

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2013

Decisions published on 29 October 2013 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 5 November 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. WORK PROGRAMME LEAVERS (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Mike Emmerich, Chief Executive New Economy seeking approval for Greater Manchester to test a place-based pilot for people who leave the Work Programme ('Work Programme Leavers'). This programme will help long-term Employment Support Allowance claimants to move into sustained work. If successful, there will be significant fiscal and economic benefits to both GM and Government. The programme has been co-designed with and jointly funded by Government to reflect that many of the financial benefits of success flow to Treasury and the Department for Work and Pensions.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to endorse in principle the implementation of the Work Programme Leavers across Greater Manchester and the next steps as set out in Section 5 of the report.
2. to note that the Districts will be asked to fund £2.882m of the programme cost and £150k evaluation costs across 2013/14 to 2015/16 as set out in Appendix A of the report.
3. to note that the £1.441m of the District contribution will be funded from the 2014/15 ESF programme.
4. that more detailed information be provided in relation to the funding model which lies behind the costs and subject to this information being provided, authority be given to Councillors Smith and McMahon to approve final costs.
5. that subject to the action in recommendation 4 above districts be requested to:
 - a. ensure that the appropriate approvals are in place to fund and progress this programme.
 - b. agree that Salford City Council will provide the lead authority role for the procurement process.
6. that a paper be requested for consideration by Leaders when they next meet in November in relation to the funding costs/implications to Districts arising from the work of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority/AGMA to enable this to be taken into account by districts when developing budgets.

2. THE ALLIANCE PROJECT – FUTURE WORK AND MANAGEMENT (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received an update report from Mike Emmerich on progress of The Alliance Project that was established to examine the potential for repatriating textiles manufacturing to the UK, the report includes an outline business case, details of the three areas of activity, funding required and a programme of activity.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to confirm the governance and management structure as outlined below
2. to note the need for continuing funding up to £150k during 2014/5 to secure the leadership and capacity of the project and to delegate to the Chair of WLT and Treasurer of GMCA to bring forward detailed funding proposals as part of the forthcoming Budget.
3. to keep the project under six monthly review.

3. METROLINK SECOND CITY CROSSING AND METROLINK TRAFFORD PARK SCHEME (agenda item 9)

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Chief Executive, Manchester City Council and Jon Lamonte Chief Executive TfGM updating members in relation to the Metrolink Second City Crossing and Metrolink Trafford Park schemes.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the recent award of Transport and Works Act powers to operate the Metrolink Second City Crossing (2CC).
2. to note that some works elements which would be delivered under the 2CC programme, including access and enhancements works at Deansgate Castlefield, are the subject of an ERDF funding bid (the ERDF works).
3. to approve the works required to deliver the 2CC programme, which have a total cost of approximately £165 million (earmarked within the capital programme); and delegate authority to the Chief Executive and the Finance and Corporate Services Director of TfGM, in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer, to progress contractual arrangements for 2CC and, subject to demonstrating value for money, the award of contracts to deliver the works, excluding the ERDF works, unless ERDF funding is subsequently secured for those works. The contractual and delivery arrangements will reflect the proposals within the ERDF bid.
4. to note that the GM Transport Fund includes allowances for the 2CC works, including allowances for risks and issues, within the overall Metrolink programme budgets, including the programme contingency. The detailed budgets will be updated in subsequent capital monitoring reports.
5. to note that following the previous CA approval to commit up to £5 million from the GM Transport Fund, work has been ongoing to progress the Trafford Park Metrolink scheme outline business case, procure tram “long lead” items and develop a phasing strategy for the works recognising the critical importance of

establishing a stable funding resource from the Earnback formula and associated revenues in order to make a robust decision about further large scale infrastructure enhancements.

6. to note that the proposed phasing strategy for the Metrolink Trafford Park scheme is to progress public consultation and an application to obtain TWA powers which are required to build and operate the extension; and to procure the 10 Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) required for the scheme. These activities will develop the scheme such that it is "shovel ready".

7. to note the additional cost and funding requirement to progress the Trafford Park Metrolink scheme, including the cost of the additional LRVs, is £31.9 million; and to authorise the inclusion of this sum within the capital programme.

8. to approve the costs and funding for the works required to progress the proposed phasing strategy for the Metrolink Trafford Park scheme; and delegate authority to the Chief Executive and the Finance and Corporate Services Director of TfGM, in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer, to progress the contractual arrangements, including the procurement of the 10 Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) required for the scheme.

9. to delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and the TfGM Finance and Corporate Services Director to determine the optimum financing strategy to fund these costs within the existing resources available within the Transport Fund, pending the definition of a stable funding resource from Earnback to support the further capital investment.

10. that the Chief Executive of TfGM be asked to bring a paper to a future meeting in relation to capacity and numbers of trams for the Greater Manchester network to ensure we are planning sufficiently.

4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 (agenda item 10)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer informing members of the 2013/14 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of September 2013.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the contents of the report and that the latest revenue forecast for 2013/14 is currently projecting a contribution to general reserves of £135,000 arising primarily from additional income.

2. to note and approve the revised budget as detailed in paragraph 1.6 in relation to the Regional Growth Fund grant.

5. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 (agenda item 11)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer informing members of the 2013/14 forecast capital outturn position as at the end of September 2013.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the actual expenditure as at September 2013 and the current 2013/14 forecast compared to the 2013/14 capital forecast reported to GMCA in July 2013.

2. to note that a separate report is scheduled on the agenda for this meeting in relation to the Metrolink Second City Crossing and the Metrolink Trafford Park extension. It should be noted that the figures presented in this report do not

include the Metrolink Trafford Park extension.

3. to note the current position for the Growing Places Fund and Regional Growth Fund as described in paragraphs 6.1 – 6.5.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

6. GREATER MANCHESTER BROADBAND UPDATE (agenda item 15)

The Combined Authority received a report from report from Jon Lamonte and Eamonn Boylan providing an update on GM's revised approach to delivering the GM Broadband Programme including detail of the roll-out and an update on Manchester and Salford's Urban Broadband Fund award.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to support the GM Broadband Programme and the contribution of £2.65million match funds on an equal share basis (£312,500 per district).
2. to note the outcome of the re-scoped UBF submission and the agreement to participate in a pilot voucher scheme.

7. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK & CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (agenda item 16)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan seeking seeks GMCA's approval for the DataCentred Phase 2 and BeauLily investment projects.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. that the project funding application by DataCentred (loan of £4,750,000) and BeauLily (loan of £1,200,000), 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.
3. to note that a report would be prepared for a future meeting detailing the profiling of the GM Investment Fund and projected timeline for reinvestment.

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.