SCHEDULE 1

Constitution

Proceedings

- **3.**—(1) Subject to the following sub-paragraphs, any questions that are to be decided by the Combined Authority are to be decided by a majority of the members and substitute members, acting in place of members, present and voting on that question at a meeting of the Combined Authority.
- (2) No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Combined Authority unless at least two members or substitute members appointed by the constituent authorities are present at the meeting.
- (3) Each member, or substitute member acting in that member's place, is to have one vote and no member or substitute member is to have a casting vote.
 - (4) If a vote is tied on any matter it shall be deemed not to have been carried.
- (5) Members appointed from the Local Enterprise Partnership shall be non-voting members of the Combined Authority.
- (6) Questions relating to the following matters require a unanimous vote in favour by all seven constituent council members, or substitute members acting in place of those members, to be carried—
 - (a) adoption of any strategic growth plan as provided for in the Combined Authority's standing orders;
 - (b) adoption of any local transport plan under section 108(3) of the Transport Act 2000;
 - (c) approval of the Combined Authority's annual budget;
 - (d) setting of any transport levy under section 74 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and in accordance with regulations made thereunder;
 - (e) allocation of local transport plan funding to the individual constituent authorities;
 - (f) approval of growth schemes set out in any adopted strategic growth plan, including the local major schemes devolved funding;
 - (g) approval of borrowing limits, treasury management strategy including reserves, investment strategy and capital budget of the Combined Authority; and
 - (h) such other plans and strategies as may be determined by the Combined Authority and set out in its standing orders.
- (7) The proceedings of the Combined Authority are not invalidated by any vacancy among its members or substitute members or by any defect in the appointment or qualifications of any member or substitute member.