

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

PRESENT

Councillor David Chadwick	Bolton
Councillor Guy Harkin	Bolton
Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton
Councillor Noel Bayley	Bury
Councillor Jamie Walker	Bury
Councillor Azra Ali	Manchester
Councillor Andrew Fender	Manchester (in the Chair)
Councillor Naeem Hassan	Manchester
Councillor Dzidra Noor	Manchester
Councillor Mohon Ali	Oldham
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale
Councillor Ian Duckworth	Rochdale
Councillor Shah Wazir	Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor Barry Warner	Salford
Councillor Geoff Abell	Stockport
Councillor Annette Finnie	Stockport
Councillor Tom Grundy	Stockport
Councillor John Taylor	Stockport
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside
Councillor Peter Robinson	Tameside
Councillor Michael Cordingley	Trafford
Councillor David Hopps	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 Operating Officer, TfGM
Steve Warrener	Finance and Corporate Services Director, TfGM
Peter Cushing	Metrolink Director, TfGM
Paul Harris	GMIST

TfGMC16/36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor Norman Briggs (Oldham), Doreen Dickinson (Tameside), Roger Jones (Salford), Chris Paul (Manchester) and Howard Sykes (Oldham).

TfGMC16/37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor James Grundy declared a personal and prejudicial interest in any items relating to HS2.

TfGMC16/38 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

a) St Peter's Square

The Chair on behalf of the Committee, congratulated officers and contractors for their efforts in re-introducing Metrolink services at St Peter's Square, Manchester, following the improvement which took place at stop over the summer.

TfGMC16/39 APPOINTMENT TO TfGMC

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the appointment of Councillor Mohon Ali (Oldham) as a Member of TfGMC for the remainder of the 2016/17 municipal year.
- 2) To note the resignation of Councillor James Larkin (Oldham) from TfGMC.

TfGMC16/40 APPOINTMENT TO SUB COMMITTEES

Resolved/-

- 1) That Councillor Mohon Ali (Oldham) be appointed as a Member of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee, for the remainder of the 2016/17 municipal year.
- 2) That Councillor Mohon Ali (Oldham) be appointed as a substitute on the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee.

TfGMC16/41 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee, held on 15 July 2016 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee, held on 15 July 2016 as a correct record.

TfGMC16/42 MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEES

a) Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee

The minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee meeting, held on 9 September 2016 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee meeting held on 9 September 2016.

TfGMC16/43 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 an enquiry from a Member regarding Smart Ticketing, it was noted that discussions with bus operators were continuing and that the introduction of bus franchising in Greater Manchester would enable multi-modal smart ticketing to be introduced.

An update on the progress of the Bus Bill was provided by officers. Members noted that the Bill was scheduled to receive assent during January/February 2017.

Following an enquiry from a Member regarding the Trafford Park Metrolink extension, officers confirmed that funding had been secured for this extension and Members noted that Transport Works Act Order (TWAO) powers were being sought from the Department of Transport. A decision on the TWAO was anticipated to be received in the upcoming weeks.

Resolved/-

To note the Forward Look.

TfGMC16/44 GM FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS STRATEGY

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the development of the Greater Manchester Freight and Logistics Strategy which was approved and adopted by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on 29 July 2016. A copy of the Strategy was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The report highlighted the key interventions proposed in the strategy were categorised in to the following five areas of focus:-

- Strategy and Engagement – engagement with the industry, Local Authorities and other partner bodies; review of policies, strategies and new technologies; development of the evidence base.
- Safety and Regulation – accreditation schemes; review of restrictions and regulation; education, training and provision of information.

- Operational Activity – culture and behaviour change targeting procurers, planning and highways teams, facilities managers, logistics companies, freight operating companies and suppliers.
- Infrastructure – network improvement, sustainable commercial development (Urban Distribution Centres, Strategic Rail Freight Interchanges), working with partners (Highways England, Network Rail).
- Planning and Research – Planning process, work with other city regions, long-term development and mode shift.

With regard to the Logistics North development at Cutacre, a Member noted that an unused railway line was located in the periphery of the site and suggested that the medium to long-term aim for the site should be to direct freight traffic from the M61 and on to rail.

A Member commented that improved east/west Pennine transport links were needed in order for better connectivity with the ports of Grimsby and Hull.

With regard to highway delivery freight, a Member noted that refrigerator lorries may need additional air quality regulation given the level of omissions the refrigerator units produce.

In response to an enquiry from a Member regarding the potential for tram and canal use for freight transit, officers noted that currently, tram lines were not suited for carrying freight however the purpose Freight and Logistics Strategy was to explore potential opportunities, including tram and waterways.

A Member highlighted the freight terminals had been located close to the Greater Manchester boundary and suggested that the associated freight traffic would have a negative impact on the Greater Manchester air Quality targets.

With regard to investing in new highway infrastructure, Members noted that this would not be possible in town and city centres and for this reason sustainable alternatives were to be explored.

Resolved/-

To note the update on the GM Freight and Logistics Strategy.

TfGMC16/45 MAYFIELD UPDATE

A report was presented which updated Members on the developer procurement outcome in respect of the Mayfield development scheme and sought the agreement of the Committee to appoint the preferred development partner.

The report also sought consent to dispose of land and property by way of the joint venture with Manchester City Council and London Continental Railways.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers noted that this would not affect HS2 arrangements.

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the outcome of the development procurement in respect of the Mayfield scheme and the proposed appointment of the preferred development partner, as identified in Part B report.
- 2) To grant formal consent to dispose of TfGM land and property by way of Joint Venture with Manchester City Council and London and Continental Railways, as set out in the report.

TfGMC16/46 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved/-

To agree 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, Schedule12A, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Part B

TfGMC16/47 MAYFIELD UPDATE

A report was presented which advised Members on the outcome of the Mayfield Development partner procurement process. The report also sought formal approval from the Committee to TfGM property disposals by way of Joint Venture with Manchester City council and London Continental Railways.

Resolved/-

To noted the outcome of the Mayfield development partner procurement process and approve the property disposals as identified in the report.