

ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES

DECISIONS MADE BY THE AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON THE 19 DECEMBER 2008 AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

**Decisions published on 23 December 2008 and will come into force from
5 January 2009 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 new constitution. The address for the purposes of the schedule is that of the AGMA Secretary, c/o Wigan Investment Centre, Waterside Drive, off Swan Meadow Road, Wigan WN3 5BA; or by contacting d.fletcher@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/ccm/agma/AGMA_Agendas_and_Minutes/Executive/AGMAExecutivePapers20082009/December2008.en

ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 60/08 – Public Protection Committee

AGREED: That the following be nominated to the Leadership Group for the Public Protection Committee -

Bolton MBC	Councillor Linda Thomas
Bury MBC	Councillor Sam Cohen
Manchester CC	Councillor Jim Battle
Oldham MBC	Councillor Jackie Stanton
Stockport MBC	Councillor Stuart Bodsworth

ITEM 5 NOMINATIONS TO 4NW

AGREED: That AGMA nominate Councillor Richard Leese to Chair the 4NW Board. It was noted that Councillor Peter Smith would remain as a Board Member.

2. Councillor Stuart Bodsworth, Stockport MBC was nominated to represent AGMA On the Regional Economic Development Group.

ITEM 6 PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMISSION – SELECTION OF NON LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

The Chief Executives of Manchester, Rochdale and Trafford submitted a report requesting the Executive Board to agree the criteria and process to be used in the selection of the non local authority members of the Planning and Housing Commission.

AGREED: That the report be approved, and that it be left to the Local Authority Members of the Commission to select the two remaining non-local Authority members.

ITEM 7 TIF EXPENDITURE

The Clerk to GMPTA and the Chief Executive of GMPTE submitted a report detailing the TIF related expenditure incurred in 2008/9 up to 30 November 2008.

Actual expenditure in the year to 30 November 2008 was £21.9 million, compared to the revised budget for the period of £22.2 million. The favourable variance was in line with a projected under spend for the year of £0.2 million.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

ITEM 8 TIF CONSULTATION

The Clerk to GMPTA and the Chief Executive of GMPTE submitted a report presenting a summary report of the TIF public consultation programme and informing the AGMA Executive of the publication of the Ipsos MORI final report.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

ITEM 9 TIF – PUBLIC INFORMATION PLAN

The Clerk to GMPTA submitted a report on the TV broadcast which formed part of the public information exercise in connection with the Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) proposals and the OFCOM adjudication.

AGREED: That the report be noted and the issues raised taken up with DCMS.

ITEM 10 TIF – AGMA TEST 3 – LOCAL ACCEPTABILITY

The Clerk to GMPTA and the Chief Executive of GMPTE submitted a report reminding the Executive that at its meeting in October, the Executive Board considered a number of reports which together presented the outcome of the 14 week public consultation on the TIF package, proposed a series of amendments to the package as a result of this and provided an updated analysis of the performance of the amended package against the AGMA tests. The Executive Board approved the amended TIF package, noted its continuing strong performance against AGMA tests 1, 2 and 4 and agreed that it should be used as the basis of the referendum and the further business polling which would enable an assessment to be made of whether or not the package complied with AGMA test 3. This report recorded the outcome of the referendum and the further business polling; considered the full outcome of the stakeholder consultation insofar as businesses were concerned now that

the final Ipsos MORI report was available; and finally, on the basis of these, assessed overall compliance with AGMA test 3.

AGREED1. That the outcome of the referendum and the further business polling in relation to the TIF package be noted;

2.To note the full outcome of the business stakeholder consultation;

3. Confirmed that the amended TIF package does not comply with AGMA test 3 regarding public and business acceptability and that therefore it should be pursued no further;

4. Authorised a fresh review of LTP priorities to be undertaken in the light of the TIF package not proceeding and requested a further report in due course.

ITEM 11 CAPACITY FOR SUB REGIONAL DELIVERY

The AGMA Chief Executives submitted a report setting out for the Executive Board's consideration an initial assessment, carried out by Chief Executives of the requirements to build the necessary capacity within the city region to deliver on the commitments contained within the MAA, and the wider aspirations of the emerging new Executive and Commissions within the AGMA governance framework.

AGREED: 1. In principle the approach taken in this report for provision of extra sub regional capacity.

2. To the proposed costs as set out in Appendix 1 to this report of £420k one off costs and £1,333.5k recurring costs to be allocated across AGMA Districts.

3. To delegate to the Leader and Deputy Leaders of AGMA the refinement and development of the proposals in consultation with the Chief Executives group.

ITEM 12 KNOWN FUTURE ITEMS

AGREED: The following items for the meeting on the 30 January 2009 were noted-

Joint Authorities 2009/10 Budgets.
Marketing Manchester 2009/10 Budget.
RFA2
Ocean Gateway
Executive Board – Future Arrangements
Review of Transport Investments
14 – 19.

ITEM E1. AGMA UNITS BUDGETS 2009/10

The minutes of the meeting of the AGMA Scrutiny Pool Members reviewing AGMA Budgets held on 12 December 2008 were submitted.

The Scrutiny Pool recommended –

that the 2009/10 GM. Grants Scheme budget be awarded an inflationary increase of 2.5%; and

that the 2009/10 base revenue allocation to GMCRO be increased by 5.57%.

AGREED: That the above recommendations be accepted.

URGENT ITEM – PRE BUDGET REPORT: CITY REGIONS

Mike Emmerich, Manchester Enterprises tabled a briefing note regarding the creation of the first statutory city regions, with two forerunners to be announced in the budget in March 2009.

The Government was expected to write round today seeking expressions of interest by 12 January 2009 from groups of local authorities wishing to be considered as forerunner city regions for these proposals.

AGREED: the Leader of AGMA write back to the Government signalling Greater Manchester's intention to put its self forward as a pathfinder. A full report to be submitted to the Executive Board in February 2009.

NB. Members are reminded that the reports can be viewed on the AGMA Website – www.agma.gov.uk

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