

**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Executive - 9 September 2015
Council - 23 September 2015

Subject: Approval to Greater Manchester Combined Authority joining the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities

Report of: City Solicitor

Summary

To seek the approval of both the Executive and the Council to Greater Manchester Combined Authority becoming a full member of Association of Greater Manchester Authorities.

Recommendations

That the Executive, and the Council:

1. agree to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority joining the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities as a full member in its own right; and
2. approve consequential changes required to the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities Constitution as a result of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority becoming a full member of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities

Wards Affected: All

Community Strategy Spine	Summary of the contribution to the strategy
Performance of the economy of the region and sub region	The proposal will enhance joint working
Reaching full potential in education and employment	Not directly applicable
Individual and collective self esteem – mutual respect	Not directly applicable
Neighbourhoods of Choice	Not directly applicable

Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:

- Equal Opportunities Policy

- Risk Management
 - Legal Considerations
 - Environment and Climate Change
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Financial Consequences – Revenue and Capital budgets

None directly.

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

Association of Greater Manchester Authorities' Constitution – 2015
Greater Manchester Combined Authority Report - 26 June 2015

1.0 Introduction

1.1 As members will be aware the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Amendment) Order 2015 provided for the appointment of an additional member of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to be known as the 'Interim Mayor 'prior to changes in the law to allow for an elected Mayor for the GMCA. The GMCA at its meeting on 26 June 2015 approved the recommendation of the Appointment Panel to appoint Tony Lloyd to the role of Interim Mayor.

1.2 The GMCA is at present only an Associate Member of AGMA. The GMCA Interim Mayor is not therefore currently a member of AGMA Executive. The GMCA exercises a number of traffic functions across Greater Manchester and also some economic development and regeneration functions concurrently with the ten GM Local Authorities and to enhance joint working arrangements it is proposed that the GMCA becomes a full member of AGMA . This would also enable the Interim Mayor to become a member of the Executive Board and if agreed, also Chair meetings of AGMA.

1.3 Clause 18 of the AGMA constitution provides that :

'New parties may join the [AGMA Executive] Board provided that the Executive and full council of the joining Party (ies) and of all the Parties to the agreement for the time being so resolve'

Approval is required by both full Council and the Executive as AGMA exercises both executive and non executive functions.

1.4 The GMCA at its meeting on 26 June 2015 resolved to apply to become a full member of AGMA in its own right and requested each GM Local Authority to agree to this proposal as soon as possible

1.5 There are a number of minor changes needed to the AGMA constitution as a result of this proposal, for example references to specific joint working between AGMA and the GMCA will need to be revised. Approval to the making of such changes is sought.

1.6 The Executive and full Council are asked to:

- (a) agree to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority joining AGMA as a full member in its own right.
- (b) approve consequential changes required to the AGMA Constitution as a result of the GMCA becoming a full member of AGMA.

2.0 Contributing to the Community Strategy

(a) Performance of the economy of the region and sub region
As detailed in the report

(b) Reaching full potential in education and employment

Not directly applicable.

(c) Individual and collective self esteem – mutual respect

Not directly applicable.

(d) Neighbourhoods of Choice

Not directly applicable.

3.0 Key Policies and Considerations

(a) Equal Opportunities

None

(b) Risk Management

No direct risk issues.

(c) Legal Considerations

Addressed in the report.

(d) Environment and Climate Change.

No specific issues.