

Bolton Council

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 Police 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 –

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 Police Authority	-	Councillor D. Burrows (Nominated spokesperson)
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 July, 2012 when the following items were considered –

AGMA Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter 1

A report informing members of the 2012/13 forecast revenue outturn position as at end June 2012.

Greater Manchester Metropolitan Debt Administration Fund –Treasury Management Activity and Final Accounts 2011/12

A report summarising the fund's treasury management activities and detailing the final accounts for the financial year 2011/12.

2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

A report requesting support of a petition to the government, which asks it to reconsider the disbanding of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

AGMA Audit Plan 2011-2012

A report setting out the plan from the Audit Commission detailing the work they will be undertaking for the 2011/12 financial year's accounts.

2.2 The Combined Authority

A meeting took place on 27th July, 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 regarding the implementation of the new Member standards regime imposed by the Localism Act 2011, a draft GMCA Code of Conduct for Members and the draft GMCA Arrangements for investigating and deciding upon complaints against Members

The Greater Manchester Enterprise Zone Delivery Model

A report setting out the high level arrangements for collaboration between landowners to ensure the effective delivery of the Greater Manchester Enterprise Zone and the Greater Manchester Growth Plan

GM Community Budget Pilot – Progress Report

A report updating on progress with the community budget pilot since the previous GMCA meeting on 29 June specifically on the interim reporting stage which has taken place through three key meetings.

Quarterly Economic Outlook

A report providing an Assessment of the current economic climate, based on the latest detailed intelligence available on trends in the area, including unemployment, airport passenger numbers, house prices and the commercial property market.

Delivering housing growth in Greater Manchester

A report outlining initial proposals for the delivery of 9,200 homes per annum in Greater Manchester by 2015.

Greater Manchester Spatial Investment Framework - Update

A report providing an update on the preparation of the GM Spatial Investment Framework to support the delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy and the GM Investment Strategy.

Greater Manchester Road Activities Permit Scheme

A report outlining the progress of the implementation of the Greater Manchester Road Activities Permit Scheme.

Northern Hub and Railway Funding 2014 - 2019

A report summarising the main content of announcements made by the Secretary of State for Transport in relation to the Northern Hub and other railway funding commitments for the period 2014-19.

Revenue Budget Monitoring 2012 - 2013

A report informing members of the 2012/13 forecast revenue outturn position as at end June 2012.

Capital Monitoring Report 2012 - 13

A report providing an update in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2012/13 capital expenditure programme.

AGMA Scrutiny Pool Minutes.

The minutes of a recent meeting are attached at the appendix.

2.3 Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority

A meeting of the Authority took place on 21st June, 2012, when the following items were considered:-

Treasury Management Annual Review Report – 2011/12

A report informing Members of the Authority's Treasury Management Practices and providing actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2011/12.

Chief Officer's Activity Report - Quarter 4 (1st January to 31st March 2012)

A report presenting the 'Chief Officer's Activity Report' for Quarter 4 2011/12 – 1st January to 31st March 2012.

Quarter 4 Performance Reporting for the year 2011/12

A report summarising the progress made against the development actions contained within the Corporate Plan 2011/14 and overall corporate performance for the period covering 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012.

2.4 Greater Manchester Police Authority

A meeting of the Authority took place on 13th July, 2012 when the following items were considered:-

Report on GMPA Policing Plan Force Priorities and Targets for July, 2012

A report providing an update on progress in delivering the Policing Plan priorities for 2012-13 and performance against targets.

Overview of the Change Portfolio

A report providing details of the progress made within the Greater Manchester Police (GMP) change portfolio, since the last report, provided to the Authority on 13th December 2011.

Update on the People Implications of the second priority based budgeting review of the back office

A report providing an update with respect to the people implications of the Force's second priority based budgeting review of the Back Office.

2.5 GM Waste Disposal Authority

A meeting took place on 8th June, 2012 when the following items were considered -

Recycling and Waste Management Contract (Contract) Development Update

A report providing an update on current developments with the construction phase of the Contract, and set out progress on maximising value for money through the 'zero waste' approach.

Development of a replacement Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) and Transfer Loading Station (TLS) at the Over Hulton Site

A report recommending to proceed with the development of a replacement Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) and Transfer Loading Station (TLS) at the Over Hulton, Bolton site.

Options Appraisal for the Over Hulton (former Exide Batteries) Site

A report advising about the potential options for the use/development of the former CMP Exide Batteries site at Over Hulton, comprising the factory building, amenity block and ancillary buildings.

Landfill Aftercare Review

A report updating on the progress to date of the Landfill Aftercare review, particularly in relation to the selling of the portfolio of 18 closed landfill sites.

2.6 Transport for Greater Manchester

A meeting of the Committee took place on 13th July, 2012 when the following items were considered:-

LSTF – Large Project Bid and Key Component Commuter Cycle Project Update

A report informing members of the outcome of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) large project bid and to provide an update on progress with the delivery of the Key Component Commuter Cycle project since the last report to the TfGM Capital and Policy Sub Committee.

City Deal: Future Transport Prioritisation

A report setting out the potential offered by the Earn Back funding model, agreed with Government as part of the Greater Manchester City Deal, to further expand the Greater Manchester Transport Fund (GMTF) investment programme; and a process, agreed by GMCA on 29 June 2012, to develop future investment priorities through the rigorous mechanism established for GMTF.

Revenue Budget Monitoring 2012/13.

A report informing Members of the latest position in respect of the 2012/13 revenue budget and the revenue budget outturn for 2011/12.

2.7 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.