

## ITEM NO: 3(d)

**Report To:** EXECUTIVE CABINET

**Date:** October 2015

**Executive Member/Reporting Officer:** Councillor Kieran Quinn, Executive Leader  
Steven Pleasant, Chief Executive

**Subject:** AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS / GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

**Report Summary:** To inform Members of the issues considered at the October and November meetings of the AGMA Executive Board and Greater Manchester Combined Authority meeting. Under the AGMA Constitution there are provisions to ensure that AGMA Executive deliberations and decisions are reported to the ten Greater Manchester Councils. In order to meet this requirement the minutes of AGMA Executive Board/Greater Manchester Combined Authority meetings are reported to Executive Cabinet on a regular basis. The minutes of the following meetings of the AGMA Executive Board and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority are appended for Members information:

GM Combined Authority: 30 October 2015  
Joint Meeting of GM Combined Authority and AGMA Executive Board: 30 October 2015  
GM Combined Authority: 27 November 2015  
Joint Meeting of GM Combined Authority and AGMA Executive Board 27 November

Also appended to the report is a copy of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and AGMA Executive Board Forward Plan of strategic decisions.

**Recommendations:** That Members note and comment on the appended minutes and forward plan.

**Links to Community Strategy:** The Constitution and democratic framework provides an effective framework for implementing the Community Strategy.

**Policy Implications:** In line with council policies.

**Financial Implications:  
(Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)** There are no budgetary implications other than any specific references made in the AGMA Executive Board/Greater Manchester Combined Authority minutes.

**Legal Implications:  
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)** Consideration of the AGMA Executive Board/Greater Manchester Combined Authority minutes helps meet the requirements of the AGMA Constitution and helps to keep Members informed on sub-regional issues and enables effective scrutiny. The matter relating to the airport is picked up as a separate report for consideration by members.

**Risk Management:** There are no specific risks associated with consideration of the minutes.

**Access to Information:**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Robert Landon, Head of Democratic Services by:



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**NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER  
COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2015  
AT BURY TOWN HALL**

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#### **138/15 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of David Acton (GMFRA), Richard Farnell (Rochdale), Donna Hall (Wigan), Paul Najsarek (Bolton), Cath Piddington (GMWDA) and Ian Stewart (Salford).

#### **139/15 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no Chair's announcements.

#### **140/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Leese declared a prejudicial interest in item 9, Greater Manchester Investment Framework and Conditional Project Approval, as a Director of Manchester Ship Canal Company and left the room during discussion of this item.

#### **141/15 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 25 September were submitted for consideration.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 25 September 2015.

#### **142/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF GMCA**

Consideration was given to a report of Julie Connor, Head of the Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team, which set out a Forward Plan of those strategic decisions to be considered by GMCA over the next four months.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions as set out in the report.

#### **143/15 CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVOLUTION BILL UPDATE**

Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, updated members on the progress of the Cities and Devolution Bill and outlined subsequent stages. The second day of committee would now be on 17 November 2015.

Members reaffirmed the GMCA's position that adoption of an elected mayor was always contingent on Greater Manchester receiving devolved powers in relation to transport powers as outlined in the Devolution Agreement.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the progress on the Bill and that a further report will be provided when the Bill has completed its passage through Parliament.
2. That officers be requested to seek assurances from Government in relation to the devolution of transport powers in line with the signed Devolution Agreement.

**144/15 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE UPDATE 2015/16**

Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, presented an update report in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2015/16 capital expenditure programme.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To approve the revisions to the capital budget as set out in appendix A and detailed within the report.
2. To note the actual expenditure as at August 2015 and the current 2015/16 forecast compared to the revised 2015/16 capital budget.
3. To approve the addition of the Cycle City Ambition Grant (CCAG) 2 into the capital programme; and
4. To approve the virement of £1.2 million of Growth Deal funding for the Great Ancoats Street scheme to the Hyde Road scheme as detailed in paragraph 5.2

**145/15 GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITY PERMIT SCHEME (GMRAPS): YEAR 2 FURTHER PROGRESS**

Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, provided an update of the operation and financial performance of GMRAPS performance halfway through its third year.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the operational update.
2. To approve the introduction of the proposed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), as contained in the statutory permit guidance document, when the scheme is next varied.
3. To approve the change in the rate of set-up cost amortisation from the current rate of five years to the originally agreed basis of over the first three years of scheme operation.
4. To approve the implementation of a Key Route Network (KRN) Local Authority Allowable Cost Reimbursement rate, from April 2016, the basis of which has been agreed with Local Authority representatives.

5. To approve the implementation of updated non-KRN Local Authority Allowable Cost Reimbursement rates, from April 2016.

**146/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, introduced a report seeking approval for a Growing Places loan to fund infrastructure works at Port Salford, and recycled Regional Growth Fund loans to B&H Precision Tools and RealityMine. Further details of the projects are included as a more detailed report, considered in the confidential part of the agenda due to the information relating to the business affairs of the applicants.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree that the project funding applications by Port Salford Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of the Peel Group, (loan of £4,600,000), B&H Precision Tools (loan of £550k) and RealityMine Phase 2 (loan of £1,250,000) be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans at 1) above.

**147/15 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED/-**

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**148/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Consideration was given to a report providing further detail on the funding application from Port Salford Holdings Limited for £4,600,000, B&H Precision Tooling for £550,000 and RealityMine Phase 2 for £1,250,000.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the contents of the report.

**NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS AGREED AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE GREATER  
MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON  
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Apologies for absence were received on behalf of David Acton (GMFRA), Richard Farnell (Rochdale), Donna Hall (Wigan), Paul Najsarek (Bolton), Cath Piddington (GMWDA) and Ian Stewart (Salford).

**106/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None received.

**107/15 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meeting held on 25 September 2015 were submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board held on 25 September 2015.

**108/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Consideration was given to a report of Julie Connor, Head of the Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team, which set out the Forward Plan of those strategic decisions to be considered over the next four months.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions as set out in the report.

**109/15 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA SCRUTINY POOL MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2015**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 9 October 2015.



**110/15 GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION ON STRATEGIC GROWTH OPTIONS**

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, introduced a report updating members on the next stage of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, seeking approval to a formal consultation process following discussions with Leaders on the final content.

The report also advised that it was proposed the consultation will begin on 9 November 2015 for at least 6 weeks and will be carried out in line with the Statement of Communities Involvement of the 10 local planning authorities.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the report and agree the approach.
2. To delegate responsibility to make any final amendments to the consultation documents and agree their publication to Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, in consultation with Councillor Sue Derbyshire, Portfolio Lead member for Planning & Housing.
3. To agree that Greater Manchester continue discussions with Department for Communities and Local Government as outlined in Section 3 of the report.

**111/15 HOUSING AND PLANNING BILL**

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC presented a report detailing the key provisions of the Government's Housing and Planning Bill, published on 13 October 2015.

A member expressed concern that this legislation would not help to address the growing demand in Greater Manchester for affordable rented housing for those on low incomes given the current economic climate.

It was noted that a further paper presenting options under development to identify how these issues might be addressed as they affect Greater Manchester would be considered at an informal meeting of leaders later in the day. It was also suggested that the further paper could be made publicly available once discussed so that there is a general understanding and awareness of the context, constraints of work currently being undertaken to address the needs of Greater Manchester residents more specifically.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the key elements of the Housing and Planning Bill.

**112/15 AGMA REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE 2015/16**

Richard Paver, GMCA and AGMA Treasurer, presented a report informing members of the 2015/16 forecast revenue outturn position as at end September 2015.

In response to a question it was confirmed that conversations were being undertaken across the relevant agencies to ensure Operation Challenger would be as sustainable going forward and that the funding request from the Police and Crime Panel support costs was for

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the report and the current revenue outturn forecast for 2015/16 which is projecting an underspend of £268,000.
2. To note and approve the funding requirements for Operation Challenger as detailed in the report and approve the virement of £121,000 from the Police and Crime Panel support costs budget to the project budget as detailed in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.3 of the report, noting that the funding is for 2015/16 only and that longer term funding requirements will need to be addressed.
3. To approve the remaining revisions to the revenue budget plan 2015/16 as identified in the report and described in paragraph 2.4 of the report.
4. To note the position on reserves as highlighted in paragraph 3 of the report.

**NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER  
COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2015  
AT TRAFFORD TOWN HALL**

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#### **149/15 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Jim McMahon (Oldham), Richard Farnell (Rochdale), Margaret Asquith (Bolton), Peter O'Reilly (GMFRA), Cath Piddington (GMWDA), Jon Lamonte (TfGM).

#### **150/15 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair welcomed Ian Hopkins, Chief Constable, GMP to the meeting and informed members that Paul Najsarek, Chief Executive, Bolton Council had left the authority and Margaret Asquith had been appointed as Interim Chief Executive pending the appointment of a new Chief Executive.

On behalf of the GMCA, Tony Lloyd thanked Peter Fahy and Paul Najsarek for their work and commitment to Greater Manchester and wished them well for the future, advising that he would write a letter of thanks to both.

#### **151/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests made in respect of any item on the agenda.

#### **152/15 MINUTES OF THE GMCA MEETING HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2015**

The minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 30 October were submitted for consideration.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the GMCA meeting held on 30 October 2015.

#### **153/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF GMCA**

Consideration was given to a report of Julie Connor, Head of the Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team, which set out a Forward Plan of those strategic decisions to be considered by GMCA over the next four months.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions as set out in the report.

**154/15 TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2015**

Members were assured that work is underway on developing and progressing an Integrated Smart Ticketing system for implementation across Greater Manchester.

The meeting was advised that Transport for the North is also looking to develop Northern Smart Ticketing and it was important that the work undertaken by Greater Manchester aligns with this.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2015.

**155/15 GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2015**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2015.

**156/15 GMCA QUARTERLY COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

Tony Lloyd and Carolyn Wilkins presented a report providing a quarterly update on current and planned GMCA communications and engagement activity.

Members welcomed the report and the steps being undertaken to ensure the GMCA works in an open and transparent way. Today is the first time that the GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meetings have been live streamed and it was suggested that officers should review live streaming facilities across the Greater Manchester venues for future GMCA meetings, with a view to establishing consistency of standards.

Members also commented and welcomed on the new improved website, acknowledging that it will need to continually evolve.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note progress and upcoming activity and provide feedback.

**157/15 SPENDING REVIEW ANNOUNCEMENT**

Richard Leese presented a report providing an overview of the additional freedoms and flexibilities awarded to Greater Manchester as part of a further Devolution Agreement which were publicised as part of the Spending Review announcement made on 25 November 2015.

Members were advised that negotiations with Government have been continuous since signing the Devolution Agreement in November 2014, with further work to be undertaken with BIS around Business Support Programmes, specifically for Greater Manchester. A further paper on overall impact of the delivery of the Devolution

Agreement with more detail on timelines will be submitted to GMCA in December. Further announcements specifically around transport are expected, with further work necessary on delivery platforms required to be completed by March 2016.

Members also commented on the need to ensure that skills programmes match future job requirements and the inter-relationship with the Working Well Programme.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To endorse the Greater Manchester Agreement: Further Devolution to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and directly elected Mayor as detailed in Annex A of the report.
2. To agree that a further detailed report be brought to the GMCA meeting scheduled for 18 December 2015.

**158/15 GREATER MANCHESTER AREA BASED REVIEW**

Sean Anstee presented a report updating members on the Area Based Review process and the impact on provision that the expected outcomes are likely to have. He proposed an amendment to the report (page 8) relating to skills capital funding, recommending that all the schemes detailed are allowed to proceed given significant commitments and progress made in respect of each. This will still leave c.£20m for allocation following completion of the Area Based review.

Sean Anstee also added that he would be writing to all GM MP's to provide them with an update on progress. Members also commented that transport links would be critical in supporting the outcome of the review.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To approve the suggested criteria to use as a starting point for discussions with BIS.
2. To approve that the 5 key criteria for GM be applied to the process, as outlined in Section 4 of the report.
3. To approve an amendment as now reported that all the schemes detailed are allowed to proceed given significant commitments made in respect of each.

**159/15 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL TRANSPORT UPDATE**

Steve Warrener presented a report providing a quarterly update on the latest position in relation to the Local Growth Deal Transport Programme.

Members recognised the impact of major works in Manchester City Centre on the surrounding areas, stressing the importance of collaboration between local authorities. It was noted that Manchester City Council officers have been directed to ensure that capacity of Great Ancoats Street is not reduced under any circumstances.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the current position in relation to the initial Growth Deal Major Schemes programme.
2. To note the current position in relation to the initial Growth Deal Minor Works programme.
3. To note the current position in relation to the Growth Deal 2 Additional Priorities and Minor Works programmes.
4. To note the ongoing activities that are taking place in order to progress the programme generally.
5. To agree that an update report be submitted to the February GMCA meeting.

#### **160/15 2040 VISION CONSULTATION**

Dave Newton presented a report summarising the feedback received during the 12 week consultation (July to October 2015) on the 'Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040: Our Vision'.

Members were assured that this Strategy and Transport for the North work streams would be aligned to reflect GM priorities for example, Pennine Tunnel Link. In addition officers are working with local cycling groups and local authorities to ensure all safety issues are addressed.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the range and nature of responses received on the 2040 Vision consultation.
2. To note that further work, informed by this consultation, is underway to prepare a draft 2040 strategy for GMCA consideration in early 2016.

#### **161/15 GREATER MANCHESTER LOW EMISSIONS STRATEGY AND AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN**

Dave Newton presented a report seeking approval for the Greater Manchester Low Emissions Strategy and the Air Quality Action Plan and to request authorisation to proceed to external consultation.

The meeting was reminded that the Low Carbon Implementation Plan was currently subject to consultation and does need to be aligned with the Low Emissions Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan in the New Year.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To endorse the Low Emissions Strategy for Greater Manchester.
2. To endorse the Air Quality Action Plan for Greater Manchester.
3. To authorise the commencement of external consultation for both documents.

**162/15 CLUSTER OF EMPTY HOMES PROGRAMME**

Councillor Sue Derbyshire presented a report seeking agreement to a delegation to determine the use of £212,000 of remaining funds allocated for the Clusters of Empty Homes Programme.

**RESOLVED/-**

To delegate authority, to determine the allocation of the remaining funds to Eamonn Boylan, Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Planning and Housing and Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with Councillor Sue Derbyshire, Portfolio Lead for Planning and Housing.

**163/15 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Councillor Sue Derbyshire presented a report seeking approval of a GM Housing Fund loan of £957,654 to Wiggitt Homes Ltd.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree that approval be given to the loan of £957,654 to Wiggitt Homes Ltd to deliver it's Charminster Drive, Crumpsall, Manchester development.
2. To delegate authority to the Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan at 1) above.
3. To agree that Manchester City Council prepares and effects the necessary legal agreements in accordance with its approved internal process.

**164/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Councillor Kieran Quinn presented a report seeking approval for a loan to Zen Internet Limited and a proposal to reallocate the funding for Project Catalyst to Growing Places.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To agree that the project funding application by Zen Internet Limited, (loan of £1,000,000), be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.
2. To agree that the funding for Project Catalyst (loan of £4,700,000) be reallocated to Growing Places.
3. To delegate authority to the Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject



to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan at 1) above.

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**RESOLVED/-**

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**166/15 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND – INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Councillor Sue Derbyshire presented a report providing detail on the proposed GM Housing Fund loan to Wiggett Homes Ltd for its Charminster Drive, Crumpsall, Manchester development.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the contents of this report.

**167/15 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVAL**

Consideration was given to a report providing further detail on the funding application from Zen Internet Limited and the Project Catalyst reallocation.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the contents of the report.

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**114/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

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**115/15 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2015**

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**RESOLVED/-**

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**116/15 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Consideration was given to a report of Julie Connor, Head of the Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team, which set out the Forward Plan of those strategic decisions to be considered over the next four months.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions as set out in the report.

**117/15 GM PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMISSION – CHANGE IN ROCHDALE MBC NOMINATIONS**

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree to the appointment of Councillor John Blundell, replacing Councillor Linda Robinson on the GM Planning and Housing Commission with effect from 27 November 2015.

**118/15 ASYLUM SEEKERS EXECUTIVE BOARD – CHANGE IN BOLTON COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree to the appointment of Councillor Kevin McKeon, replacing Councillor Kate Lewis on the Asylum Seekers Executive Board with effect from 27 November 2015.

**119/15 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA SCRUTINY POOL MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2015**

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Scrutiny Pool meeting held on 13 November 2015.

**120/15 REVISED AGMA CONSTITUTION**

Liz Treacy presented a report requesting the adoption of the revised AGMA Constitution, incorporating changes necessitated by the GMCA joining AGMA as a Full Member.

**RESOLVED/-**

To approve the adopt the revised AGMA Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

**GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**

**Date:** 27 November 2015

**Subject:** Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions for the GMCA

**Report of:** Julie Connor, Head of Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 At their meeting on 24 June 2011, the GMCA agreed procedures for developing a Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions for the Authority, in line with the requirements of the GMCA's constitution. The latest such plan is attached as the Appendix to this report.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 GMCA members are invited to note, comment and suggest any changes they would wish to make on the latest Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions for the GMCA; attached to this report.

**3. FORWARD PLAN: CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

3.1 In summary the Secretary of the GMCA is required to:-

- prepare a plan covering 4 months, starting on the first day of the month
- to refresh this plan monthly
- to publish the plan fourteen days before it would come in to effect
- state in the plan

(i) the issue on which a major strategic decision is to be made;

- (ii) the date on which, or the period within which, the major strategic decision will be taken;
- (iii) how anyone can make representations on the matter and the date by which any such representations must be made; and
- (iv) a list of the documents to be submitted when the matter is considered

The constitution is also quite specific about the matters which would need to be included within the Forward Plan:-

- any matter likely to result in the GMCA incurring significant expenditure (over £1 million), or the making of significant savings; or
- any matter likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in the area of the Combined Authority.

plus the following more specific requirements:-

1. a sustainable community strategy;
2. a local transport plan;
3. approval of the capital programme of the GMCA and TfGM and approving new transport schemes to be funded by the Greater Manchester Transport Fund;
4. other plans and strategies that the GMCA may wish to develop;
5. the preparation of a local economic assessment
6. the development or revision of a multi-area agreement,
7. the approval of the budget of the GMCA;
8. the approval of borrowing limits, the treasury management strategy and the investment strategy;
9. the setting of a transport levy;
10. arrangements to delegate the functions or budgets of any person to the GMCA;
11. the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the GMCA;
12. any proposals in relation to road user charging

- 3.3 All the matters at 1-12 above require 7 members of the GMCA to vote in favour, except those on road user charging, which require a unanimous vote in favour
- 3.4 The attached plan therefore includes all those items currently proposed to be submitted to the GMCA over the next 4 months which fit in with these criteria. GMCA members should be aware that:-
- Only those items considered to fit in with the above criteria are included. It is not a complete list of all items which will be included on GMCA agendas
  - Items listed may move dependent on the amount of preparatory work recorded and external factors such as where matters are dependent on Government decisions; and
  - In some cases matters are joint decisions of the GMCA & AGMA Executive Board.

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**GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**

**FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS**

**1 December 2015 – 31 March 2016**

The Plan contains details of Key Decisions currently planned to be taken by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority; or Chief Officers (as defined in the constitution of the GMCA) in the period between 1 December 2015 and 31 March 2016.

Please note: Dates shown are the earliest anticipated and decisions may be later if circumstances change.

If you wish to make representations in connection with any decisions please contact the contact officer shown; or the offices of the Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team (at Manchester City Council, P.O. Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA, 0161-234 3124; [info@agma.gov.uk](mailto:info@agma.gov.uk)) before the date of the decision.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Anticipated Date of Decision</b>
<b>18 December 2015</b>			
<b>Rail Franchise Announcements</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Jon Lamonte  Contact Officer: Amanda White	Announcement of the successful bidders for the Northern Franchise commencing April 2016	18 December 2015
<b>Energy Enterprise</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Steve Rumbelow  Contact Officer: Julian Packer	Next steps to establish as fully licensed GM Energy Company	18 December 2015



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<b>Autumn Statement/Spending Review</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Howard Bernstein/ Richard Paver  Contact Officers: Rebecca Heron/ Janice Gotts	Outcome of Government Announcement	18 December 2015
<b>29 January 2016</b>			
<b>Revenue Budget</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Richard Paver  Contact Officer: Amanda Fox	Quarterly Update, including 2015/16 update	29 January 2016
<b>Capital Budget Update</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Richard Paver  Contact Officer: Amanda Fox	Quarterly Update, including 2015/16 update	29 January 2016
<b>Treasury Strategy</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Richard Paver  Contact Officer: Amanda Fox	Update of Treasury Management	29 January 2016
<b>Highways Shared Services</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Jon Lamonte  Contact Officer: Peter Molyneux	Outline Business Case	29 January 2016
<b>26 February 2016</b>			

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Anticipated Date of Decision</b>
<b>Greater Manchester Growth Deal Transport Programme</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Jon Lamonte  Contact Officer: Chris Barnes	Quarterly Update on the latest position in relation to the Growth Deal Transport Programme	26 February 2016
<b>TfGM 2040 Vision</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Jon Lamonte  Contact Officer: Dave Newton	Presentation of the Draft Strategy	26 February 2016
<b>18 March 2016</b>			
<b>Internationalisation Strategy</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Mark Hughes	Progress Update	18 March 2016
<b>Manchester Growth Company</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Mark Hughes	Presentation of the Business Plan	18 March 2016
<b>29 April 2016</b>			
<b>Climate Change Strategy</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Steve Rumbelow  Contact Officer: Mark Atherton	Update on the progress of the Implementation Plan	29 April 2016
<b>27 May 2016</b>			
<b>24 June 2016</b>			
<b>Revenue and Capital Outturn</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Richard Paver  Contact Officer: Amanda Fox	Year end update	24 June 2016
<b>2016/17</b>			

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Anticipated Date of Decision</b>
<b>Revenue and Capital Update</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Richard Paver  Contact Officer: Amanda Fox	Quarterly Update	29 July 2016
<b>Revenue and Capital Update</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Richard Paver  Contact Officer: Amanda Fox	Quarterly Update	28 October 2016
<b>GM Growth Deal Transport Update</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Jon Lamonte  Contact Officer: Steve Warrener	Quarterly Update	To be confirmed
<b>Intermediary Body Status</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Simon Nokes  Contact Officer: Alison Gordon	Update on progress of discussions with Government	To be confirmed
<b>Metrolink Trafford Park Line</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Jon Lamonte  Contact Officer: Steve Warrener	Outcome of the Procurement of the Works Contract	To be confirmed
<b>Greater Manchester Spatial Framework</b>	Wider Leadership Team Lead Officer: Eamonn Boylan  Contact Officer: Paul Beardmore	Intellectual Property Map/ Future Cities Catapult Center	To be confirmed