

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2013

Decisions published on 1 October 2013 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 9 October 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. GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT FUND UPDATE (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority received a report from the Head of Paid Service and the Treasurer, GMCA and the Chief Executive, TfGM updating members in relation to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund and other strategic public transport schemes.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the contents of the report, including in particular the scheme funding and financing strategy set out in section 6 of the report.
2. to approve the release of £7.9 million in relation to the Leigh, Salford, Manchester Busway and a further £19.1 million in relation to the Cross City Bus Scheme from the Greater Manchester Transport Fund, as included in GMCA's approved capital programme to instruct works to enable the scheme delivery to proceed, including the placing of contracts for construction works, utility diversions and other costs.
3. to approve the release of £19.8 million from the Capital Programme Allowance, as included in GMCA's approved capital programme, to fund costs relating to the delivery of the Metrolink Capital programme.
4. to note that an update report will be presented to GMCA in October in relation to the Metrolink Trafford Line scheme and the timing and phasing of the works for the Second City Crossing.
5. to note that further updates on the Fund will be brought back to GMCA at regular intervals.

2. GM STRATEGY: REVISED DRAFT AND PLAIN ENGLISH SUMMARY (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority received a revised draft GM Strategy from Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Service detailing amendments made following the GMCA meeting in July. Also presented (attached at annex B) was a plain English summary version of the Strategy which is to be used for engagement with wider partners to help communicate the vision and broad themes of the GMS more effectively to residents, businesses and non specialist audiences.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to approve the revised Greater Manchester Strategy, attached at Annex A.
2. to approve the 'plain English' summary of the GMS attached at Annex B, including design and format of the document.
3. to note that a revised version of the full strategy will be produced using the same design principles.
4. to delegate sign off of the final draft of both the full strategy and the summary to the Chair and Vice Chairs of the GMCA and Chair of the GMLEP.

3. STRATEGIC GROWTH AND REFORM PLAN (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Chief Executive, Manchester City Council detailing key points from the Government guidance on Strategic Economic Plans, EU Structural Fund Investment Strategies and the ongoing dialogue about developing a framework for the wider reform programme, proposing the development of a Greater Manchester place-based Growth and Reform Plan that complies with the guidance but that delivers against the breadth of our objectives and emphasises the interconnectivity of the growth and reform agendas.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. the proposed approach to developing a Strategic Growth and Reform Plan for GM as set out in the report.
2. to note proposals to develop a draft plan in consultation with the LEP Chair and Leader portfolio holders during September, with a full draft to be considered for approval by the GM LEP and GMCA in October.

4. LONG TERM RAIL STRATEGY (agenda item 9)

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Dave Newton, TfGM summarising the key aspects of the Rail North draft Long Term Rail Strategy presenting a framework for how rail in the North of England could develop over the next twenty years.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the contents of this report.
2. that a consultation response be sent to Rail North as presented at Appendix 1 of the report.
3. to invite David Higgins to a future meeting of the GMCA.
4. That officers be also be requested to report back on a review of the more local impacts of the strategy, in particular the potential of making better use of existing lines and stations currently unused, which might benefit residents.

5. LOW CARBON HUB PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORK (agenda item 10)

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Carolyn Wilkins, Oldham Council detailing the Low Carbon Procurement Framework (attached at Annex 1) to be used when investments are being made on behalf of the Low Carbon Hub and requested that this framework is also considered by the GMCA for use in wider procurement activities to support the objectives of the GM Climate Change Strategy, agreed by AGMA/GMCA in 2012, and glean the associated economic and social benefits across GM districts.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to endorse the Low Carbon Hub Board's proposal that all tenders let for Low Carbon Hub projects should be subject to the procurement framework attached at Annex 1 of the report.
2. the further dissemination of the Low Carbon Hub Procurement Framework to all local authority procurement teams for consideration beyond Low Carbon Hub Investments.
3. that officers report back in 6 months time, on the extent to which districts have embedded the frame work within their procurement process.

6. MANCHESTER FAMILY STRUCTURE (agenda item 11)

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Service bringing forward proposals, following extensive consultation with stakeholders, to deliver full integration of functions for the Manchester Family structures and to strengthen the democratic accountability and arrangements for securing the effective oversight of these functions, as the next crucial stage of a review process, which was commenced over 18 months ago.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to endorse the principles set out in paragraph 7 of the report as the key objectives to be met by the next stage of the review of the Manchester Family structures – principles which have now been agreed with stakeholders.
2. that a Company Limited by Guarantee (effectively owned by the GMCA) be established to enable members of the GMLEP (as agreed by the GMCA following recommendations made to the GMCA by the LEP) to exercise clear and direct responsibilities over the activities of, and outcomes delivered by, the new Group Board (and subsidiary structures under it) which has been established as a new partnership structure between the GMCA and business to assume direct responsibility for Manchester Family structures.
3. to invite the GM LEP to nominate 5 nominees to serve on the Board and the Group Structure, of which no more than 2 members shall be from the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce; and to note that the Chief Executive of the Chamber will remain an adviser to the Group Board.
4. that Marketing Manchester should become a formal and direct part of the new group structure, requiring changes to the constitutional arrangements of the present Company to provide direct nomination rights to the Group Board.
5. that while New Economy will remain directly accountable to the GMCA, given its strategic role across the growth and reform agendas, and therefore will retain a direct reporting relationship to GMCA, it should also be included in the new Group structure for the reasons stated in the report.
6. that a new name for the New Economy should be brought forward and that the Company should remain wholly-owned by the GMCA.
7. that the MIDAS Company will be included in the new Company and that it will remain wholly-owned by GMCA.
8. that the Group Chief Executive, working with the other Chief Executives of the Family structures, be requested to bring forward as soon as possible to the GMCA and GMLEP, through the Group Board, outline organisational and service management arrangements, including proposals for the creation of subsidiary structures of the Group Board to oversee the operational delivery of the various functions, having regard to the effective alignment of Executive and political leadership responsibilities and the principles described in paragraph 17 of this report.
9. that the Group Chief Executive be charged with the responsibility for leading a fundamental review of priorities and resourcing of the new Group structure and to

bring forward for presentation to the GMCA and the GMLEP, through the Group Board, no later than December, a single integrated Business Plan for all Group functions to inform the Budget process for 2014/15. This would include the identification of any savings that accrue from the proposals and how they could be reinvested.

10. to authorise the Chair of the WLT and the Group Chief Executive, in consultation with legal and Treasury advice, to give effect to these decisions.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

7. UPDATE ON GM EU INVESTMENT PLAN (agenda item 14)

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Simon Nokes, New Economy detailing an update of the EU Investment Plan which will be submitted to Government by the 7 October to justify how the £365m will be invested. The document is being edited continuously to ensure the document flows and to ensure that the level of information under each priority is consistent.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to endorse, the GM EU Investment Plan.
2. to note and approve the approach on Regional Aid.
3. to delegate authority to Councillor Quinn as CA lead on investment in association with Chair of the LEP and in consultation with Eamonn Boylan and Sir Howard Bernstein, to finalise and sign off the GM EU Investment Plan and Regional Aid submissions to Government, making any minor amendments deemed necessary.

4. GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (agenda item 15)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC seeking approval for the James Briggs and NXP investment projects.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. that the project funding application by James Briggs (loan of £2,500,000) and NXP (grant of £1,050,000 and loan of £730,000), 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 at 1) 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.