

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 17 JULY 2015 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

PRESENT

Councillor David Chadwick	Bolton
Councillor Guy Harkin	Bolton
Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton
Councillor Noel Bayley	Bury
Councillor Joan Grimshaw	Bury
Councillor Andrew Fender	Manchester (in the Chair)
Councillor Chris Paul	Manchester
Councillor Dzidra Noor	Manchester
Councillor Norman Briggs	Oldham
Councillor David Hibbert	Oldham
Councillor Howard Sykes	Oldham
Councillor Shakil Ahmed	Rochdale
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale
Councillor Ian Duckworth	Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford
Councillor Barry Warner	Salford
Councillor Geoff Abell	Stockport
Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick	Stockport
Councillor Syd Lloyd	Stockport
Councillor Iain Roberts	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 James Grundy	Wigan
Councillor Lynne Holland	Wigan
Councillor Eunice Smethurst	Wigan

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jon Lamonte	Chief Executive, TfGM
Bob Morris	Chief Operations Officer, TfGM

Dave Newton
Nicola Kane
Julie Connor
Rodney Lund
Paul Harris

Transport Strategy Director, TfGM
TfGM
Head of GMIST
Monitoring Officer
GMIST

TfGMC15/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Councillor Naeem Hassan, Josie Teubler (both Manchester) and Jim McMahon (GMCA).

TFGMC15/24 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) TfGMC Appointments

Members welcomed Councillor Dzidra Noor to her first meeting of the Committee. It was noted that Councillor Noor is a Manchester representative and will be replacing Councillor Tracey Rawlins on the Committee and the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee.

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the appointment of Councillor Dzidra Noor as a Member of TfGMC.
- 2) To confirm Councillor Dzidra Noor as a Member of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee and as a substitute Member of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee.
- 3) To place on record the thanks of Members for the significant contribution Councillor Tracey Rawlins has made to the work of the Committee, particularly with regard to the Metrolink works in Wythenshawe and in her role as Public Arts Champion.

b) Capital Projects and Policy 4 March 2016

Members considered a proposal that the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee on Friday 4 March 2016 be moved to start at the later time of 2.00 pm.

Resolved/-

To agree that the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee on Friday 4 March 2016 would now commence at 2.00 pm.

c) Handbooks

Members noted that the TfGMC Member's Handbook was now available.

TfGMC15/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Phil Burke declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 5a, Committee Reports – Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee 3 July 2015.

TfGMC15/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary TfGMC meetings, held on 12 June 2015 were submitted.

Resolved/-

- 1) To receive the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Committee held on 12 June 2015.
- 2) To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Committee held on 12 June 2015, as a correct record.

TfGMC15/27 MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEES

[Note: Councillor Phil Burke declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee minutes were considered.]

a) Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee – 3 July 2015

The Minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee meeting held on 3 July 2015 were submitted.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers undertook to provide information regarding how the collaboration between Metrolink Customer Services Representatives and Greater Manchester Police deterred anti-social behaviour and fare evasion on the Metrolink network.

Resolved/-

- 1) To receive the minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee meeting held on 3 July 2015.
- 2) To request officers to provide a report regarding the impact of Metrolink Customer Services Representative and Greater Manchester Police collaboration in delivering joint initiatives and operations to deter anti-social behaviour on the Metrolink network, to a future meeting of the Committee.

b) Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee – 3 July 2015

The Minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting, held on 3 July 2015 were submitted.

With regard to Minute Ref CPP15/08, Metrolink: The Carriage of Non Essential Dogs a Member suggested that consideration of this matter should be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

A motion was moved and seconded requesting that a report regarding the carriage of non-assistance dogs on the Metrolink network be presented to the 11 September 2015 meeting of this Committee, rather than the November meeting of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee, as set out in Resolution 2 of the minutes. In response to the motion, a Member noted that the purpose of the Sub Committee's decision to defer consideration of this matter to the November 2015 Sub Committee meeting, was to allow officers sufficient time to compile a report and present recommendations in relation to a number of possible options including muzzling, times of travel, the use of seats and charging.

The motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

Resolved/-

- 1) To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting held on 3 July 2015.
- 2) To confirm that a report regarding the Carriage of Non-assistance dogs on the Metrolink Network will be presented to the November meeting of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting.

c) Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee – 10 July 2015

The Minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee, held on 10 July 2015, were submitted.

Resolved/-

To receive the Minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee, meeting held on 10 July 2015.

TfGMC15/28 FORWARD LOOK

Members considered 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.

A Member enquired as to whether the bus lanes on the Leigh – Salford – Manchester busway were operational, and highlighted that there was a lack of indicative signage for motorists. In response, officers noted that the bus lanes would come in to effect once works on the lengths of the busway had been completed. In addition, officers undertook to seek a response on this matter from the TfGM project team and feed back to the Member directly.

Resolved/-

To note the Forward Look.

Section 2

TfGMC Recommendations for Further Approval by GMCA

TfGMC15/29 2015-16 POLICY PRIORITIES

A report was presented which set out the proposed key transport policy priorities that the Committee will recommend to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to adopt for the forthcoming year. Members noted that subject to the approval by GMCA, these policy priorities would also help to inform the Committee's 2015-16 political engagement programme. A summary of the progress of the 2014-15 policy priorities over the past year was also presented.

Resolved/-

- 1) To agree that the 2015-16 transport policy priorities, as set out at Section 3 to the report be approved.
- 2) To agree that the 2015-16 transport policy priorities, as set out at Section 3 to the report, be submitted to the GM Combined Authority Meeting on 31 July 2015 for consideration for approval.

Section 3

Item for Resolution by TfGMC

There are no items for resolution by TfGMC.

TfGMC15/30 POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT 2015-16

Members considered a report which set out a proposed approach and programme to advance Greater Manchester's transport priorities.

Members noted that in light of the GM Agreement, the emerging 2040 Vision and the developing Northern Powerhouse / Transport for the North agenda, it is proposed that the Committee focus on the following themes, which draws on previous work as well as the Committee's Policy Priorities in advancing Greater Manchester's transport objectives of:

- Supporting the processes that will bring about fulfilment of devolution of additional transport powers and functions to Greater Manchester to enable us to deliver a fully integrated transport network for GM;
- Present Greater Manchester as one of UK's leading city regions, at the heart of the North, best able to deliver sustainable economic growth and contribute to national priorities; and

- Make the case for long term, predictable investment in Greater Manchester transport that can enable the wider city region to develop a transport investment programme.

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the approach to political engagement as set out in the report.
- 2) To delegate responsibility to TfGMC Leading Members to finalise the detailed political engagement programme.
- 3) To agree that the attendance of invited Members at such political engagement events should rank as an approved duty for Members' travelling and subsistence allowances purposes.

**Section 4
Items for Information**

TfGMC15/31 TRAVEL CHOICES AND ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE

A report was presented which provided an update on the progress made to date on the Travel Choices and Active Travel initiatives that are currently funded through two Department for Transport grant awards, namely the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) which includes both revenue and capital schemes and the Cycle City Ambition Grant (CCAG) which includes capital schemes only.

In response to an enquiry from a Member officers confirmed that as part of the Cycle City programme links with eleven partner schools had been established of which, at least one was located in Oldham. Members noted that the partnerships would provide a legacy for the schools to continue with this work in the future.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers undertook to provide further information in relation to the take up of the Travel Choices for Business initiative by Greater Manchester businesses and also undertook to provide details regarding the installation of the innovative tiger crossings at Heaton Park and Prestwich Metrolink stops.

A Member commented that in addition to Job Centre Plus, it would be helpful for individual local work clubs, to be able to access Travel Choices for Jobseekers information. In response, officers undertook to speak to the Member directly.

In welcoming the report, a Member suggested that the health benefits of cycling and active travel could be used to make the case for the use of Health funding to make cycle infrastructure improvements.

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the progress made in respect of the work undertaken across the Travel Choices and Active Travel programme since 2013.
- 2) To note the work to deliver new cycle infrastructure; including progress being undertaken as part of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and Cycle City Ambition Grant programmes.
- 3) To note the launch of the Physical Activity and Sport Blueprint on the 7th July 2015, as set out in the report.
- 4) To note process underway regarding with the First Greater Manchester Bicycle Account, that will be published later this year, as set out in the report.

TfGMC15/32 GM 2040 TRANSPORT VISION AND STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report informed Members on the development of the 2040 Transport Strategy for Greater Manchester and specifically, the 2040 Vision. A presentation was also provided.

Members made the following comments and suggestions:-

- a) The Strategy should contain orbital routes to improve connectivity to outlying towns in addition to the regional centre.
- b) In welcoming the Vision document, a Member commented that Strategy needed to provide information to cater for commuters using private motor vehicles.
- c) Thought was needed to develop a list of future key transport infrastructure projects and create a set business case criterion. Members noted the provisions of the GM Transport Fund and the GM Spatial Strategy to this regard.
- d) The Transport Strategy was about developing travel choices and with fewer young people buying cars, the wider introduction of more flexible options, such as car clubs and multi-modal options was required.
- e) Improvements to trans-Pennine highway and motorway routes were required.
- f) The aspirations for all districts that wish to see the introduction of Metrolink lines in their areas should be included in the Strategy.
- g) Improvements in capacity for the transportation of freight by rail would in turn increase highway capacity.
- h) Improvements to highway infrastructure and transport links in the north of the conurbation would help to develop employment opportunities.
- i) Consideration was required to develop transport provision for a 24 hour economy. Currently, shift workers are unable to use a totally integrated

transport network in the evenings and at weekends. A fully integrated ticketing system was also required.

- j) Work was needed to encourage motorists out of their cars during school runs and in towns and cities.

Resolved/-

To note the report and presentation on the GM 2040 Transport Strategy and Vision.