

Date: **27th August 2021**

Subject: **Unaudited GMCA Statement of Accounts 2020/21**

Report of: **Steve Wilson, Treasurer of the GMCA**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides a copy of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) unaudited single entity Statement of Accounts for 2020/21. The unaudited group Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 were signed off by the Treasurer and published on the GMCA website during July to meet the statutory deadline for publication of 1st August 2021, link below:

<https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/who-we-are/accounts-transparency-and-governance/annual-statement-of-accounts/>

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Audit Committee members are requested to note the unaudited statement of accounts 2020/21 for GMCA and deadline for the audited statement of accounts to be published by 30th September 2021.

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Risk Management – the risk from setting unsuitable accounting policies and determining critical accounting judgments is that the External Auditor could qualify the GMCA Accounts and require adjustments which may have an impact on the Authority and Mayoral General / PCC reserves.

Legal Considerations – included in Section 3

Financial Consequences – Revenue – N/A

Financial Consequences – Capital – N/A

Number of attachments included in the report: 3

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None

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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		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 AGMA Scrutiny Pool on the grounds of urgency?		No
AGMA Commission	TfGMC	Scrutiny Pool
N/A	N/A	N/A

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides a copy of the GMCA unaudited single entity statement of accounts and sets out the process for the approval of the audited group statement of accounts by 30th September 2021. The unaudited group Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 were signed off by the Treasurer and published on the GMCA website during July to meet the statutory deadline for publication of 1st August 2021, link below:

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- 1.2 The Accounts and Audit Regulations issued by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) set out the requirements for the production and publication of the annual statement of accounts. The regulations set out that the unaudited accounts are to be certified by the Treasurer as providing a true and fair view of the financial position of the authority as at 31 March 2021 and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2021.

2. 2020/21 ACCOUNTS TIMESCALES

- 2.1 The authority is normally required by *The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014* and the *Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015* to present its Statement of Accounts (and associated documents) for public inspection for a period of 30 days which must include the first 10 working days of June.
- 2.2 MHCLG has again extended the statutory deadlines for local authorities to approve and publish their accounts for 2020/21 due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The government has also accepted the recommendation of the Independent Review of Local Authority Financial Reporting and Audit (the Redmond Review) for the audit deadline to be extended to 30th September for local authority accounts.
- 2.3 The *Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021* have implemented these new deadlines by amending the *Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015* and came into force on 31st March 2021. The revised deadlines applicable to local authorities for 2020/21 are as follows:
- Unaudited group accounts to be signed off by the Treasurer by 31st July 2021 (amended from 31st May)
 - Public inspection period for unaudited group accounts to start on or before first working day of August 2021 (amended from 1st June)
 - Publish final audited group accounts by 30th September 2021 (amended from 31st July)
- 2.3 The unaudited accounts for Transport for Greater Manchester and the Police Fund have been reported to their respective Audit Committees during June 2021. These accounts form part of the GMCA group statement of accounts which were published for public inspection during July with the external audit commencing during August. It is the responsibility of the Audit Committee to approve the audited accounts on or before 30th September 2021.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

- 3.1 The GMCA single entity accounts contain the following sections:

3.2 The Treasurers Narrative sets out the background to the financial year including a summary of the Authority's outturn position. The Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts which details the responsibilities of the Authority and the Treasurer.

3.3 The single entity statements and comprising:

- The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) which shows the accounting cost of the Authority's activities rather than the amount to be funded from grants, precepts the share of business rates, district contributions and the transport levy.
- The Movement in Reserves Statement (MIRS) which explains the movement in the Authority's usable and unusable reserves during the financial year.
- The Balance Sheet which shows the total assets, liabilities and reserves of the Authority as at the end of the financial year.
- The Cash Flow Statement which shows the reasons for the change in cash and cash equivalents during the financial year.

3.4 Each statement is preceded by a note explaining its purpose and followed by comprehensive notes explaining the statements.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Recommendations are set out at the front of the report.