

Report to Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

GM2040 Transport Strategy Sub-Strategies

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Purpose of the Report

To update and consult Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a number of sub-strategies that are being developed to support the GM2040 Transport Strategy.

Recommendations

That Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- Note that GMCA approved updated GM2040 Transport Strategy documents in January 2021 including: a refreshed version of the long-term, statutory local transport plan - the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040; a final version of Our Five-Year Transport Delivery Plan (2021-2026) and ten new Local Implementation Plans (one for each Greater Manchester council);
- Consider and comment on the draft GM2040 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy prior to submission to Cabinet and GMCA for approval in July 2021;
- Consider and comment on the GM Streets for All approach and principles that will underpin the Streets for All Strategy; and
- Note the updates on the development of GM Local Bus, Rapid Transit and Freight & Logistics strategies.

GM2040 Transport Strategy Sub-Strategies

1 Background

- 1.1 Updated GM2040 Transport Strategy documents were approved by GMCA in January 2021 including: a refreshed version of the long-term, statutory local transport plan (LTP) - the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040; a final version of Our Five-Year Transport Delivery Plan (2021-2026) and ten new Local Implementation Plans (one for each Greater Manchester council).
- 1.2 To support the overarching LTP documents a suite of GM2040 sub-strategies is being developed which set out more detailed policies, principles and guidance on how GM intends to deliver the 2040 ambitions. These sub-strategies, which are at varying stages of development, include:
- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy;
 - Streets for All Strategy;
 - Local Bus Strategy;
 - Rapid Transit Strategy; and
 - Freight & Logistics Strategy.
- 1.3 These sub-strategies will be crucial both in helping to ensure we are focusing our finite resources on “doing the right things” (to achieve our 2040 vision); that we are “doing things right” in terms of delivering against consistently high standards to maximise the impact of our transport interventions; and to ensure we are creating a coherent network for GM (aligned with the 2040 network principles).

2 Current Position

- 2.1 Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee are being updated and consulted on the development of the above GM2040 sub-strategies, two of which will be recommended to Cabinet for GMCA approval in July 2021 - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) and Streets for All. Sub-strategies for Local Bus Strategy, Rapid Transit and Freight & Logistics are being developed for approval by GMCA in the Autumn.
- 2.2 Further details of each of these sub-strategies is provided below.

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy

- 2.3 This sub-strategy will:
- establish a financially sustainable, publicly accessible EVCI network, scalable to growth in demand and flexible to changes in vehicle technologies;
 - clarify GM's requirements for a future public and privately funded and delivered EVCI network that supports the accelerated transition to EVs among businesses, residents, and visitors;
 - establish a clear set of priorities for the expansion of the publicly funded section of the EVCI network, focused on supporting the delivery of GM's Clean Air Plan and 2038 carbon neutral target by accelerating the transition to EVs for the most polluting vehicles;
 - provide a clear set of EVCI network strategic principles and delivery criteria for publicly funded EVCI to highlight the types of infrastructure and charging locations that will be supported in principle by TfGM and GM local highway authorities; and
 - attract and shape private sector investment in the EVCI network by providing more clarity on GM's priorities and how TfGM and local authorities will work with private sector EVCI

providers and operators; with the ultimate aim of establishing a mature, commercial EVCI market.

- 2.4 A more detailed note on the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure is included at Appendix 1, with the draft strategy included in full at Appendix 2.

Streets for All Strategy

- 2.5 This sub-strategy will:
- provide a clear vision for streets in GM (including the Key Route Network);
 - set out a more detailed policy framework and principles to guide both management of the highway network and build consensus around the Our Streets pipeline – particularly Quality Bus Transit, supporting identification of priority corridors for development;
 - support decisions around potential road space allocation (building on the requirements of Gear Change and the National Bus Strategy); and
 - set the framework for the Streets for All Design Guide which is to follow.
- 2.6 The approach and principles that will underpin the Streets for All Strategy are set out in the Streets for All Strategy summary included at Appendix 3.

Local Bus Strategy

- 2.7 This sub-strategy will set out:
- GM's objectives for local bus and alignment with national ambitions for bus as set out in the new National Bus Strategy;
 - the ways in which GM proposes to improve local bus to achieve those objectives such as through Quality Bus Transit;
 - strategic principles comprising the actions that GM will take to meet the resulting challenges and opportunities; and
 - the ways in which Bus Reform would assist and enhance the implementation of the strategic principles.

Rapid Transit Strategy

- 2.8 This sub-strategy will set out:
- GM's objectives for rapid transit;
 - the ways in which GM proposes to improve rapid transit to achieve those objectives;
 - strategic principles comprising the actions that GM will take to meet the resulting challenges and opportunities; and
 - proposed interventions for further study and development.

Freight & Logistics Strategy

- 2.9 The purpose of the Freight & Logistics Strategy is to help to ensure that safe, sustainable and efficient freight and logistics services continue to support the Greater Manchester economy. The 2016 Greater Manchester Freight and Logistics Strategy set a city-region wide approach for the sector. However, there have been significant environmental, technological and societal changes that require the document to be refreshed. The strategy will allow Greater Manchester to set a programme of activity with benefits to journey time reliability, road safety and the environment.

3 **Key Issues for Overview and Scrutiny to Discuss**

- 3.1 EVCI and Streets for All strategies will be recommended to Cabinet in July 2021 for approval and adoption by GMCA, also in July 2021. A draft version of the EVCI Strategy and a summary of the Streets for All Strategy setting out the approach and principles that will underpin the Strategy are appended to this briefing and Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider and comment on them prior to submission to Cabinet and GMCA for approval.
- 3.2 Local Bus, Rapid Transit and Freight & Logistics strategies are all at an earlier stage of development and are expected to be recommended to Cabinet for GMCA approval in the Autumn. Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the update on these strategies and invited to comment on their development.

4 **Key Questions for Overview and Scrutiny to Consider**

- 4.1 Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to;
- Consider and comment on the draft GM2040 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy prior to submission to Cabinet and GMCA for approval in July 2021;
 - Consider and comment on the GM Streets for All approach and principles that will underpin the Streets for All Strategy as set out in the summary in Appendix 3; and
 - Note the updates on the development of GM Local Bus, Rapid Transit and Freight & Logistics strategies.

5. **Links to Corporate Outcomes**

- 5.1 The Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040, Five-Year Delivery Plan (2020-2025) and the Oldham Local Implementation Plan and its sub-strategies link to the Corporate Plan and co-operative agenda as improvements in transport connectivity will support the Council in 'Creating a Better Place' by making it easier for people to get around.

6 **Additional Supporting Information**

A note on the GM Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) Strategy and a draft GMEVCI Strategy are appended, along with a summary of the Streets for All Strategy setting out the approach and principles that will underpin the Strategy. TfGM will attend Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee and a presentation will be made to the Committee.

7 **Consultation**

- 7.1 Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is being consulted on a number of GM2040 sub-strategies that are at various stages of development as detailed in this briefing.

8 **Appendices**

- 8.1 Appendix 1 Note on the GM Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy
Appendix 2 Draft GM Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy
Appendix 3 GM Streets for All Strategy: A Summary