

**Report to:** CORPORATE AND EXTERNAL  
ISSUES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**Report of:** DIRECTOR OF CHIEF  
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**Non Confidential:**

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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 16th May, 2012, appointed the following Councillors as its nominated spokespersons/representatives on the various AGMA joint authorities –

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| AGMA Executive                                     | - | Leader of the Council  |
| AGMA Statutory Functions Committee                 | - | Councillor Mrs Thomas<br>Councillor Morris (Deputy)  |
| AGMA Scrutiny Pool                                 | - | Councillor Morgan<br>Councillor Cunliffe<br>Councillor A.Connell                             |
| Transport<br>for GM                                | - | Councillor Chadwick (Nominated spokesperson)<br>Councillor Mistry<br>Councillor Wild         |
| GM Fire and Rescue Authority                       | - | Councillor Ayub (Nominated spokesperson)<br>Councillor L. Byrne<br>Councillor Mrs Fairclough |
| GM Waste Disposal Authority                        | - | Councillor Sherrington (Nominated spokesperson)<br>Councillor Donaghy                        |
| Manchester Airport Group Shareholders<br>Committee | - | Leader of the Council  |

## **2. Meetings of Joint Authorities**

### **2.1 AGMA Executive Board**

A meeting of the AGMA Executive Board took place on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 when the following items were considered –

S48 Grants Programme - Update

A report providing an update on the S48 Grants Programme including monitoring arrangements in place along with recommendations in relation to continued funding in year 2 (2013/14) of the three year funding cycle.

#### Strategic Review

A report regarding the implementation of recommendations arising from the Strategic Review.

## **2.2 The Combined Authority**

A meeting took place on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 when the following items were considered -

#### Localism Act 2011 – New GMCA Code of Conduct for Members and Arrangements to deal with Complaints

A report recommending the appointment of two 'Independent Persons' and one co-opted Independent Member of the GMCA's Standards Committee.

#### Greater Manchester City Deal - Skills

A report outlining the Greater Manchester Skills Priorities as recommended by the GM Skills and Employment Partnership.

#### City Deal – Business Growth

A report providing an update on the AGMA forecast revenue outturn position 2012/2013 including resource requirements for Greater Manchester priorities.

#### Manchester Solutions/Business Centre of Excellence

A report providing information in relation to the arrangements for the new Board of the Business Centre of Excellence.

#### Metrolink Director TfGM

A report seeking ratification for the appointment of a new Metrolink Director in early 2013.

#### Appointment of TfGM Non-Executive Director

A report seeking approval to the appointment of Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, as a non-Executive Director of Transport for Greater Manchester.

#### Working Capital Loan to the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce

A report providing progress on the project and seeking approval to make a loan to the Chamber of Commerce

#### Business Rates Pooling

A report seeking agreement to the principle of participation in a Business Rates Pool for Greater Manchester Districts and proposing arrangements for a decision to be made as to continued membership once the detail of the Local Government Financial Settlement has been received.

#### Land Acquisition at Metrolink Stop at Ladywell

A confidential report seeking approval to increase the TfGM Capital Programme in relation to the acquisition of a plot of land that is used as a car park at the Metrolink stop at Ladywell.

#### Greater Manchester Debt Deal

A confidential report proposing the management of external long term borrowing in the light of the proposed introduction of new European Accounting Standards in 2014.

### **2.3 Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority**

A meeting of the Authority took place on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, when the following items were considered:-

#### Membership of the Museum Trust

A report requesting the appointment of a 'Substitute Member' to the Museum Trust.

#### Treasury Management: Mid Year Review

A report reviewing the operation and exercise of delegated Treasury Management powers during the first six months of 2012/13 and also considering the prospects for the remainder of the financial year.

#### Annual Pay Policy Statement 2013/14

A report setting out the Authority's Pay Policy Statement for 2013/14 in accordance with Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011.

#### Chief Officer's Activity Report July-September, 2012

A report providing details in relation to the Chief Officer's Activity Report between July and September, 2012

#### Performance Report Quarter 2 – 1st July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012/2013

A report setting out the current status and progress made against the Corporate Plan development and delivery goals for Quarter 2 2012/13.

## **2.4 GM Waste Disposal Authority**

A meeting of the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority took place on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 when the following items were considered:-

### Work Programme 2011/12

A report presenting the revised work programme for the next round of Committees starting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 up to April 2012.

### Corporate Plan - Half Year Review 2011/12

A report outlining the progress and performance for the first six months, up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011, against the Authority's key objectives in the Corporate Plan and the Municipal Waste Management Strategy (MWMS).

### Strategic Partnership Board (SPB)

A report providing Members with a briefing note about the last meeting of the SPB.

### Response to Consultation on the level of support under the Renewables Obligation

A report seeking delegation to respond to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) consultation on the proposed level of support provided to energy from waste technologies under the Renewables Obligation.

### Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2011/12

A report setting out an overview of treasury management activity for the first six months of 2011/12 for Members consideration, as required under the Treasury Management Strategy (TMS).

### Budget 2012/13 and updated Medium Term Financial Plan

A report providing the Authority with its third update on budget prospects for 2012/13 and beyond, including recommendations for budget reduction measures to marginally exceed the savings target set by the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA).

## **2.5 Transport for Greater Manchester**

A meeting of the Committee took place on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 when the following items were considered:-

### Forward Look

To present for Members' information a 'Forward Look' report which sets out the key work streams requiring decisions from the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee over the next four months.

### 2013/14 Transport Levy Budget Proposals

To update the Committee on the outcome of discussions with the Transport Levy Scrutiny Panel on the transport budget for 2013/14 ('the budget').

### Political Engagement Programme 2013 - 14

A report back on the Committee's political engagement activities during 2012 – 13, and to set out proposals for the 2013 – 14 political engagement programme.

### Update on TfGMC Policy Priorities

A report advising Members of the arrangements in place to progress and report on the 2012/13 Policy Priorities that were determined by the Committee at its annual meeting on 15 June 2012.

### Devolution of rail re-franchising in the North of England:update

A report providing Members with an update of the work currently underway on the potential devolution of re-franchising responsibility from the Department for Transport to the North of England.

### Inter City West Coast Franchise Update

A report providing Members with an update on progress with the various inquiries and reports commissioned by government following the decision not to award a contract to First Group for the Inter City West Coast franchise; and also information on the actions taken by the Department for Transport to ensure rail services continue to operate.

### Smart Ticketing Update

A report providing Members with an update on the Smart Ticketing Scheme for Greater Manchester.

### Current Bus Issues – update

A report updating members of revisions to the fares and products available on Stagecoach Wigan's services and to update members regarding the proposed acquisition of Bluebird Bus and Coaches by Stagecoach.

## **2.6 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.