

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 12
SEPTEMBER 2014**

PRESENT

Councillor David Chadwick	Bolton
Councillor Guy Harkin	Bolton
Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton
Councillor Noel Bayley	Bury
Councillor Andrew Fender	Manchester (in the Chair)
Councillor Naeem Hassan	Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul	Manchester
Councillor Tracey Rawlins	Manchester
Councillor Josie Teubler	Manchester
Councillor Norman Briggs	Oldham
Councillor Howard Sykes	Oldham
Councillor Shakil Ahmed	Rochdale
Councillor Philip Burke	Rochdale (with the exception of items 7,8 and 9)
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford
Councillor Barry Warner	Salford
Councillor Martin Candler	Stockport
Councillor Kevin Dowling	Stockport
Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick	Stockport
Councillor William Wragg	Stockport
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside
Councillor Doreen Dickinson	Tameside
Councillor Peter Robinson	Tameside
Councillor Rob Chilton	Trafford
Councillor Michael Cordingley	Trafford
Councillor June Reilly	Trafford
Councillor Mark Aldred	Wigan
Councillor Norman Bradbury	Wigan
Councillor Lynne Holland	Wigan
Councillor Eunice Smethurst	Wigan

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rodney Lund	Monitoring Officer
Bob Morris	Chief Operating Officer, TfGM

Steve Warrener	Finance and Corporate Services Director, TfGM
Howard Hartley	Head of Bus and Rail, TfGM
Daniel Vaughan	Metrolink Team, TfGM
James Lomax	TfGM
Martin Shier	TfGM
Sylvia Welsh	GMIST
Paul Harris	GMIST

TfGMC14/37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Adrian Alexander (Oldham), Ian Duckworth (Rochdale), Robin Garrido (Salford) and Joan Grimshaw (Bury).

**TfGMC14/38 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT
BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business reported. The following announcements were made by the Chair:-

a) Members’ Training

The Chair reminded Members that following the meeting a training session on the Bus Industry and Greater Manchester was to take place.

b) Rod Fawcett

Members noted that Rod Fawcett had left the GMIST Team to take up a position in Transport for Greater Manchester. The Chair on behalf of Members thanked Rod for his hard work and support both to this Committee and the previous Authority and wished him well for the future.

TfGMC14/39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Philip Burke declared a personal interest in relation to Item 7, Metrolink Accessibility – Mobility Scooter Trial Permit Scheme, Item 8, Metrolink Consultation Proposal: The Conveyance Of Non-Assistance Dogs and Item 12 Metrolink Service Improvement Package.

TfGMC14/40 MINUTES

The minutes of the TfGMC meeting, held on 11 July 2014 were submitted for consideration.

Resolved/-

To approve the minutes of the TfGMC meeting, held on 11 July 2014 as a correct record.

TfGMC14/41 MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEES

a) Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee

The Minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meetings, held on 18 July and 5 September 2014 were submitted for information.

Resolved/-

To note the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meetings, held on 18 July and 5 September 2014.

b) Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee

The minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee meeting, held on 25 July 2014 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee meeting, held on 25 July 2014.

TfGMC14/42 FORWARD LOOK

Members received a report which presented them with a Forward Look of key work streams requiring decisions from the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee over the next four months. The report also set out those significant elements of the Committee's work programme, where further updates on progress and activity were anticipated over a longer time period.

Resolved/-

To note the Forward Look.

Section 2 - TfGMC Recommendations for Further Approval by GMCA

There were no items for further approval by GMCA.

Section 3 – Items for Resolution by TfGMC

TfGMC14/43 METROLINK ACCESSIBILITY – MOBILITY SCOOTER TRIAL PERMIT SCHEME

[Note: Councillor Burke declared a personal interest in this item and left the room during its consideration]

Members considered a report providing an update on the background to the Mobility Scooter Trial Permit Scheme, summarising the customer feedback, the proposed way forward and recommendations for the short-term future of the trial permit schemes.

Members noted that Third Party Liability Insurance was not required by Scooter users on Metrolink.

Officers undertook to provide details of costs associated with the introduction of the trial permit scheme, a breakdown of those permit holders by district and to provide illustrative examples of those mobility scooters which met the scheme specifications.

Resolved/-

1. To note the report.
2. To note and welcome the positive contribution made by ShopMobility Manchester.
3. To endorse the proposal to extend the trial period until 1 December 2014, to allow for a further evaluation report to be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee, providing further feedback on the results of the trial up to that date, at which stage, recommendations will be presented in relation to the future of the permit scheme.

TfGMC14/44 METROLINK CONSULTATION PROPOSAL: THE CONVEYANCE OF NON-ASSISTANCE DOGS

[Note: Councillor Burke declared a personal interest in this item and left the room during its consideration]

A report was presented which revisited the information contained within the "Metrolink Accessibility: Governance Framework" report presented to TfGMC in December 2013, specifically in relation to the conveyance of non-assistance dogs on Metrolink.

Members noted that the report reaffirmed the current position of Metrolink, other English light rail operations and bus operators.

The report also outlined proposals for public consultation to help inform any review to the existing Byelaws and Conditions of Carriage.

Members highlighted that consultees should also include Allergy UK and Asthma UK and all assistance dog groups.

It was noted that a Members' Working Group could be established to consider representations, following the completion of the public consultation exercise.

Resolved/-

1. To note the report.
2. To agree that a full consultation exercise to ascertain attitude in relation to the conveyance of non-assistance dogs on Metrolink be granted.
3. To agree that a further report detailing the responses to the public consultation exercise be presented to the January 2015 meeting of this Committee.

Section 4 – Items for Information

TfGMC14/45 GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITIES PERMIT SCHEME

Members considered a report which provided an update on the performance of the Greater Manchester Road Activities Permit Scheme (GMRAPS) in the first twelve months operation of the scheme.

A Member commented that Bolton had already benefited from the introduction of this scheme with improved traffic flow in the area. Thanks were offered to Peter Molyneux and his team for their efforts to this regard.

Resolved/-

1. To note the operational and financial twelve month performance of the scheme to April 2014.
2. To note the forecasted position for the next twelve months of the scheme, as set out in the report.
3. To note that after implementing the recommendations arising from the review, the scheme is forecasted to reach a break even position by December 2015.
4. To note that the Greater Manchester Combined Authority at its meeting on 25 July 2014 resolved to:-
 - i.) approve the updated standard allowable cost reimbursement rates from Local Authorities.
 - ii.) approve that permit fees be revised with a view to reduce the scheme risks and ensure that the scheme breaks even by 2015.
 - iii.) approve that TfGM completes the necessary consultation and Department for Transport approval processes on behalf of the scheme.
5. To agree that TfGM will work with local authority partners to deliver further processes and efficiencies, including revised procedures for the processing and approval of permits.

TfGMC14/46 GREATER MANCHESTER GROWTH DEAL: TRANSPORT UPDATE

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the latest position in relation to the transport elements of the Growth Deal.

Resolved/-

1. To note the current position in relation to the Growth Deal generally and the progress that is being made in relation to moving this initiative forward.
2. To note that officers intend to submit reports to future meetings of both TfGMC and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to inform Members of a proposed 2015/16 Growth Deal Minor Works Programme and a proposed timetable for the production of Major Scheme Business Cases.

TfGMC14/47 RAIL FRANCHISING AND RAIL NORTH PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee received a report which provided Members with an overview of Rail North and the TransPennine Express Rail/Northern Rail Franchise consultation which Rail North jointly published with the Department for Transport (DfT) in June 2014. The report also presented a summary of the approach taken by TfGM in drafting the response to the consultation. Members noted that this response was submitted to DfT on 18 August 2014 and that a copy of the response was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers undertook to contact the Department for Transport regarding the content of responses provided by Greater Manchester districts.

The meeting was made aware of the suggestion from the Department for Transport to upgrade the current Class 152 Pacer units, rather than introduce new rolling stock, albeit that this suggestion would not be supported by Greater Manchester.

A Member requested that a further report be submitted to the Committee once scope of the Invitation To Tender document was available.

Resolved/-

1. To note the report and consultation response, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.
2. To agree that a further report be submitted to an appropriate meeting of this Committee, once the Invitation To Tender documents had been issued.

TfGMC14/48 METROLINK SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PACKAGE

[Note: Councillor Burke declared a personal interest in this item and left the room during its consideration]

A report was presented informing Members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's decision on 29 August to agree to procure up to a further 16 Light Rail Vehicles and associated infrastructure, following the announcement of the Growth and Reform Plan submission on 7 July 2014, which allocated funding to the Metrolink Improvement Package, subject to the GMCA approval of the business case.

Members thanked officers for their efforts in negotiating the purchase of the additional 16 vehicles which presented an excellent deal for Greater Manchester.

Resolved/-

1. To note the report.
2. To note that following GMCA approval, TfGM in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer, have finalised the contractual arrangements with the LVR supplier (Bombardier and Vossloh Kiepe) to purchase a further 16 vehicles.
3. To note that following GMCA approval, TfGM will start design works and procurement of the associated infrastructure works, including two substations, a turnback at Sale, a wheel lathe and associated project management costs. These arrangements will also be finalised in consultation with the GMCA Treasurer.