

**DECISIONS MADE AT THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2014**

**Decisions published on 22 December 2014 and will come into force from 4:00pm
on the 31 December 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 AGMA's constitution. The address for the purposes of the schedule is that of the AGMA Secretary, c/o GMIST, Manchester City Council, P.O. Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA; or by contacting j.gaskell@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. DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT: GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND CHANGES TO THE GMCA ORDER (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer reviewing the current GMCA Governance arrangements and proposed changes that will improve the achievement of the objectives of the GMCA.

The report also provides a Scheme that, subject to the agreement of the GMCA, will enable the Secretary of State to produce and consult on a draft Order to implement revised governance arrangements for Greater Manchester. This will allow for an 11th member of the CA who will be the Appointed (or Interim) Mayor for Greater Manchester, as a transition to a Directly Elected Mayor once primary legislation is in place which is expected to be operational in 2017.

The Chair reported verbally in relation to proposals for the selection and appointment process for the Appointed (or Interim) Mayor, including that there should be an opportunity for all GM councillors to meet shortlisted candidates informally, ask questions and comment back to the GMCA.

RESOLVED/-

1. To confirm support for the Devolution Agreement following consultation with the 10 Greater Manchester districts, the LEP and BLC. This transfers significant powers and responsibilities to Greater Manchester alongside steps to strengthen governance and introduce an Appointed (or Interim) Mayor as an 11th member of the GMCA as a transition to a Directly Elected Mayor.
2. To agree that, in the light of the Devolution Agreement and conclusions of the governance review, the GMCA Order should be amended to allow for an Appointed (or Interim) Mayor and that this would:
 - build on and strengthen the existing governance arrangements for Greater Manchester;
 - reflect the single economic geography for Greater Manchester;

- strengthen significantly our ability to deliver priorities related to growth and reform; and
 - at the same time align with the roles and responsibilities of individual local authorities, whose existing functions will remain unchanged.
3. To agree that a Scheme to revise the existing GMCA Order should set out the arrangements for introducing an 11th member of the GMCA who would be an appointed by the GMCA, bringing additional leadership capacity and providing a transition to an Elected Mayor.

Such a scheme will be based upon the following principles which have been determined following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the GMCA and Councillor Quinn as follows:

- The Appointment of the appointed (or Interim) Mayor will be made by a majority vote of members of the GMCA.
 - To be eligible to be appointed as the appointed (or Interim) Mayor a person must at the time of application and appointment a) have been on a GM electoral register for the previous 12 months and b) be currently holding a position that has been subject to a public election in Greater Manchester, which they have held for at least 12 months.
 - The term of office for the appointed (or Interim) Mayor shall expire at the end of May 2017 or the election of the Mayor if this is earlier.
 - The GMCA may at any time terminate the appointment of the appointed (or Interim) Mayor within the context of the standards regime or a vote of no confidence provided that at least two thirds of the members of the GMCA vote in favour of a resolution to terminate.
 - GMCA voting requirements shall be increased to at least 8 votes in favour on strategic issues and 11 votes in favour on congestion charging noting that the CA does not have powers in relation to congestion charging in any event; and the CA has previously agreed that approval of the GM Spatial Strategy will require approval by all GM local authorities.
4. To authorise the Head of the Paid Service to submit the approved Scheme to the Secretary of State to commence the formal process for changing the statutory Order as soon as possible and thereby enact the first step of governance changes in the Devolution Agreement.
5. To agree that the proposals relating to the selection and appointment process and the role description for the appointed (or Interim) Mayor be referred to all local authorities in GM, GM LEP and BLC, for comments in time for the GMCA meeting in January 2015. The process should include an opportunity for all GM Councillors to meet shortlisted candidates informally, ask questions and make comments back to the GMCA via their Council Leader.

2. MANUFACTURING STRATEGY (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority considered a report from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy detailing feedback from the Manufacturing Strategy consultation and to update on progress with the delivery of its recommendations.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Combined Authority approves the GM Manufacturing Strategy Document for publication.
2. That progress on the delivery of the Strategy recommendations is noted, and that a strong communications plan is required as part of the implementation of the strategy in order to raise the profile of the manufacturing industry.

3. ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received a report from Linda Fisher, Acting Chief Executive, Rochdale MBC, provide an update to the Combined Authority on the Armed Forces workstreams across Greater Manchester. The report also recommends that the Combined Authority agrees to sign the Armed Forces Community Covenant to ensure that Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families benefit from the work undertaken by the Combined Authority across Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the Greater Manchester Combined Authority together with its partner organisations signs the Armed Forces Community Covenant.
2. To note and support the progress and actions detailed in the report in relation to the Armed Forces work.

4. ONE NORTH / TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH (agenda item 9)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing an update on the work that has been progressing to further develop One North: a Proposition for an Interconnected North, that was publicly launched in August 2014 in the presence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The report also provides an update on discussions that have been taking place with Government relating to establishing Transport for the North, the body that is intended to oversee the further development of a transport strategy for the North of England building on the transformational vision for transport connectivity in the North set out in the One North proposition

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the further work that has been undertaken to further develop One North: A Proposition for an Interconnected North, since its public launch in August. This has culminated in the development of One North: The Programme, a working document, the Executive Summary of which is attached at appendix 1 of the report.
2. To note the discussions that have been taking place with Government relating to the establishment of Transport for the North, further to the recommendations of the report by Sir David Higgins, Rebalancing Britain: From HS2 Towards a National Transport Strategy.

3. To request that a further report be submitted once the negotiations with Government on the governance arrangements and final remit for Transport for the North has been agreed.

5. TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER – APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (agenda item 10)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte seeking approval from GMCA to reappoint TfGM's current Non-Executive Directors for a further period, ending 28 February 2018.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the appointment of Ken Giles and Edward Pysden to serve as Non-Executive Directors on TfGM's Executive for a further period of three years ending 28 February 2018.
2. To agree to extend the appointment of Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, as a Non-Executive Director of TfGM for a further period ending 28 February 2018.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

6. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK (agenda item 13)

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

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the project funding applications detailed in the report 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.

7. GROWING PLACES – EVERGREEN TOP-UP (agenda item 14)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking approval for the use of the Growing Places Funding to invest in the North West Evergreen Fund projects.

RESOLVED/-

1. To endorse the provision of Growing Places Funding to the Evergreen Fund and to progress to the completion of all necessary legal documentation.

2. To delegate authority to the Richard Paver and Liz Treacy, 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/grant 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.