include a timetable and proposed approach for taking it forward.

PART B

4. INVESTIGATING THE POTENTIAL FOR THE REPATRIATION OF TEXTILES MANUFACTURING JOBS TO THE UK (agenda item 10)

The Combined Authority received a report of Mike Emmerich, Chief Executive, New Economy providing an update on the emerging findings of the project.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To endorse the continued work of the textile core team for a further period of 12 months to allow them to develop the work and programme as set out in the report.
2. That the continued costs of the team be funded by the Combined Authority/LEP.
3. The next steps of the textiles work programme and the opportunities for leveraging as detailed in the report and noted that further reports would come back in due course.

5. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND – PROJECTS FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL (agenda item 11)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment seeking approval for two investment projects requesting resources from the GM Investment Framework.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. That the two investment project applications as detailed in the report 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.

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.