

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 Service; and
Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority.

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 26th August, 2016 when the following items were considered -

GMCA Consultation: Phase Two Governance Review

A report providing details on the outcome of the public consultation undertaken and analysis of responses received in relation to phase two of the GMCA governance review and Scheme.

Greater Manchester Brexit Monitor

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.

European Structural Investment Funds update

A report providing an update on the implications for Greater Manchester's ESI Funding following the EU Referendum vote and the recent announcement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the steps the Treasury is taking to address the uncertainty surrounding European funds that has been in place following the EU referendum.

Access Fund for Sustainable Travel 2017/2018 – 2019/20

A report providing of the Department for Transport's Access Fund for Sustainable Travel 2017/18 – 2019/20 and seeking approval of the proposed programme of initiatives for submission.

Local Growth Deal Funding for the Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre (GEIC)

A paper reminding the GMCA of the GEIC's strategic significance and seeking formal approval to grant £5m of Local Growth funding to the University of Manchester.

Progress and funding report on The Alliance Project for UK Textiles

A paper updating GMCA members on:

- Progress by the Alliance Textile Project during 2015/2016, specifically the major activities agreed with GMCA on 17 March 2015
- Proposed work programme to July 2017 to deliver the remaining key elements of the work programme.
- The funding position at March 2016, funding secured for the period up to the end of April 2017 and highlighting the gaps.

Maximising the Apprenticeship Levy across Greater Manchester's Public Sector

A report outlining the work to date setting out the opportunities and challenges for GM's public sector in relation to maximising its investment via the Apprenticeship Levy and developing a high quality, collective approach to supporting future public sector apprenticeships through the development of bespoke programmes.

Science and Innovation Audit

A report providing a progress update on work to conduct a Science and Innovation Audit for Greater Manchester/East Cheshire

2.2 Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority

A meeting of the Committee took place on 8th September, 2016 when the following items were considered:-

Annual Report 2015/16

The purpose of the report is to seek approval of the content of the Annual Report 2015/16 and its publication on the GMFRS Website.

Firefighter Recruitment Outcomes 2016

A report sharing the outcomes of the recent wholetime (SDS) 2016 Firefighter recruitment activity and assessment outcomes.

Budget Update

A report providing an update on the latest budget position for 2016/17 and the process for setting the budget for 2017/18.

Devolution - GMCA Governance Review and Scheme: Phase 2 - Consultation Outcome

A report providing an update on Devolution in Greater Manchester and informing members of the outcome of the Governance Review and Scheme: Phase 2 Consultation undertaken by the GMCA.

LGA Annual Conference and Exhibition 2016 – Feedback

A report providing feedback to Members from the LGA Annual Conference & Exhibition 2016 which took place from 5th to 7th July 2016 at Bournemouth International Centre.

Chief Officers Activity Report – Quarter 1 (1st April to 30th June, 2016)

A report detailing the Chief Officers Activity Report for Quarter 1.

Quarter One Performance Review 2016-17

A report presenting the Service's Quarter 1 performance against the development and delivery goals contained within the Corporate and Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016/20.

EFQM & Service Excellence

A report providing a recap of our excellence journey to date, a progress update on the organisation's commitment to service excellence and our next steps.

Development Goal 20 Operational Training and Community Safety Centre Update

A report detailing a presentation regarding progress and proposals for the handover of the new Training and Safety Centre at Bury.

2.3 Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority

A meeting of the Committee took place on 9th September, 2016 when the following items were considered:-

Annual Report 2015/16

A report providing the Authority with verified performance data for the 2015/16 financial year, chart progress against our main aim 'our aim is zero waste' and record progress against priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan.

Performance Framework 2016/17

A report considering proposals to bring into effect reporting arrangements to support the new performance framework in 2016/17.

Annual Treasury Management Review 2015/16

A report meeting the requirements of both the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code) to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2015/2016.

Authority and Committee Work Programmes for the 2016/17 Municipal Year

A report presenting the Work Programme for the Authority and its Committees for the 2016/17 Municipal Year for approval.

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.