

# REATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

## Report for Resolution

**DATE:** 12 FEBRUARY 2010  
**SUBJECT:** SUBSCRIPTIONS / GRANTS TO OTHER BODIES 2010/11  
**REPORT OF:** THE CLERK

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is submitted to enable the Authority to consider subscriptions / grants to other bodies for 2010/2011.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Members consider the renewal of subscriptions / grants to other bodies in 2010/2011 as follows:

		2010/11*	2009/10*
a)	Marketing Manchester	<b>£27,428</b>	£27,428
b)	Greater Manchester County Record Office	<b>£27,976</b>	£26,500
c)	Centre for Local Economic Strategies	<b>£7,000</b>	£7,000
d)	Greater Manchester Brussels Office	<b>£10,300</b>	£10,300
e)	Local Government Association	<b>£36,000</b>	£40,035

\* plus VAT as appropriate

2. That should the Authority wish to renew its subscription to any of the above , it be agreed that this would be conditional upon a clear understanding that the organisation will only use such grant/subscription for the core transport activities referred to in its application;
3. That a further report be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee on 19 March 2010 to enable consideration to be given to next year's grant to the Greater Manchester Transport Resource Unit, including details of the Unit's proposed work programme for 2010/2011.

### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

Correspondence with the organisations referred to in the report held in the GMITA's Committee Office, Room, 308, Manchester Town Hall.

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 In past years a report has been submitted to the Authority's February meeting in order that decisions on subscriptions and grants to outside bodies can be taken in tandem with the setting of the budget and levy. A summary of activities is submitted by each of the organisations concerned in support of their applications. These are attached as Appendices to this report.
- 1.2 As Members will be aware, the Authority also wholly funds the Greater Manchester Transport Resource Unit. In this respect the Unit is unique, as all other bodies receive only a proportion of their income from the Authority. A separate report on the GMTRU grant will be submitted to the next Policy and Resources Committee meeting, to be held on 19 March 2010.

## **2 ORGANISATIONS SEEKING A GRANT/ SUBSCRIPTION**

### **A. Marketing Manchester**

- 2.1 The Chair of the Authority represents the Authority at meetings of the Marketing Manchester Board.
- 2.2 Marketing Manchester has requested a subscription of £27,428 (no increase on last year).

### **B. Greater Manchester County Record Office (GMCRO)**

- 2.3 The Statutory Joint Authorities in Greater Manchester were given archival powers under the 1985 Local Government Act. The authorities exercise their powers through their contributions to the Greater Manchester County Record Office, which are paid as equal shares of GMCRO's net budget.
- 2.4 GMCRO has requested a contribution of £27,976 for 2010/11 (an increase of 5.5% increase on last year) .

### **C. Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES)**

- 2.5 The Chair of the Authority serves on the CLES Board.
- 2.6 CLES has requested a subscription of £7,000 for 2010/11 (no increase on 2009/10 subscription).

### **D. Greater Manchester Brussels Office**

- 2.7 The Chair or Vice Chair of the Authority (or nominee) act as the Authority's representative at AGMA Executive meetings, which oversees the work of all AGMA Units.
- 2.8 The work of the Brussels office is managed and monitored by the AGMA Policy Unit. AGMA Executive has requested that the Authority continue its membership of

the Greater Manchester Brussels office partnership at the same rate as for 2009/10 - £10,300 ).

## **E Local Government Association (LGA)**

2.9 The Authority is represented on various LGA bodies, as follows:

- The Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority (or their nominees), together with the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Group (or his nominee) and the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group represent the Authority at the General Assembly meeting.
- The Chair of the Authority (or nominee) and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Group (or his nominee) represent the Authority at meetings of the Urban Commission.
- Councillor Dylan Butt (or Councillor Craig Wright as his deputy) represents the Authority at meetings of the Rural Commission.
- The Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority (or their nominees) and the Leader of the Opposition Group represent the Authority at meetings of the Integrated Transport Authorities' Special Interest Group .

2.10 The LGA has requested a membership fee of £36,000 for 2010/11 (a 10% reduction on 2009/10).

## **3. Recommendations**

3.1 Recommendations appear at the front of this report and include the details of 2009/10 subscription costs for Members' information.

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