

**DECISIONS MADE AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND THE AGMA EXECUTIVE  
BOARD HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2014**

**Decisions published on 3 December 2014 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 10 December 2014, 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 GMIST, Manchester City Council, P.O. Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA; or by contacting [j.gaskell@agma.gov.uk](mailto:j.gaskell@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. INVESTMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL BOND AGENCY (agenda item 6)**

Members received a report from Richard Paver, AGMA Treasurer, providing a brief on the setting up of the Local Government Municipal Bonds Agency and seeking the consideration of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to make an initial investment in the Agency.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That approval is given for the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to invest £50,000 in the Local Capital Finance Company Ltd, as part of the funding required to launch the agency.
2. To note that a letter of Intent is required to be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 indicating the GMCA's intent to invest in the Company.

**2. GREATER MANCHESTER DEBT ADMINISTRATION FUND - ESTIMATED RETURNS & BORROWING STRATEGY (agenda item 7)**

Members received a report from Steven Pleasant, Chief Executive, Tameside MBC, presenting the Fund's estimated rates of interest for 2014/15 and 2015/16 together with the borrowing strategy to be employed.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the revised 2014/15 estimate as 5.73% and the original 2015/16 estimate as 5.74%.

### 3. GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK (agenda item 8)

Members received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC detailing the implications of producing the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework as a joint DPD and providing further information on the proposed scope of the plan as well as the required amendments to the AGMA constitution and decisions by individual Districts to initiate this process.

#### RESOLVED/-

That each full council:

1. Approve the making of an agreement with the other 9 Greater Manchester councils to prepare jointly the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) to cover housing and employment land requirements and associated infrastructure across Greater Manchester ( as set out in Appendix 1 of the report) as a joint development plan document on terms to be approved by the Council's Chief Executive.
2. To note that the [Council's Executive / Cabinet/ City Mayor] will be asked to delegate the formulating and preparing of the GMSF to the AGMA Executive Board.
3. To note that there will be further reports to full Council in respect of matters, which are within the remit of full Council including approval of the GMSF.
4. Approve the amendment of paragraph 13.2 of Schedule 1 to the AGMA constitution by deleting the words ' ( initially in terms of Waste and Minerals Planning) ' and authorise the updating of the AGMA Constitution to reflect this.

That each Executive / cabinet/ leader/ the City Mayor *(depending on each Council's own arrangements and in the event that the Councils have approved the above recommendations):*

1. To note that full Council has approved the making of an agreement with the other 9 Greater Manchester councils to prepare jointly the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework to cover housing and employment land requirements and associated infrastructure across Greater Manchester ( as set out in Appendix 1 of the report ) as a joint development plan document.
2. To delegate to the AGMA Executive Board the formulating and preparing of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework to cover housing and employment land requirements and associated infrastructure across Greater Manchester ( as set out in Appendix 1 to the report ) insofar as such matters are executive functions.
3. To note that the following are the sole responsibility of full Council:
  - Responsibility for giving of instructions to the executive to reconsider the draft plan submitted by the executive for the authority's consideration
  - The amendment of the draft GMSF plan document submitted by the executive for the full Council's consideration

- The approval for the purpose of its submission to the Secretary of State or Minister of the Crown for his approval of the GMSF if required
  - The approval of the GMSF document for the purposes of submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
  - The adoption of the GMSF.
4. To approve the amendment of paragraph 13.2 of Schedule 1 to the AGMA constitution by deleting the words ‘ ( initially in terms of Waste and Minerals Planning) ‘ and authorise the updating of the AGMA Constitution to reflect this

In addition, the AGMA Executive Board is asked to:

1. To request a further report outlining the implications of the Devolution Agreement for the preparation of the GMSF (as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report) and setting out future steps in the event that the above delegations are approved.
2. To agree an interim approach to budget commitments in 2014/15, as set out in paragraphs 4.4 - 4.5 of the report, with Manchester acting as lead authority for the GMSF budget.

#### **4. GREATER MANCHESTER EMPTY HOMES CONSORTIUM - POST 2015 (agenda item 9)**

Members received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC detailing the future of work required on empty homes in Greater Manchester beyond the expiry of current capital funding programmes in April 2015.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To approve the proposal that a joint GM approach to empty homes should continue.
2. To approve the development and implementation of the approach set out in the report to achieve:
  - the continuation of a GM consortium approach to Affordable Homes Programme (AHP) funding for empty homes beyond April 2015 with those districts and partners keen to continue
  - further development work through joint working with district colleagues on a flexible revolving fund for empty property, linked to TopCo
  - further sharing of best practice and experience, including through the dissemination of the outcomes of the Knowledge Transfer Partnership project.
3. To delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service, Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to agree the necessary documents with the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) and consortium partners for AHP funding to assist in the return of empty homes to use as affordable housing.
4. To authorise the Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation.

## **ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA**

### **5. INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION (agenda item 11)**

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That authority regarding any necessary decisions and actions required between now and 19 December 2014 be delegated to the Chief Executive Portfolio Lead for Elections, the Head of the Paid Service in consultation with the Chair of the AGMA Executive Board.

## **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 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.