

ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES

DECISIONS MADE BY THE AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON 30 APRIL 2010 AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

Decisions published on 4th May 2010 and will come into force from 12th May 2010 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 Wigan Investment Centre, Waterside Drive, Wigan, WN3 5BA; or by contacting: k.bond@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/executive_board/executive_board_meeting_papers/index.html

1 AGMA – NOMINATIONS FOR 2010/11

The Executive Board agreed:

- i) the AGMA positions from which nominations are required from each authority;
- ii) the outside bodies from which nominations from member authorities will be sought for 2010/11; and
- iii) the process for each member authority to make its nominations.

2. IMPROVEMENT & EFFICIENCY COMMISSION: WORK PROGRAMME

The Executive Board :-

- i) approved the proposed Work Programme attached to the report; and
- ii) agreed that the only issue in the work programme where they would be happy to 'waive' any potential referral back to the Executive Board over the coming year is the Commission's management of the year 3 North West Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (NWIEP) monies.

3. JESSICA

The Executive Board considered a report which set out how a JESSICA (Joint European Support for Sustainable Investment in City Areas) fund is proposed to be set up for North West England. The Board agreed, based on the proposals in the report :-

- i) to endorse the Expression of Interest proposal for management of the fund submitted to the EIB on 23 April 2010;
- ii) that work on a Stage 2 Business Case for the proposal should commence immediately; and

- iii) that proposals for governance and the Investment Strategy and the cost of preparing a detailed Stage 2 bid for the fund be considered at the May Executive Board meeting.

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EXTRACT FROM SCHEDULE 4 OF NEW AGMA CONSTITUTION

- 5.1 Members of the scrutiny pool appointed under these arrangements will have the power to call in any decision of the Board.
- 5.2 When a decision is made by the Board the decision shall be published, including where possible by electronic means, and shall be available from the address specified in Paragraph 24.1 of this operating agreement 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 pool within the same timescale.
- 5.3 That notice will bear the date on which it is published and will specify that the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 working days after the publication of the decision, unless 5 members the scrutiny pool object to it and call it in.
- 5.4 During that period, the Secretary shall call-in a decision for scrutiny by a joint meeting of pool members if so requested by any five members from the pool, and shall then notify members of the Board of the call-in. The Secretary shall call a joint meeting of pool members on such date as he/she may determine, where possible after consultation with the Chair of the pool, and in any case within 15 working days of the decision to call-in.
- 5.5 If, having considered the decision, the joint meeting of pool members is still concerned about it, then it may refer it back to the Board for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns. If referred to the Board they shall then reconsider within a further 15 working days, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision.
- 5.6 The call-in procedure set out above shall not apply where the decision being taken by the Board is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Board's or the public's or an individual's interests. The record of the decision, and notice by which it is made public shall state whether in the opinion of the decision making person or body, the decision is an urgent one, and therefore not subject to call-in. The Board must agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.