Item No: 3(c)

Report To: EXECUTIVE CABINET

Date: 25 March 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 December 2014, January and February 2015 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 meeting of the AGMA Executive Board and the minutes of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority held on 19 December 2014, 30 January 2015 and 27 February 2015 are appended for Members information.

Recommendations:

That Members consult and note the appended minutes.

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:

- There are no budgetary implications other than any specific references made in the AGMA Executive Board/Greater Manchester Combined Authority minutes.

Legal Implications:

- 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 Rosina Oliver-Lawlor, Principal Democratic Services Officer by:
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1. DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT: GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND CHANGES TO THE GMCA ORDER (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer reviewing the current GMCA Governance arrangements and proposed changes that will improve the achievement of the objectives of the GMCA.

The report also provides a Scheme that, subject to the agreement of the GMCA, will enable the Secretary of State to produce and consult on a draft Order to implement revised governance arrangements for Greater Manchester. This will allow for an 11th member of the CA who will be the Appointed (or Interim) Mayor for Greater Manchester, as a transition to a Directly Elected Mayor once primary legislation is in place which is expected to be operational in 2017.

The Chair reported verbally in relation to proposals for the selection and appointment process for the Appointed (or Interim) Mayor, including that there should be an opportunity for all GM councillors to meet shortlisted candidates informally, ask questions and comment back to the GMCA.

RESOLVED/-

1. To confirm support for the Devolution Agreement following consultation with the 10 Greater Manchester districts, the LEP and BLC. This transfers significant powers and responsibilities to Greater Manchester alongside steps to strengthen governance and introduce an Appointed (or Interim) Mayor as an 11th member of the GMCA as a transition to a Directly Elected Mayor.

2. To agree that, in the light of the Devolution Agreement and conclusions of the governance review, the GMCA Order should be amended to allow for an Appointed (or Interim) Mayor and that this would:
   • build on and strengthen the existing governance arrangements for Greater Manchester;
   • reflect the single economic geography for Greater Manchester;
• strengthen significantly our ability to deliver priorities related to growth and reform; and
• at the same time align with the roles and responsibilities of individual local authorities, whose existing functions will remain unchanged.

3. To agree that a Scheme to revise the existing GMCA Order should set out the arrangements for introducing an 11th member of the GMCA who would be an appointed by the GMCA, bringing additional leadership capacity and providing a transition to an Elected Mayor.

Such a scheme will be based upon the following principles which have been determined following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the GMCA and Councillor Quinn as follows:

• The Appointment of the appointed (or Interim) Mayor will be made by a majority vote of members of the GMCA.
• To be eligible to be appointed as the appointed (or Interim) Mayor a person must at the time of application and appointment a) have been on a GM electoral register for the previous 12 months and b) be currently holding a position that has been subject to a public election in Greater Manchester, which they have held for at least 12 months.
• The term of office for the appointed (or Interim) Mayor shall expire at the end of May 2017 or the election of the Mayor if this is earlier.
• The GMCA may at any time terminate the appointment of the appointed (or Interim) Mayor within the context of the standards regime or a vote of no confidence provided that at least two thirds of the members of the GMCA vote in favour of a resolution to terminate.
• GMCA voting requirements shall be increased to at least 8 votes in favour on strategic issues and 11 votes in favour on congestion charging noting that the CA does not have powers in relation to congestion charging in any event; and the CA has previously agreed that approval of the GM Spatial Strategy will require approval by all GM local authorities.

4. To authorise the Head of the Paid Service to submit the approved Scheme to the Secretary of State to commence the formal process for changing the statutory Order as soon as possible and thereby enact the first step of governance changes in the Devolution Agreement.

5. To agree that the proposals relating to the selection and appointment process and the role description for the appointed (or Interim) Mayor be referred to all local authorities in GM, GM LEP and BLC, for comments in time for the GMCA meeting in January 2015. The process should include an opportunity for all GM Councillors to meet shortlisted candidates informally, ask questions and make comments back to the GMCA via their Council Leader.

2. MANUFACTURING STRATEGY (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority considered a report from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy detailing feedback from the Manufacturing Strategy consultation and to update on progress with the delivery of its recommendations.
RESOLVED/-

1. That the Combined Authority approves the GM Manufacturing Strategy Document for publication.
2. That progress on the delivery of the Strategy recommendations is noted, and that a strong communications plan is required as part of the implementation of the strategy in order to raise the profile of the manufacturing industry.

3. ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received a report from Linda Fisher, Acting Chief Executive, Rochdale MBC, provide an update to the Combined Authority on the Armed Forces workstreams across Greater Manchester. The report also recommends that the Combined Authority agrees to sign the Armed Forces Community Covenant to ensure that Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families benefit from the work undertaken by the Combined Authority across Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the Greater Manchester Combined Authority together with its partner organisations signs the Armed Forces Community Covenant.
2. To note and support the progress and actions detailed in the report in relation to the Armed Forces work.

4. ONE NORTH / TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH (agenda item 9)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing an update on the work that has been progressing to further develop One North: a Proposition for an Interconnected North, that was publicly launched in August 2014 in the presence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The report also provides an update on discussions that have been taking place with Government relating to establishing Transport for the North, the body that is intended to oversee the further development of a transport strategy for the North of England building on the transformational vision for transport connectivity in the North set out in the One North proposition

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the further work that has been undertaken to further develop One North: A Proposition for an Interconnected North, since its public launch in August. This has culminated in the development of One North: The Programme, a working document, the Executive Summary of which is attached at appendix 1 of the report.
2. To note the discussions that have been taking place with Government relating to the establishment of Transport for the North, further to the recommendations of the report by Sir David Higgins, Rebalancing Britain: From HS2 Towards a National Transport Strategy.
3. To request that a further report be submitted once the negotiations with Government on the governance arrangements and final remit for Transport for the North has been agreed.

5. TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER – APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (agenda item 10)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte seeking approval from GMCA to reappoint TfGM's current Non-Executive Directors for a further period, ending 28 February 2018.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree the appointment of Ken Giles and Edward Pysden to serve as Non-Executive Directors on TfGM’s Executive for a further period of three years ending 28 February 2018.

2. To agree to extend the appointment of Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, as a Non-Executive Director of TfGM for a further period ending 28 February 2018.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

6. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK (agenda item 13)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC seeking approval for five projects.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the project funding applications detailed in the report 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.

7. GROWING PLACES – EVERGREEN TOP-UP (agenda item 14)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking approval for the use of the Growing Places Funding to invest in the North West Evergreen Fund projects.

RESOLVED/-

1. To endorse the provision of Growing Places Funding to the Evergreen Fund and to progress to the completion of all necessary legal documentation.
2. To delegate authority to the Richard Paver and Liz Treacy, 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/grant at 1) above.
DECISIONS MADE AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND THE AGMA EXECUTIVE
BOARD HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2014

Decisions published on 22 December 2014 and will come into force from 4:00pm
on the 31 December 2014, 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 GMIST, Manchester City Council, P.O. Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester,
M60 2LA; or by contacting j.gaskell@agma.gov.uk

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following link:- http://www.agma.gov.uk/calendar/index.html. Any report not
available on the web site will be available for Scrutiny Pool members from the
GMCA Secretary on request, on a private and confidential basis.

1. GREATER MANCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
BOARD (agenda item 6)

Members received a report from Tony Lloyd, Police and Crime Commissioner providing
an update in relation to the work that has been undertaken in partnership, to support
improvements to the arrangements for mental health and policing across Greater
Manchester. In particular it draws on the links to the drivers of Public Service Reform.

RESOLVED/-

To support the declaration and the work that is being undertaken at a Greater
Manchester level in relation to the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat.

2. COMMUNITY RISK INTERVENTION TEAMS (agenda item 7)

Members received a report from Steve McGuirk, GMFRS County Fire Officer and Chief
Executive providing an overview of the ‘Prevention’ journey for Greater Manchester Fire
and Rescue Service; detailing how it has transformed its offer to, and exceeded the
expectations of, our communities. It also provides an update on progress towards the
introduction of Community Risk Intervention Teams across Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the content of the report.
2. To support the phased introduction of the Community Risk Intervention concept
across the ten Boroughs of Greater Manchester.
3. To support the exploration of appropriate means to ensure sustainable delivery of
the concept beyond the period covered by funding from the Fire Transformation
Fund.
ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

3.  SECTION 48 GRANTS PROGRAMME 2015/18 (agenda item 9)

Members received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Services providing an update on applications received for the new AGMA Grants programme and to agree successful list of organisations

RESOLVED/-

1.  To note information on applications received.
2.  To agree the final list of organisations to be funded in the 2015 to 2018 programme, subject to the following:
   i. that the application received from Oldham Coliseum Theatre be approved subject to robust governance arrangements being put in place including the transition to a new Trustee model.
   ii. that all organisations be advised as soon as possible after a decision has been made as to whether or not their application was successful.
   iii. to emphasise to the successful applicants that the AGMA grant funding is guaranteed for Year 1 only, and that years 2 and 3 are subject to AGMA budget availability.
   iv. that the Statutory Functions Committee continues to monitor the funded organisations, ensuring the spread of impact is carefully assessed.
DECISIONS MADE AT THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2015

Decisions published on 3 February 2015 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the 10 February 2015, subject to call-in, except for any urgent decisions.

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1. GM DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT GOVERNANCE IMPLEMENTATION (agenda item 6)

a. GMCA RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT COMBINED AUTHORITY ORDER

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, summarising the purpose and content of the draft Order and detailing a draft response on behalf of the GMCA to the specific consultation questions asked by the Secretary of State.

RESOLVED/-

(i) To approve the draft Order and draft consultation response.

(ii) To authorise Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service and Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, in consultation with Councillor Peter Smith, GMCA Chair, to confirm the Combined Authority’s support for the draft Order and the final consultation response to government by the deadline of 13th February 2015.

(iii) That a Joint Independent Remuneration Panel be established to consider and make recommendations in relation to appropriate remuneration for the Interim Mayor and Members of the GMCA.

(iv) To note that all GM local authorities, the LEP and BLC will need to formally consider the draft Order and individually confirm their support and/or provide comments to the Secretary of State by the deadline of 13th February 2015.

b. INTERIM MAYOR – SELECTION PROCESS PRINCIPLES

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of Paid Service, seeking the formal approval of the selection and appointment process and role description for the GM Interim Mayor.
RESOLVED/-

(i) To approve the proposed role description for the GM Interim mayor as appended to the report.

(ii) To approve the selection and appointment key principles and process for the GM Interim Mayor as appended to the report and circulated at the meeting.

(iii) That the Interim Mayor would formally commence his/her term of office from the GMCA AGM on 26 June 2015.

(iii) To agree to the commencement of the process as soon as possible noting that formal appointment of the Interim Mayor cannot take place until the amended CA Order has been enacted by Parliament.

2. **BUDGETS (agenda item 7)**

a. **GMCA TRANSPORT REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 AND TRANSPORT REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE 2014/15**

The Combined Authority considered a report from Richard Paver, Treasurer, GMCA, setting out the transport related Greater Manchester Combined Authority budget for 2015/16. It also includes the transport related forecast outturn position for 2014/15.

RESOLVED/-

(i) To note the report and the current transport related GMCA revenue outturn forecast for 2014/15 which is projecting an underspend of £50,000 after transfers to specific earmarked reserves.

(ii) To note the report and the current TfGM revenue outturn forecast for 2014/15 which is projecting an underspend of £430,000.

(iii) To approve the GMCA budget relating to transport functions for 2015/16.

(iv) To note the issues which are affecting the 2015/16 transport budgets as detailed in the report.

(v) To note the consultation process which has been undertaken by officers with the Transport Levy Scrutiny Panel; and that the outcome of the consultation is a proposal that will result in a total levy for 2015/16 of £195.123m, which represents a 1.5% decrease from 2014/15.

(vi) To approve that there will be a 1.5% decrease in the Transport Levy for 2015/16, with an increase of 1.5% with respect to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund being more than fully offset by a reduction of 3% for funding for the rest of the budgeted costs.

(vii) To approve a Transport Levy on the district councils in 2015/16 of £195.123m apportioned on the basis of mid year population as at June 2013 as in paragraph
5.4 and Appendix 1 to the report.

(viii) To approve the use of reserves in 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 7 of the report.

(ix) To note and approve the position on reserves as identified in the report.


b. GMCA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 – 2017/18

The Combined Authority considered a report from Richard Paver, Treasurer, GMCA updating members on the forecast capital outturn position for 2014/15 and to present the 2015/16 capital programme and forward commitments for approval by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

RESOLVED/-

(i) To note that the current forecast capital expenditure for 2014/15 is as detailed in the report and in Appendix A.

(ii) To approve the capital programme budget for 2015/16 and the forward commitments as detailed in the report and in Appendix A.

(iii) To note that the capital programme is financed from a mixture of grants (including DfT), external contributions and long term borrowings.

(iv) To note that provision has been made in the revenue budget for the associated financing costs of borrowing.

(v) To note that the capital programme will continue to be reviewed, with any new schemes which have not yet received specific approval being added into the programme at a later date once approval has been sought, including schemes included in the Growth Deal 2 bid.

(vi) To note that revised Treasury Management indicators will be reported in a separate report elsewhere on the agenda to reflect the approved capital programme and updated cash flows.

c. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, BORROWING LIMITS & ANNUAL STATEMENT 2015/16

The Combined Authority considered a report from Richard Paver, Treasurer, GMCA, setting out the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Borrowing Limits for 2015/16 and Prudential Indicators for 2015/16 to 2017/18.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement, in particular:

(i) The Treasury Indicators listed in Appendix A of the report.
(iii) The Treasury Management Policy Statement at Appendix C of the report.
(iv) The Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation at Appendix D of the report.
(v) The Borrowing Requirements listed in Section 4 of the report.
(vi) The Borrowing Strategy outlined in Section 7 of the report.
(vii) The Annual Investment Strategy detailed in Section 8 of the report.

3. DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT - LOCAL HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE CHALLENGE FUND (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, updating Members on the new maintenance funding regime established by Government, including a new Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund, to which bids have been invited by 9 February 2015, and the proposed bidding approach, which has been developed on the advice of the Chief Executives Investment Group.

RESOLVED/-

(i) To note the report and to endorse the approach set out for a Greater Manchester programme bid to the Challenge Fund, comprising locally derived schemes within prioritised categories.

(ii) To delegate authority to Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, in consultation with Councillor Jim McMahon, GMCA Transport Portfolio Holder, to approve the final bid documentation.

4. TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH (agenda item 9)

The Combined Authority received a report from Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, TfGM, providing an update on the establishment of Transport for the North, its interim governance arrangements, and the work plan to prepare a March interim report for the Secretary of State for Transport and the Chancellor in advance of a March 18th budget announcement.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report and to note a further report will be submitted to the GMCA in due course.

5. REGIONAL GROWTH FUND PROJECTS (agenda item 11)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking approval to delegate authority to Eamonn Boylan, in consultation with Councillor Kieran Quinn to approve Regional Growth Fund projects for funding in order to meet commitment deadlines.

RESOLVED/-

(i) To delegated authority to Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive of Stockport, in consultation with Councillor Kieran Quinn, GMCA Investment Portfolio Holder, to
approve funding requests for projects to be funded using Regional Growth Funds during the period 2 February 2015 up to and including 26 March in order to meet the commitment deadline for the Funds of 31 March 2015.

(ii) 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 transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans approved via the delegated authority detailed in 1. above.

(iii) To note that applications approved under the delegation will be subject to the usual due diligence processes and will be reported back to the Combined Authority.

(iv) To note the intention to over-commit the Regional Growth Fund allocation by up to £3m so as to minimise the risk of any funds being lost to Greater Manchester.

7. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE REPORT (agenda item 12)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC providing an update on the status of the Greater Manchester Investment Fund.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

8. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE REPORT APPENDIX (agenda item 14)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC providing a summary of investments to date from the Greater Manchester Investment Fund, and a summary of funding requests that have not been progressed.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report and to note that a further report on the funding process going forward will be submitted to the GMCA in February.

9. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROJECT APPROVALS (agenda item 15)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, seeking approval for six projects.
RESOLVED/-

(i) To agree that the project funding applications detailed in the report be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.

(ii) 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.
Decisions made at the joint meeting of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the AGMA executive board held on 30 January 2015

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1. BUDGETS (agenda item 6)

a. AGMA AND GMCA BUDGET FOR NON TRANSPORT FUNCTIONS 2015/16 AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE 2014/15

Members received a report from Richard Paver, AGMA and GMCA Treasurer, setting out the revenue budget for both the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority non transport functions for 2015/16. It also includes the forecast outturn position for 2014/15.

RESOLVED/-

(i) To note the report and the current AGMA revenue outturn forecast for 2014/15 which is projecting an underspend of £617,000 after contributions to earmarked reserves.

(ii) To note and approve the planned change in usage relating to the carry forward approved for the GM Energy Advice Service and totalling £236,000 as detailed in paragraphs 2.8 and 2.10 of the report.

(iii) To note and approve the revisions to the AGMA revenue budget plan 2014/15 as identified in paragraphs 2.11 to 2.14 of the report.

(iv) To note the report and the current GMCA revenue outturn forecast for 2014/15 which is projecting an underspend of £48,000 after contributions to earmarked reserves.

(v) To approve the budget relating to the AGMA and GMCA functions (non transport) in 2015/16 as set out in section 4 of the report.

(vi) To note and approve, in consultation with the LEP Board, the allocation of the LEP grant for 2015/16 totalling £500,000, as detailed in paragraph 4.15 of the report, which proposes £250,000 towards costs associated with the devolution agreement relating primarily to research, intelligence and policy development and £250,000 to support the Spatial Framework and Housing Investment Fund (TopCo).
(vii) To approve the charges on the GM District Councils to support the GMCA functions (non transport) in 2015/16 of £4.019 million as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

(viii) To approve the charges to the GM District Councils in support of AGMA functions for 2015/16 of £6.264 million as set out in Appendix 4 of the report, noting that this excludes items billed directly from lead districts.

(ix) To delegate authority to Richard Paver, Treasurer, to determine the budget allocation between AGMA and GMCA within the overall approved budget following the finalisation of the statutory order as noted in paragraph 4.18 - 4.19 of the report.

(x) To note and approve the position on reserves as identified in section 6 of the report.

(xi) To approve the use of reserves in 2015/16, as detailed in section 6 of the report.

(xii) To delegate authority to Richard Paver, Treasurer, to transfer funding between AGMA and the GMCA, to be met from approved budgets or reserves as required in support of approved activities.

b. **PSR DEVELOPMENT FUND : DOMESTIC ABUSE FUNDING**

Members received a report presented by Richard Paver, AGMA and GMCA Treasurer, updating Members on the proposals for the use of the funding within the GM Development Fund allocated to support Domestic Abuse and seeking formal sign off for use of the fund in this way.

This element of the fund was contributed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and was specifically to support Domestic Abuse where Complex Dependency was a factor.

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree the proposed use of the Domestic Abuse funding as outlined in the report.

c. **GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY (GMFRS) REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

Members received a report presented by Councillor David Action, Chair of the GMFRS, outlining information on Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority’s current budget position.

The report included a high level forward forecast for the two subsequent years using indicative Treasury data which sets out the scale of the future financial challenge.

**RESOLVED/-**

(i) To note the range of strategic issues and risks set out in the report which will influence the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Authority budgetary requirements.
(ii) To support the proposed precept of £57.64 (subject to roundings) at Band D based on freezing the council tax 2015/2016 by accepting the Council tax freeze grant.

d. GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY (GMWDA) BUDGET 2015/16 AND BEYOND

Members received a report presented by Councillor Cath Biddington, Chair of the GMWDA, providing proposals for 2015/16 to deliver a GMWDA minus 3% levy increase (as per the three year funding arrangement approved by the Board in January 2014), and to advising that whilst the detail of the numbers has evolved, plans remain on track to deliver the further 0% levy increase in 2016/17.

RESOLVED/-

(i) To note the additional £10.5m cost pressures, over the extended budget period to 2019/20, caused by the impact of the Government’s decision to annually inflate Landfill Tax (from April 2015) and the Authority’s proposals to fully absorb that increase over the period to 2016/17.

(ii) To note that the 2015/16 and 2016/17 levy agreement numbers of minus 3% and 0% increase remain deliverable.

(iii) To note the impact of unwinding of higher support from balances on the percentage levy increase in 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years (8.1% and 9.9% respectively).

(iv) To note the ongoing work, on improving recycling rates, being undertaken jointly by the GMWDA and district councils and that if successful there is some potential to reduce the burden of the Levy upon districts in future years, as outlined in section 3 of the report.
DECISIONS MADE AT THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2015

Decisions published on 4th March 2015 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the
11th March 2015, subject to call-in, except for any urgent decisions.

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GMCA Secretary on request, on a private and confidential basis.

1. GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP:
MEMBERSHIP 2015-2017 (agenda item 6)

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of
Paid Service seeking GMCA endorsement of the recommendations regarding the future
private sector membership of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership for the
period April 2015 until March 2017.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the eight existing private sector members’ terms of office are renewed for another
two year term (these members are Mike Blackburn, David Birch, Lou Cordwell, Scott
Fletcher, Keith Johnston, Wayne Jones, Jeurgen Maier, Professor Dame Nancy
Rothwell).
2. That Mike Blackburn is invited to continue as Chair of the GM LEP for a further two
years.
3. That the Chair of the Manchester Growth Company, Richard Topliss, is invited to join
the LEP as a full board member.
4. That a full review for the GM LEP’s private sector membership is undertaken in 2017.

2. GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL: ROUND 2 (agenda item 7)

The Combined Authority considered a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, GMCA Head of
Paid Service setting out details of the Greater Manchester’s second Local Growth Fund
allocation, awarded through the second round of Growth Deals, and announced by
Government on 29 January 2015.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To welcome the additional funding, which will support GM’s broader programme of
investment, designed to support the transport and connectivity requirements of GM,
and to further develop our business support and skills capacity to meet the needs of employers.

3. GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL - SKILLS CAPITAL (agenda item 8)

The Combined Authority received a report from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy seeking conditional GMCA approval to make five offers of grant funding against the Skills Capital funding announced by government in July 2014 as part of Greater Manchester’s Growth Deal.

RESOLVED/-

1. To conditionally approve:
   (a) the five grant offers in line with the detailed recommendations set out in the accompanying Part B report, subject to the conditions identified in those recommendations and including the satisfactory completion of further due diligence.
   (b) the use of up to a further £300,000 of funds allocated in the Growth Deal to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects.
      (with the GMCA’s approval being subject to the terms of the legal agreement for the GM Growth Deal funds which is to be entered into with government);
2. To approve the submission of the proposed grant offers and use of funds to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the LEP for endorsement.
3. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to finalise the five grant offers upon government’s confirmation of Growth Deal funds and associated terms and conditions.
4. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer to determine an appropriate financial structure and accounting treatment for the funding of the due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects.
5. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review further due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review, to sign off any outstanding conditions, and complete grant funding agreement documentation in respect of the five grant offers.

4. HIGHWAYS REFORM - PROPOSED KEY ROUTE NETWORK (agenda item 9)

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Steve Warrener, Finance and Corporate Services Director, TfGM setting out a strategic case for the establishment of a Key Route Network in Greater Manchester, including the unique opportunity that it offers to secure influence over the Highways Agency’s operations and spending priorities on the Greater Manchester motorway network. It also includes an initial proposal for the definition and management of the Key Route Network that has been developed with local authority highway leads through the Highways Reform Group and reported to Wider Leadership Team.
RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the strategic case for the Key Route Network proposition, as proposed in the report.
2. To approve the shared responsibilities as set out in the proposed governance arrangements and outline operating model summarised in the report.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA

5. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FUND: PROJECTS SUMMARY (agenda item 12)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC summarising the Regional Growth Fund projects approved by Eamonn Boylan in consultation with Councillor Kieran Quinn, in line with the delegation agreed at the meeting of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on 30th January 2015.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report.

6. GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROJECT APPROVALS (agenda item 13)

The Combined Authority received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC seeking approval for a project.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the project funding application be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence. The funding is subject to Trafford MBC agreeing a loan for the balance of the required funding.
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 transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan at 1) above.

7. GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND (agenda item 14)

The Combined Authority received a report presented by Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC detailing progress made in establishing the GM Housing Fund and in particular the underwriting arrangements that will need to be put in place with DCLG to underpin the agreement to set up the Housing Fund and the GMCA cost implications.
RESOLVED/–

1. To endorse the underwriting arrangements for the Housing Fund and request that each District approves through their appropriate procedures their element of the Guarantee.
2. To endorse the proposal for Manchester City Council to enter into the legal agreement with DCLG to take the funds on behalf of Greater Manchester, in view of restrictions on the Combined Authority’s borrowing powers.
3. To note that officers will bring back proposals on staffing and recruitment arrangements for the GM Investment Team and any other costs for administering the Fund, following consultation with appropriate Leaders, for approval by the Combined Authority.
4. That officers will bring back a report on the overall pipeline and the status of projects under development which may come forward as early applications to the Housing Fund, to be considered at the Combined Authority’s meeting in April 2015.
5. That officers will bring back a report on the proposed Investment Strategy for the Housing Fund, to be developed in close consultation with Leaders and following further discussion with government, for endorsement by the Combined Authority.

8. GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL - SKILLS CAPITAL (agenda item 15)

The Combined Authority received a report from Simon Nokes, Deputy Chief Executive, New Economy setting out recommendations for the conditional approval of five conditional offers of grant funding against the Skills Capital funding announced by government in July 2014 as part of Greater Manchester’s Growth Deal.

RESOLVED/–

1. To conditionally approve the five grant offers as set out in the appendix to the report.
2. To use the funds allocated in the Growth Deal to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects.
   (with the GMCA’s approval being subject to the terms of the legal agreement for the GM Growth Deal funds which is to be entered into with government);
3. To approve the submission of the proposed grant offers and use of funds to meet the cost of due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the LEP for endorsement.
4. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to finalise the five grant offers upon government’s confirmation of Growth Deal funds and associated terms and conditions.
5. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer to determine an appropriate financial structure and accounting treatment for the funding of the due diligence, legal and monitoring services required in connection with the grant offers to the five projects.
6. To delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review further due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review, to sign off any outstanding conditions, and complete grant funding agreement documentation in respect of the five grant offers.
DECONITIONS MADE AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND THE AGMA EXECUTIVE
BOARD HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2015

Decisions published on 4th March 2015 and will come into force from 4:00pm on the
11th March 2015, 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 GMIST, Manchester City Council, P.O. Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester,
M60 2LA; or by contacting k.bondl@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. Any report not
available on the web site will be available for Scrutiny Pool members from the
GMCA Secretary on request, on a private and confidential basis.

1. GM HEALTH SCRUTINY AND GM HEALTH & WELL BEING BOARD –
CHANGE IN SALFORD CITY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS (agenda item 6)

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the appointment of Councillor Margaret Morris, replacing Councillor Val
Burgoyne on the GM Health Scrutiny Panel, with immediate effect.
2. To approve the appointment of Councillor Lisa Stone, replacing Councillor Margaret
Morris, to the Greater Manchester Health and Well Being Board, with immediate
effect.

2. GREATER MANCHESTER DEVOLUTION: HEALTH (agenda item 7)

Members received a report from Sir Howard Bernstein, Head of the Paid Service and
Steven Pleasant Lead Chief Executive for Health providing an analysis of a Memorandum
of Understanding that has been developed between GM local authorities, GM CCGs and
NHS England in consultation with other stakeholders including GM NHS Providers. The
MoU creates a framework for the delegation and ultimate devolution of health and social
care responsibilities to Greater Manchester as part of a new partnership between GM
local authorities, CCGs, NHS England and other stakeholders.

RESOLVED/-

1. To welcome the MoU as representing an important and significant step in the
development of a new collaborative partnership model for GM health and social care
leading to the full devolution of responsibilities in April 2016.
2. To reinforce the commitment of the GMCA and AGMA to work constructively and in
partnership with all NHS stakeholders so that together all organisations create the
best possible platform for improving the outcomes for local people and the long term
sustainability of the health and social care system.
3. To endorse the MoU and commend it to all ten AGMA local authorities and request
that it is considered and endorsed by each authority by 30th March 2015.
4. To authorise officers to bring back a report to the next meeting following consultation
with NHS colleagues on an Implementation Plan.
3. **GMCA COMMUNICATIONS** (agenda item 8)

Members received a report from Donna Hall, Chief Executive, Wigan Council presenting the GMCA Communications Strategy and the latest brand designs for approval, and to provide a brief update on progress towards a new website, driven by both the new strategy and the brand.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To approve the updated Communications Strategy, noting the coverage of portfolio areas at annex A to the Strategy.
2. To approve the brand materials.
3. To note that the redevelopment of the GMCA website is underway and that further details will be brought back to Leaders as soon as possible.

4. **PROJECT PHOENIX** (agenda item 9)

Members received a report from Jim Taylor, City Director, Salford City Council providing details of the progress to date in the delivery of Project Phoenix, particularly the development of a ‘Phoenix Handbook’ of good practice. Following discussions with the Police and Crime Commissioner a new governance framework has been drafted.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To accept the Phoenix Handbook as a good practice guide to dealing with Child Sexual Exploitation and to disseminate within organisations and across Local Safeguarding Children’s Boards.
2. To adopt the new governance arrangements for Phoenix, including the programme for peer support and challenge.
3. To note the plans for Phoenix in 2015, particularly the development of a Project Plan and the extension of the contract for the post of Project Manager.

**ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER PART B OF THE AGENDA**

5. **GM ENERGY ADVICE SERVICE – FUTURE PROPOSALS** (agenda item 11)

Members received a report from Mike Kelly, Chief Executive, Bury MBC setting out the current position of the Greater Manchester Energy Advice Service.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To approve recommendations in the report in relation to the service including the estimated funding requirement.
2. To note and approve the estimated funding requirement as detailed in the report as a result of payments in respect of voluntary severance, voluntary early retirement or time limited costs of unplaced staff within the service, to be funded from reserves.
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 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.