



AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD

DATE: Friday, 12th February, 2021

TIME: At the rise of the GMCA meeting commencing at 10am

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AGENDA

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BURY	OLDHAM	SALFORD	TAMESIDE	WIGAN

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Bolton	David Greenhalgh (Con)	Martyn Cox Con)
Bury	Eamonn O'Brien (Lab)	Tariq Tamoor (Lab)
Manchester	Richard Leese (Lab)	Bev Craig (Lab)
Oldham	Sean Fielding (Lab)	Arooj Shah (Lab)
Rochdale	Allen Brett (Lab)	Sara Rowbotham (Lab)
Salford	Paul Dennett (Lab)	John Merry (Lab)
Stockport	Elise Wilson (Lab)	Tom McGee (Lab)
Tameside	Brenda Warrington (Lab)	Bill FairFoull (Lab)
Trafford	Andrew Western (Lab)	Catherine Hynes (Lab)
Wigan	David Molyneux (Lab)	Keith Cunliffe (Lab)

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 AGMA Executive Board, Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford Street,
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AGMA Meeting on 12 February 2021

Declaration of Councillors' interests in items appearing on the agenda

NAME: _____

Minute Item No. / Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	Type of Interest
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- Bodies to which you have been appointed by the GMCA
- Your membership of bodies exercising functions of a public nature, including charities, societies, political parties or trade unions.

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- You, and your partner's business interests (eg employment, trade, profession, contracts, or any company with which you are associated)
- You and your partner's wider financial interests (eg trust funds, investments, and assets including land and property).
- Any sponsorship you receive.

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STEP ONE: ESTABLISH WHETHER YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS OF THE AGENDA

If the answer to that question is 'No' – then that is the end of the matter. If the answer is 'Yes' or 'Very Likely' then you must go on to consider if that personal interest can be construed as being a prejudicial interest.

STEP TWO: DETERMINING IF YOUR INTEREST PREJUDICIAL?

A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest:

- where the well being, or financial position of you, your partner, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association (people who are more than just an acquaintance) are likely to be affected by the business of the meeting more than it would affect most people in the area.
- the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

FOR A NON PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**YOU MUST**

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- Inform the meeting that you have a personal interest and the nature of the interest
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TO NOTE:

- You may remain in the room and speak and vote on the matter
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FOR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**YOU MUST**

- Notify the governance officer for the meeting as soon as you realise you have a prejudicial interest (before or during the meeting)
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- Leave the meeting while that item of business is discussed
- Make sure the interest is recorded on your annual register of interests form if it relates to you or your partner's business or financial affairs. If it is not on the Register update it within 28 days of the interest becoming apparent.

YOU MUST NOT:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your disclosable pecuniary interest during the meeting participate further in any discussion of the business,
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting

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Agenda Item 4

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT:

Greater Manchester Mayor	Andy Burnham (In the Chair)
Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor	Baroness Bev Hughes
Bury	Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Elise Wilson
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rochdale	Councillor Janet Emsley
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA - Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA – Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA – GMCA Treasurer	Steve Wilson
Bolton	Tony Oakman
Bury	Geoff Little
Manchester	Fiona Ledden
Oldham	Helen Lockwood
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Jim Taylor
Tameside	Seven Pleasant
Trafford	Sara Todd
Wigan	Alison McKenzie-Folan
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee
GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Anne Morgan
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Nicola Ward

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AGMA 28/20 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

1. That apologies be received and noted from Councillor David Greenhalgh (Bolton), Joanne Roney (Manchester) and Pam Smith (Stockport).
2. That apologies from Councillor Martyn Cox (Bolton), who was unable to join due to technical difficulties be noted.

AGMA 29/20 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED /-

There were no Chairs announcements or urgent business.

AGMA 30/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda.

AGMA 31/20 MINUTES OF THE AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2020

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2020 be approved as a correct record.

AGMA 32/20 GREATER MANCHESTER'S PLAN FOR HOMES, JOBS AND THE ENVIRONMENT: GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK PUBLICATION PLAN 2020 – NEXT STEPS

Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett introduced a report which updated Members on the progress of Greater Manchester's Plan for Homes, Jobs and the Environment: Greater Manchester Spatial Framework Publication Plan 2020 and outlined the proposed next steps.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the preparation of a Joint Development Plan Document of the nine GM Local Authorities, as set out in Section 3 of the report, be agreed in principle.
2. That a further report addressing the issues, set out in Section 3 of the report, be submitted to a future meeting.
3. That the nine GM Local authorities be commended to establish a joint committee, with delegated authority to co-ordinate and develop a Joint Plan on their behalf as the nine local planning authorities.

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AGMA EXECUTIVE

Date: 12 February 2021

Subject: AGMA Budget Update 2020/21 and Budget 2021/22

Report of: Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Leader for Resources
Steve Wilson, Treasurer to AGMA / GMCA

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report sets out the revenue budget for the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) 2021/22. It also includes the forecast outturn position for 2020/21.

The proposed charges in respect of AGMA to be approved for 2021/22 are included within the report together with the recommended allocations to the District Councils of Greater Manchester.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

AGMA is requested to:

1. note the report and the current AGMA revenue outturn forecast for 2020/21 shows a breakeven position.
2. approve the budget relating to AGMA functions in 2021/22 as set out in section 2 of this report.
3. approve the charges to the GM District Councils in support of the AGMA functions for 2021/22 of £634,000 as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, noting that this excludes items billed directly from lead districts.
4. note the forecast position of reserves in 2021/22 as detailed in section 3 of the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

AGMA Executive Board: 'AGMA Budget 2020/21' 14 February 2020

TRACKING/PROCESS		
Does this report relate to a Key Decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution or in the process agreed by the AGMA Executive Board		Yes
EXEMPTION FROM CALL IN		
Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the AGMA Scrutiny Pool on the grounds of urgency?		No
AGMA Commission	TfGMC	Scrutiny Pool

Risk Management – An assessment of the potential budget risks faced by the authority are carried out quarterly as part of the monitoring process.

Legal Considerations – See section 4 of the report.

Financial Consequences – Revenue – The report sets out the out the planned budget strategy for 2021/22.

Financial Consequences – Capital – There are no capital considerations contained within the report.

1. AGMA FORECAST OUTTURN AND BUDGET UPDATE 2020/21

- 1.1 The forecast outturn position for the year ending 31 March 2021 is a breakeven position against budget after allowing for £5k from reserve to meet cost pressure in the GM Archaeology Service. The table below details the position:

Revenue Budget 2020/21	Approved Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variance
	£000	£000	£000
Resources Available			
Contribution from Districts	634	634	0
Contribution from Reserves	0	5	5
External income and contributions	46	46	0
Total	680	685	5
Call on Resources			
Police and Crime Panel	74	74	0
County Records	216	216	0
Specialist Trading Standards	62	62	0
GM Archaeology Service	130	135	5
Waste and Minerals Unit	60	60	0
Ecology Unit	138	138	0
Total	680	685	5
Net Position	0	0	0

2. PROPOSED AGMA BUDGET 2021/22

- 2.1 The proposed budget for 2021/22 is summarised in the table below:

AGMA Budget 2021/22	£000's
Resources Available:	
Contributions from Districts	634
Contributions from Reserves - General	8
External Income and Contributions	46
Total	688
Calls on Resources:	
Police and Crime Panel	74
County Records	216
Specialist Trading Standards	62
GM Archaeology Service	138
Waste and Minerals Unit	60
Ecology Unit	138
Total	688

2.2 The budget includes a small uplift of £8k to cover cost pressures within the GM Archaeology Service. It proposed that the cost pressure in 2020/21 and 2021/22 are met from use of reserve.

2.3 The proposed contribution from Districts is £0.634m which is unchanged from 2020/21.

3. RESERVES

3.1 The position on General AGMA reserves at the end of 2019/20 reported to AGMA Executive Board on 26th June 2020 was £0.890m. The increase in reserves related to underspend on the budget carried forward from 2018/19 for the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, the cost of which had been met from resources within GMCA.

AGMA Reserves	Actual Balance as at 31-Mar-20 £000	Forecast Transfer (in)/out 2020/21 £000	Forecast Balance as at 31-Mar-21 £000	Forecast Transfer (in)/out 2021/22 £000	Forecast Balance as at 31-Mar-22 £000
<u>General Revenue Reserves</u>					
General AGMA Reserves	(890)	5	(885)	8	(877)
TOTAL	(890)	5	(885)	8	(877)

4. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 In coming to decisions in relation to the revenue budget the Authority has various legal and fiduciary duties. The amount charged to the Districts in respect of the Authority's AGMA functions must be sufficient to meet the Authority's legal and financial commitments, ensure the proper discharge of its statutory duties and lead to a balanced budget.

4.2 In exercising its fiduciary duty the Authority should be satisfied that the proposals put forward are a prudent use of the Authority's resources in both the short and long term and that they are acting in good faith for the benefit of the community whilst complying with all statutory duties.

Duties of the Treasurer (Chief Finance Officer)

4.3 The Local Government Finance Act 2003 requires the Chief Finance Officer to report to the Authority on the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves. The Authority has a statutory duty to have regard to the Chief Finance Officer's report when making decisions about the calculations.

- 4.4 Section 28 of the Local Government Act 2003 imposes a statutory duty on the Authority to monitor during the financial year its expenditure and income against the budget calculations. If the monitoring establishes that the budgetary situation has deteriorated, the Authority must take such action as it considers necessary to deal with the situation. This might include, for instance, action to reduce spending in the rest of the year, or to increase income, or to finance the shortfall from reserves.
- 4.5 Under Section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, where it appears to the Chief Finance Officer that the expenditure of the AGMA incurred (including expenditure it proposes to incur) in a financial year is likely to exceed the resources (including sums borrowed) available to it to meet that expenditure, the Chief Finance Officer has a duty to make a report to the Authority.
- 4.6 The report must be sent to the Authority's External Auditor and every member of the Authority and the Authority must consider the report within 21 days at a meeting where it must decide whether it agrees or disagrees with the views contained in the report and what action (if any) it proposes to take in consequence of it. In the intervening period between the sending of the report and the meeting which considers it, the authority is prohibited from entering into any new agreement which may involve the incurring of expenditure (at any time) by the authority, except in certain limited circumstances where expenditure can be authorised by the Chief Finance Officer. Failure to take appropriate action in response to such a report may lead to the intervention of the Authority's Auditor.

Reasonableness

- 4.7 The Authority has a duty to act reasonably taking into account all relevant considerations and not considering anything which is irrelevant. This Report sets out the proposals from which members can consider the risks and the arrangements for mitigation set out below.

Risks and Mitigation

- 4.8 The Treasurer has examined the major assumptions used within the budget calculations and considers that they are prudent, based on the best information currently available.

Basis of Apportionment of Costs to District Authorities

- 4.9 The amount payable by each Council is determined by apportioning the costs between the Councils in such proportions as they (unanimously) agree or, in default of such agreement in proportion to the resident population. Appendix 1 details the apportionment of costs across the Districts.
- 4.10 The remaining functions, with the exception of those listed below, are apportioned to Districts on a population basis.
- Police and Crime Panel Support – Historic funding split 17% Manchester City Council and the remaining 83% split equally to the remaining nine Districts

- County Records Unit – Each District pays an equal Contribution

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Detailed recommendations appear at the front of this report.

MID YEAR 2019 POPULATION FIGURES	Basis of Apportionment	BOLTON 287,550 £	BURY 190,990 £	MANCHESTER 552,858 £	OLDHAM 237,110 £	ROCHDALE 222,412 £	SALFORD 258,834 £	STOCKPORT 293,423 £	TAMESIDE 226,493 £	TRAFFORD 237,354 £	WIGAN 328,662 £	TOTAL DISTRICT CHARGES £	CONT. FROM GMCA £	CONT. FROM RESERVES £	TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE £
Police and Crime Panel	Per division	6,824	6,824	12,580	6,824	6,824	6,824	6,824	6,824	6,824	6,824	74,000	-	-	74,000
County Records	Fixed	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	170,000	46,000	-	216,000
Specialist Trading Standards	Population	6,287	4,176	12,088	5,184	4,863	5,659	6,415	4,952	5,190	7,186	62,000	-	-	62,000
GM Archaeology Service	Population	13,183	8,756	25,345	10,870	10,196	11,866	13,452	10,383	10,881	15,067	130,000	-	8,375	138,375
Waste and Minerals Unit	Population	6,084	4,041	11,698	5,017	4,706	5,477	6,209	4,792	5,022	6,954	60,000	-	-	60,000
Ecology Unit	Population	13,994	9,295	26,905	11,539	10,824	12,596	14,280	11,022	11,551	15,994	138,000	-	-	138,000
TOTAL CHARGE		63,372	50,092	105,616	56,435	54,413	59,423	64,180	54,975	56,468	69,026	634,000	46,000	8,375	688,375

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AGMA Executive Board

Date: **12th February 2021**

Subject: Places for Everyone: A Proposed Joint Development Plan Document of Nine GM Districts

Report of: Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure
Steve Rumbelow Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 On 11 December 2020, following the withdrawal of Stockport Council from the production of the Greater Manchester Plan for Jobs, Homes & the Environment, the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, the AGMA Executive Board agreed to consider producing a joint Development Plan Document (DPD) of the nine remaining Greater Manchester (GM) districts, and asked officers to report back on the implications of this.

1.2 This report provides further details on the next steps in relation to that joint plan of the nine GM districts, to be known as “Places for Everyone”, including the required decisions by individual Districts to initiate this process.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

The AGMA Executive Board is asked to note that:

2.1 Each full Council will be asked to:

1. Approve the making of an agreement with the other 8 Greater Manchester councils (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan * delete as appropriate) to prepare a joint development plan document to cover strategic

policies including housing and employment land requirements and, as appropriate, strategic site allocations and Green Belt boundary amendments and associated infrastructure across the nine districts.

2. Agree the district lead Member for the joint committee and a nominated deputy to attend and vote as necessary
3. Note that the [Council's Executive / Cabinet] will be asked to delegate the formulation and preparation of the draft joint development plan document to a joint committee of the nine GM authorities
4. Note that a further report will be brought to full Council seeking approval to submit the joint development plan document to the Secretary of State for independent examination

2.2 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):

1. Note that full Council has approved the making of an agreement with the other 8 Greater Manchester councils [state] to prepare a joint development plan document to cover strategic policies including housing and employment land requirements and, as appropriate, strategic site allocations and Green Belt boundary amendments and associated infrastructure across the nine districts.
2. Delegate to the joint committee of the nine Greater Manchester councils the formulation and preparation of the joint development plan document to cover housing and employment land requirements including, as appropriate, strategic site allocations and Green Belt boundary amendments and associated infrastructure across the nine Greater Manchester districts insofar as such matters are executive functions.
3. Note that the following are the sole responsibility of full Council:
 - Responsibility for giving of instructions to the executive to reconsider the draft plan submitted by the executive for the authority's consideration.
 - The amendment of the draft joint development plan document submitted by the executive for the full Council's consideration
 - The approval of the joint development plan document for the purposes of submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

- The adoption of the joint development plan document.

3.0 CONTACT OFFICERS:

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Anne Morgan, Head of Planning Strategy, GMCA (anne.morgan@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

Equalities Implications:

A Joint Development Plan Document is a statutory plan which seeks to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, delivering economic, social and environmental benefits together in a mutually reinforcing way. It will be informed by an Integrated Appraisal which includes an Equalities assessment.

Climate Change Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures –

A Joint Development Plan of the 9 will provide a planning policy framework to support Greater Manchester's ambition to be carbon neutral by 2038

Legal Considerations: As set out in the Report

Financial Consequences – Revenue:

The preparation of the joint Development Plan Document will generate a revenue cost for the 9 local authorities. A substantial evidence base was assembled to support the GMSF plan of the 10 local authorities which involved the commissioning of specialist and independent experts. Much of this evidence will remain relevant to this plan, and Stockport's Local Plan, however there will be further revenue costs associated producing the plan of the nine local authorities and with the examination process, including appointment of a Programme Officer and Assistant. A budget has

been identified to meet this cost from within the Retained Business Rates budget, spread over the two financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Financial Consequences – Capital: n/a

There are no capital consequences identified

Number of attachments included in the report: None

Comments and/or recommendation from the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee: N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

[Report to AGMA Executive Board 30 October 2020](#)

[Report to AGMA Executive Board 11 December 2020](#)

TRACKING/PROCESS		[All sections to be completed]	
Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution		Yes / No	
EXEMPTION FROM CALL IN			
Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?		No	
TfGMC	Overview & Scrutiny Committee		
N/A	N/A		

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Up until December 2020 a joint development plan document of the ten Greater Manchester local authorities was being prepared, Greater Manchester’s Plan for Jobs, Homes & the Environment (known as the “GMSF”). However, the decision at Stockport Council’s meeting on 3 December to not submit the GMSF 2020 following the consultation period and the subsequent resolution at its Cabinet meeting on 4 December not to publish the GMSF 2020 for consultation in effect signalled the end of the GMSF as a joint plan of the 10.
- 4.2 Consequently, at its meeting on the 11th December 2020, Members of the AGMA Executive Committee asked officers to report back on the implications and process of producing a joint DPD of the nine remaining Greater Manchester (GM) districts.

5.0 RATIONALE AND SCOPE OF THE PLAN PLACES FOR EVERYONE

- 5.1 Notwithstanding the decision of Stockport Council, the rationale for the preparation of a Joint DPD of the nine remaining districts remains. This includes being able to:
- Underpin Greater Manchester’s plan for recovery from Covid
 - Support delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy
 - Provide a framework to manage growth in a sustainable and inclusive way, avoid un-planned development and development by appeal
 - Align the delivery of development with infrastructure proposals
 - Meet the requirement for local authorities to have a local plan in place by December 2023.
 - Meet the Duty to Co-operate in s33A Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
- 5.2 Discussions with the nine authorities indicate that there is continued opportunity to work collaboratively to produce a joint plan of the nine, to be known as “Places for Everyone”. Producing such a plan would enable those nine districts to continue to:
- progress the strategic policies in GMSF 2020 which commanded widespread support, for example net zero carbon development, affordable housing and space and accessibility standards for new housing
 - maximise the use of sustainable urban/brownfield land and limit the need for Green Belt to accommodate the development needs of the nine

- align with wider Greater Manchester strategies for transport and other infrastructure investment
- utilise the evidence base already commissioned and completed, minimising the cost of producing further evidence
- spread the cost jointly of the independent examination

6.0 PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE JOINT PLAN PLACES FOR EVERYONE

- 6.1 The GMSF was being prepared by the AGMA Executive Board on behalf of the ten GM districts. However, it would not be appropriate for the preparation of a joint plan of only nine of the ten GM districts to be delegated to this Board. Instead it will be necessary to establish a new joint committee of the nine relevant districts – Bury, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan. Each district will be requested to authorise the establishment of the new joint committee and delegate the preparation of the joint DPD to the new joint committee as outlined at the front of this report.
- 6.2 Membership of the joint committee is a matter for the individual districts to determine. However, it is suggested, for continuity purposes, that district Leaders form the membership of the committee, with the ability for a nominated deputy to attend as necessary. It will be the responsibility of the joint committee to agree its terms of reference and the operational arrangements, including the appointing of the chair and the voting arrangements.
- 6.3 The purpose of the Joint Committee will be to formulate and prepare the joint DPD. In the event that the draft joint DPD is considered to have substantially the same effect on the nine districts as the GMSF 2020, the next stage would be publication (Regulation 19 stage). As with the GMSF, each Cabinet/Executive will be responsible for approving the Regulation 19 version of the plan ahead of a period for representations to be made. Again as with the GMSF, the nine full Councils will be responsible for approving the joint plan for submission to the Secretary of State for independent Examination.
- 6.4 The preparation of the joint DPD will need to be reflected in each District's Local Development Scheme (LDS), which identifies the timetable for the production of local development documents such as this one. Similarly, district Statements of Community Involvement (SCI) will need to make reference to the joint DPD appropriately and

consultation that takes place in relation to the joint DPD of the nine will need to be in accordance with each district's SCI, as was the case with the GMSF. Districts will therefore need to consider what changes are needed to these documents as a result of the actions proposed at the front of this report and ensure that the necessary steps are taken.

- 6.5 The function of scrutiny in the production of the joint DPD will remain with the individual districts as the relevant decisions will rest with the districts, not AGMA or the GMCA.

7.0 INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH STOCKPORT AND THE JOINT DPD PLACES FOR EVERYONE

- 7.1 Whilst Stockport Council has withdrawn from the joint planning process of preparing the GMSF, to prepare its own local plan, the Council remains one of the 10 partners which make up GMCA and all are committed to continuing to work together to deliver a wide range of important strategies for example, the Local Industrial Strategy, the 5 Year Environment Plan and the 2040 Transport Strategy.

- 7.2 Under s33A Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, there is a formal Duty to Co-operate with neighbouring authorities. As part of the process of preparing the joint DPD, the nine districts will be required to enter into dialogue with Stockport on matters of strategic, cross boundary significance. The outcome of which will need to be set out in a "Statement of Common Ground". For example, this could include strategic matters such as the scale and distribution of housing and employment land and transport infrastructure. Where the scope of such matters dictate, such as conurbation wide issues, it may be appropriate for reports to be brought to this body for information and/or consideration.

8.0 NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 The process of establishing the joint committee will follow due process in the districts to enable a draft of the joint DPD Places for Everyone to be produced in a timely fashion, as set out in this report.

