

**DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Decisions published on 2 October 2014 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 10 October 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 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, PO 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. GMCA CORPORATE RISK REGISTER (agenda item 6)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer presenting the revised Combined Authority Risk Register following the annual review and consideration by Audit Committee.

The Combined Authority AGREED to approve the Risk Register.

**2. GREATER MANCHESTER SKILLS CAPITAL - PROPOSED PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS (agenda item 7)**

The Combined Authority received a report Theresa Grant, Chief Executive, Trafford Council outlining from the proposed process and next steps to deliver the Skills Capital Funding announced in the Greater Manchester Local Growth Deal in July 2014. The report sets out the work that is underway to ensure that Greater Manchester is best placed to deploy skills capital in a strategic and cost efficient way which contributes to the GM Growth and Reform Plan.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To approve the proposed GM process and timescale.
3. To agree that the GM Skills and Employment Partnership lead the process under the direction of the Portfolio Leader and will report back to the GMCA.
4. To note that New Economy to support the process and where required, expertise will be drawn from the Skills Funding Agency and the Greater Manchester Core Investment Team.

### **3. NORTH WEST EVERGREEN FUND - ADDITIONAL ERDF (agenda item 8)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, which sets out proposals to potentially enhance the investment capacity of the North West Evergreen Fund should additional funding become available within the European Regional Development Fund 2007-13 Programme.

The Combined Authority AGREED to endorse the enhancement of the Evergreen Fund's capacity by up to £11m.

### **4. GREATER MANCHESTER CITY DEAL: HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY UPDATE (agenda item 9)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, providing an update following further dialogue with Homes and Communities Agency regarding the terms for the investment and repayment of those funds, since the Combined Authority approved key principles for the treatment of Homes and Communities Agency funds in line with commitments set out in the GM City Deal in March 2014.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. That the GMCA will be the principal body for overseeing the governance of City Deal receipts, the investment of which will continue to adhere to the key principles agreed by GMCA in March 2014.
2. To approve the proposals for Manchester City Council to receive and administer City Deal receipts on the GMCA's behalf.
3. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the lead Chief Executive for Investment, to negotiate and agree the detailed terms of the legal agreement the GMCA will enter into with Manchester City Council and the HCA to give effect to the proposals.

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

### **5. UPDATE ON LOGISTICS REPORT (agenda item 12)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing an update on the logistics study.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note the consultant's logistics report as an important contribution to the evidence base on the longer term future of the logistics industry in Greater Manchester, but not formally adopted as a Greater Manchester position by the GMCA.
2. To agree that Transport for Greater Manchester establishes a focal point for freight and logistics issues for Greater Manchester, recognising the important part this plays in overall Greater Manchester strategic development.
3. To agree that Transport for Greater Manchester undertakes a wider piece of work, supported by District and New Economy colleagues, in the light of the One North study, to look at the full implications of freight movement from

Liverpool Superport, the east coast Humber and Tees ports, and Manchester Airport's World Freight Terminal, to develop an overall logistics strategy for the region.

**6. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (agenda item 13)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking conditional approval to projects.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. That the project funding applications detailed in the report be given 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 and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans/grants.

## **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.