

THE CABINET

MEETING, 20TH JUNE, 2016

Councillor Morris	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Adia	Executive Cabinet Member

Cabinet Members

Councillor D. Burrows	Police and Community Safety
Councillor Cunliffe	Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked After Children
Councillor Chadwick	Transport, Special Projects and Skills
Councillor J. Byrne	Culture, Youth and Sport
Councillor Sherrington	Procurement, Housing and Highways
Councillor Zaman	Development and Regeneration and Human Resources
Councillor A. Ibrahim	Adult Safeguarding and Adult Social Care
Councillor Watters	Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector and Community Services

Other Members in Attendance

Councillor Donaghy
Councillor Murray
Councillor Kellett
Councillor Greenhalgh
Councillor Mrs. Fairclough
Councillor Haslam
Councillor Hayes
Councillor Richardson (as deputy for Councillor

Hornby)

Officers

Mrs. M. Asquith	Chief Executive
Mr. J. Daly	Acting Director of People
Ms. H. Gorman	Borough Solicitor
Ms. S. Johnson	Borough Treasurer
Mrs. V. Ridge	Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Morris in the Chair.

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Hornby.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9th May, 2016 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

2. GREATER MANCHESTER DEVOLUTION ORDERS

The Chief Executive submitted a report which updated members on the current legal and governance arrangements for the Greater Manchester Combined Authority following the implementation of the Cities and Local Government Act in March, 2016 and sought agreement for delegated authority to enable the next stages of devolution to be implemented.

Members were reminded that the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act came into force on 28th March, 2016 and an initial Order was passed through Parliament in March to establish the office of Mayor with PCC functions, to remove the requirement for the 2016 election of the Police and Crime Commissioner and to make arrangements for the election of a GM Mayor in May, 2017.

Members were advised that work was now underway to progress the Parliamentary process to ensure that all other Orders and regulatory amendments were in place to ensure that the GM devolution settlement could be implemented in full. It should be noted that the introduction of franchised bus services would be introduced by a separate Buses Bill and there was also likely to be a separate Order in relation to policing.

With regard to orders and regulatory amendments relating to constitutional or electoral issues, these would need to be in place by November, 2016. It was explained that, whilst it would be preferable to have all other Orders and regulatory changes in place at the same time, they would need to be in place by February, 2017 at the latest to allow sufficient time for Mayoral candidates to be fully aware of the powers of the elected Mayor and to prepare a manifesto.

The changes required to implement the devolution agreements were being dealt with in two phases:-

- Phase 1 – this would deal with most issues other than those relating to Fire and Rescue services. Order(s) would need to be laid by July, 2016 and implemented by November, 2016; and
- Phase 2 – this would address issues relating to Fire and Rescue Services and would also ask GMCA members to consider whether they wished to pursue the transfer of Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority responsibilities to the GMCA and would also review Overview and Scrutiny arrangements in relation to GMCA and mayoral functions.

Members were also advised that in order for the Combined Authority to acquire the additional powers that would enable it to implement the devolution agreements it must go through the statutory process as set out in the Act. This included a review of its governance, the publication of a Scheme setting out the powers requested and a public consultation exercise. This process was set in train in March for Phase 1 and would take place in the summer for Phase 2.

The report also stated that the powers to be conferred on the GMCA/Mayor now that the Act had been passed were summarized in a report to the Combined Authority in March and details of this were set out in this report together with a summary of how those powers would improve the ability of the GMCA to exercise its statutory functions.

Information was also provided in relation to overview and scrutiny of the Combined Authority and the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership Board.

In terms of the next steps, members were reminded that Phase 1 proposals had been subject to consultation during April and May and draft Orders were now being prepared by government to be laid in Parliament in July, 2016. Details of Phase 2 proposals would be considered by the GMCA on 30th June, 2016 and would then be subject to public consultation over July and early August with the intention that draft Orders would be introduced into Parliament in September, 2016.

In this regard, all of the districts needed to consent to the draft orders for Phase 1 and 2 and, as currently, the Combined Authority did not have a draft of the Orders delegated authority was therefore requested to enable consent to be provided by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to the content of the Orders before they were laid in Parliament.

Resolved – (i) That it be noted that the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act is now in place and the next steps required for implementation of the Greater Manchester devolution deals.

(ii) That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to consent to the terms of all Orders required to implement the current devolution deals.

(iii) That an informal Council be held at some date in the future when further information is available to update members on the

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progress being made with regard to Greater Manchester
Devolution.