

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2014

Decisions published on 5 February 2014 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 12 February 2014, 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. GMCA REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15 TO 2015/16 & REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE 2013/14 (agenda item 6A)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer setting out the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) budget for 2014/15 to 2015/16, including the forecast outturn position for 2013/14.

The proposed Transport Levy and charges to support the Economic Development and Regeneration Functions to be approved for 2014/15 and 2015/16 were also included within the report together with the recommended allocations to the District Councils of Greater Manchester.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To approve the revised budget for 2013/14 as detailed in paragraph 2.10 – 2.13 of the report, noting in particular the budget transfer to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for the Planning & Housing Commission, Manchester Family Secondments, 14-19 Contributions and Low Carbon Investment Team.
2. To note the report and the current revenue outturn forecast for 2013/14 which is projecting an underspend of £346,000.
3. To note the TfGM 2013/14 update as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report.
4. To approve the budget relating to the GMCA transport function, as set out in the report and Appendix 1, for 2014/15 and note that the indicative budget for 2015/16 has been approved in principle by the Scrutiny Panel, but subject to further review in relation to the areas set out in Appendix 1, during next year's scrutiny process.
5. To approve the budget relating to the GMCA Economic Development and Regeneration functions, as set out in the report, for 2014/15 and 2015/16, which will be subject to regular review.
6. To note the issues which are affecting the 2014/15 and 2015/16 transport budgets as detailed in the report and Appendix 1.
7. To note the consultation process which has been undertaken by officers with the Transport Levy Scrutiny Panel; and that the outcome of the consultation is a proposal that will result in a total levy for 2014/15 of £198.094 million, which is unchanged from 2013/14.
8. To approve that there will be no overall proposed change in the Transport Levy for

2014/15, with an increase of 3% with respect to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund being fully offset by a reduction of 3% for funding for the rest of the budgeted costs. It is also proposed that there will be no change in the Levy for 2015/16. This will be subject to further review of those areas set out in Appendix 1, as part of the budget review process for that year.

9. To approve a Transport Levy on the district councils in 2014/15 of £198.094 million apportioned as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

10. To continue to support the provision of a county-wide demand responsive service for those who are unable to access conventional transport services; such support to be by way of a grant of up to £5.1 million, made under the provisions of s.106 of the Transport Act 1985 and s.99 and 102A of the Local Transport Act 2008, to the Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Trust.

11. To note that a review will be undertaken during 2014/15 of demand responsive transport and that this will be the subject of further reports to GMCA during 2014, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

12. To approve the charges on the GM District Councils to support the Economic Development and Regeneration Functions in 2014/15 and 2015/16 of £3.403 million and £3.699 million respectively as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

13. To approve the use of Growing Places revenue fund in 2014/15 as detailed in paragraph 4.12 – 4.13 of the report.

14. To note and approve the position on reserves as identified in the report.

15. To note the recommendations of the report on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement Borrowing Limits and Annual Investment Strategy 2014/15 elsewhere on the agenda.

2. GMCA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 – 2016/17 (agenda item 6B)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer updating members on the forecast capital outturn position for 2013/14 and presenting the 2014/15 capital programme and forward commitments for approval by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note that the current forecast capital expenditure for 2013/14 as detailed in the report and in Appendix A.

2. To approve the capital programme for 2014/15 and the forward commitments as detailed in the report and in Appendix A.

3. To note and approve the borrowings of £2.4 million required to fund the purchase of the Yellow School and Metroshuttle buses as part of the Green Bus Fund 4 that are included in the one year capital programme for 2014/15 as detailed in the report and in Appendix A.

4. To note that the capital programme over the next three years currently requires long term borrowings of £317 million and that provision has been made in the revenue budget for the associated financing costs.

5. To note that the capital programme will continue to be reviewed; and any new schemes included in the programme at a later date which have not received specific approval will be brought back to the Authority for approval in due course.

6. To note that revised Treasury Management indicators are reported in a separate report elsewhere on the agenda to reflect the approved capital programme and updated cash flows.

3. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, BORROWING LIMITS & ANNUAL STATEMENT 2014/15 (agenda item 6C)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer setting out the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Borrowing Limits for 2014/15 and Prudential Indicators for 2014/15 to 2016/17.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

4. SECOND CITY CROSSING – ERDF UPDATE (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority received a report from John Lamonte, Chief Executive TfGM updating members in relation to the Metrolink Second City Crossing, in particular in relation to the ERDF funding position.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note that, as previously advised in October 2013, some works elements which would be delivered under the 2CC programme, including access and enhancements works at Deansgate-Castlefield, and the Exchange Square spur works, are the subject of an ERDF funding bid.
2. To note that no decision has been made to date by the DCLG in respect of the success or otherwise of this ERDF funding bid, but that current indications are that a decision will not be made until June 2014 at the earliest and the investment value will be less than the full amount of the original bid.
3. To approve the strategy to progress with the DCF Stop Initial Works that were previously to be funded by the ERDF investment, at a forecast cost of up to £6 million (and a corresponding ERDF bid value of up to £3 million), in order to maintain the programme for 2CC.
4. To note that the ERDF application will be amended and re-profiled to exclude the DCF Stop Initial Works; match the anticipated reduced award and later decision date, whilst maintaining the core business case; and maintain the opportunity to secure ERDF funding in line with the revised potential investment value.
5. To note that the detailed budgets and funds earmarked in the capital programme will be updated in subsequent capital monitoring reports, including aligning the phasing of expenditure with contractual milestones.

5. GM GROWTH POSITION - HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT LAND (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Stockport MBC providing members with an update on the work being undertaken to develop a GM Position on Growth and the associated work to review Greater Manchester's housing and employment land requirements.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To endorse the timetable for reporting back to the GMCA-
June 2014 - Evidence Base
July 2014 - Agree GM Requirement

September 2014 - Spatial Options
December 2014 - Agree Draft Strategy

3. To request a further update report in June 2014.

6. GROWING PLACES FUND (agenda item 9)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment and Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer summarising the current situation regarding the GMIF and seeking authority to scale up, in the short term, the Growing Places element of GMIF which is close to being fully committed.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

To approve the approach described in the report to increase the scale of the Growing Places Fund and to recommend the proposal for consideration by individual districts. This will need pointing out to districts with minutes.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

7. GROWING PLACES FUND – LOAN FUND ELEMENTS (agenda item 13)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment and Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer summarising the existing Growing Places loan book.

The Combined Authority AGREED to note the report.

8. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (agenda item 14)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Investment seeking members approval for the Intechnica and Smartlife investment projects.

The Combined Authority AGREED

1. That the project funding applications by Intechnica (loan of £500,000) and Smartlife (loan of £500,000) 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 transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans at 1) above.

9. REGIONAL AID 2014 - 2020 (agenda item 15)

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Simon Nokes, Director of Policy and European Strategy New Economy providing members with an update on the Regional Aid map consultation process underway by Government.

The Combined Authority AGREED to note the new proposed Regional Aid map.

10. GM EUROPEAN INVESTMENT PLAN 2014 - 2020 (agenda item 16)

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Simon Nokes, Director of Policy and European Strategy New Economy providing members with an outline of the way in which Greater Manchester's European and Structural Investment Funds Strategy has been changed in the light of: Government feedback, the results of a formal consultation exercise; a sustainability assessment; an equality impact assessment; and further discussions within GM and with stakeholders.

The Combined Authority AGREED the basis on which the GM EU Investment Plan has been amended and to delegate signing off the final submission to Councillor Quinn (as CA lead on investment and Chair of GMLMC) working with the Chair of the LEP and in consultation with Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Stockport MBC and Sir Howard Bernstein.

11. CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS TO CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER AND LOW CARBON DIRECTOR POSTS (agenda item 17)

The Combined Authority received a verbal report from Eamonn Boylan requesting that members confirm appointment to the posts of Chief Investment Officer and Low Carbon Director within the Core Investment Team.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. That Bill Enevoldson be appointed as Chief Investment Officer, delegated authority be given to Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Stockport MBC I consultation with Kieran Quinn, Leader Investment portfolio to agree final terms , conditions in respect of both appointments.
2. To note progress on the appointment to the post of Low Carbon Director.

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.