

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	23 rd February 2011	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/23.02.11-6	Executive (Councillors Anstee, Colledge, Cornes, Coupe, Holden, Mitchell, J.R. Reilly, Mrs. Turner, A. Williams and M. Young)
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
<u>Arrangements for Establishing the Combined Authority</u>		
(1) That the Council be recommended to:		
(i) note the current position on the draft Order and the progress made on and the positive outcome of negotiations with the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) and Department for Transport (DfT);		
(ii) note the indicative timetable for the laying of the Order and its approval by both Houses of Parliament;		
(iii) note the funding arrangements for 2011/12;		
(iv) agree, subject to (v) below, the following draft documents which provide for the operation of the new governance arrangements to start on 1 April and which are:		
(a) The Operating Agreement between the Combined Authority (CA) and the district councils (Appendix 1);		
(b) The 4 transport protocols (Appendix 2);		
(c) Joint Scheme for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities (Appendix 3); and		
(d) Revised Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) Constitution (Appendix).		
(v) delegate authority to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council, to agree final amendments to the documents referred to in resolution (iv) above and any other documentation associated with establishing the Combined Authority and to arrange for their completion.		
(vi) agree to the establishment of a joint Independent Review Panel jointly with other districts to make recommendations in relation first to the payment of allowances to members of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (TfGMC) and subsequently to the payment of allowances to other joint authorities as far as possible and delegate to the Chief Executive of Manchester City Council authority to make the necessary arrangements to set up the joint Panel.		
(vii) to appoint:		
(a) one member and one substitute member to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority;		
(b) three members to the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (2 Conservative, 1 Labour); and		
(c) three members to the Joint Scrutiny Pool effective from 1 st April 2011 (2 Conservative, 1 Labour).		
(viii) delegate to the Chief Executive authority to keep under review and to agree (through the AGMA Wider Leadership Team) amendments to the protocols referred to in paragraph 23 of the attached AGMA Executive Board report.		
(2) That the Executive agrees that the decisions are urgent and should not be subject to call in as the arrangements to be approved need to be in place prior to meetings of the shadow bodies which are to take place on 25 th February 2011.		

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following the Government's decision to proceed with the establishment of the Combined Authority, negotiations have taken place with CLG and DfT with regard to the final form of the Order and with regard to the process to be followed for the Order to be laid before Parliament. The Council is being requested to agree proposals for the future governance of the City Region in relation to transport and economic development.

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority Order 2011 will establish the Combined Authority ("CA") as a body corporate for the combined area (the area of the constituent authorities) and will set out its functions, constitution and funding. It dissolves the Greater Manchester integrated transport area, abolishes the Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority and transfers its functions and its property, rights and liabilities to the CA. The Order will vest the economic regeneration, transport and two statutorily delegated traffic functions (light signals and road traffic assessment) in the CA as agreed by AGMA together with powers to enable transport/traffic functions to be discharged through TfGM. The Order also includes membership, voting and other constitutional matters relating to the CA. The CA will need to make their own Standing Orders for the regulation of their proceedings and will require a full constitution.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

To decide not to approve the documentation or the arrangements for the CA or to seek a deferral of the arrangements.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY DISPENSATION

None.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

With immediate effect. As the recommendations were determined by the meeting of Council on 23rd February 2011, this decision is not subject to call-in.

PUBLICATION DATE

25th February 2011

RECORDED BY:

Director of Legal and Democratic Services

RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES DIVISION, ROOM 125, TRAFFORD TOWN HALL, TALBOT ROAD, STRETFORD, M32 0TH, AS SOON AS A DECISION IS MADE OR AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER.