

**DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING HELD ON 29 AUGUST 2014**

**Decisions published on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 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](mailto: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. AIRPORT CITY SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY (agenda item 5)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Theresa Grant, Chief Executive Trafford Council presenting the Skills and Employment Strategy for Airport City.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To endorse the Airport City Skills and Employment Strategy.
2. To delegate authority to the GM Skills and Employment Partnership to oversee the implementation of the strategy, working with the Enterprise Zone Strategic Board.
3. That Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive TfGM be asked to report back to Leaders in relation to how transport links will support access to employment at Airport City for people across Greater Manchester.

**2. GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL: TRANSPORT UPDATE (agenda item 6)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM providing an update on the latest position in relation to the transport elements of the Growth Deal.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note the current position in relation to the Growth Deal generally and the progress that is being made in moving this initiative forward.
2. To note that the current position and proposed way forward in relation to the Metrolink Service Improvement package is set out at item 7 on this agenda.
3. To note the intention for individual scheme promoters to cash flow, and subsequently be reimbursed by grant, the development costs for the projects for which funding was confirmed by the recent Growth Deal announcement, up to a further maximum sum of £4.76 million, in line with the principle previously agreed for the initial seven Major Schemes.

4. To note the intention to bring reports to future meetings of the Combined Authority providing a proposed 2015/16 Growth Deal Minor Works Programme and a proposed timetable for the production of Major Scheme Business Cases.

### **3. METROLINK SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PACKAGE (agenda item 7)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM seeking approval for the procurement of up to a further 16 Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) and associated infrastructure works, following the announcement of the Growth and Reform Plan (GRP) submission 7 July 2014, which allocated funding to the 'Metrolink Improvement Package', subject to the GMCA approval of the business case.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To approve the release of the funding to procure the LRVs and the associated infrastructure and to include those items in the approved capital programme.
3. To note that following GMCA approval, it is proposed that TfGM, in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer, will finalise the contractual arrangements with the LRV supplier (Bombardier and Vossloh Kiepe) to purchase up to a further 16 trams.
4. To note that following GMCA approval, it is proposed TfGM will start design works and procurement of the associated infrastructure works, including, two substations, a turnback at Sale, a wheel lathe and associated project management costs. These arrangements will also be finalised in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer.

### **4. RAIL FRANCHISING AND RAIL NORTH PROGRESS REPORT (agenda item 8)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM providing an overview of Rail North and the TransPennine Express Rail / Northern Rail Franchise consultation which Rail North jointly published with the Department for Transport in June 2014. The response was submitted on 18 August and is included at Appendix 1 of the report.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

To note the contents of the report and the consultation response.

### **5. DELIVERING RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IN GREATER MANCHESTER (agenda item 9)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, providing a summary of the current housing market context, the shortfall in housing provision, options open to Greater Manchester in terms of opportunities for investment and intervention, and a suggested way forward.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. To the establishment of a GM vehicle for housing delivery, in principle, based upon the analysis and conclusions set out in the report.
2. To the commissioning of work to develop a detailed proposition for the governance, resourcing and priorities for that vehicle, to the timescales set out in paragraph 4.9 of this report.

## **ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA**

### **6. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL (agenda item 11)**

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC seeking conditional approval to projects.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. That the project funding applications detailed in the report be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To delegate authority to Richard Paver, the Combined Authority Treasurer and Liz Treacy, 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/grants.

### **7. HIGHWAYS REVIEW – PROGRESS UPDATE (agenda item 12)**

The Combined Authority received a verbal update from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM in relation to progress the highways review work.

The Combined Authority AGREED:

That work should continue on the highways review, further details to be reported back to Leaders.

## **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.