

ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2014 AT BOLTON TOWN HALL

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jim McMahon
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Peter Williams
SALFORD CC	Mayor Ian Stewart
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Sue Derbyshire
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

TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender
GMFRSA	Councillor David Acton
Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd
Interim Chief Executive Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	Steve Mycio
GMP	Peter Fahy

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Hall	GMCA Secretary
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Sean Harriss	Bolton Council
Mike Kelly	Bury Council
Daniel Isherwood	Bury Council
Geoff Little	Manchester CC
Rodney Lund	Manchester CC

Tim Griffiths
Carolyn Wilkins
Linda Fisher
Jim Taylor
Chris Findley
Eamonn Boylan
Steven Pleasant

Manchester CC
Oldham Council
Rochdale MBC
Salford CC
Salford CC
Stockport MBC
Tameside MBC

Theresa Grant
Mike Emmerich
Simon Nokes
Mark Hughes
Steve Warrener

Trafford Council
New Economy
New Economy
Business Growth Hub
TfGM

Julie Connor
Sylvia Welsh
Kerry Bond

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) Greater Manchester
) Integrated Support Team

EXECUTIVE BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

44/14 APOLOGIES

Councillor Richard Farnell and Howard Bernstein.

45/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

46/14 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - 30 MAY 2014

RESOLVED/-

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2014 as a correct record.

47/14 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan.

48/14 GREATER MANCHESTER HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

The Executive Board received a report from John O'Brien, Chair, GM Health Scrutiny Panel on the activity undertaken by the Panel over the past 12 months.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report.

49/14 AGMA REVENUE OUTTURN 2013/14

The Executive Board received a report from Richard Paver, GMCA Treasurer, informing members of the revenue outturn positions for 2013/14 and to note the position on reserves.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the revenue outturn position for 2013/14 which is an underspend of £1,115,000.
2. To note the position on reserves as detailed in paragraph 2 of the report.
3. To approve the carry forward requests as detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the report and that the carry forward requests approved will be funded, as appropriate, from the balance declared on general reserves as at 31 March 2014.
4. To note that the statement of accounts will be completed by 30 June 2014 and signed by the AGMA Treasurer in accordance with audit requirements.
5. To note that the final outturn position is subject to the completion of the annual external audit to be finalised by 30 September 2014.

50/14 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, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

51/14 ASYLUM DISPERSAL IN THE NORTH WEST

The Executive Board received a report from Steven Pleasant, Chief Executive, Tameside MBC updating members on the current position in respect of COMPASS (asylum dispersal contract).

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that officers continue to engage with the Home Office and Serco, to ensure that the delivery of the COMPASS contracts does not transfer a significant amount of risk to non-contracted parties.
2. To agree that AGMA engage with the Home Office to develop a joint response to progress the agenda around the widening of dispersal, thus alleviating the increased pressures on local services. The needs of asylum seekers are recognised but the Government should be asked to meet the full costs, including resources required to support the transitional requirements of asylum seekers once they have the right to remain.
3. To agree that AGMA formally request improved management information from the Home Office through a meeting between Ministers, Serco and local authorities.
4. To agree that the use of hotels to accommodate asylum seekers in Greater Manchester is not considered appropriate and therefore not supported.
5. To agree that all Greater Manchester MPs be requested to support the requests to the Home Office and in particular in relation to widening dispersal and the use of hotels to accommodate asylum seekers.

52/14 SECTION 48 – UPDATE AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR APRIL 2015 ONWARDS

The Executive Board received a report presented by Sean Harriss, Chief Executive, Bolton Council providing an update on the performance and governance of the current S48 AGMA Grants programme and giving recommendations for a future programme.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note update on the current S48 AGMA Grants programme.
2. To agree that officers launch a new 3 year programme under the current S48 scheme to run from April 2015 to March 2018.
3. To agree to freeze the budget at the current programme level of £9,993k over 3 years but that a commitment is made to guarantee the 1st year of funding only. Years 2 and 3 would be in principle only and subject to future AGMA budget availability.