TRAFFORD COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

DATE OF DECISION	21st September 2009	DECISION MAKER
DECISION REFERENCE	E/21.09.09-7	**Executive** (Councillors Colledge, Coupe, Cornes, Holden, Mitchell, J.R. Reilly, Tolhurst, A. Williams and M. Young)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Future of Transport Governance Arrangements in Greater Manchester

(1) That the terms and approach to a review of transport governance arrangements in Greater Manchester be noted.

(2) That the constitutional models for transport governance proposed in the consultation be noted.

(3) That the Executive favours a model based on the A2 constitutional model for transport governance which maintains democratic accountability to the local electorate linked to the ability to influence strategic region wide issues.

(4) That the Council responds to the consultation and seeks to lobby on the basis of the preferred model identified in (3) above.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Association of Greater Manchester Authorities consultation "Transport Governance – A consultation on future arrangements in Greater Manchester" proposes a framework timetable for a review of transport governance in Greater Manchester. In particular, the consultation asks 'what is the most appropriate and effective relationship between GMITA and its functions, as they exist now, with present and potentially emerging City Region governance structures?'

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Three broad categories of constitutional models for transport governance are proposed as part of the consultation. These are:

A. Models which retain GMITA as a separate legal entity with a similar membership and similar relationships as the current model
B. Models which retain GMITA as a separate legal entity but with a far greater City Region focus and more integration into existing or emerging AGMA governance structures and specifically the Executive Board or a possible future Economic Prosperity Board
C. Models which formally dissolve the GMITA and establish a Combined Authority with responsibility for transport, economic development and regeneration, providing for a Joint Committee to be established reporting to the Combined Authority with a composition and size equivalent to the present GMITA.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY DISPENSATION

None.

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