

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AT ITS MEETING ON 25th NOVEMBER 2011 AT BOLTON TOWN HALL

**Decisions published on 28th November 2011 and will come into force from
4:00pm on the 5th December 2011, subject to Call-in, except for any urgent
decisions.**

The process for call in of decisions is set out as an Appendix to this note, extracted from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Constitution. The address for the purposes of the schedule is that of the GMCA Secretary, c/o Room 210, Wigan Town Hall, WN1 1YN; or by contacting: k.bond@agma.gov.uk.

The reports detailed in this note can be accessed at the AGMA website via the following link: - <http://www.agma.gov.uk/calendar/index.html>. Any report not available on the web site will be available for Scrutiny Pool members from the GMCA Secretary on request, on a private and confidential basis.

1. GREATER MANCHESTER FAMILY: GOVERNANCE CHANGES (Agenda Item 6)

The Combined Authority considered a report setting out a number of proposed governance changes and AGREED:

1. to support the proposed changes to the Marketing Manchester Board detailed in the report and to confirm their existing nominations to this Board;
2. the revised membership of the Board of Directors of MIDAS as detailed in the report;
3. to delegate the appointment of new Company Secretaries to both MIDAS and Commission for the New Economy Ltd to the Head of the Paid Service of the GMCA together with any associated amendments to the Articles of Association of these companies,
4. that officers be requested to
 - i) consider a more suitable name to represent the functions of Commission for the New Economy Ltd and
 - ii) develop a common GMCA Search and Selection Committee with regard to appointments to the various Manchester Family Boards rather than ad hoc arrangements for each board

and to report back with recommendations on both these issues to a future meeting of the GMCA; and

5. that any GMCA appointments to any Boards made as a result of this report be reviewed on an annual basis at the GMCA's AGM in June each year.

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2. COMMUNITY BUDGETS (Agenda Item 7)

The Combined Authority AGREED a report which sought Members' support for continued dialogue with Government now that Greater Manchester has been shortlisted to be one of 10 'Whole Place' Community Budget areas.

3. GM INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK (Agenda Item 8)

The Combined Authority considered a report which provided updates on recent Regional Growth Fund and Growing Places Fund announcements and AGREED:

1. that the potential for the Combined Authority to be the accountable body for both sources of funding should be explored; and
2. to receive a further report in January 2012 seeking approval for detailed governance, financial and programme management arrangements for both funds.

4. DEAL FOR CITIES (Agenda Item 9)

The Combined Authority considered a report which provided an overview of discussions with Government on developing a 'Deal for Greater Manchester' and AGREED:

1. that the Deal for Greater Manchester discussions should reflect priorities in the Greater Manchester Strategy as set out in the report; and
2. to delegate to the Wider Leadership Team in consultation with Leaders finalisation of the initial submission for discussion with central Government officials.

5. GREATER MANCHESTER ENERGY PLAN (Agenda Item 10)

The Combined Authority considered a report which set out details of a proposed Greater Manchester Energy Plan and AGREED to

1. adopt the Plan; and
2. to delegate any final alterations and amendments in the final published text to the Chair of the Environment Commission, (Cllr Dave Goddard) the Chair and Vice Chair of the Energy Group, (Cllr Neil Swannick and Steve Johnson, Chief Executive, Electricity North West) and the Lead AGMA Chief Executive, Charlie Parker.

6. SCRUTINY POOL MEETING OF 11 NOVEMBER 2011 (Agenda Item 11)

The Combined Authority noted the minutes but AGREED in relation to minute 5.3a of the meeting:-

"That a revised GMS be brought to the Pool following input/findings from the Independent Economic Review in early 2012."

that any variations in the Greater Manchester Strategy which the Combined Authority considers appropriate following publication of the Economic

Advisory Panel report should, of course, be considered by the Scrutiny Pool.

7. TfGMC MEETING OF 11 NOVEMBER 2011 (Agenda Item 12)

The GMCA noted the minutes but AGREED that TfGMC be asked – within the context of the Draft Greater Manchester Rail Policy – to review issues concerning the future potential of the Stockport – Reddish – Stalybridge rail corridor.

JOINT GMCA & AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MATTERS

8. UPDATE ON GMS DELIVERY PLAN AND GMS INDICATORS (Agenda Item 13)

The Combined Authority/AGMA Executive Board AGREED to note the report but requested that future updates be provided which enabled more immediately effective monitoring of performance by GMCA members to take place.

9. GREATER MANCHESTER WETLANDS NATURE IMPROVEMENT AREA BID (Agenda Item 14)

The Combined Authority/AGMA Executive Board AGREED to support the bid detailed in the report and agree that the Chair submit a letter of support on behalf of the Combined Authority

10. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND - BID PROGRESS (AGENDA ITEM E1)

The Combined Authority/AGMA Executive Board considered a report setting out progress in developing a 'Large Project' Bid to the Fund and AGREED:

1. to note and approve the contents of the report; and
2. that the final approval of the bid be delegated to the Chief Executive of TfGM and the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chairs of the Combined Authority and TfGMC. The submission will be made by TfGM on behalf of the Combined Authority and TfGMC.

EXTRACT FROM THE GMCA CONSTITUTION

PART 5B - SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR GMCA, TFGMC AND TFGM

5. Call in of decisions

5.1 Call in of decisions of GMCA and TfGMC

- (a) Members of the Scrutiny Pool appointed under this Protocol will have the power to call in:-
 - (i) any decision of the GMCA;
 - (ii) any major or strategic decision of the TfGMC which is taken by the TfGMC in accordance with the delegations set out in Part 3 Section B II of this Constitution.

5.2 Publication of Notice of Decisions

- (a) When:-
 - (i) a decision is made by the GMCA; or
 - (ii) a major or strategic decision is made by the TfGMC in accordance with the delegations set out in Part 3, Section B II of this Constitution;

the decision shall be published, including where possible by electronic means, and shall be available from the normally within 2 days of being made. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to send electronic copies of the records of all such decisions to all members of the Scrutiny Pool within the same timescale.

- (b) The notices referred to at subparagraph 5.2(a) above will bear the date on which they are published and will specify that the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, as from 4.00 pm on the fifth day after the day on which the decision was published, unless 5 members of the Scrutiny Pool object to it and call it in.