

## GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

### DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

Decisions published on 29 April 2013 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 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, 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. APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER (agenda item 5)**

The Combined Authority were asked to confirm the appointment of Liz Treacy, recently appointed City Solicitor of Manchester City Council, as the GMCA's Monitoring Officer, from 16 May 2013, following the current Monitoring Officer's retirement.

The Combined Authority approved the appointment of Liz Treacy as the GMCA's Monitoring Officer, from 16 May 2013.

#### **2. CITY DEAL BUSINESS CASES (agenda item 6)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer and Mike Emmerich, Chief Executive New Economy detailing progress around the two business cases within the skills element of the GM City Deal and to request that the Greater Manchester Combined Authority will be the accountable body for both business cases.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the activity to deliver both City Deal skills business cases between now and 2015.
2. to approve that the Authority enters into a 3 year funding agreement with the Skills Funding Agency as accountable body in respect of the City Deal and skills business cases, delegating authority to the Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to finalise and agree the funding terms and conditions with the Skills Funding Agency and authorising one of them to sign the funding agreement to the Authority's seal when the terms have been agreed. See Appendix 1 for the draft funding agreement.
3. to note that New Economy as the delivery partner will expend some resources prior to the first claim and agree that it will be reimbursed for such expenditure, providing it is in accordance with the detail in paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the report.
4. to delegate authority to the Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to approve the establishment and application of the necessary financial, legal, administration,

grant and procurement processes, including entry in to the agreements resulting from such, which are necessary to facilitate the funding agreement. This will include authority to approve the legal agreement to enable the reimbursement of funding to New Economy as referred to in resolution 3 above.

5. that in accordance with paragraph 5 of part 5b, scrutiny arrangements for GMCA of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's constitution and having consulted with the relevant statutory officers, to approve the matter as urgent, in that any delay caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the interests of the Combined Authority and the residents and/or businesses of Greater Manchester, see paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 of the report.

### **3. LEP REVIEW OUTCOME (agenda item 7)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Services, presented by Mike Blackburn, LEP Chair detailing the outcome of the review of the private sector membership of the Local Enterprise Partnership

The Combined Authority AGREED to:

1. endorse the proposed new private sector membership of the LEP as detailed in Section 4 of the report.
2. offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the previous members of the LEP, who it's hoped will continue to play a full and active role in the business leadership of Greater Manchester.

### **4. HOUSING GROWTH: IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (agenda item 9)**

The Combined Authority received a report of Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport Council and lead Chief Executive for Planning & Housing providing a summary of recent Government announcements on housing and an initial view on potential implications for Greater Manchester.

The Combined Authority AGREED to note the report.

### **5. HOUSING INVESTMENT BOARD – BUSINESS PLAN (agenda item 10)**

The Combined Authority received a report of Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport Council and lead Chief Executive for Planning & Housing seeking GMCA's approval of the first business plan for the GM Housing Investment Board.

The Combined Authority approved the Business Plan.

### **6. GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE – 10 April 2013**

The Combined Authority received the minutes of the meeting of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 10 April 2013 and were asked to endorse the committee's decisions in relation to the GMCA Audit Committee Independent Member as set out in minute item 39/12.

The Combined Authority endorsed the committee's decisions in relation to the GMCA Audit Committee Independent Member.

## PART B

### **7. GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (agenda item 13)**

The Combined Authority received a report of Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport Council seeking approval for three new investment projects seeking resources from the GM Investment Framework in addition to changes or points of confirmation in respect of projects previously approved by the Combined Authority.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

- that the project funding applications, as contained within the report now submitted, be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
1. 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 three loans.
  3. that the variations to the previously agreed Tamicare RGF grant application and note a correction of a typographical error in respect of the previously agreed AppLearn loan application.

## JOINT GMCA & AGMA REPORTS

### **7. GMCA/AGMA NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS 2013/14 (agenda item 14)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Donna Hall, GMCA / AGMA Secretary detailing the process for seeking appointments and nominations for 2013/14.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. the portfolio roles for 2013/14 as outlined in the table at appendix 1 of the report.
2. to note and approve the changes and modifications to the overall governance structure and nomination guides as listed in paragraph 3.3 to 3.7 and presented in appendix 2 of the report.
3. to note and agree proposals for appointments and nominations for outside bodies in 2013/14 as set out in the appendix 3 to the report.

## 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.