

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 26 JULY 2013

Decisions published on 31st July 2013 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 7th August 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

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. EARNBACK MODEL, SEMMMS AND METROLINK TRAFFORD PARK (agenda item 5)

The Combined Authority received a report from the Head of Paid Service outlining the operation of the Earnback Model and the investment that this agreement unlocks

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. Note the key principles of the Earnback formula set out in the report;
2. To approve a funding package of £290 million for the SEMMMS A6 to Ringway Road works through a combination of £165 million of specific DfT capital grant, £105 million of additional capital grant funding being made available by Government in the context of the Earnback deal, and £20 million of existing LTP top slice allocation.
3. To approve the undertaking of short term prudential borrowings by the GMCA Treasurer that may be required as a result of differences in the timing of scheme expenditure and grant funding. Based on current expenditure and grant profiles, the short term borrowing requirements are forecast to peak at approximately £20 million in 2017/18 which are repaid at the end of the programme.
4. To approve that the GMCA Treasurer, as the s.151 officer for GMCA, will conclude the sign off of grant offer letters with central government.
5. To note the proposed further development and finalisation of the Trafford Park Metrolink extension business case and request that a report on progress is brought back in no more than three months to enable the GMCA to take a decision about the pace of implementation in the light of the business case outcomes and resource availability.
6. To approve funding of up to £5 million for the Trafford Park Metrolink extension, to develop an updated full business case at a cost of up to £2 million and to

procure 'long lead' items for the 8 additional trams at a cost of approximately £3 million, to be met from the GMTF.

2. EMPTY HOMES (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, providing details of the latest funding secured for empty homes work and a brief update on the delivery of the empty homes programmes for which funding had already been secured.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To welcome the additional funding secured for empty homes.
2. To support the work to develop and implement a GM-wide communications strategy to aid delivery of the expanded programme.

3. GMCA REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, Treasurer to the GMCA, providing information on the 2013/14 forecast revenue outturn position as at end June 2013.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note that the latest revenue forecast for 2013/14 is projecting a surplus of £88,000 arising primarily from additional income.
2. To note and approve the revised budget, in particular:
 - rephrasing and re-categorisation of the transport grants
 - the transfer of funding from AGMA to the Combined Authority in relation to the Investment Core Strategy team
 - the revised funding allocations for Economic Development and Regeneration grants

4. GMCA CAPITAL MONITORING 2013/14 (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, Treasurer to the GMCA, providing an update in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2013/14 capital expenditure programme.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note the actual expenditure as at June 2013 and the current 2013/14 forecast compared to the 2013/14 capital budget agreed by GMCA in January 2013.
2. To note and approve capital expenditure of up to £2.3 million, as included in GMCA's approved capital programme, for the delivery of the re-location of the Cenotaph memorial in St. Peter's Square.
3. To note and approve the finalisation of agreements for capital expenditure, as included in GMCA's approved capital programme, for the delivery of the Wythenshawe Interchange.

4. To note that a Greater Manchester Transport Fund update report will be presented to the September 2013 meeting of the Combined Authority.
5. To note the current position for the Growing Places Fund and Regional Growth Fund.
6. To note and approve the increase in the capital programme in respect of the Empty Homes Programme.

5. GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY – CONSULTATION REPORT (agenda item 10)

The Combined Authority received a report from Mike Emmerich, Chief Executive, Commission for the New Economy, summarising the feedback received through the Greater Manchester Strategy consultation process, and proposed amendments to the draft strategy in response to that feedback.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To receive the summary of consultation responses reflects reported in the report.
2. To approve the amendment of the strategy as outlined which takes into account the responses received.
3. To endorse proposals to engage communications consultants to assist with the preparation of a plain English version of the strategy, an executive summary and development of a promotional strategy.

6. GM'S INITIAL FUTURE TRANSPORT PRIORITIES FOR MAJOR SCHEME FUNDING BETWEEN 2015/16 AND 2018/19 (agenda item 11)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, updating Members on GM initial Future Transport Priorities for Major Scheme Funding.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To approve the prioritised list recommended by the GM LTB, to be submitted to DfT by the deadline of the end of July 2013.
2. To note the progress being made to gain DfT approval for the Devolved Majors Assurance Framework.
3. To note the current position regarding devolved majors funding.

7. MANCHESTER SOLUTIONS GOVERNANCE (agenda item12)

The Combined Authority received a report from Barbara Spicer, Chief Executive, Salford City Council, providing the initial results of the recent review and seeking approval of the proposed way forward for that Board.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To agree the GMCA should progress the restructure of Economic Solutions Ltd (the Company) as set out in this report.
2. To agree the new structure of the Company should include equal public and private sector ownership and to enter into discussions with the GM Chamber of Commerce to determine their role as equal partners in the structure.
4. To agree a cap on Board membership of 11, comprising 5 directors nominated by AGMA, noting that AGMA would be asked to nominate representatives to the Board at its meeting in August, 3 directors nominated by the GM Chamber and 3 director nominated by the LEP .
5. To agree that any final structure should deliver some degree of flexibility and appropriate delegation.
6. To delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service and the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the GMCA, to work with Economic Solutions and the GM Chamber of Commerce to progress the changes to the Company structure and objects.

8. GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (agenda item E1)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking approval for the Mono Pumps and Headen & Quarmby investment projects.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To agree the project funding applications by Mono Pumps (grant of £3,000,000) and Headen & Quarmby (loan of £170,000) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To agree to the reallocation of the funding for Leopold Street (£1,000,000 loan) from Regional Grant Fund 2 to Growing Places.
3. To delegate authority to the Treasurer and 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 grant and loan as above.

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.