

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 Police 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 and the contributions made by the Authority.

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, gives a summary of the business considered at Authority meetings as well as the contributions made to each joint authority.

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 18th May, 2011, 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 Mrs Thomas Councillor Morris (Deputy)
AGMA Scrutiny Pool	-	Councillor Harkin Councillor Mrs. Fairclough Councillor A.Connell
AGMA General Scrutiny Panel	-	Councillor Mrs. Thomas Councillor J. Walsh (Deputy)
Transport for GM	-	Councillor Chadwick (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor Mistry Councillor C. Wild
GM Fire and Rescue Authority	-	Councillor Ayub (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor L. Byrne Councillor Morgan
GM Police Authority	-	Councillor Burrows (Nominated spokesperson)
GM Waste Disposal Authority	-	Councillor Harkin (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor White
Manchester Airport Group Shareholders Committee	-	Leader of the Council
Manchester Airport Group Board	-	AGMA Appointed Representative Councillor Lord Peter Smith

2. Meetings of Joint Authorities

2.1 AGMA Executive Board

A meeting of the AGMA Executive Board took place on 30th March, 2012 when the following items were considered –

Changes to Asylum Dispersal Arrangements

A report providing an update on important progress made between local authorities and the UK Border Agency (UKBA) to agree how we will work together in future to mitigate risk and maximise the benefits arising from asylum and other forms of international migration.

AGMA Audit Plan 2011-2012

A report setting out the plan from the Audit Commission detailing the work they will be undertaking for the 2011/12 financial year's accounts.

2.2 The Combined Authority

A meeting took place on 30th March, 2012 when the following items were considered -

Budget 2012 and Implications for Greater Manchester

A report outlining the main announcements in Budget 2012 that are of interest and relevance to Greater Manchester. Any further reports on specific items will be brought to a future Combined Authority meeting as appropriate. A full Thinking: New Economy briefing is attached to this report.

The Greater Manchester Growth Plan

A report updating on the main proposals set out in the Greater Manchester Growth Plan. The full Growth Plan and evidence base are attached to this report.

Greater Manchester City Deal

A report providing a summary of the proposals that form the Greater Manchester City Deal announced by the Government on 20 March 2012.

Centres of Excellence Business Plan 2012-2015

A report outlining the collective contribution of the Centres of Excellence to the Greater Manchester priorities for growth, demonstrating impact and outputs whilst ensuring real added value and return on investment to the Combined Authority budgets agreed in January 2012.

Manchester Solutions Strategic Plan

A paper setting out background to the Manchester Solutions Group and proposed, high-level priorities for the Manchester Solutions Groups' 2012-2015 strategic plan.

Report back from the NW Regional Leaders Board

A report providing an update on decisions made at the NW Regional Leaders Board on 2 March 2012 in relation to priorities for European funding, co-ordination of business support programmes, regional research collaboration and the ongoing role of the Board.

GM Community Budget Pilot – Progress Report

A report briefing members on progress on the pilot since the report to the Authority on 27 January 2012. In particular it covers the establishment of the project team; governance structures within Greater Manchester; and a high level summary of the work programme for the project between now and the end of October 2012. The report also covers the linked area of Troubled Families.

AGMA Scrutiny Pool Minutes.

The minutes of a recent meeting are attached at the appendix.

2.3 Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority

A meeting of the Authority took place on 15th March, 2012, when the following items were considered:-

Consultation on the Corporate Plan 2012/15 - Outcomes

This report introduces the 'Summary of responses' document, which outlines the activity, findings and outcomes of the consultation of the draft Corporate Plan 2012 – 2015.

2.4 Greater Manchester Police Authority

A meeting of the Authority took place on 17th February, 2012 when the following items were considered:-

The use of Regulation A19 Policy and Procedure Police Pension' Regulations 1987 (as amended), Compulsory Retirement on Grounds of Efficiency of the Force

A paper setting out the information required to decide whether to make use of Regulation A19, (the Regulation) of Police Pensions' Regulations 1987 (as amended).

Revenue and Capital Programme Programme 2012-2013 Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management

A report reviewing the Authority's current plans and achievements in financial terms and then to set out its aspirations for the coming year, taking into account the likely resources available, identified priorities and the impact on the Policing Plan.

Policing Plan 2012-13

A report informing Members of the Proposed Annual Policing Plan Priorities for 2012-13 and the recommended approach to measuring performance against the priorities for 2012-13.

Greater Manchester Police and Police Authority Equality Objectives

A report outlining the Greater Manchester Police and Greater Manchester Police Authority Equality Objectives for 2012-2016.

Chief Constable's Update Report

This report is to update Members about operational matters and activity within GMP since the GMPA meeting in December 2011.

Riot Damages Act – Public Statement

A verbal report.

2.5 GM Waste Disposal Authority

A meeting took place on 16th March, 2012 when the following items were considered -

Audit Committee Annual Report for the 2011/12 Municipal Year

A report outlining the work undertaken by the Audit Committee during the last municipal year, in discharging its terms of reference and hence providing assurances to Members about the effectiveness of the Authority's Corporate Governance objectives.

Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)

A report providing an update to the Authority on progress being made within the conurbation to drive forward the SCP agenda and to make suggestions about areas of work that the Authority should focus on, particularly those in relation to the sustainable waste management (SWM) element of the SCP agenda.

Localism Act: Openness and Accountability in Local Pay

A report outlining the guidance provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government in relation to Localism Act 2011 (the Act), specifically in respect to Local Authority pay policy statements, and to recommend that this is adopted by the Authority on a voluntary basis along with the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) family, but outside the prescribed timetable.

Waste Management Strategy Update

A report setting out progress to date updating the Waste Management Strategy (WMS) and in light of that presents a considered final draft WMS for adoption.

Corporate Plan 2012 to 2015

A report outlining the Authority's Corporate Plan 2012 to 2015.

Environmental Strategy Review

A report outlining the Authority's Environmental Strategy and changes to the relevant plans (Climate Change Action Plan, Green Office Action Plan and the Asset Management Plan) in light of the Greater Manchester Climate Strategy and wider developments in the region as proposed by the Performance, Policy and Resources (PPR) Committee.

Review of Governance Arrangements for the 2012/13 Municipal Year

A report setting out the process that has been undertaken to review all aspects of the Authority's Governance arrangements and describes outline proposals, which if approved, will be incorporated into the Constitution for the next municipal year.

Joint Communications Service Annual Action Plan 2012/2013

A report providing Members with the proposed Joint Communications Service Action Plan for 2012/13 and seeking delegation both for the carry forward from 2011/12 of unspent resources and to agree budget allocation for 2012/13 so that the Plan can be delivered.

Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2012/13

A report setting out the proposed Authority's approach to and strategy for Treasury Management in 2012/13.

Recyclate Contamination

To provide Members with information on Districts' recyclate contamination rates.

2.6 Transport for Greater Manchester

A meeting of the Committee took place on 16th March, 2012 when the following items were considered:-

ENCTS Renewals Project

A report informing committee on the renewal of English National Concession Travel Scheme (ENCTS) passes for older people and people with permanent disabilities.

Progress in Implementing Equality Act 2010

A report informing members of the progress being made in implementing the provisions of the Equality Act 2010.

LDfT Green Bus Fund 3 Submission

A report detailing the recent submission to the third round of the Department for Transport's Green Bus Fund.

DfT Better Bus Area Fund

A report informing members of the bid submitted to Department for Transport's Better Bus Area Fund competition.
Budget 2012/13

To set out the detailed revenue expenditure budgets for 2012/13.

Forward Look

A report informing members' of the 'Forward Look' report which sets out the key work streams requiring decisions from the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee over the next four months.

2.7 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.

2.8 Contributions to Joint Authorities

For 2011/12 the Council made the following contributions to the joint authorities

	£000
GM Police Authority (Precept)	12,023
GM Fire and Rescue Authority (Precept)	4,386
Transport for GM	18,815
GM Waste Disposal Authority	15,827

Recommendations

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