

# **ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES**

## **DECISIONS MADE BY THE AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2014**

**Decisions published on 4 July 2014 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 11 July 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 [k.bond@agma.gov.uk](mailto: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. HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14 (agenda item 12)**

The Executive Board received a report from Councillor John O'Brien, Chair, GM Health Scrutiny Panel on the activity undertaken by the Panel over the past 12 months.

The Executive Board AGREED:

To note the report.

### **2. AGMA REVENUE OUTTURN 2013/14 (agenda item 13)**

The Executive Board received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, informing members of the revenue outturn positions for 2013/14 and to note the position on reserves.

The Executive Board AGREED:

1. To note the revenue outturn position for 2013/14 which is an underspend of £1,115,000.
2. To note the position on reserves as detailed in paragraph 2 of the report.
3. To approve the carry forward requests as detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the report and that the carry forward requests approved will be funded, as appropriate, from the balance declared on general reserves as at 31 March 2014.
4. To note that the statement of accounts will be completed by 30 June 2014 and signed by the AGMA Treasurer in accordance with audit requirements.
5. To note that the final outturn position is subject to the completion of the annual external audit to be finalised by 30 September 2014.

## **ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA**

### **3. ASYLUM DISPERSAL IN THE NORTH WEST (agenda item 15)**

The Executive Board received a report from Steven Pleasant, Chief Executive, Tameside MBC updating members on the current position in respect of COMPASS (asylum dispersal contract).

The Executive Board AGREED:

1. That officers continue to engage with the Home Office and Serco, to ensure that the delivery of the COMPASS contracts does not transfer a significant amount of risk to non-contracted parties.
2. That AGMA engage with the Home Office to develop a joint response to progress the agenda around the widening of dispersal, thus alleviating the increased pressures on local services. The needs of asylum seekers are recognised but the Government should be asked to meet the full costs, including resources required to support the transitional requirements of asylum seekers once they have the right to remain.
3. That AGMA formally request improved management information from the Home Office through a meeting between Ministers, Serco and local authorities.
4. That the use of hotels to accommodate asylum seekers in Greater Manchester is not considered appropriate and therefore not supported.
5. That all Greater Manchester MPs be asked to support the requests to the Home Office and in particular in relation to widening dispersal and the use of hotels to accommodate asylum seekers.

### **4. SECTION 48 – UPDATE AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR APRIL 2015 ONWARDS (agenda item 16)**

The Executive Board received a report presented by Sean Harriss, Chief Executive, Bolton Council providing an update on the performance and governance of the current S48 AGMA Grants programme and giving recommendations for a future programme.

The Executive Board AGREED:

1. To note update on the current S48 AGMA Grants programme and that a new scheme with new criteria is not recommended at this time.
2. That officers launch a new 3 year programme under the current S48 scheme to run from April 2015 to March 2018.
3. To freeze the budget at the current programme level of £9,993k over 3 years but that a commitment is made to guarantee the 1st year of funding only. Years 2 and 3 would be in principle only and subject to future AGMA budget availability.

## **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.