

**DECISIONS MADE AT THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON 29 MAY 2015**

**Decisions published on the 4th June 2015 and will come into force from 4:00pm on
the 11th June 2015, 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 GMCA and AGMA's constitution. The address for the purposes of the schedule is that of the GMCA & 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

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 FUNDING OF THE BUSINESS GROWTH HUB AND BUSINESS GROWTH SERVICES (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority considered a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer and Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, detailing funding issues over the 2015-18 period for business growth support in Greater Manchester, and proposes that Combined Authority funding forms part of the funding of business growth and in doing so provides and underwrites associated European Regional Development Fund match funding.

RESOLVED/-

To agree that the Combined Authority provide for three years £5.8M and underwrite (for ERDF bidding purposes) £5.8M of funding for the Business Growth Hub.

2. MINUTES – GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD 18 May 2015 (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority received the minutes from the GM LEP Board held on 18 May 2015 and were asked to approve the decision at minute number 15/43- European Structural and Investment Funds for 2014/20 to provide funding of £5m of GM's Local Growth Funding to ensure that the Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre project can be brought forward without delay.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the minutes of the GM LEP meeting held on 18 May 2015.
2. To approve the GM LEP recommendation to provide £5m of Local Growth Funding should be used to support the Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

3. GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL-SKILLS CAPITAL BUSINESS CASE RECOMMENDATION (agenda item 9)

The Combined Authority considered a report of Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking approval to make an offer of grant to Manchester Growth Company for the refurbishment of various training centres across Greater Manchester. The scheme was identified in the Growth Deal announced by Government in 2015, and the grant will be funded from Skills Capital funding included within Greater Manchester's Local Growth Fund and is in line with the recommendation of the sub-group of the GM Chief Executives Investment Group.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve an offer of grant of £215,744, subject to the following conditions:
 - a satisfactory outcome to financial and state-aid due diligence;
 - a lease with a minimum of 5 years unexpired term is to be in place for each training centre prior to the drawdown of grant for works to that training centre;
 - a detailed schedule of works and equipment to be funded with the grant is to be agreed for each training centre prior to the drawdown of the grant against those works and equipment.
2. To approve the submission of the proposed grant offer to the GM LEP for endorsement.
3. To delegate authority to Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, to review further due diligence information and to complete funding agreement documentation in relation to the grant.

EXTRACT FROM THE GMCA and AGMA CONSTITUTION

Call in of decisions

5.1 Call in of decisions of Executive Board, GMCA and TfGMC

5.1.1 Members of the Scrutiny Pool appointed under this Protocol will have the power to call in:-

- (i) any decision of the Executive Board;
- (ii) any decision of the GMCA;
- (iii) any major or strategic decision of the TfGMC which is taken by the TfGMC in accordance with the delegations set out in Schedule 1, Parts B, C and D of this Operating Agreement.

5.2 Publication of Notice of Decisions

5.2.1 When:-

- (i) a decision is made by the Executive Board or the GMCA, or
- (ii) a major or strategic decision is made by the TfGMC in accordance with the delegations set out in Schedule 1, Parts B, C and D of this Operating Agreement,

the decision shall be published, including where possible by electronic means, and shall be available from 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.

5.2.2 The notices referred to at paragraph 5.2.1 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.

5.3 Call-in of decisions of Executive Board, GMCA, and TfGMC

5.3.1 During the "Call-in" period specified at paragraph 5.2.2 above the Secretary shall:-

- (a) call-in a decision of the Executive Board for scrutiny by a joint meeting of Scrutiny Pool members if so requested by any five members from the Scrutiny Pool, and shall then notify members of the Executive Board of the call-in. The Secretary shall call a joint meeting of Scrutiny Pool members on such date as he/she may determine, where possible after consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Pool, and in any case within 2 weeks of the decision to call-in;

- (ii) call-in a decision of the GMCA for scrutiny by a joint meeting of Scrutiny Pool members if so requested by any five members from the Scrutiny Pool, and shall then notify members of the GMCA of the call-in. The Secretary shall call a joint meeting of Scrutiny Pool members on such date as he/she may determine, where possible after consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Pool, and in any case within 2 weeks of the decision to call-in;
- (iii) call in a major or strategic decision made by the TfGMC in accordance with the delegations set out in Schedule 1, Parts B, C and D of this Operating Agreement for scrutiny by a joint meeting of Scrutiny Pool members if so requested by any five members from the Scrutiny Pool, and shall then notify members of the TfGMC of the call-in. The Secretary shall call a joint meeting of Scrutiny Pool members on such date as he/she may determine, where possible after consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Pool, and in any case within 2 weeks of the decision to call-in.

5.3.2 If, having considered :-

- (i) a decision made by the Executive Board or the GMCA; or
- (ii) a major or strategic decision made by the TfGMC in accordance with the delegations set out in Schedule 1, Parts B, C and D of this Operating Agreement;

the joint meeting of Scrutiny Pool members is still concerned about it, then it may refer it back to the Executive Board, the GMCA or the TfGMC (as appropriate) for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns. If a decision is referred by a joint meeting of Scrutiny Pool members to the Executive Board, the GMCA or the TfGMC (as appropriate), then the Executive Board, the GMCA or the TfGMC (as appropriate) will reconsider the decision before adopting a final decision.

5.3.3 If, following an objection to:-

- (i) a decision of the Executive Board, or the GMCA; or
- (ii) a major or strategic decision made by the TfGMC in accordance with the delegations set out in Schedule 1, Parts B, C and D of this Operating Agreement;

the joint meeting of Scrutiny Pool members does not refer it back to the Executive Board or the GMCA or the TfGMC (as appropriate) for reconsideration, the decision shall take effect on the date of the joint meeting of Scrutiny Pool members.

5.3.4 The call-in procedure set out above, shall not apply where:-

- (i) the decision being taken by the Executive Board, or the GMCA; or
- (ii) the major or strategic decision made by the TfGMC in accordance with the delegations set out in Schedule 1, Parts B, C and D of this Operating Agreement;

is urgent.

A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the interests of the GMCA, the Constituent Councils, or the residents and/or businesses of Greater Manchester. The record of the decision and the notice by which it is made public shall state whether in the opinion of the decision making body, the decision is an urgent one, and therefore not subject to call-in. The Executive Board or the GMCA or the TfGMC (as appropriate) must agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.

5.3.5 The call-in procedure set out above, shall not apply where:-

- (i) a decision taken or matter to be considered by the GMCA or the Executive Board, or
- (ii) a major or strategic decision taken or to be considered by TfGMC, where
- (iii) the joint meeting of the Scrutiny Pool members has already reviewed the decision or matter under either the call-in procedure or pre-policy scrutiny.