STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 960

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND
TRANSPORT, ENGLAND

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Amendment) Order 2015

Made - - - - 26th March 2015

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 104(1) and 114(1) and (2) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**1**).

The Secretary of State, having regard to a scheme prepared and published by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority under section 112 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, considers that the making of this Order is likely to improve—

(a) the exercise of statutory functions relating to transport in the area to which this Order relates,

(b) the effectiveness and efficiency of transport in that area,

(c) the exercise of statutory functions relating to economic development and regeneration in that area, or

(d) economic conditions in that area.

The Secretary of State has consulted—

(a) the Greater Manchester Combined Authority,

(b) the constituent councils of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, namely the metropolitan district councils for the local government areas of Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, and Wigan; and

(c) such other persons as the Secretary of State considered appropriate.

In making this Order, the Secretary of State has had regard to the need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities and to secure effective and convenient local government.

A draft of this instrument has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 117 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

(**1**) 2009 c. 20. Sections 117(2), (2A)-(3) were substituted for section 117(2)-(3) by section 13 of the Localism Act 2011 (c. 20).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Amendment) Order 2015 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Amendments to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Order 2011

2. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority Order 2011(**2**) is amended as set out in the following articles.

3. In article 2 (interpretation)—

(a) before the definition of "combined area" insert—

> ""acting Interim Mayor" means a vice-chair appointed by the GMCA to exercise the functions of the Interim Mayor in accordance with paragraph 2A of Schedule 1 during any vacancy in the office of Interim Mayor;";

(b) after the definition of "GMCA" insert—

> ""Interim Mayor" means the additional member appointed in accordance with paragraph 1A of Schedule 1."

4.—(1) Schedule 1 (constitution) is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph 1 (membership) insert—

"**Interim Mayor**

1A.—(1) The GMCA may appoint an additional member of the GMCA, to be known as Interim Mayor.

(2) Any person who satisfies each of the following conditions is eligible for appointment as Interim Mayor—

(a) the person is resident in the area of any one of the constituent councils of the GMCA;

(b) the person is—

(i) an elected member of a constituent council;

(ii) an elected mayor of a constituent council;

(iii) the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner; or

(iv) a Member of Parliament or Member of the European Parliament with a constituency wholly or partly within the area of the GMCA;

(c) the person holds such elected office at the date of application for the position of Interim Mayor and on the date of appointment.

(3) A person may not be appointed as Interim Mayor unless—

(a) the person is eligible to be appointed under sub-paragraph (2);

(b) the person has submitted an application in accordance with any application procedure and timetable determined by the GMCA;

(c) the person has been nominated by at least one member of the GMCA in accordance with any application procedure and timetable determined by the GMCA following consideration by the GMCA of all applications for the office; and

(d) the appointment has been approved by the GMCA by a simple majority at a meeting of the GMCA following a vote of its members.

(**2**) S.I. 2011/908.