

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND THE  
AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2014 AT  
MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	Ian Stewart
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Iain Roberts
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith (in the Chair)

**JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd
TiGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender
GMFRSA	Councillor Thomas Judge
GMWDA	Councillor Catherine Piddington

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Donna Hall	GMCA Secretary
Howard Bernstein	GMCA Head of Paid Service
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Sean Harriss	Bolton Council
Mike Kelly	Bury Council
Emma Alexander	Oldham Council
Linda Fisher	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC

Theresa Grant  
Simon Nokes  
Jon Lamonte  
John Bland

Trafford Council  
New Economy  
TfGM  
GMWDA

Peter Fahy  
Jayne Stephenson

GM Police  
Office of the Police and  
Crime Commissioner

Julie Connor  
Sylvia Welsh  
Julie Gaskell

)  
) Greater Manchester  
) Integrated Support Team

#### **75/14 APOLOGIES**

Councillors Jim McMahon, Sue Derbyshire, David Acton and Carolyn Wilkins and Adam Allen.

#### **76/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

#### **77/14 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – 26 SEPTEMBER 2014**

##### **RESOLVED/-**

To approve the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meeting held on 26 September 2014 as a correct record.

#### **78/14 AGMA REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE 2014/15**

Members received a report from Richard Paver, AGMA Treasurer, presenting the 2014/15 forecast revenue outturn position as at end of September 2014.

##### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the report and the current revenue outturn forecast for 2014/15 which is projecting an underspend of £2,194,000.
2. To note and approve the revisions to the revenue budget plan 2014/15 as identified in paragraph 2.1 of the report.
3. To note the position on reserves as highlighted in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

#### **79/14 EARLY YEARS PSR DEVELOPMENT FUND INVESTMENT**

Members received a report from Donna Hall, Chief Executive, Wigan Council, providing an update on the £314k investment funding received from DCLG to support the Further and Faster implementation of Early Years (EY). The report sought approval to the proposed options for investment of funding to help overcome some of the challenges of implementation of the EY new delivery model.

The report also proposed a potential match for the DCLG funding from the GM PSR Development Fund to enable Greater Manchester to achieve even greater outcomes and progress towards implementation.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the investment of £314k from DCLG to support the implementation of Early Years.
2. To agree the proposed areas for this investment as detailed in the report.
3. To approve the proposal to match the DCLG funding through the GM PSR Development Fund in order to achieve even greater outcomes.

#### **80/14 BUSINESS RATES POOLING**

Members received a report from Richard Paver, AGMA Treasurer, informing the meeting of the proposal to submit an outline proposal for the operation of a Business Rates Pool covering the 10 GM Districts and Cheshire East for the 2015/16 financial year.

The meeting was informed that all Districts Councils have now signed off the proposals and agreed to enter into the pooling agreement. It was noted that Cheshire West had expressed an interest in joining the pool in the future.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the report and that the individual districts councils, via their S151 Officers, have signed and agreed to enter into a Business Rates Pooling agreement for 2015/16.
2. To note that a further report will be brought back to a future Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meeting on the then assessed position and outlining a process to reach a final decision on pooling for 2015/16.
3. To note that a final decision on whether to confirm participation in the Business Rates Pool for 2015/16 will need to be taken by individual districts councils at the time of the consultation on the Provisional 2015/16 Settlement.

Chair.