

## GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

### **DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2013 AT FRED PERRY HOUSE STOCKPORT**

**Decisions published on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and will come into force from 4:00pm  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 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 [a.sparrow@agma.gov.uk](mailto:a.sparrow@agma.gov.uk) & [n.ward@agma.gov.uk](mailto:n.ward@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. GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITIES PERMIT SCHEME (agenda item 5)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM informing members of the progress of implementing the Greater Manchester Road Activities Permit Scheme detailing the proposed commencement date for the Scheme and seeking approval to enter into the Operating Agreement with TfGM and the Greater Manchester Local Authorities to implement the Scheme.

The Combined Authority AGREED to:

1. Note the contents of the report;
2. Note that the Commencement Date for the Scheme shall be 29th April 2013;
3. Authorise the entering into of an Agreement with the Greater Manchester Local Authorities and TfGM in relation to joint working on terms to be approved by the Head of Paid Service of the GMCA.

#### **2. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER (agenda item 6)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM seeking approval to convert the current interim TfGM Chief Operating Officer role to a permanent position.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. That approval be given to the establishment of a permanent post of Chief Operating Officer, TfGM;
2. To approve the recruitment process for the appointment of the Chief Operating Officer, including the establishment of a panel consisting of the Combined Authority Transport Lead - Councillor Colledge, one other member of the Combined Authority - Councillor Morris and the Chair of TfGMC with

responsibility for recommending an appointment and a remuneration package; and

3. To note that a report will be submitted to GMCA at the conclusion of the process to ratify the appointment and the remuneration package.

### **3. CYCLE CITY AMBITION GRANT (agenda item 7)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM providing information relating to a recent Department for Transport announcement with regard to the Cycle City Ambition Grant and requesting agreement of the process for bidding for this funding and the process by which the final form of the bid will be approved.

The Combined Authority AGREED to:

1. Note the progress to date with the development of a Greater Manchester Cycle City Ambition Grant submission;
2. Approve the final form of the bid to be delegated to the Head of the Paid Service and the Chief Executive of TfGM in consultation with the Chair of GMCA, the GMCA Transport Lead and the Chair of TfGMC.

### **4. DRAFT GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY (agenda item 8)**

The Combined Authority received a report of Mike Emmerich, Chief Executive, New Economy detailing the draft refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy and a supporting paper setting out a series of proposed headline measures by which to assess progress in implementing the GMS. The paper also sets out proposals for consultation.

The Combined Authority AGREED to:

1. Approve the draft strategy for consultation purposes;
2. Endorse the proposal to host a GMS conference; and
3. Receive a further paper at the July meeting detailing the outcome of the consultation.

### **5. GREATER MANCHESTER INTERNATIONALISATION STRATEGY (agenda item 9)**

The Combined Authority received a report of Mike Emmerich, Chief Executive, New Economy and Tim Newns, Chief Executive, Midas recommending the best way forward for GM to support greater internationalisation of trade, investment, business support, marketing and other collaborative opportunities.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To endorse the proposed focus for GM partners on building links with the six key markets set out in the report: Europe, USA, China, Brazil, the United Arab Emirates, and India;
2. That the Chief Executive of New Economy work with the Chief Executives of the new GM Growth Company, MIDAS, Marketing Manchester and the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce to develop implementation

proposals on the back of the Strategy to be brought back to a future meeting of the GMCA and the LEP.

**6. MANCHESTER FAMILY BUSINESS PLAN (agenda item 10)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Paul Simpson, Manchester Family Chief Operating Officer detailing the refreshed three year business plan and an outline of the collective contribution of the Centres of Excellence to the Greater Manchester priorities for growth, the key deliverable areas and key performance indicators.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To approve the activities proposed in the business plan;
2. To receive an updated/revised business plan in quarter 4 2013/14; and
3. That performance management of progress against the business plan continue to be undertaken by the GM LEP and Centre of Excellence boards.

**7. EMPTY HOMES: FURTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (agenda item 11)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport Council and lead Chief Executive for Planning & Housing detailing the intended bid for resources from the HCA to bring empty homes back into use as affordable housing.

The Combined Authority AGREED the submission of a bid for further resources by the established GMCA led consortium, with the accompanying supporting statement as described in the report..

**8. GREATER MANCHESTER TOWN CENTRES PROJECT: CONCLUDING REPORT (agenda item 12)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport Council and lead Chief Executive for Planning & Housing presenting the conclusions from the recently completed Greater Manchester town centres project including the results of individual reviews for each of the eight principal town centres and proposals for further work..

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To approve the final draft report from the GM town centres project;
3. To authorise officers to continue to develop work on an investment fund for driving long term change within town centres;.
4. That a report be brought to a future meeting with more details of the potential investment fund; and
5. To authorise officers to continue to develop a GM wide delivery plan, along with individual plans for each of the eight town centres, so that momentum is maintained.

## **PART B**

### **9. NORTH WEST EVERGREEN FUND (agenda item 15)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Services providing an update in relation to the North West Evergreen Fund.

The Combined Authority AGREED to note the report and the Annual Investment Advisor's Report for the North West Evergreen Fund.

### **10. GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (agenda item 16)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport Council, lead Chief Executive for Investment and Charlie Parker, Chief Executive, Oldham Council, lead Chief Executives for Environment providing a summary of a funding application submitted by ENWORKS.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To Grant conditional approval of the award of up to £860,000 RGF funds, from April 2013 to June 2015, from GMIF to the ENWORKS Business Resource Efficiency Programme, subject to securing the corresponding European Regional Development Fund (ERDF);
2. To delegate the authority to the Head of Paid Services, Monitoring Officer and the Treasurer in consultation with the Lead Chief Executives for Environment and Investment to finalise and agree the details of the award; and
3. That officers be requested to continued dialogue with ERDF colleagues in relation to the lack of flexibility with appropriate match funding.

## **JOINT GMCA & AGMA MATTERS**

### **11. GREEN INVESTMENT BANK - PROGRESS REPORT (agenda item 17)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Charlie Parker, Chief Executive, Oldham Council and lead Chief Executive for Environment providing an update in relation to the ongoing work with the Green Investment Bank including a potential joint venture arrangement and proposals to further develop the GM low carbon project pipeline.

The Combined Authority AGREED to:

1. Note the progress made in developing a low carbon pipeline in GM and to the work with the Green Investment Bank.
2. To receive a further more detailed report to a future meeting.

## 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.