

# **ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES**

## **DECISIONS MADE BY THE AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011 AT BURY TOWN HALL**

**Decisions published on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and will come into force from  
29<sup>th</sup> 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 AGMA's constitution. The address for the purposes of the schedule is that of the AGMA Secretary, c/o Room 210, Wigan Town Hall, WN1 1YN; or by contacting:

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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. SECTION 48 GRANTS SCHEME - UPDATE(Agenda item 5)**

The Executive Board considered a report which gave an update on progress in assessing applications to the scheme and which proposed a way forward. The Board AGREED:

- 1) that further analysis in consultation with stakeholders was required to inform a balanced and robust s48 Programme;
- 2) a revised timeframe proposing that recommendations for s48 grant awards be considered by the AGMA Executive on 27 January 2012; and
- 3) that grant agreements for existing Section 48 revenue clients be extended to April 2012, ensuring sufficient cover is in place for these organisations to meet any statutory notice periods for staff.

**EXTRACT FROM SCHEDULE 4 OF NEW AGMA CONSTITUTION**

- 5.1 Members of the scrutiny pool appointed under these arrangements will have the power to call in any decision of the Board.
- 5.2 When a decision is made by the Board the decision shall be published, including where possible by electronic means, and shall be available from the address specified in Paragraph 24.1 of this operating agreement 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 pool within the same timescale.
- 5.3 That notice will bear the date on which it is published and will specify that the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 working days after the publication of the decision, unless 5 members the scrutiny pool object to it and call it in.
- 5.4 During that period, the Secretary shall call-in a decision for scrutiny by a joint meeting of pool members if so requested by any five members from the pool, and shall then notify members of the Board of the call-in. The Secretary shall call a joint meeting of pool members on such date as he/she may determine, where possible after consultation with the Chair of the pool, and in any case within 15 working days of the decision to call-in.
- 5.5 If, having considered the decision, the joint meeting of pool members is still concerned about it, then it may refer it back to the Board for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns. If referred to the Board they shall then reconsider within a further 15 working days, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision.
- 5.6 The call-in procedure set out above shall not apply where the decision being taken by the Board is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Board's or the public's or an individual's interests. The record of the decision, and notice by which it is made public shall state whether in the opinion of the decision making person or body, the decision is an urgent one, and therefore not subject to call-in. The Board must agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.