GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
AT ITS MEETING ON
1ST APRIL 2011 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

Decisions published on Tuesday 5th April 2011 and will come into force from Wednesday 13th April 2011 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 Wigan Investment Centre, Waterside Drive, Wigan, WN3 5BA; or by contacting: j.horrocks@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

1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY

Councillor Peter Smith was nominated and his appointment approved as Chair of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

2. ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRS OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY

Councillors Richard Leese, Bob Bibby and Howard Sykes were nominated and their appointments approved as Vice Chairs of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY

The Combined Authority:

1. Approved and adopted its Operating Agreement (Appendix 1 to the report);
2. Approved and adopted the Constitution (Appendix 2 to the report);
3. Agreed the proposed composition of and appointments to the Audit and Standards Committees (paragraphs 12 to 14 to the report);
4. Confirmed the appointment of the Statutory Officers (paragraph 16 to the report);
5. Agreed to the part-time secondment to the Combined Authority of the Statutory Officers and AGMA Chief Executives who are exercising delegated authority and instructed the Monitoring Officer to draw up an agreement to this effect (paragraph 17 to the report);
6. Confirmed the appointment of the External Auditor (paragraph 18 and Appendix 3 to the report);
7. Instructed AGMA Chief Executives and the Monitoring Officer to make arrangements to complete the documentation required to support the operation of the Combined Authority.

4. TRANSPORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROTOCOLS

The Combined Authority:

1. Approved the economic development protocols attached at Appendices 1 to 5 of the report and referred them to the districts for approval;

2. Approved the transport protocols attached at Appendices 6 to 9 of the report;

3. Instructed the Chief Executives to put in place within their respective authorities appropriate working arrangements which ensure the delivery of these concurrent functions.

5. GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Combined Authority formally adopted the following Policy Documents:

1. The Greater Manchester Strategy
2. Local Investment Plan 2
3. Local Transport Plan 3

6. GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY REVENUE BUDGET 2011/12

The Combined Authority:

1. Noted and approved for adoption by the GMCA, as set out in the report, the GMCA Transport Function budget proposals for 2011/12 as final and the budget proposals for 2012/13 and 2013/14 as indicative subject to regular review;

2. Approved the GMCA Economic Development and Regeneration Functions budget proposals for 2011/12 as final and the budget proposals for 2012/13 and 2013/14 as indicative subject to regular review;

3. Noted the Treasurer Designate’s review of the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the reserves;

4. Noted and approved for adoption by the GMCA the position on reserves as identified in the report;

5. Noted the 2011/12 District Contributions towards the GMCA set out at Appendix 1 to the report; which do not require any additional funding from Districts over and above that already agreed in relation to 2011/12 AGMA and Transport Levy budgets;
6. Approved the Prudential Indicators for 2011/12 – 2013/14 as presented in Appendix 2 to the report subject to any final changes to the Capital Programme; and

7. Agreed that monitoring arrangements in respect of the budget for 2011/12 and implications for 2012/13 and 2013/14 should be established and that regular reports arising from this monitoring be submitted to the Combined Authority.

7. GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY 2011/2012

The Combined Authority:

1. Approved and adopted the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement;

2. Approved and adopted the Prudential and Treasury Indicators listed in Appendix A to the report;

3. Approved and adopted the Borrowing Requirements listed in section 4 to the report; and

4. Authorised the Treasurer, in consultation with the Head of Paid Service and Monitoring Officer, and the Chief Executive and Finance Director of Transport for Greater Manchester, to enter into loan agreements with the European Investment Bank to drawdown funds of up to £500m, as detailed at paragraph 7.3 to the report.

8. GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY TRAFFIC SIGNALS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Combined Authority:

1. Noted that the Procurement Process undertaken by Manchester City Council, in collaboration with GMPTE and other AGMA District Councils had led to the approval of SIEMENS as preferred contractor for the Traffic Signals Maintenance Contract.; and

2. Approved the Combined Authority and/or TFGM entering into the contract, as described in the report, with Siemens for a 15 year period, extendable by a further 5 years.

9. LEP: RECRUITMENT TO THE BOARD

The Combined Authority:

1. Approved the following appointments of the private sector members:
   - Scott Fletcher - Chairman – ANS Group, Chairman – Gödel Technologies Europe, Chairman – ViaPost
• Keith Johnston - Partner and Head of North West Market – Addleshaw Goddard
• Ken Knott - Chief Executive – Ask Developments Group Limited
• Peter Marks - Group Chief Executive – Co-operative Group
• Neil McArthur - Chairman/ Head of Innovation – Talk Talk Technology
• Roger Milburn - Director – Ove Arup and Partners Ltd
• Nancy Rothwell - President and Vice Chancellor – University of Manchester
• Alison Tumilty - Deputy Chief Executive and Finance Director – Rathbone Training Ltd

2. Approved the recruitment panel’s recommendation that the LEP Chair and the eight board members are appointed for a period of 2 years
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.