

**GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**

**DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY  
MEETING HELD ON 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2012 AT TRAFFORD MBC**

**Decisions published on 4 September 2012 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 11 September 2012, 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 the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Constitution. The address for the purposes of the schedule is that of the GMCA Secretary, c/o Manchester City Council, P.O. Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA; or by contacting [k.bond@agma.gov.uk](mailto:k.bond@agma.gov.uk)

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1. **GM COMMUNITY BUDGET PILOT - PROGRESS REPORT**

The Combined Authority received an update from Steven Pleasant, Lead Chief Executive on the community budget pilot since the previous Combined Authority meeting on 27 July. The update on progress made focussed specifically on the continued work on the business cases and investment models. The Combined Authority AGREED to note the report.

2. **GREATER MANCHESTER LOAN FUND**

The Combined Authority received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of Paid Services requesting approval to pursue the establishment of a Manchester Loan Fund to provide loan finance for new and growing businesses in Greater Manchester and AGREED:

1. to the principle of the establishment of a Manchester Loan Fund as set out in the report;
2. the principle of utilising Regional Growth Fund from the Combined Authorities Regional Growth Fund 2 programme to support the establishment of the fund; and
3. to receive a further report in due course which includes an analysis of the proposals received during the procurement process.

3. **REVIEW OF GREATER MANCHESTER ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT TRUST / LIMITED**

The Combined Authority received a report of Penny Boothman, Deputy Clerk to TfGMC and Head of GMIST and David Leather, Chief Executive of TfGM requesting agreement from the Combined Authority for a review of the current governance arrangements to be undertaken of the Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Trust (GMATT) and Greater Manchester Accessible Limited Transport (GMATL) and AGREED to the arrangements for the review as set out in the report with the outcome to be reported back in due course.

4. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL

The Combined Authority considered a report presented by David Leather, Chief Executive TfGM updating members on the progress in allocating GM Investment Framework resources including two new projects and AGREED:

1. to note the progress made in allocating GM Investment Funds to date and to receive a future report in respect of the GM project pipeline;
2. to approve in principle the projects and agree that they now progress to due diligence;
3. to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and the Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to that, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation; and
4. to increase the Combined Authority's Capital Programme accordingly.

## **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 from the 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.

**GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**

**DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY  
MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AT OLDHAM COUNCIL**

**Decisions published on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 and will come into force from 4:00pm  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012, subject to call-in, except for any urgent decisions.**

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1. **GM COMMUNITY BUDGET PILOT - PROGRESS REPORT**

The Combined Authority received an update from Sean Harris, Lead Chief Executive on the community budget pilot since the previous Combined Authority meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August. The update on progress made focussed specifically on the final submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government that is due at the end of October.  
The Combined Authority AGREED:

1. to receive a report back to the next meeting detailing the final business case; and
2. to note the report.

2. **LGRR - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, POOLING OF BUSINESS RATES**

The Combined Authority received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer updating members on the initial expression of interest made to Communities and Local Government with regard to the possible 'pooling' of business rates and next steps required by the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and AGREED:

1. that the Combined Authority submit a worked up proposal to CLG by 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to be accompanied by the signatures of the Chief Executives and S151 Officers of the ten districts and the Combined Authority; and
2. that a further report be submitted to the Combined Authority at its December meeting as to the benefits, or otherwise, of being formally designated as a Pool in the light of the draft Funding Allocations. In the event of Allocations not being available, it would be necessary to agree a process by which a final decision can be reached with the timescales which will be specified by CLG.

3. EMPTY HOMES

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Planning & Housing seeking GMCA's approval of the delegation of authority to the GMCA Head of Paid Service to sign a contract with the Homes & Communities Agency for £5,085,203 of funding to assist in the return of empty homes to use as affordable housing.

The GMCA APPROVED the delegation of authority to the GMCA Head of Paid Service to sign a contract with the Homes and Communities Agency on the Combined Authority's behalf.

4. GM HOUSING INVESTMENT BOARD: TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Planning & Housing updating members on discussions with the Homes & Communities Agency on the operation of the GM Housing Investment Board agreed in the GM City Deal.

The GMCA AGREED the Terms of Reference for the GM Housing Investment Board, and noted that they are being submitted in parallel to the HCA Board.

5. SMART TICKETING OPERATIONS AND BENEFITS

The Combined Authority received a report presented by David Leather, Chief Executive, TfGM providing members with a description of the Smart Ticketing Scheme for Greater Manchester from a customer perspective.

The GMCA AGREED to note the content of the report.

6. PARK & RIDE AND RAIL FUNDING STRATEGY

The Combined Authority received an update report presented by David Leather, Chief Executive, TfGM on the financial strategy for delivering the currently unfunded five rail based park and ride facilities included within the Greater Manchester Transport Fund and is being considered in conjunction with the proposals for funding Electric Vehicles infrastructure, which are contained within a separate report on the agenda for this meeting.

The GMCA AGREED the funding proposal for delivering the five remaining rail Park and Ride sites contained within the Greater Manchester Transport Fund.

7. OPTIONS FOR LIFE SCIENCES INCUBATION

The Combined Authority received an update report presented by Mike Emmerich, Chief Executive, New Economy detailing plans for the development of a pharmaceutical cluster of companies and academic facilities that would be located at Alderley Park and AGREED:

1. to note the proposal;
2. to offer its support for the development as part of efforts to build and retain expertise and investment in pharmaceuticals and bioscience in and around Greater Manchester; and
3. to look to develop a Working Group, which it is envisaged will include representatives from a local company, the LEP, the Combined Authority and

relevant universities to maximise the benefits of this proposal for Greater Manchester.

8. TfGM ISSUES

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Services updating members on the recruitment process including a recommendation for the appointment of the successful candidate. The GMCA AGREED:

1. to note the process which has been underway for the recruitment of the new Chief Executive for TfGM;
2. the appointment of Dr Jon Lamonte as the new Chief Executive of TfGM and statutory Director General under the terms of the Transport Act, 1968;
3. to approve the salary package to be offered to Dr Lamonte;
4. to delegate authority to the Head of the Paid Service to finalise both Dr Lamonte's employment contract and the final fee to be paid to Ernst and Young for the services of David Leather between 1 July and 31 December, 2012.

9. GMCA/AGMA SCRUTINY POOL ANNUAL REPORT

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Penny Boothman, Deputy Clerk of TfGMC and Head of GMIST provide for Member's information the Annual Report of the GMCA/AGMA Scrutiny Pool for the 2011-12 municipal year.

The GMCA AGREED to note the contents of the GMCA/AGMA Scrutiny Pool Annual Report.

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