

COUNCIL

Interim Greater Manchester Mayor – Voting rights and Membership of AGMA

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Reason for Decision

That Full Council as one of the ten Greater Manchester Local Authorities agrees to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) becoming a full Member of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA).

Executive Summary

1. On 26th June 2015, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority considered a report which outlined the recommendations of the Appointment Panel and the outcome of the Independent remuneration process in relation to the Interim Mayor.
2. The report requested further resolutions to allow the role of Interim Mayor to be fully integrated into the decision making of the GMCA and AGMA.
3. Under section 85(4) of the Local Transport Act 2008 and the GMCA Order (as amended 2015), the Interim Mayor (who is not an elected councilor or elected mayor) has no automatic right to vote on any issue before the GMCA.
4. Members of the GMCA agreed the following resolution which would allow the Mayor to vote on all decisions of the Combined Authority.

Pursuant to section 104(2) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and section 85 (5) of the Local Transport Act 2008, the GMCA resolves that the provisions of Section 85 (4) of the LTA 2008 and para 3 (7) of Schedule 1 to the GMCA Order 2011, as amended, are not to apply in relation to the Interim Mayor and that the interim Mayor shall be entitled to vote on all questions coming or arising before the GMCA.

5. Members of the GMCA were also requested to agree to the GMCA becoming a full member of AGMA in which would allow the Interim Mayor to become a member of the AGMA Executive (Clause 18 of the AGMA Constitution) and to Chair the meetings of the AGMA Executive. This was agreed.

4.3 Clause 18 of the AGMA Constitution is detailed below.

18. New membership and cessation of membership

18.1 New Parties may join the Board provided that the Executive and full council of the joining Party (ies) and of all the Parties to the agreement for the time being so resolve.

18.2 Any of the Parties may cease to be a party to this Agreement following notice of cessation subsequent to a decision by the relevant Party/ies. A minimum of twelve months notice is required for any Party to leave the Board and in any event, any notice of cessation can only be effective at the end of a financial year.

18.3 Termination of this agreement must be by agreement of all but one of the Parties who are signatories to the agreement when any such termination is proposed.

Recommendation

That Full Council, as one of the Greater Manchester Authorities approves the Greater Manchester Combined Authority becoming a full member of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities as per Clause 18 of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities Constitution.