

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 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
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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 –

AGMA Executive	-	Leader of the Council
AGMA Statutory Functions Committee	-	Councillor Mrs Thomas Councillor Morris (Deputy)
AGMA Scrutiny Pool	-	Councillor Morgan Councillor Cunliffe Councillor A.Connell
Transport for GM	-	Councillor Chadwick (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor Mistry Councillor Wild
GM Fire and Rescue Authority	-	Councillor Ayub (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor L. Byrne Councillor Mrs Fairclough
GM Waste Disposal Authority	-	Councillor Sherrington (Nominated spokesperson) Councillor Donaghy
Manchester Airport Group Shareholders 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 27th September, 2013 when the following items were considered –

Forward Plan of Key Decisions

A report which contained the latest Forward Plan of key decisions based on the new format.

AGMA Statement of Accounts 2012/13

A report detailing the Statement of Accounts for 2012/13, including Letter of Representation, and Annual Governance Report from Grant Thornton.

2.2 The Combined Authority

A meeting took place on 27th September, 2013 when the following items were considered -

Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions

A report outlining, the GMCA agreed procedures for developing a Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions for the Authority, in line with the requirements of the GMCA's constitution. The latest such plan is attached as the Appendix to this report.

Greater Manchester Transport Fund Update

A report updating in relation to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund (GMTF) and other strategic public transport schemes.

GM Strategy: Revised Draft and Plain English Summary

A report which summarised the feedback received throughout the Greater Manchester Strategy consultation process, and set out a series of proposed amendments to the draft strategy in response to that feedback. Those amendments have subsequently been made and a revised version of the strategy is attached to the report.

Strategic Growth and Reform Plan

A report proposing to develop a Greater Manchester place-based Growth and Reform Plan that complies with the guidance but that delivers against the breadth of our objectives and emphasises the interconnectivity of the growth and reform agendas.

Rail North: Long Term Rail Strategy

A report summarising the key aspects of the Long Term Rail Strategy and presenting a draft GMCA response for comment.

Low Carbon Hub Procurement

A report outlining the Low Carbon Hub Procurement framework for use in wider procurement activities to support the objectives of the GM Climate Change Strategy, agreed by AGMA/GMCA in 2012, and glean the associated economic and social benefits across GM districts.

Manchester Family Re-structuring – The Next Steps

A report bringing forward proposals following extensive consultation with stakeholders to deliver full integration of functions for the Manchester Family structures and to strengthen the

democratic accountability and arrangements for securing the effective oversight of these functions, as the next crucial stage of a review process, which was commenced over 18 months ago.

Manchester Solutions Governance

A report setting out the initial results of the recent review of the future of business support, trade and investment activities across Greater Manchester and outlining a proposed way forward.

2.3 Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority

A meeting of the Authority took place on 5th September, 2013, when the following items were considered:-

Update Paul's Hair World Incident, Oldham Street, Manchester

A report updating the Authority on the work following the tragic death of Firefighter Stephen Hunt and the establishment of an Operation Cranbrook Support Team and an Out of Scope Support Group.

Proposals For Operational Restructuring

A report outlining proposed changes to the current operational establishment and planned redeployment of resources.

Annual Report & Annual Statement of Assurance for 2012-13

A report outlining the final year out turn progress against the Corporate Plan 2012-15 priorities and targets for 2012/13 through the Service's Annual Report and a report detailing, the government and the communities of Greater Manchester with a Statement of Assurance on financial, governance and operational matters for 2012/13.

LGA Annual Conference and Exhibition 2 to 4 July, 2013 - Feedback

A report providing feedback to Members from the LGA Annual Conference & Exhibition 2013 which took place from 2 to 4 July 2013 at Manchester Central Convention Complex.

Quarter One Performance Review

A report presenting the Service's first quarter performance against the corporate development and delivery goals within the 2013-16 Corporate Plan.

Development Goal 20 – Operational Training Site

A report providing an update on DV 20 - Operational Training Site - since the report to the Authority on 18th April 2013.

Chief Officer's Activity Report (Quarter 1 – 1st April to 31st June, 2013)

A report providing details in relation to the Chief Officer's Activity Report between April and June, 2013.

2.4 GM Waste Disposal Authority

A meeting of the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority took place on 20th September, 2013 when the following items were considered:-

Authority and Committee Work Programme for the Second Cycle of Meetings in the 2013/14 Municipal Year Commencing September 2013

A report presenting the Authority and Committee Work Programme for the second cycle of meetings in the 2013/14 Municipal Year commencing September 2013.

Strategic Partnership Board – Briefing Note of the Chair

To provide Members with a briefing regarding the issues discussed at the last meeting of the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB).

Low Carbon Hub Board – Briefing Note of the Chair

To update Members on the work of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities' (AGMA) Low Carbon Hub Board, and of matters discussed at the 6th September 2013 meeting.

Annual Treasury Management Review 2012/13

A report which detailed the annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2012/13 as required.

Annual Report 2012/13

To report progress and performance against the Authority's key objectives in the Corporate Plan and the Waste Management Strategy (WMS).

The House of Lords Call for Evidence on the European Union's Contribution to the Prevention of Food Waste

To seek approval to respond to the House of Lords Call for evidence on the European Union's (EU) Contribution to The Prevention of Food Waste.

Review of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption, Whistle-blowing and Anti-Money Laundering Policies

To consider and comment on the attached Anti-Fraud and Corruption, Whistle-blowing and Anti-Money Laundering Policies as attached at Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to the report.

Budget 2014/15 & Beyond

To advise the Authority of the potential impact of recent announcements by the Coalition Government in relation to spending prospects for 2014/15 and 2015/16 and, together with a complimentary closed report which deals with commercially sensitive matters, sets out a process to develop options to reduce the burden of our spending requirements for our constituent Districts.

2.5 Transport for Greater Manchester

A meeting of the Committee took place on 13th September, 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.

Manchester - Sheffield Rail Services

A report advising of a consultation by the Minister of State for Transport concerning the preservation of infrastructure on the Woodhead route; and concerns with progress with the delivery of the Northern Hub infrastructure enhancements and train services developments on the Hope Valley route.

Rail North: Long Term Rail

A report summarising the key aspects of the draft Long Term Rail Strategy.

Office of Rail Regulation: Draft Determination

A report outlining the key aspects of the Office of Rail Regulation Draft Determination for Control Period 5 (as far as Transport for Greater Manchester is Concerned), and present the consultation response sent by TfGM.

Public Art Strategy Update

A report providing an update on the Public Arts Strategy.

High Speed 2 Consultation, Piccadilly and Mayfield Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF)

A report outlining the Government's consultation on the High Speed 2 (HS2) rail link from the West Midlands to Manchester and Leeds; the growth opportunities this presents for Manchester City Region; and the work officers are undertaking to ensure TfGM can respond fully to the consultation. It also presented a draft Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) for the wider Piccadilly area, building on the opportunities presented by HS2 and the Northern Hub rail schemes, and a refreshed Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) for Mayfield.

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.