PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS
Councillor Sue Derbyshire - Chair Stockport MBC
Councillor Jeff Smith Manchester CC
Councillor David Hibbert Oldham Council
Councillor Jacqueline Beswick Rochdale MBC
Councillor Ged Cooney Tameside MBC
Councillor Michael Hyman Trafford Council
Ian Munro National Housing Federation
Jenny Hope United Utilities
Steven Trusler Laing O’Rourke

ADVISORS
Nick Cumberland HCA

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Eamonn Boylan Stockport MBC
Paul Beardmore Manchester CC
Garreth Bruff GMIST
Chris Findley Salford CC
Steve Fyfe AGMA Planning & Housing Team
David Hodcroft AGMA Planning & Housing Team
Lucy Woodbine New Economy
Julie Gaskell GMIST

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Derek Antrobus Salford CC
Jane Healey Brown Arup
Paula Vickers United Utilities
Simon Bedford Deloitte
David Chilton HCA
Mark Chadwick Environment Agency
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received.

3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th APRIL 2014**

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2014 be approved as a correct record.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

4i. **GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL**

A verbal update was received by the Commission from Eamonn Boylan, together with a fact sheet (tabled), on the recent announcement of the Greater Manchester Growth Deal secured from government. The deal, with £169.7m awarded for 2015/16 plus initial commitments worth £307m for 2016 and beyond, will focus on science, skills and transport with an ambition to create 5,000 jobs in the city region.

**RESOLVED/-**

The Commission AGREED to note the update.

5. **UPDATE ON GM HOUSING INVESTMENT BOARD**

The Commission received a brief verbal update from Eamonn Boylan on the collaborative work being undertaken by the GMCA and HCA. Members were advised that further discussions had taken place with HCA since the last GM Housing Investment Board meeting on proposals for a GM wide residential growth strategy. A meeting with CLG has been arranged for next week to look at a number of proposals.

**RESOLVED/-**

The Commission AGREED to note the update.

6. **GM HOUSING PROVIDERS AND THE GM STRATEGY**

A verbal update was received by the Commission from Ian Munroe on the GM Housing Providers initiative and the contributions made to the GM Strategy.

Members were informed that around 250,000 homes had been provided for over 500,000 people, with a total of £450m per annum investment across the city region.

Programmes contributing to the GM Strategy involve:

- Growth & Infrastructure
- Employment and skills
- Health
• Complex dependency
• Financial and social Inclusion
• Carbon Reduction

In respect to programmes relating to public sector reform work, Ian highlighted to the Commission that this work would benefit from further collaboration and engagement with the GMCA.

RESOLVED/-

1. The Commission AGREED to note the update.

2. That Eamonn Boylan would initiate additional engagement between GM Housing Providers and GMCA public sector reform colleagues.

3. That an electronic version of the presentation is circulated to Members of the Commission.

7. TOWN CENTRES PROJECT: EVIDENCE ON BEST PRACTICE & CAR PARKING IN TOWN CENTRES

Members considered two reports presented by Lucy Woodbine, New Economy, which set out further evidence from the GM Town Centres project on some of the best practice identified through the review of different town centres; and the relationship between car parking policies and town centre vitality.

After a discussion on the evidence and ideas reported in both papers, the Commission felt that some of the initiatives outlined should be progressed further with a view to developing a robust mechanism to utilise and share across the conurbation. In particular, this work would benefit from a robust evaluation of the impact of different initiatives.

RESOLVED/-

1. The Commission AGREED to note the reports and current stages of work.

2. That further work will look at how these initiatives could be evaluated and progressed by TMEDL.

8. 2014 MEETING DATES:

Wednesday 8 October 2014 (date to be re-arranged)
Wednesday 14 January 2015
Wednesday 15 April 2015

All meetings will be held from 2:30pm-4:30pm in Manchester, venue tbc.