

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE (TfGMC), HELD 16 MARCH 2018 AT THE MECHANICS INSTITUTE, MANCHESTER**

**PRESENT**

|                                  |            |
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| Councillor David Chadwick        | Bolton     |
| Councillor Stuart Haslam         | Bolton     |
| Councillor Guy Harkin            | Bolton     |
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| Councillor Noel Bayley           | Bury       |
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| Councillor Andrew Fender (Chair) | Manchester |
| Councillor Naeem Hassan          | Manchester |
| Councillor Dzidra Noor           | Manchester |
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| Councillor Mohon Ali             | Oldham     |
| Councillor Chris Goodwin         | Oldham     |
| Councillor Howard Sykes          | Oldham     |
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| Councillor Shakil Ahmed          | Rochdale   |
| Councillor Phil Burke            | Rochdale   |
| Councillor Patricia Sullivan     | Rochdale   |
| Councillor Shah Wazir            | Rochdale   |
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| Councillor Roger Jones           | Salford    |
| Councillor Barry Warner          | Salford    |
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| Councillor Christine Corris      | Stockport  |
| Councillor Annette Finnie        | Stockport  |
| Councillor Tom Grundy            | Stockport  |
| Councillor John Taylor           | Stockport  |
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| Councillor Warren Bray           | Tameside   |
| Councillor Doreen Dickinson      | Tameside   |
| Councillor Peter Robinson        | Tameside   |
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| Councillor Rob Chilton           | Trafford   |
| Councillor Michael Cordingley    | Trafford   |
| Councillor June Reilly           | Trafford   |
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| Councillor Mark Alred            | Wigan      |
| Councillor James Grundy          | Wigan      |
| Councillor Eunice Smethurst      | Wigan      |

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Howard Hartley   | Interim Head of Facilities Management,<br>TfGM    |
| Jon Lamonte      | Chief Executive, TfGM                             |
| Bob Morris       | Chief Operating Officer, TfGM                     |
| Steve Warrener   | Director of Finance & Corporate Services,<br>TfGM |
| Simon Warburton  | Transport Strategy Director, TfGM                 |
| Caroline Whittam | Rail Programme Manager, TfGM                      |
| Jenny Hollamby   | Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA                       |

## **SECTION 1            STANDING ITEMS**

### **TfGMC18/63            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Azra Ali (Manchester), Councillor Rhyse Cathcart (Bury), Councillor Robin Garrido (Trafford), Councillor Lynne Holland (Wigan) and Councillor Chris Paul (Manchester)

### **TfGMC18/64            CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Shakil Ahmed (Rochdale) who had replaced Councillor Shah Wazir (Rochdale) on the Committee and on the Capital Projects and Policy Sub-Committee.

A presentation on the May 2018 rail timetable would follow after the meeting for Members. At the rise of the presentation a Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Limited (GMATL) Board meeting would take place.

### **TfGMC18/65            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Steve Warrener (TfGM), Councillor Roger Jones (Salford), Councillor Mark Aldred (Wigan) and Councillor Andrew Fender (Manchester) declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 8 – 2018/19 Transport Levy Budget by virtue of them being directors of the GMATL Board.

Councillor James Grundy (Wigan) declared personal non prejudicial interest in Item 9 – Developing the 2040 Strategy and all matters in relation to HS2 by virtue of his property being affected.

### **TfGMC18/66            MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2018**

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 12 January 2018, were submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 12 January 2018, be approved as a correct record.

**TfGMC18/67            MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**a.        Bus Network and TfGMC Services Sub Committee**

The minutes of the Bus Network and TfGMC Services sub Committee meeting which took place on 9 March 2018, were submitted at the meeting.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the Bus Network and TfGMC Services Sub Committee meeting, held on 9 March 2018, be noted.

**b.        Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee**

The minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting, which took place on 9 February 2018 were submitted.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting, held on 9 February 2018, be noted.

**c.        Metrolink and Rail Sub Committee**

The minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Sub Committee meeting, which took place on 2 February 2018 were submitted.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Sub Committee meeting, held on 2 February 2018, be noted.

**TfGMC18/68            REGISTER OF KEY DECISIONS: 1 MARCH TO 31 MARCH 2018**

Members considered the Register of Key Decisions, which set out details of key transport decisions that the Committee and its Sub Committees would make over the upcoming month. Those key transport decisions that would be considered by GMCA were also included for information.

## **RESOLVED/-**

That the Register of Key Decisions be noted.

### **SECTION 2 TfGMC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER APPROVAL BY GMCA**

#### **TfGMC18/69 TEMPORARY BUS STOP CLOSURES – INTRODUCTION OF A CHARGING SCHEME**

Consideration was given to a report that informed Members of the proposal to introduce a charging process when undertaking temporary bus stop closures.

Questions raised were noted as follows:

- A Member asked about the funds raised from the scheme and if they could be used to improve bus shelters. Whilst it was a good idea, there was no shelter outstanding list and funding would be required from the capital programme. Councillor Guy Harkins (Bolton) comments that any additional income was prioritized for use across the TfGM portfolio.
- Officers were asked about the charge and how this compared to other authorities. Prices varied considerably and some did not charge at all. Liverpool Region Transport Partnership charged £125 but they did outsource the work. Warrington Borough Council charged between £75 and £150 dependent on the notice period given. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport charged £100 per stop closure.
- A Member enquired about TfGM costs and suggested a daily charge would keep organisations focused. Another Member recommended that the charge should increase if organisations kept the stop closed for longer than agreed. It was confirmed that the TfGM cost was on average £80 plus an administration fee. Monitoring of the roadworks would be undertaken through the GRAMPS (greater Manchester Road Access Permit Scheme) system.
- A Member asked about charities that needed to close stops. It was clarified that charities would be excluded from the charge.

When the annual review of the scheme was undertaken, Officers agreed to take Members comments on board.

## **RESOLVED/-**

That Members noted the report and approved the proposals to implement the Bus Stop Closure Charging Scheme from 6 May 2018.

## **SECTION 3            ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION BY TFGMC**

### **TfGMC18/70            2018/19 TRANSPORT LEVY BUDGET**

A report was presented that updated the Committee on the Transport Levy Budget following approval of the 2018/19 Transport Levy by the GMCA on 26 January 2018.

It was clarified that a total of £10.5m of funding was requested to fund scheme development work. To date this had been funded from a combination of transport reserves and earn back funding. A further release of £5.5m was requested from, and approved by the GMCA, to be funded from transport reserves in 2018/19 to allow for this work to be continued in order to support the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and the broader GM growth agenda.

Officers agreed to provide Members with the number of people who were consulted about the Ring and Ride price increase following the meeting.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That Members:

1. Noted the Transport Levy and the proposals approved by GMCA on 26 January 2018, which was for an increase in overall funding of £1.25 million compared to 2017/18, after accounting for usage of reserves and the introduction of a Mayoral Precept, which would fund some costs which were previously funded from the Levy.
2. Approved the proposed increase in Bus Station Departure Charges of two pence (3.2%), with effect from May 2018.
3. Agreed the proposed changes in Local Link; TfGM Schools Weekly Pass fare of increases in line with the Retail Price Index (RPI) from April 2018.
4. Noted that the budget approved by GMCA on 26 January 2018 included a grant of up to £4.3 million for GMATL.
5. Agreed the proposed changes to Ring and Ride fares, after April 2018, set out in section 4.13 of the report.

## **SECTION 4            ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **TfGMC18/71            DEVELOPING THE 2040 STRATEGY**

Members considered a report that updated Members on the next stages in the delivery of the Greater Manchester 2040 Strategy, which provided an overall strategic framework for the development and management of the Greater Manchester transport network.

The Transport Strategy Director led Members through the report, the main discussions covered:

- Members were delighted that the GMSF and transport strategy worked together and were mutually supportive. Further reports on this would be welcomed. It was noted that there had been close work at Greater Manchester level and with senior district Officers. Further reports would be provided.
- A Member pointed out that there had been no real spend in terms of design standards of bus stops and other infrastructure to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century travel. Work would be focused through the streets for all project to future proof.
- The public health report for Stockport Council included a chapter about a hyperloop. Officers advised that the report discussed how active TfGM was looking at the range of new mobility modes across the city region. Modern internet technology was being considered to help people navigate through the city.
- A discussion took place about the North West quadrant study, which was about making improvements to the North West quadrant of the M60, improving strategic and regional connectivity in the Manchester area. It would inform further work being carried out to develop the options for intervention. Based on work so far, it had identified potential packages of improvements to transport in the North West. Discussions surrounded air quality and a multi-modal solution, the planning process, congestion, timelines, employment and planning for clustering, GMSF, congestion and the Rochdale to Eccles interchange.
- Members suggested that there was no joined up thinking in terms of the M60 quadrant - M58 junction and asked if there was a definitive position. Officers explained that work would take place over the next 12 months on a number of shortlisted options. It was envisaged that a preferred option would be reached by 2018/19 and investment could be made in 2020.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That Members noted the report.

#### **TfGMC17/72 RAIL FRANCHISING & WEST COAST PARTNERSHIP**

A report was considered that informed Members of TfGM's approach to influence bidders for forthcoming rail franchise renewals, particularly the West Coast Partnership.

Members raised a number of questions, which were noted as follows:

- Regarding the priorities for the west coast franchise, a Member would have liked to have seen more than one direct train per day from Bolton to London. Officers explained that the TPE Scotland service would be returning to the Bolton corridor once the electrification project was completed. However, the service would still go via Wigan for an interim period following the May 2018 rail timetable change.
- It was highlighted that in each district, residents used other elements within the transport system and it was important that considerations were given to the bigger overall integrated network.
- Officers offer to provide Members with full consultation responses following the meeting on request.
- In terms of price increases, Officers agreed to provide Members with the consultation response on request. Discussion were taking place with bidders in anticipation of the issue of the invitation to tender (ITT).
- A Member pointed out there had been massive price increases on the West Coast and asked if something could be put in the tender documents about this. Officers explained that this report was a request for endorsement of TfGM's approach to influence bidders and that they could not dictate the tender documentation requirements.

## **RESOLVED/-**

That Members endorsed the approach set out in the report for engaging with bidders for forthcoming rail franchise renewals in order to realise the aspirations detailed in TfGM's consultation responses.

### **TfGMC17/73                    EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

That in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting at this juncture for the following business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respectively indicated paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

It would not be, on balance, in the public interest to disclose this information to the public and press for the reasons indicated within the reports.

### **SECTION 5                    ITEMS FOR RESOLUTION BY TfGMC**

#### **TfGMC17/74                    PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

A report was presented that sought the approval of the Committee to the proposed property transactions detailed in the report.

**RESOLVED/-**

That Members approved the property transactions as detailed in the report.

**TfGMC17/75                    GREAT MANCHESTER CASUALTY REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP  
2018-19**

Consideration was given to a report that sought approval of the budget for the Greater Manchester Casualty Reduction Partnership and gave an update on the delivery of schemes by Greater Manchester partners.

**RESOLVED/-**

That Members approved the budget for 2018/19 for the Greater Manchester Casualty Reduction Partnership.

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Following the meeting, a presentation was made to Councillor Andrew Fender (Manchester) who was standing down as Chair of TfGMC after the May 2018 elections. Councillor Guy Harkin (Bolton) thanked Councillor Fender for his 40 years of public service that went back to 1977. Councillor Fender was recognised for team working, and being fair and inclusive. All Members and Officers wished him a long and happy retirement. Councillor Fender was surprised and delighted with the gifts he was presented with. He wished everybody health and happiness for the future. He hoped Members would rise to meet the challenges for the people of Greater Manchester. Officers said it had been a pleasure and a privilege to work with Councilor Fender.

At the rise of the presentation, Members received a presentation about the May 2018 rail timetable. It was agreed that he presentation would be circulated to Members. A GMATL Board meeting followed the presentation.