

Report to: CORPORATE AND EXTERNAL
ISSUES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Report Title: AGMA BUSINESS SUMMARY

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Purpose:

To present to Members an AGMA business summary report in relation to issues considered at the meetings of :-

AGMA Executive Board;
The Combined Authority
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority;
Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority; and
Transport for Greater Manchester.

The report also advises of appointments made by the Council to the various joint authorities.

Recommendations:

The Committee are asked to note and comment on the report.

Summary:
(on its own page
with background
docs)

The report sets out the appointments made by the Council to the joint authorities and gives a summary of the business considered at Authority meetings.

1. Introduction

Members will be aware that part of the remit of this Scrutiny Committee is to monitor and review and where appropriate make recommendations, regarding the work of outside organisations. This report focuses on one aspect of this, in terms of the added value provided by the AGMA bodies of the AGMA Executive, The Combined Authority, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority, Greater Manchester Police Authority, Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority and Transport for Greater Manchester. Section two below sets out a summary of the business discussed. The appendices (not printed here but made available in the Group Rooms and by e-mail) go on to detail the decisions taken at the previous meeting of each joint authority.

- 1.1** In terms of background, it is useful to remind the Committee that the Council, at its Annual Meeting held on 28th May, 2014, appointed the following Councillors as its nominated spokespersons/representatives on the various AGMA joint authorities –

AGMA Executive	-	Leader of the Council
AGMA Statutory Functions Committee	-	Councillor A. Connell Councillor Morris (Deputy)
AGMA Scrutiny Pool	-	Councillor Mrs. Fairclough Councillor C. Burrows Councillor Bury
Transport for GM	-	Councillor Chadwick (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor Haslam Councillor G. Harkin
GM Fire and Rescue Authority	-	Councillor Ayub (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor L. Byrne Councillor Wild
GM Waste Disposal Authority	-	Councillor Sherrington (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor Mistry
Manchester Airport Group Shareholders Committee	-	Leader of the Council

2. Meetings of Joint Authorities

2.1 AGMA Executive Board

A joint meeting of the AGMA Executive Board and the Combined Authority took place on 31st October, 2014 when the following items were considered –

AGMA Revenue Budget Monitoring Update 2014/15

A report informing members of the 2014/15 forecast revenue outturn position as at end

September 2014.

Early Years Further Faster Money and GM PSR Development Fund Investment

A report providing an update on the £314k investment funding received from DCLG to support the Further and Faster implementation of Early Years.

Business Rates Pooling 2015/16

A report informing members of the proposal to submit an outline proposal for the operation of a Business Rates Pool covering the 10 GM Districts and Cheshire East for the 2015/16 financial year.

2.2 The Combined Authority

A meeting took place on 31st October, 2014 when the following items were considered -

GMCA Revenue Budget Monitoring 2014/15

A report informing members of the 2014/15 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of September 2014.

Capital Monitoring Report 2014/15

A report presenting an update in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2014/15 capital expenditure programme.

Metrolink Trafford Park Line TWAO Application

A report presenting an update in relation to the Metrolink Trafford Park Line scheme alignment and requesting approval to submit the associated Transport and Works Act Order application.

Greater Manchester Investment Fund Performance Report

A report providing an update on the status of the Greater Manchester Investment Fund (GMIF).

2.3 Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority

A meeting of the Authority took place on 16th October, 2014, when the following items were considered:-

County Guard Update

A report outlining how Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) have and are responding to industrial action called by the Fire Brigades Union (FBU); in order for the Fire and Rescue Authority to meet its statutory obligations to date.

Community Risk Intervention Team Pilot

A report providing members with an update on progress towards delivering an interim pilot of Community Risk Intervention Teams (CRIT) in Wigan, Salford and Manchester.

Spate Conditions and Degradation Policy and Procedure and Associated Guidance

A report introducing the updated 'Spate Conditions and Degradation' Policy and Procedure and associated Guidance Document, for members' information.

2.4 Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority

A meeting of the Committee took place on 12th September, 2014 when the following items were considered:-

Authority and Committee Work Programmes for the 2014/15 Municipal Year

A report presenting the Work Programme for the Authority and its Committees for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

Annual Report 2013/14

A report outlining the progress and performance for the last financial year against the Authority's key objectives in the Corporate Plan and the Waste Management Strategy (WMS).

Environmental Strategy Review

A report detailing the Authority's Environmental Strategy in light of the Greater Manchester Climate Change Strategy (GMCCS), its Implementation Plan 2013 - 2015 and wider developments in the region as part of the Low Carbon Hub and Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP).

Evolving a Partnership Vision for 2020

A report seeking approval for a proposal to develop a joint partnership 2020 vision for the Authority, its' contractor Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Limited (VLGM), operating contractor Viridor Waste (Greater Manchester) Ltd (VWGM) and constituent Districts (Waste Collection Authorities – WCAs), which will also clearly chart how that vision will be achieved.

Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) and Practices (TMP)

A report seeking agreement of the Authority to amend the TMSS/ TMP to widen the scope of investment opportunities and set guidance on funds held in Money Market Funds (MMF).

Review of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption, Whistle-blowing and Anti-Money Laundering Policies

A report requesting consideration and comments on the attached Anti-Fraud and Corruption, Whistle-blowing and Anti-Money Laundering Policies.

Strategic Partnership Board 12th September 2014 – Briefing Note of the Chair

A report providing members with a briefing regarding the issues discussed at the last meeting of the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) held on 12th September 2014.

2.5 Manchester Airport Shareholders Committee and Board.

The papers associated with the above Committee and Board are not available for public circulation although it may be the wish of Members to seek information from the appointed representatives set out at the beginning of this report.

Recommendations

The Committee are asked to note and comment on this report.