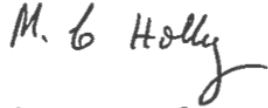


## Urgent Key Decision

Notification by the proper officer (Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Treasurer) to the scrutiny chair that an urgent key decision be made without being published in the Register of Key Decisions, and/or that key decision be exempt from call in for scrutiny.

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Decision maker	GMCA	
What is the decision?	<p>Award of Skills Capital Grant to Stockport/Trafford Colleges to the based on a conditional offer</p> <p>1. That Stockport /Trafford Colleges' application for Skills Capital Grant be given conditional approval and progress to due diligence.</p> <p>2. That it be agreed to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the capital grant at recommendation 1 above.</p>	
<p>List Non-confidential reports</p> <p>Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public</p>	<p>Background report: Agenda item 13: <a href="https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/2525/13_skills_capital">https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/2525/13_skills_capital</a></p> <p>Proposing to submit a report for GMCA which will cover the process and outcome of appraisal</p>	
<p>List Confidential reports</p> <p>Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information</p>	<p>Detail of appraisal comments and financial information will be submitted under a Part B to the above report.</p>	
Reason for confidentiality	<p>The decision includes commercially sensitive information however there has been an open &amp; transparent appraisal process</p>	
Intended date of decision	<p>GMCA 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018</p>	
<p>Officer contact details</p> <p>For any further information</p>	<p>Name: Tel: Email</p>	<p>Gemma Marsh Gemma.Marsh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</p>
Has the decision been published in the Register of Key Decisions?	<p><b>Yes</b> : The decision was originally included key decision register published on the 17 January 2018 for decisions which were expected to be taken in <a href="#">February</a> It was then thought that the decision would be taken in March and so was included in the decision notice published on the 7 February 2018 for decisions expected to take place in <a href="#">March</a></p>	

<p>Reasons for <b>general exception</b>: Explain why it cannot be published in the Register of Key Decisions with 28 days notice.</p>	<p>Notice had been given that it was expected to make a decision in February. A slight delay in the appraisal process meant the decision was rescheduled for March (and was recorded on the key decision register accordingly). However, it has subsequently become known that a decision regarding this funding needs to dovetail with the timetable of a wider college merger process overseen by the Department of Education. This is the reason for requesting this general exception.</p> <p>GMCA has undertaken a strong 'Green Book' appraisal and incorporated external and internal knowledge throughout the process to ensure that the application for Skills Capital is in line with the needs of the local area as well as GM Skills Priorities.</p> <p>Scrutiny, Leaders and CEX have been kept up to date of progress and the appraisal process.</p>	
<p>Reasons for <b>Special Urgency</b>: Explain why it cannot be published in the Register of Key Decision, with less than 5 clear days notice.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>Is exemption from call-in for scrutiny needed?</p>	<p>No The Skills Capital Process has been discussed at relevant scrutiny meetings</p>	
<p>Explain how any delay will seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the GMCA</p>	<p>The decision will not compromise the GMCA's financial or legal position; however, it could seriously undermine the delivery of a key area of skills provision. Delaying this decision could potentially jeopardise the merger of Stockport and Trafford Colleges because Stockport College would not meet the necessary requirements set out by DfE in terms of quality and financial improvement. It would also not meet the needs of Stockport Town Centre master Plan in terms of having College that is high quality and attractive to young people, residents and businesses.</p>	
<p><b>Scrutiny Chair</b> who has been notified by the proper officer that the decision is reasonable and urgent</p>	<p>Name</p>	<p>Councillor Mike Holly</p>
	<p>Signed</p>	
	<p>Date</p>	<p>14 February 2018</p>

<p>Request prepared by:</p>	<p>Gemma Marsh</p>
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