



**IN THE COMPETITION**  
**APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case No. : 1642/12/13/24

BETWEEN:

**MR AUBREY WEIS**

Applicant

– and –

**GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**

Respondent

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**ORDER**

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**UPON** the Applicant’s Application for review under section 70(1) of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 (the “2022 Act”)

**AND UPON** the Respondent having filed a Defence to the Application dated 2 August 2024

**AND UPON** the parties agreeing to stay the above-named proceedings (the “Proceedings”) pending the transaction documents concerning the loans subject to the Proceedings (the “2024 Renaker Loans”) being executed

**AND HAVING REGARD TO** the Competition Appeal Tribunal's (the “Tribunal”) powers under the Rule 53 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 (the “CAT Rules”)

**AND UPON** the Acting President of the Tribunal hearing Leading Counsel for the Applicant and the Respondent at a case management conference on 30 October 2024

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. The Proceedings be stayed (and all procedural timetables extended) on the following terms:
  - (a) The Respondent shall notify the Applicant, and the Tribunal, within 3 working days of the completion of the final transaction documents related to the 2024 Renaker Loans (as referred to in paragraph 58 of the witness statement of Ms Blakey served in these Proceedings);
  - (b) The Respondent shall disclose to the Applicant copies of the following documents (the "Documents") within 14 days of the notification referred to in paragraph 1(a) (21 days for the Documents referred to in paragraph 1(b)(v)):
    - (i) Part B of the "Public Reports Pack 22032024 1030 Greater Manchester Combined Authority", in so far as it relates to the 2024 Renaker Loans.
    - (ii) The notes, papers, documents and other information concerning the loans that were provided to the Respondent's "Overview & Scrutiny Committee" and Credit Committee in relation to the 2024 Renaker Loans.
    - (iii) The notes, memoranda, documentation, results of searches and investigations that evidence the Respondent's consideration and assessment of the 2024 Renaker Loans.
    - (iv) The loan agreements and other transaction documents for the 2024 Renaker Loans, including any related draft or executed security documents.
    - (v) The communications between the Respondent and Renaker (or any related party) following the March 2024 approval by the Defendant of the 2024 Renaker Loans, the records of any further negotiations and the notes, memoranda, documentation, results of searches and investigations that evidence the Respondent's subsequent consideration and assessment of the 2024 Renaker Loans.

The Documents will be redacted for privilege and confidentiality. Documents unredacted for confidentiality shall be disclosed only to members of the Confidentiality Ring established for the purpose of these Proceedings by separate Order .

- (c) To the extent not already addressed in the first witness statement of Laura Blakey filed in the Proceedings, the disclosure under paragraph (1)(b) above shall be accompanied by a Witness Statement complying with the duty of candour explaining the Defendant's decision-making process and exchanges with Renaker (or any related party) related to the 2024 Renaker Loans.
- (d) The documents and information referred to at paragraphs 1(b)-(c) above, including those already provided in these Proceedings, shall only be used by the Applicant for the purpose of these Proceedings;
- (e) The Applicant may, if so advised, file an Amended Notice of Appeal and any supporting witness statements or expert report within 28 days of receipt of the documents and information referred to at paragraphs 1(b)-(c) above;
- (f) The Respondents may, if so advised, file an Amended Defence and any supporting witness statements or responsive expert report within 28 days of receipt of any Amended Notice of Appeal;
- (g) The Applicant may, if so advised, file a Reply within 7 days of receipt of any Amended Defence; and
- (h) The parties to apply to the Tribunal following receipt by the Applicant of the Documents referred to in paragraph 1(b)(v) for a further case management conference to be listed for the first available date after closure of pleadings to address further directions and fixing a date and time estimate for a final hearing.

2. Liberty to apply.

3. Costs in the case.

**Sir Peter Roth**

Acting President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 30 October 2024

Drawn: 3 November 2024