

**GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**

**Date:** 28 August 2015

**Subject:** Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions for the GMCA

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 At their meeting on 24 June 2011, the GMCA agreed procedures for developing a Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions for the Authority, in line with the requirements of the GMCA's constitution. The latest such plan is attached as the Appendix to this report.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 GMCA members are invited to note, comment and suggest any changes they would wish to make on the latest Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions for the GMCA; attached to this report.

**3. FORWARD PLAN: CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.1 In summary the Secretary of the GMCA is required to:-
- prepare a plan covering 4 months, starting on the first day of the month
  - to refresh this plan monthly
  - to publish the plan fourteen days before it would come in to effect
  - state in the plan
    - (i) the issue on which a major strategic decision is to be made;
    - (ii) the date on which, or the period within which, the major strategic decision will be taken;

- (iii) how anyone can make representations on the matter and the date by which any such representations must be made; and
- (iv) a list of the documents to be submitted when the matter is considered

The constitution is also quite specific about the matters which would need to be included within the Forward Plan:-

- any matter likely to result in the GMCA incurring significant expenditure (over £1 million), or the making of significant savings; or
- any matter likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in the area of the Combined Authority.

plus the following more specific requirements:-

1. a sustainable community strategy;
2. a local transport plan;
3. approval of the capital programme of the GMCA and TfGM and approving new transport schemes to be funded by the Greater Manchester Transport Fund;
4. other plans and strategies that the GMCA may wish to develop;
5. the preparation of a local economic assessment
6. the development or revision of a multi-area agreement,
7. the approval of the budget of the GMCA;
8. the approval of borrowing limits, the treasury management strategy and the investment strategy;
9. the setting of a transport levy;
10. arrangements to delegate the functions or budgets of any person to the GMCA;
11. the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the GMCA;
12. any proposals in relation to road user charging

3.3 All the matters at 1-12 above require 7 members of the GMCA to vote in favour, except those on road user charging, which require a unanimous vote in favour

3.4 The attached plan therefore includes all those items currently proposed to be submitted to the GMCA over the next 4 months which fit in with these criteria. GMCA members should be aware that:-

- Only those items considered to fit in with the above criteria are included. It is not a complete list of all items which will be included on GMCA agendas
- Items listed may move dependent on the amount of preparatory work recorded and external factors such as where matters are dependent on Government decisions; and
- In some cases matters are joint decisions of the GMCA & AGMA Executive Board.

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### FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS 1 September 2015 – 31 December 2015

The Plan contains details of Key Decisions currently planned to be taken by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority; or Chief Officers (as defined in the constitution of the GMCA) in the period between 1 September 2015 and 31 December 2015.

Please note: Dates shown are the earliest anticipated and decisions may be later if circumstances change.

If you wish to make representations in connection with any decisions please contact the contact officer shown; or the offices of the Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team (at Manchester City Council, P.O. Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA, 0161-234 3124; [info@agma.gov.uk](mailto:info@agma.gov.uk)) before the date of the decision.

<b>KEY DECISION /CONTACT OFFICER/CONSULTATION DETAILS</b>	<b>ANTICIPATED DATE OF DECISION &amp; DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED</b>	<b>DECISION TAKER</b>
<b>Intermediary Body Status</b>  Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Simon Nokes  Contact Officer: Alison Gordon	To be confirmed	GMCA
<b>Metrolink Trafford Park Line – Outcome of the Procurement of the Works Contract</b>  Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Jon Lamonte  Contact Officer: Steve Warrener	To be confirmed	GMCA