

ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES

DECISIONS MADE BY THE AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON 30 JULY 2010 AT DUKINFELD TOWN HALL , TAMESIDE

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1. BUSINESS PLANNING FOR AGMA

The Executive Board approved an approach to the development of a business planning process for AGMA and noted that a further report implementing the process including the options from a budget review would be submitted at its October meeting.

2. FUTURE OF RDAs AND ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES

The Executive Board considered the principles for a Greater Manchester LEP and the direction of regional discussions.

The Board AGREED that:

- 1) These principles should form the basis of AGMA's submission to Government which would be brought forward for approval at its next meeting.
- 2) The proposed Chair of the Greater Manchester LEP be an independent representative and report through AGMA Chair and Vice Chairs.

3. COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW 2010

The Executive Board noted the process and timescales for the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) and AGREED to delegate to the Chair and Vice-Chairs, following consultation with the Wider Leadership Group, to agree the AGMA input into the CSR consultation process.

4. NEIGHBOURING AUTHORITIES UPDATE REPORT

The Executive Board approved the;

- 1) Current collaborative progress with neighbouring authorities across a range of priority areas and

- 2) Proposal for an agreed statement with neighbouring authorities detailing a collaborative ambition and an agreed approach for co-operation to be brought the Board in the autumn.

5. GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK – INITIAL TOPIC PAPERS

The Executive Board considered three topic papers on the development of a Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.

The Board AGREED:-

- 1) To endorse the papers, subject to proposed amendments, for further consultation and refinement within the AGMA family and
- 2) To note the preparation of four further topic papers for submission to its September meeting.

6. HCA FUNDING

The Executive Board AGREED:

- 1) To request that HCA continue their urgent due diligence work on the full list of schemes remaining from the original programme, with a view to securing further grant reductions such as to allow delivery of the full programme, and that districts should continue to actively support that work to ensure the best collective outcome;
- 2) That HCA and districts should be clear that they expect development partners to make increased use of Recycled Capital Grant Fund resources where possible to minimise the call on the NAHP pot;
- 3) That any schemes where a local authority appears to be taking a receipt from the sale of land within the scheme should have their grant funding reduced by the corresponding value;
- 4) To approve those schemes expected to have planning permission in place by the end of September including an additional scheme in Stockport (Ratcliffe Street).
- 5) That approval of funding for further schemes from the original £30 million programme as funds become available is delegated to the Chair of the Planning & Housing Commission, in consultation with Roger Ellis as lead Chief Executive for the Commission and advised by the Joint Officer Group, subject to evidence of deliverability and value for money being secured to the satisfaction of HCA and the Joint Officer Group;
- 6) To require the Joint Officer Group to monitor the progress being made on the schemes approved, and to delegate in similar terms to e) above

decisions to remove and replace any project from the programme where progress is unsatisfactory and delivery therefore at risk;

- 7) That the first priority for any additional funds which become available should be any deliverable projects remaining from the original £30 million programme;
and that the Redbank, Bury scheme be approved as soon as sufficient funds become available.
- 8) To note that districts are requested to continue to develop projects on the agreed reserve list, and that further recommendations will be made to Executive Board should any funding become available to support their delivery in this financial year.

7. DEVELOPMENT OF AGMA'S IMPROVEMENT & EFFICIENCY AGENDA

The Executive Board AGREED an approach which means the production of a delivery plan of a programme for Improvements and Efficiencies which will be clearly linked to local authorities Transformation and Improvement plans and is responsive to the immediate fiscal challenges.

8. GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT FUND – METROLINK PHASE 3B DELIVERY PROGRAMME AND FINANCIAL STRATEGY UPDATE

The Executive Board AGREED to :-

- 1) Note the content of the report, and the progress made to date on developing the Metrolink extensions to Manchester Airport and Oldham and Rochdale town centres
- 2) Approve the entering into of the contractual agreements for these schemes, within approved budgets, which are expected to be concluded by the end of July 2010, as set out in section 3 of this report. A similar report was presented for approval to GMITA at its meeting on 23rd July;
- 3) Reconfirm the overarching financial strategy for the GMTF as previously reported to the AGMA in July 2009, December 2009 and July 2010;
- 4) Note the prudential borrowings required for the schemes as set out in section 4;
- 5) Approve the delivery strategy as set out in section 2 and in the Appendix to the report;
- 6) Note that GMITA, at its meeting on 23rd July, were requested to delegate authority to the Chair and Vice Chair of the GMITA and the Leader of the Opposition, in consultation with Manchester City Council, to determine whether either 15 or 14 stops should be included on the Airport line and to determine the identity of the stops not to be included;

- 7) Note the principles included in the Heads of Terms agreed with the Manchester Airports Group ('MAG') and the entering into of the Funding Agreement with MAG; and
- 8) To note the entering into of the Funding Agreements with Oldham MBC and Rochdale MBC.

9. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 UPDATE REPORT

The Executive Board AGREED to:

1. Note the contents of the report and the progress which has been made in relation to the various elements of the LTP3 Programme in recent months;
2. Approve in principle, the strategic objectives and outline consultation process set out in the report; and
3. Request that a further report, providing information in relation to the detailed arrangements for the forthcoming Public Consultation exercise, be submitted to the meeting of the Board on 27th August 2010.

10. ALCOHOL

The Executive Board AGREED:

- 1) That a Task and Finish Group be set up to pursue a model being developed in regard to a bylaw approach as a campaign tool with a view to encourage National legislation for a minimum alcohol unit price.
- 2) A paper on the proposed model including implementation issues be submitted to the Executive Board at its meeting in October for its consideration.

11. AGMA BUDGETS FINAL OUTTURN 2009/10

The Executive Board AGREED to approve the AGMA Units Statement of Accounts for 2009/10.

12. GREATER MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN DEBT ADMINISTRATION FUND TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY AND FINAL ACCOUNTS 2009/10

The Executive Board AGREED to approve the Greater Manchester Metropolitan Debt Administration Fund Treasury Management activity and Final Accounts for 2009/10

13. QUARTERLEY BUDGET MONITORING REPORTS

The Executive Board AGREED to approve the AGMA Units Budget Monitoring summary for the first quarter 2010/11

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APPENDIX

EXTRACT FROM SCHEDULE 4 OF NEW AGMA CONSTITUTION

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DECISIONS MADE BY THE AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON 27th AUGUST 2010 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

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1. GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP ; DRAFT PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENT

The Executive Board AGREED:

1. That as part of the proposal the recommendation for a "shadow" LEP to be formed as soon as possible.
2. For an open recruitment process to be devised for AGMA Executive approval overseen by the Chairs and Vice Chairs
3. That the proposal to Government should include –
 - i. Reference to the Business Leadership Council's work on Daresbury (page 6, para 3)
 - ii. An expanded paragraph under "Detailed Proposals" (page 12) to include details of the Government's economic agenda
4. To endorse and promote AGMA's commissioning framework approach to 16-19 provision and adult skills
5. To delegate approval of the final proposal to Government to AGMA Chair and Vice Chairs.

2. REGIONAL GROWTH FUND CONSULTATION : PROPOSED AGMA RESPONSE

The Executive Board AGREED :

1. For the report to be circulated to Yorkshire, Humberside and East Midland Local Authorities
2. To delegate authority to finalise an AGMA response to the consultation to AGMA Executive Chair and Vice Chairs

3. POLICING IN THE 21st CENTURY : DRAFT AGMA RESPONSE

The Executive Board AGREED:

That a general response be brought for consideration and approval of AGMA Executive Chair and Vice Chairs by Barbara Spicer, Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Police Authority.

4. DRAFT LTP3 STRATEGY

The Executive Board AGREED:

1. To note the contents of the report and the proposed LTP3 consultation process which will commence on 4 October for a 12 week period as described in the report.
2. For a final report to be brought to the 24 September meeting setting out the final documentation and consultation arrangements for approval.

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