GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2011

GMCA MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BOLTON COUNCIL  Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL  Councillor Bob Bibby
MANCHESTER CC  Councillor Richard Leese (in the Chair)
OLDHAM COUNCIL  Councillor Howard Sykes
ROCHDALE MBC  Councillor Colin Lambert
SALFORD CC  Councillor John Merry
STOCKPORT MBC  Councillor Dave Goddard
TAMESIDE MBC  Councillor John Fitzpatrick
TRAFFORD COUNCIL  Councillor Matthew Colledge
WIGAN COUNCIL  Councillor Fred Walker

JOINT BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

GMFRS  Councillor Paul Shannon
TfGM  Councillor Keith Whitmore

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Howard Bernstein  GMCA Head of Paid Service
Joyce Redfearn  GMCA Secretary
Susan Orrell  GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver  GMCA Treasurer
Eamonn Boylan  Chief Executive, Stockport MBC
Roger Ellis  Chief Executive, Rochdale MBC
Theresa Grant  Deputy Chief Executive, Trafford MBC
Penny Boothman  }
John Hawkins  }
Joanne Horrocks  )Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team
Karen Tierney  }
Nicola Ward  )
01/10 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.

02/10 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.

03/10 APOLOGIES FROM GMCA MEMBERS

Councillors Kieran Quinn (Tameside) and Peter Smith (Wigan).

04/10 MEMBERSHIP

The Combined Authority noted the membership of the Combined Authority, TfGMC and Scrutiny Pool from the District Nominations received.

05/10 MINUTES OF THE SHADOW GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2011

It was AGREED by those present that these were a true record of the meeting.

06/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

07/10 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY

The Combined Authority:

1. Noted the position on the making of the Order now that all of the Parliamentary processes have been completed;

2. Approved and adopted the Operating Agreement (Appendix 1 to the report);

3. Approved and adopted the Constitution (Appendix 2 to the report);

4. Agreed the proposed composition of and appointments to the Audit and Standards Committees (paragraphs 12 to 14 to the report);

5. Confirmed the appointment of the Statutory Officers (paragraph 16 to the report);

6. 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);
7. Confirmed the appointment of the External Auditor (paragraph 18 and Appendix 3 to the report);

8. Noted the scheme for the transfer of property rights and liabilities (paragraphs 19 to 20 and Appendix 4 to the report); and

9. Instructed AGMA Chief Executives and the Monitoring Officer to make arrangements to complete the documentation required to support the operation of the Combined Authority
06/10 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; and

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

07/10 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

08/10 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 GMCA Treasurer’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.

09/10 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.

10/10 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 has led to the approval of SIEMENS as preferred contractor for the Traffic Signals Maintenance Contract.

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; and

3. Noted that the necessary capital expenditure and prudential borrowings are included in the Capital Programme and Treasury Management reports.

11/10 LEP: RECRUITMENT TO THE BOARD

The Combined Authority:

1. Approved the following appointments of the private sector members:
2. Approved the recruitment panel’s recommendation that the LEP Chair and the eight board members are appointed for a period of 2 years

3. Noted the lack of nominees from the manufacturing section despite best efforts to improve this uptake; and

4. Noted that further efforts to increase uptake from the manufacturing section will be made for the next round of appointments.