

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 14
NOVEMBER 2014**

PRESENT

Councillor David Chadwick	Bolton
Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton
Councillor Noel Bayley	Bury
Councillor Joan Grimshaw	Bury
Councillor Andrew Fender	Manchester (in the Chair)
Councillor Naeem Hassan	Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul	Manchester
Councillor Tracey Rawlins	Manchester
Councillor Adrian Alexander	Oldham
Councillor Norman Briggs	Oldham
Councillor Shakil Ahmed	Rochdale
Councillor Philip Burke	Rochdale
Councillors Ian Duckworth	Rochdale
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor Barry Warner	Salford
Councillor Martin Candler	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

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Jim McMahon	GMCA
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jon Lamonte	Chief Executive, TfGM
Bob Morris	Chief Operating Officer, TfGM
Peter Cushing	Metrolink Director, TfGM
Dave Newton	Transport Strategy Director, TfGM
Howard Hartley	Head of Bus and Rail, TfGM
Chris Loader	Rail Team, TfGM
James Lomax	Transport Strategy, TfGM
Julie Connor	Head of GMIST
Paul Harris	GMIST
Noreen Philips	ShopMobility (Manchester)

TfGMC14/49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from and Councillors Guy Harkin (Bolton), Kevin Dowling (Stockport), Howard Sykes (Oldham), Josie Teubler (Manchester).

TfGMC14/50 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

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

a. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present. Particular welcomes were extended to Councillors Adrian Alexander and Jim McMahon who were each attending their first meeting of TfGMC.

b. Manchester Airport Metrolink Line

The Chair noted that Metrolink services to Manchester Airport had commenced operations on 3 November 2014, more than 12 months early and on budget. Thanks were offered to officers, contractors and the operator for their efforts on this very significant achievement.

c. GM Devolution

Members noted an update on the recent announcement from Government regarding Greater Manchester Devolution proposals. Particular focus was given to the Government's funding commitment for the Trafford Park Metrolink extension, bus franchising, and the introduction of multi-modal smart ticketing and highway infrastructure investment.

With regard to the Trafford Park Line Metrolink extension, it was noted that an application for a Transport and Works Act Order regarding this scheme had been approved by GM Combined Authority on 31 October 2014.

d. Order of Business

The Chair advised Members that Item 7, Greater Manchester Rail Priorities would be considered after Item 10, HS2 Update.

e. Museum of Transport Advisory Panel

Members noted that a meeting of the Museum of Transport Advisory Panel was to take place at the rise of the Committee.

TfGMC14/51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Philip Burke declared a personal interest in relation to Item 8, Metrolink Accessibility – Trial Permit Scheme Evaluation.

TfGMC14/52 MINUTES

The minutes of the TfGMC meeting, held on 12 September 2014 were submitted for consideration.

Resolved/-

To approve the minutes of the TfGMC meeting, held on 12 September 2014 as a correct record.

TfGMC14/53 MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEES

a.) Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee

The minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee meeting, held on 3 October 2014 were submitted.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers undertook to provide information on the timescales for passenger shelters.

Resolved/-

To note the minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee meeting, held on 3 October 2014.

b.) Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee

The minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee meeting, held on 24 October 2014 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee meeting, held on 24 October 2014.

c.) Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee

The minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting, held on 7 November 2014 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting, held on 7 November 2014.

TfGMC14/54 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.

Following a comment from a Member regarding the Leigh Salford Manchester Busway/A580 highway works, it was noted that the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee received regular updates on this scheme.

Resolved/-

To note the Forward Look.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 2 - Item for Resolution TfGMC

TfGMC14/55 METROLINK ACCESSIBILITY: TRIAL PERMIT SCHEME EVALUATION

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

A report was presented which informed Members of the key findings resulting from the Trial Permit Scheme evaluation and sought approval from the Committee for a change to the Metrolink Conditions of Carriage, to allow the conveyance of eligible passengers and their registered mobility scooters on the Metrolink network.

The Chair welcomed Noreen Philips from ShopMobility Manchester and offered thanks to her and her colleagues for the invaluable contribution they had made to the trial scheme.

It was noted that TfGM had developed the trial permit scheme in partnership with ShopMobility Manchester and MRDL, the Metrolink operator to ensure the continued safe and responsible operation of the Metrolink network. The scheme came as a direct response to demand from affected passengers, their support networks and was shaped by research commissioned by the Department for Transport (DfT).

Resolved/-

1. To note the report.
2. To thank ShopMobility Manchester for their invaluable contribution to the development and implementation of the scheme.
3. To agree a change to the Metrolink Conditions of Carriage to allow the conveyance of eligible passengers and their registered mobility scooters on the Metrolink Network.
4. To request officers to provide an update report during spring 2015.
5. To agree that the scheme progress and permit uptake be reported to Members on a 6 monthly basis.

Section 3 - Items for Information

TfGMC14/56 TRAVEL CHOICES AND ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

Members considered a report which presented them with an update on the progress made to date on Travel Choices and Travel initiatives.

In welcoming the report, a Member highlighted the work taking place regarding the Velocity 2025 scheme along the Wilmslow Road/Oxford Road, Manchester corridor.

In response to an enquiry from a Member regarding TfGM cycling plans and routes, officers undertook to speak to the Member away from the meeting.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers noted that the *Better By Cycle* newsletter will be utilised to promote station cycle pods.

A Member highlighted the importance of cycle proofing future highway schemes.

Resolved/-

1. To note the progress made in respect of the work undertaken across the Travel Choices and Active Travel Programme;
2. To note the continuing work to deliver new cycle infrastructure; including progress being undertaken as part of the Local Sustainable

Transport Fund Sustainable Access and Cycle Ambition Grant Programmes;

3. To note the update on cycle proofing, as set out in the report;
4. To note the publication of the Department for Transport's Cycling Delivery Plan for consultation and the intention to provide a response on behalf of the Greater Manchester districts.

TfGMC14/57 HS2 UPDATE

A report was presented which informed Members on the progress of the High Speed 2 (HS2) project and provided a summary on the *Rebalancing Britain* report that was launched by Sir David Higgins on 27 October 2014.

A Member highlighted that the Higgins' report noted the need for compatible services to Stockport by 2027 and suggested that the Committee should support this recommendation.

A suggestion was made that TfGM/C should recommend to HS2 that trains should make allow capacity for the carriage of bicycles.

Resolved/-

To welcome the *Rebalancing Britain* report and in particular, its strong support for the delivery of HS2 to Manchester and the need for effective cross-agency working to turn the One North proposition in to reality.

Section 4: Item for further consideration by GMCA

TfGMC14/58 GREATER MANCHESTER RAIL PRIORITIES AND CONTROL PERIOD 6

Members considered a report and presentation which summarised the process for developing the rail industry plans for Control Period 6 (2019-2024). It was noted that Network Rail was to lead a study to identify future requirements in the North of England and the planning process which will result in the Secretary of State publishing a High Level Output Specification (HLOS) and Statement of Funds Available in 2017 and Network Rail publishing an Infrastructure Delivery Plan in 2019. The report identified where TfGM involvement was required to ensure that the requirements for Greater Manchester and the North of England as a whole were represented in the both HLOS and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Members were asked to consider the following revisions to the Greater Manchester Rail Priorities:-

- a. Provision of sufficient passenger capacity (including through rolling stock and infrastructure plans) to ensure all passengers can be carried, so long as there is an economic case for doing so.

- b. Completion of the Northern Hub infrastructure enhancements and delivery of further enhancements that can deliver significant city-region economic benefit.
- c. Further electrification of the local and inter-regional rail network in order to reduce rail industry costs and yield passenger benefits.
- d. Preparations for the arrival of High Speed Trains, both North-South (HS2 to/from London and Birmingham) and East-West (the 'One North' project to/from Merseyside, Yorkshire and the North East).
- e. Creation of a significant national Small Projects Fund to facilitate the development and delivery of value for money improvements to stations and the infrastructure, using complementary local and national funding where appropriate.

A Member highlighted the need for the electrification of the Calder Valley line and making accessibility improvements at Greenfield Station. In response, officers noted that an Electrification Task Force had been established to explore opportunities for the electrification of a number of lines, including the Calder Valley line. With regard to Greenfield Station, it was noted that opportunities to improve accessibility would be undertaken as part of Network Rail's electrification programme and continue to be monitored by the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee.

A Member suggested that any additional rolling stock in Greater Manchester and the reduction in the rail subsidy received by Rail Operators would be offset by the introduction of consequential fare increases and resource efficiencies. In response, officers noted that railways will still receive some subsidy and highlighted that the franchise agreement would encourage greater revenue protection measures. It was understood that additional rolling stock would comprise of a mix of second hand electric and diesels units.

The overcrowding on services arriving at Bolton and Wigan Stations during peak periods was noted and the need for additional rolling stock to be introduced was highlighted by Members. With regard to Wigan services to Manchester Airport, a Member suggested that station staff should be available to assist passengers with luggage. In response, officers noted that the introduction of smart ticketing could allow more flexibility for the existing station staff to assist with other duties. In addition, it was noted that with regard to additional rolling stock, officers were continuing to engage with the Department for Transport to get the best deal for Greater Manchester.

Resolved/-

1. To note the requirement for TfGM to engage in the rail industry processes leading to the Control Period 6 Delivery Plans.
2. To agree the revised Greater Manchester Rail Priorities as set out in Section 4 to the report for approval by GMCA.

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 items of business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 1, 2 and 3 Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Section 5: Item for Resolution TfGMC

A report was presented that sought the approval of the Committee with regard to TfGM property disposals.

Following a comment from a Member, officers confirmed that due diligence is undertaken on all property disposals.

Resolved/-

1. To grant approval of the lease of land at Beal Lane, Shaw, as set out in the report.
2. To grant approval of the proposed lease of land at Altrincham Interchange as set out in the report.
3. To grant approval of the disposal of land at Oldham Mumps as set out in the report.
4. To grant approval of the disposal of land at Back George Street, Leigh, as set out in the report.
5. To grant approval of the disposal of land at Brooklands Metrolink Stop, as set out in the report.
6. To grant approval of land at Whittaker Land, Prestwich, as set out in the report.
7. To grant approval for the disposal of land at Bury Interchange, as set out in the report.