

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER 2012 AT MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Decisions published on 5th December 2012 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 12th December 2012, 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, P.O. 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. POST 2013 EU FUNDING (agenda item 5)

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Chief Executive Manchester City Council updating members on the most recent developments with preparations for Post 2013 EU funding and a suggested Greater Manchester approach to achieve delegation over EU funding post 2013 and the emerging priorities for a Post 2013 GM EU Programme.
The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to note the progress made to date and agree GM's approach to achieving delegation over EU funding post 2013;
2. the emerging priorities for a Post 2013 GM EU Programme;
3. to note that at some point GM will need to engage with Government on detailed issues of delegation;
4. to note the work to influence other EU strategies, including the Atlantic Strategy;
5. the issues listed in the report for consideration over the coming months; and
6. to receive further updates on Post 2013 EU funding as the picture develops during 2013;

2. THE DUTY TO CO-OPERATE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Stockport MBC outlining the main provisions of the 'duty to co-operate' introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 and the issues that are starting to emerge.
The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. that the strategic issues on which we wish to co-operate at this stage are:
 - the scale and distribution of housing and employment
 - critical infrastructure to support growth
 - action to support town centres and regional centre.

2. that the process detailed in section 4 of the report is adopted for an interim period of 6 months to ensure that individually and collectively we can demonstrate that districts have had regard to the priorities of the LEP and LNP; and
3. to formalise the way we work to ensure compliance with the requirements of the new planning system as detailed in section 5 of the report.

JOINT GMCA & AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MATTERS

3. REVENUE BUDGET UPDATE 2012/13 (agenda item 10)

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, Treasurer to AGMA and the GMCA updating members on the AGMA forecast revenue outturn position 2012/13, including resource requirements for Greater Manchester priorities and AGREED to:

1. note the current AGMA revenue outturn forecast for 2012/13 including the funding of priorities which is now projecting a balanced budget;
2. approve the additional funding requirements for AGMA priorities in 2012/13 as identified in the report and described in paragraph 2.1 to 2.3 of the report;
3. to approve the utilisation of AGMA resources as described in paragraph 2.4 and 2.5 of the report;
4. to approve the use of non-transport related underspend from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority in 2012/13 to meet an element of the priority costs within the 2012/13 AGMA budget as described in paragraph 2.5 of the report; and
5. to approve the utilisation of the Growing Places Fund grant should the underspend within GMCA non-transport budget prove insufficient to meet the AGMA requirement.

4. GREEN DEAL BUSINESS CASE (agenda item 11)

The Combined Authority received a report from Charlie Parker, Chief Executive Oldham Council presenting the GM Green Deal business case and for approval to the set up of a GM Green Deal & ECO delivery partnership.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to approve the creation of a GM Green Deal & ECO Delivery Partnership as set out in the business case, with the lead Authority to be determined;
2. to approve up to £1.29m revenue funding for procurement and start-up costs which will be met from within AGMA/CA resources, with the £305k for 2012/13 being met from an in-year allocation from available AGMA resources and to require the AGMA/ CA Treasurer to ensure that the remaining £985K is identified and included in the AGMA/CA budgets for 2013/14;
3. to move immediately into the procurement stage of the project;
4. that a joint Manchester CC /Salford CC team procures a panel of Green Deal accredited private sector delivery partners, to whom all other Green Deal Provider roles and responsibilities including accessing ECO funding would be outsourced;
5. to work with GM Local Authorities to draw up Green Deal plans across GM to align with other priority spatial programmes and policies;

6. to note the estimated £17m capital funding requirement required to act as a junior debt layer in the Green Deal Finance Company to facilitate the draw down of up to £68m of Green Deal loans and requests that the final detail and funding arrangements be reported back to the AGMA/GMCA when the final results of the procurement exercise are known in 2013/14 and the business case has been subject to due diligence; and
7. that the outcome of the procurement process be reported back to GMCA/AGMA so that the Business Plan can be re-validated alongside an updated analysis of risks and strategies for managing these, in the light of actual market-based proposals.

5. BUILDING SCALE RENEWABLE HEATING PROJECT (NEDO PROJECT)

The Combined Authority received a report of Mark Atherton, Greater Manchester Environment Director, providing an overview of activity being carried out to secure overseas investment for a programme of work to trial building scale renewable heat and smart grid technologies in Greater Manchester. The initiation of the first phase of this work requires the signing of a Letter of Intent between Greater Manchester, DECC, BIS and NEDO.

The Combined Authority AGREED to delegate the signing of the Letter of Intent to the Chair of AGMA /GMCA Lord Peter Smith.

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.