

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 :-

**The Combined Authority;
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service; and
Transport for Greater Manchester Committee.**

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 Murray Councillor Morris (Deputy)
GMCA/AGMA Scrutiny Pool	-	Councillor Morgan 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 Jones
Manchester Airport Group Shareholders Committee	-	Leader of the Council

2. Meetings of Joint Authorities

2.1 The Combined Authority

A meeting took place on 28th October, 2016 when the following items were considered -

Greater Manchester Strategy Conversation

A report outlining the agreed approach for the engagement of GM residents, businesses and stakeholders in the refresh of the Greater Manchester Strategy and also detailing the timetable and providing a brief update of progress to date.

GM-Connect Funding

A report providing summary detail related to funding requests for GM-Connect's next phase and seeking approval to draw down resources from within the overall GM-Connect budget.

Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor, October 2016

A report providing an update on progress with work to understand the full implications of Brexit on Greater Manchester and develop an appropriate policy response.

Capital Expenditure Update 2016/17

A report presenting an update in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2016/17 capital expenditure programme.

GMCA Revenue Update 2016/17

A report informing members of the 2016/17 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of September 2016.

Greater Manchester 2040 Transport Strategy Consultation

A report summarising feedback received during the 12-week consultation (July to September 2016) on the 'Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040: Consultation Draft' and highlighting the next steps in finalising the strategy.

Energy Company for Greater Manchester – White Labelling

A report providing an update on the proposals for a Greater Manchester Energy Company ('GMEC') to the GMCA.

GM Investment Framework Project Updates

A report seeking approval for a second loan to Fabrik Games.

GM Housing Investment Fund – Investment Approval

A report seeking approval of a GM Housing Fund loan of £8.303m.

2.2 Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority

A meeting of the Committee took place on 13th October, 2016 when the following items were considered:-

Halloween Costumes Campaign Update

A report providing Members with an update regarding the GMFRS Halloween Costumes Campaign as part of this year's Treacle campaign.

Cardiac Arrest Response

A report updating Members on Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service's (GMFRS) response to cardiac arrests in support of North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) and the development of key supporting elements of the survival academy network.

Pension Board Firefighters' Pensions Scheme Annual Report 2015/16

To inform Members of the current duties and actions taken since the formation of the Board in April 2015/16.

2.3 Transport for Greater Manchester Committee

Metrolink's Second City Crossing Service Patterns

A report informing members of the proposed Metrolink service pattern for the opening of the second city crossing.

Rail Industry Funding submission for CP6 (2019-2024)

A report providing an overview of the development process and submission for the Initial Industry Advice (IIA).

Christmas and New Year Services

A report providing Members with an update on public transport provision during the 2016/17 Christmas and New Year period.

Greater Manchester 2040 Transport Strategy Consultation

A report, which was submitted to GMCA on 28 October, summarising feedback received during the 12-week consultation (July to September 2016) on the 'Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040: Consultation Draft' and highlighting the next steps in finalising the strategy.

2.4 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.