

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND THE  
AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2014 AT  
STOCKPORT MBC**

BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Mike Connolly
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jim McMahon
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	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
GMWDA	Councillor Catherine Piddington
Police and Crime Commissioner	Tony Lloyd

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Donna Hall	GMCA Secretary
Howard Bernstein	GMCA Head of Paid Service
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Sean Harriss	Bolton Council
Mike Kelly	Bury Council
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC

Steven Pleasant  
Ian Duncan

Tameside MBC  
Trafford Council

Office of the Police and  
Crime Commissioner

Adam Allen

Peter Fahy  
Jon Lamonte  
Steve Warrener  
Andrew Lightfoot  
Simon Nokes  
Kate Brown

GM Police  
TfGM  
TfGM  
GM PSR  
New Economy  
AGMA Elections Co-ordinator & Support  
Team

Julie Connor  
Rebecca Heron  
Sylvia Welsh  
Julie Gaskell

)  
) Greater Manchester  
) Integrated Support Team  
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#### **81/14 APOLOGIES**

Linda Fisher.

#### **82/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

#### **83/14 MINUTES OF THE JOINT GMCA AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – 31 OCTOBER 2014**

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

To approve the minutes of the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meeting held on 31 October 2014 as a correct record.

#### **84/14 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS**

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

To note the Forward Plan.

#### **85/14 INVESTMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL BOND AGENCY**

Members received a report from Richard Paver, AGMA Treasurer, providing a brief on the setting up of the Local Government Municipal Bonds Agency and seeking the consideration of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to make an initial investment in the Agency.

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

1. To approve the investment of £50,000 in the Local Capital Finance Company Ltd, as part of the funding required to launch the agency.
2. To note that a letter of Intent is required to be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 indicating the GMCA's intent to invest in the Company.

**86/14            GREATER MANCHESTER DEBT ADMINISTRATION FUND -  
ESTIMATED RETURNS & BORROWING STRATEGY**

Members received a report from Steven Pleasant, Chief Executive, Tameside MBC, presenting the Fund's estimated rates of interest for 2014/15 and 2015/16 together with the borrowing strategy to be employed.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the revised 2014/15 estimate as 5.73% and the original 2015/16 estimate as 5.74%.

**87/14            GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK**

Members received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC detailing the implications of producing the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework as a joint Development Plan Document and providing further information on the proposed scope of the plan as well as the required amendments to the AGMA constitution and decisions by individual Districts to initiate this process.

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree that each full council be requested to consider the following recommendations:

- (1). To approve the making of an agreement with the other 9 Greater Manchester councils to prepare jointly the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) to cover housing and employment land requirements and associated infrastructure across Greater Manchester ( as set out in Appendix 1 of the report) as a joint development plan document on terms to be approved by the Council's Chief Executive.
- (2). To note that the [Council's Executive / Cabinet/ City Mayor] will be asked to delegate the formulating and preparing of the GMSF to the AGMA Executive Board.
- (3). To note that there will be further reports to full Council in respect of matters, which are within the remit of full Council including approval of the GMSF.
- (4). To approve the amendment of paragraph 13.2 of Schedule 1 to the AGMA constitution by deleting the words ' (initially in terms of Waste and Minerals Planning) ' and authorise the updating of the AGMA Constitution to reflect this.

2. To agree that each Executive / cabinet/ leader/ the City Mayor (*depending on each Council's own arrangements and in the event that the Councils have approved the above recommendations*) be requested to:

- (1). To note that full Council has approved the making of an agreement with the other 9 Greater Manchester councils to prepare jointly the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework to cover housing and employment land requirements and associated infrastructure across Greater Manchester ( as set out in Appendix 1 of the report ) as a joint development plan document.
  - (2). To delegate to the AGMA Executive Board the formulating and preparing of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework to cover housing and employment land requirements and associated infrastructure across Greater Manchester ( as set out in Appendix 1 to the report ) insofar as such matters are executive functions.
  - (3). To note that the following are the sole responsibility of full Council:
    - i. Responsibility for giving of instructions to the executive to reconsider the draft plan submitted by the executive for the authority's consideration
    - ii. The amendment of the draft GMSF plan document submitted by the executive for the full Council's consideration
    - iii. The approval for the purpose of its submission to the Secretary of State or Minister of the Crown for his approval of the GMSF if required
    - iv. The approval of the GMSF document for the purposes of submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
    - v. The adoption of the GMSF.
  - (4). To approve the amendment of paragraph 13.2 of Schedule 1 to the AGMA constitution by deleting the words ' (initially in terms of Waste and Minerals Planning) ' and authorise the updating of the AGMA Constitution to reflect this
3. To request a further report outlining the implications of the Devolution Agreement for the preparation of the GMSF (as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report) and setting out future steps in the event that the above delegations are approved.
4. To agree an interim approach to budget commitments in 2014/15, as set out in paragraphs 4.4 - 4.5 of the report, with Manchester acting as lead authority for the GMSF budget.

**88/14            GREATER MANCHESTER EMPTY HOMES CONSORTIUM - POST  
2015**

Members received a report from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC, detailing the future work required on empty homes in Greater Manchester beyond the expiry of current capital funding programmes in April 2015.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To approve the proposal that a joint GM approach to empty homes should continue.
2. To approve the development and implementation of the approach set out in the report to achieve:
  - i. the continuation of a GM consortium approach to Affordable Homes Programme (AHP) funding for empty homes beyond April 2015 with those districts and partners keen to continue
  - ii. further development work through joint working with district colleagues on a flexible revolving fund for empty property, linked to TopCo
  - iii. further sharing of best practice and experience, including through the dissemination of the outcomes of the Knowledge Transfer Partnership project.
3. To delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service, Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to agree the necessary documents with the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) and consortium partners for AHP funding to assist in the return of empty homes to use as affordable housing.
4. To authorise the Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation.

**89/14 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.

**90/14 INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION**

**RESOLVED/-**

To agree to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Portfolio Lead for Elections, the Head of the Paid Service in consultation with the Chair of the AGMA Executive Board, to agree any necessary decisions and actions required between now and 19 December 2014.

Chair

