MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 14 JUNE 2013


Apology: Councillor Harkin.

TfGMC13/01 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF TfGMC FOR 2013/14

Nominations were sought for the appointment of Chair of TfGMC for 2013/14.

A nomination for the appointment of Councillor Andrew Fender as Chair of TfGMC was moved and seconded.

Resolved/-

That Councillor Andrew Fender be re-appointed as Chair of TfGMC for the 2013/14 municipal year.

*Councillor Fender in the Chair

TfGMC13/02 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

(a) Cycling Champion for TfGMC

The Chair explained that given the significant amount of cycling projects and initiatives taking place and planned, TfGMC was to appoint a Cycling Champion for such schemes. It was noted that the Terms of Reference for this role had been circulated to Members and that nominations for a Cycling Champion Member were to be sought at the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved/-

1.) That the Terms of Reference for the TfGMC Cycling Champion were received and noted;
2.) That nominations for the TfGMC Cycling Champion be sought at the next meeting of this Committee.

(b) Group Photograph

The Chair reminded Members that the TfGMC Members group photograph was to be taken at the rise of the meeting.
**TfGMC13/03 APPOINTMENT OF THREE VICE CHAIRS 2013/14**

The Chair sought nominations for three Vice Chairs of TfGMC for the 2013/14 municipal year.

Nominations were received for Councillors Roger Jones, Mark Aldred and Doreen Dickinson.

These nominations were moved and seconded.

**Resolved/-**

That Councillors Roger Jones, Mark Aldred and Doreen Dickinson, each be appointed as a Vice Chair of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee, for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

**TfGMC13/04 WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND A VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MEMBERS**

The Chair referred to the following changes in membership of the Committee:

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The Chair extended a welcome to the new members and also expressed his appreciation for the contribution of retiring members. Particular thanks were offered to Councillor Alan Whitehead who had been a long standing member on TfGMC, GMITA and GMPTA and had served as Chair to a number of Committees and Sub Committees during that time. Members wished to place on record the valued contribution that Councillor Whitehead had provided.

**Resolved/**

That the new members to TfGMC be welcomed and that the vote of thanks to retiring Members be supported.
The Committee noted the following membership of the Committee, as appointed by the 10 district Councils for the 2013/14 Municipal Year:-

**Bolton:**  
Cllr David Chadwick (Lab)  
Cllr Guy Harkin (Lab)  
Cllr Paul Wild (Con)

**Bury:**  
Cllr Noel Bayley (Lab)  
Cllr Joan Grimshaw (Lab)

**Manchester:**  
Cllr Mark Clayton (LD)  
Cllr Andrew Fender (Lab)  
Cllr Chris Paul (Lab)  
Cllr Tracey Rawlins (Lab)  
Cllr Roy Walters (Lab)

**Oldham:**  
Cllr Norman Briggs (Lab)  
Cllr Peter Dean (Lab)  
Cllr John Dillon (LD)

**Rochdale:**  
Cllr Shakil Ahmed (Lab)  
Cllr Ian Duckworth (Con)  
Cllr Alan Godson (Lab)

**Salford:**  
Cllr Roger Jones (Lab)  
Cllr Robin Garrido (Con)  
Cllr Barry Warner (Lab)

**Stockport:**  
Cllr Paul Bellis (Con)  
Cllr Stuart Corris (LD)  
Cllr Dean Fitzpatrick (Lab)  
Cllr Craig Wright (LD)

**Tameside:**  
Cllr Matthew Colledge (Con)  
Cllr Michael Cordingley (Lab)  
Cllr June Reilly (Con)

**Trafford:**  
Cllr Warren Bray (Lab)  
Cllr Doreen Dickinson (Con)  
Cllr Peter Robinson (Lab)

**Wigan:**  
Cllr Mark Aldred (Lab)  
Cllr Norman Bradbury (Ind)  
Cllr Patricia Holland (Lab)  
Cllr Eunice Smethurst (Lab)

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The Minutes of the proceedings of the 2012 Annual Meeting of the TfGMC, held on 15 June 2012 were submitted.

Resolved/-

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of TfGMC, held on 15 June 2012, be approved as a correct record.

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That the Rules of Procedure for Transport for Greater Manchester Committee, as set out in Section 2 of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Operating Agreement, be noted.
Members considered the Terms of Reference for the Capital Projects and Policy; the Bus Network and TfGM Services; and the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committees.

Resolved--

1.) That the Terms of Reference for the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee be approved, as set out in the report;
2.) That the Terms of Reference for the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee be approved, as set out in the report;
3.) That the Terms of Reference for Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee be approved, as set out in the report.

Resolved--

That the membership to Sub Committees for 2013/14 be approved as follows:-

(a) Capital Projects & Policy; (15 Members) 10 Lab, 3 Con, 2 LD

Cllr Matthew Colledge  Con  (Trafford)
Cllr Michael Cordingley  Lab  (Trafford)
Cllr Peter Dean  Lab  (Oldham)
Cllr Doreen Dickinson  Con  (Tameside)
Cllr John Dillon  LD  (Oldham)
Cllr Andrew Fender  Lab  (Manchester)
Cllr Dean Fitzpatrick  Lab  (Stockport)
Cllr Robin Garrido  Con  (Salford)
Cllr Joan Grimshaw  Lab  (Bury)
Cllr Alan Godson  Lab  (Rochdale)
Cllr Guy Harkin  Lab  (Bolton)
Cllr Roger Jones (Chair)  Lab  (Salford)
Cllr Peter Robinson  Lab  (Tameside)
Cllr Eunice Smethurst (Deputy Chair)  Lab  (Wigan)
Cllr Craig Wright  LD  (Stockport)

Substitutes:
Cllr Noel Bayley    Lab   (Bury)
Cllr Warren Bray    Lab   (Tameside)
Cllr Norman Briggs  Lab   (Oldham)
Cllr Mark Clayton   LD    (Manchester)
Cllr Stuart Corris  LD    (Stockport)
Cllr Patricia Holland Lab   (Wigan)
Cllr Chris Paul     Lab   (Manchester)
Cllr June Reilly    Con   (Trafford)
Cllr Paul Wild      Con   (Bolton)

(b) Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee 2013/14 (13 members) - 8 Lab, 3 Con, 2 LD.

Cllr Shakil Ahmed    Lab   (Rochdale)
Cllr Mark Aldred    (Chair) Lab   (Wigan)
Cllr Noel Bayley     Lab   (Bury)
Cllr Paul Bellis     Con   (Stockport)
Cllr Warren Bray    Lab   (Tameside)
Cllr Mark Clayton   LD    (Manchester)
Cllr Stuart Corris  LD    (Stockport)
Cllr Peter Dean     Lab   (Oldham)
Cllr Chris Paul     Lab   (Manchester)
Cllr June Reilly    Con   (Trafford)
Cllr Roy Walters    Lab   (Manchester)
Cllr Barry Warner   (Deputy Chair) Lab   (Salford)
Cllr Paul Wild      Con   (Bolton)

Substitutes:
Cllr David Chadwick Lab   (Bolton)
Cllr Doreen Dickinson Con   (Tameside)
Cllr John Dillon     LD    (Oldham)
Cllr Ian Duckworth   Con   (Rochdale)
Cllr Andrew Fender   Lab   (Manchester)
Cllr Guy Harkin      Lab   (Bolton)
Cllr Tracey Rawlins  Lab   (Manchester)
Cllr Craig Wright    LD    (Stockport)

(c) Metrolink & Rail Networks. (13 members) - 8 Lab, 3 Con, 2 LD.

Cllr Norman Briggs  Lab   (Oldham)
Cllr David Chadwick Lab   (Bolton)
Cllr Matthew Collledge Con   (Trafford)
Cllr Michael Cordingley Lab   (Trafford)
Cllr Doreen Dickinson (Chair) Con   (Tameside)
Cllr John Dillon     LD    (Oldham)
Cllr Ian Duckworth   Con   (Rochdale)
Cllr Dean Fitzpatrick Lab   (Stockport)
Cllr Alan Godson     Lab   (Rochdale)
Cllr Patricia Holland *(Deputy Chair)* Lab (Wigan)
Cllr Tracey Rawlins Lab (Manchester)
Cllr Peter Robinson Lab (Tameside)
Cllr Craig Wright LD (Stockport)

Substitutes:

Cllr Mark Aldred Lab (Wigan)
Cllr Paul Bellis Con (Stockport)
Cllr Mark Clayton LD (Manchester)
Cllr Stuart Corris LD (Stockport)
Cllr Robin Garrido Con (Salford)
Cllr Joan Grimshaw Lab (Bury)
Cllr Roger Jones Lab (Salford)
Cllr Eunice Smethurst Lab (Wigan)

**TFGMC13/10 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2013/14**

Members considered the Programme of TFGMC and Sub Committee meetings for 2013/2014.

A request was made for the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee, scheduled to take place on 2 August, to now take place on Friday 26 July 2013.

A Member highlighted a possible clash with next year’s local elections and therefore the proposed TFGMC Annual Meeting on 13 June 2014 should be a provisional date.

Resolved/-

That the following programme of meetings be agreed for 2013/14:-

(a) Transport for Greater Manchester Committee

- Friday 14 June 2013 (AGM)
- Friday 12 July 2013
- Friday 16 August 2013 (subject to business)
- Friday 13 September 2013
- Friday 11 October 2013
- Friday 15 November 2013
- Friday 6 December 2013
- Friday 17 January 2014
- Friday 14 February 2014
- Friday 14 March 2014
- Friday 11 April 2014
- Friday 13 June 2014 (AGM) (provisional)
(b) Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee

- Friday 5 July 2013
- Friday 6 September 2013
- Friday 8 November 2013
- Friday 24 January 2014
- Friday 7 March 2014
- Friday 4 April 2014

(c) Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee

- Friday 21 June 2013
- Friday 26 July 2013
- Friday 4 October 2013
- Friday 22 November 2013
- Friday 10 January 2014
- Friday 21 March 2014

(d) Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee:

- Friday 28 June 2013
- Friday 20 September 2013
- Friday 1 November 2013
- Friday 20 December 2013
- Friday 7 February 2014
- Friday 25 April 2014

TfGMC13/11 Nominations to External Bodies 2013/14

Members were asked to consider the following appointments to external bodies for 2013/14.

(a) ITA Special Interest Group (SIG)

Resolved/-

That Councillors Andrew Fender, Roger Jones and Doreen Dickinson be appointed to the ITA Special Interest Group (SIG) for 2013/14.

(b) CLES Board

Resolved/-

That Councillor Chris Paul be appointed to the CLES Board for 2013/14.

(c) Greater Manchester Museum of Transport Advisory Panel

Resolved/-
That Councillors John Dillon, Robin Garrido, Alan Godson, Patricia Holland and Eunice Smethurst be appointed to the Greater Manchester Museum of Transport Advisory Panel for 2013/14.

(d) Ring and Ride Steering Groups

Members considered the following appointments to the Ring and Ride Steering Groups for 2013/14:-

- Bolton: Councillor David Chadwick,
- Bury: Councillor Noel Bayley,
- Manchester: Councillor Roy Walters,
- Oldham: Councillor Peter Dean,
- Rochdale: Councillor to be determined
- Salford: Councillor Barry Warner,
- Stockport: Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick
- Tameside: Councillor Peter Robinson,
- Trafford: Councillor Michael Cordingley,
- Wigan: Councillor Patricia Holland.

A Member moved an amendment to for Councillor Stuart Corris to remain as the Ring and Ride TfGMC representative from Stockport.

The amendment was put to the vote and declared lost.

Members asked for a schedule of Ring and Ride Steering Group meeting to be circulated.

Resolved/-

That the appointments to the Ring and Ride steering Groups for 2013/14 be approved as set out in the preamble above.
Present: Councillor Fender (in the Chair)

Councillors Ahmed, Aldred, Bayley, Bellis, Bradbury, Bray, Briggs, Clayton, Colledge, Cordingley, Corris, Chadwick, Dean, Dickinson, Dillon, Duckworth, Fender, Fitzpatrick, Garrido, Godson, Grimshaw, Holland, Jones, Paul, Rawlins, Reilly, Robinson, Smethurst, Walters, Warner, Wild and Wright.

Apology: Councillor Harkin

TfGMC13/12  CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

(a)  Metrolink Services to East Didsbury

The Chair welcomed the new Metrolink services to East Didsbury which has been well received by users and had attracted a large amount of positive press coverage.

TfGMC13/13  DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member regarding any item on the agenda.

TfGMC13/14  MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the TfGMC meeting, held on 12 April 2013, were submitted.

With regard to Minute TfGMC12/113, in response to an enquiry by a Member officers clarified the governance reform process for GMATT and GMATL as approved by GMCA. Officer agreed to speak to the Member concerned outside of the meeting

Resolved/-

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the TfGMC meeting, held on 12 April 2013 be approved as a correct record.

TfGMC13/15  MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEES

a.)  Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee - 19 April 2013

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee, held on 19 April 2013, were submitted.
With regard to Minute CPP/12/46, *Metrolink Service Patterns Through Victoria Stop During Construction*, a Member noted the potential implications stemming from the works at Victoria Station may have on the Museum for Transport shuttle bus service. In response, officers undertook to speak to the Member concerned away from the meeting.

**Resolved/-**

That the Minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee held on 19 April 2013, be noted.

**b.) Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee – 26 April 2013**

**Resolved/-**

That the Minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee held on 26 April 2013 be noted.

**TfGMC13/16  FORWARD LOOK**

Members received a report that presented them with a Forward Look of key work streams requiring decisions from the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee over the next four months.

**Resolved/-**

That the Forward Look be noted.

**Section 2  
TfGMC Recommendations for Further Approval by GMCA**

**TfGMC13/17  TFGMC POLICY PRIORITIES 2013/14**

A report was presented that outlined to Members those key transport policy priorities that the Committee will recommend to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) for adoption for 2013/14. Once approved by the GMCA, these priorities will also help inform the Committee’s political engagement programme for the forthcoming municipal year.

Members noted that should the Combined Authority be minded to approve these priorities, as set out in section 3 to the report, then such would inform the Committee’s political engagement programme for 2013/14.

A Member raise a query in relation to the contractor undertaking works on the LSM Guided Busway.

With regard to Older Persons Travel Concession, a Member supported the approach of the Committee in relation to the opposing the potential imposition of
means testing for this progressive travel concession.

**Resolved/-**

1.) That the transport policy priorities as set out in Section 3 to the report be noted.

2) That the transport policy priorities, as set out in Section 3 to the report, be submitted for approval to the Combined Authority meeting on 28 June 2013.

**Section 3**

**Items for Resolution by TfGMC**

There were no items requiring resolution by TfGMC reported.

**TfGMC13/18 RAIL STATION ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAMME**

Members received a report which sought confirmation of the current Rail Station Accessibility Programme priority list, until such time that third party funding contributions were identified and secured for the stations under consideration for inclusion within the programme.

A Member expressed disappointment the Heaton Chapel Station was not included on the priority list. The Member suggested that Network Rail should be contacted to re-examine the costs for ramped systems on platforms and asked if station improvements could be included as part of the on-going line electrification works. A review was requested to reassess those stations not included in the current priority lists.

A Member explained that the priorities in the list had not changed for a number of years, that the lack of available funds was the key issue and that Members should encourage their districts to explore opportunities for improvements to local railway station accessibility.

Officers explained that they would continue to challenge Network Rail on the costs associated for station accessibility improvements.

A Member commented that the real issue was funding and that re-ordering the list would not in itself resolve accessibility issues at GM railway stations.

A Member commented that with regard to the disability data analysis, information on Personal Independence Payment should also be included.

**Resolved/-**

1.) That the proposed approach relating to the previously agreed prioritised list of stations most in need of “step free” access; and

2.) That the maintaining of the current RSAP priority list be endorsed and that
TfGM continues to explore all funding opportunities for the remaining nine RSAP stations, in conjunction with rail industry partners.

Section 4 - Items for Information

**TfGMC13/19  CYCLE CITY AMBITION GRANT**

A report was submitted that advised the Committee on the submission of the Cycle City Ambition Grant on 30 April 2013.

A Member in supporting the bid, highlighted that Wigan would not benefit directly from the bid. A Member noted that there would be funds for cycle-ways around the Wigan area. Officers clarified that the terms of the competition constrained the area of the bid, but that if successful measures would be extended after 2015.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers confirmed that TfGM were working in partnership with the Ashton Canal Trust regarding cycle ways.

**Resolved/-**

That the bid content and its submission to the DfT on 30 April 2013 be noted.

**TfGMC13/20  DfT MAJOR TRANSPORT SCHEME DEVOLUTION AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TRANSPORT PRIORITIES FOR GREATER MANCHESTER**

Members received a report which had been submitted to the Greater Manchester Local Transport Body on 31 May 2013 which detailed the process underway to consider the devolution of major scheme transport funding and identifying a programme for Local Transport Body consideration.

A Member commented that the prioritisation principles of the Local Transport Body were similar to those utilised in the Greater Manchester Transport Fund process.

**Resolved/-**

1.) That the report, submitted to the Local Transport body on 31 May 2013, be noted;
2.) That the process for the establishment of the Local Transport Body and the requirement to advise the Department for Transport on major scheme transport funding be noted;
3.) That the list of proposed schemes, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
4.) That a further report on progress be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.
TfGMC13/21 POTENTIAL BID FOR BETTER AREA BUS STATUS

A report was presented which informed Members of a report submitted to the GMCA on 31 May 2013, which described the DfT Better Bus Area (BBA) initiative, outlined TfGM’s approach to a potential BBA bid. It was noted that GMCA had granted delegated authority to the Chief Executive of TfGM in consultation with the Chair of TfGMC and the GMCA Transport Portfolio Lead to determine the final bidding strategy.

In response to an enquiry from a Member regarding the Bus Service Operators Grant, (BSOG) officers explained that it was anticipated that this fund was to be devolved to TfGM for tendered services. In relation to BSOG more generally, future funds will be the subject of Spending Review announcement in June.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers explained that discussions were taking place in relation to the realign the prices of System One travel products, following the decision by bus operators to reduce their fares. The Chair noted his disappointment that a reduction had not already been implemented and looked forward to an early resolution to this issue.

Resolved/-

1.) That the report be noted;
2.) That a further report will be submitted on the adopted BBA bidding strategy be noted.

TfGMC13/22 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved/-

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

TfMC13/23 CUSTOMER SMART UPDATE PRESENTATION

Members received a presentation which advised them on the branding and marketing designs for Greater Manchester Smart Ticketing for use on public transport.

A Member queried the response times for the smart ticketing technology. Officers confirmed that these would be equal or better than the oyster card system.

Members asked if it would be possible for travel products to be transferred to the Smart card. In response officers confirmed that this would be possible.
Resolved/-

1.) That the presentation be received with thanks and noted;
2.) That the branding and marketing of the Greater Manchester Smart Ticketing Scheme, as set out in the presentation be endorsed.