

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER
MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 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 Naeem Hassan	Manchester
Councillor Dzidra Noor	Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul	Manchester
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

Bob Morris	Chief Operating Officer, TfGM
Steve Warrener	Finance and Corporate Services Director, TfGM
Peter Cushing	Metrolink Director, TfGM
Dave Newton	Strategy Director, TfGM
Amanda White	Head of Rail, TfGM
Rodney Lund	Monitoring Officer
Paul Harris	GMIST

TfGMC15/41 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and noted from Councillor Norman Briggs.

TfGMC15/42 URGENT BUSINESS AND CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The were no items of urgent business reported.

TfGMC15/43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Phil Burke declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Items 5a Metrolink and Rail Networks – 25 September 2015, 5d Metrolink and Rail Networks – 23 October 2015, 5e Capital Projects and Policy – 2 October 2015.

TfGMC15/44 MINUTES

The Minutes of the TfGMC meeting, held on 11 September 2015 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To approve the Minutes of the TfGMC meeting 11 September 2015 as a correct record.

TfGMC15/45 MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEES

a) Metrolink and Rail Networks – 25 September 2015

The Minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee that was held on 25 September 2015 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the Minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee held on 25 September 2015.

b) Capital Projects and Policy – 2 October 2015

The minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting that took place on 2 October 2015 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the Minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting held on 2 October 2015.

c) Bus Network and TfGM Services – 9 October 2015

The minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee held on 9 October 2015 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To accept the minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee held on 9 October 2015 as a correct record.

d) Metrolink and Rail Networks – 23 October 2015

The minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee that took place on 23 October 2015 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To accept the minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee, held on 23 October 2015 as a correct record.

e) Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee – 6 November 2015

The minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee that was held on 6 November were submitted.

With regard to Minute Reference CPP15/22, *Metrolink: The Carriage of Non-assistance Dogs*, a Member moved an amendment for the officer recommendation contained in the report to the Sub Committee, to agree to permit non-assistance dogs and to instruct TfGM officers to undertake further work to develop and implement a trial period with associated conditions. In supporting this amendment, a Member suggested that similar arrangements continued to work well on other public transport modes. Any trial should allow the carriage of dogs in a suitable animal container. A further Member supported the amendment and noted the comments of local residents that the transportation of dogs in animal containers would be problematic when they reached their end destination. It was suggested that the carriage of muzzled dogs would present a more flexible solution.

In opposing the amendment, a number of Members highlighted the lack of local support from their district colleagues regarding the carriage of non-assistance dogs on the Metrolink network and noted the potential risk to assistance dogs.

The Committee agreed to move to a vote.

The motion was put for the Minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee of the 6 November 2015 (Minute Reference CPP15/22, *Metrolink: The Carriage of Non-assistance Dogs*) to be amended to the original officer recommendation. Namely:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report.
- (ii) to decide whether non-assistance dogs should be permitted to travel on Metrolink and under what conditions.
- (iii) if Members agree to permit non-assistance dogs, TfGM officers will undertake further work to develop and implement a trial period with associated conditions.

This motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

A further amendment was moved and seconded that a trial period be introduced to permit the off-peak carriage of non-assistance dogs on the Metrolink network, provided that any dog was on a lead and was also wearing a muzzle.

This amendment was put to the vote and declared lost.

Resolved/-

To approve the Minutes and recommendations of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee held on 6 November 2015.

TfGMC15/46 FORWARD LOOK

Member considered a report which set out those key work streams requiring decisions from the Joint Committee over the next four months. Members also noted those significant elements of the Committee's work programme, where further updates on progress and activity are anticipated over a longer period of time.

Resolved/-

To note the Forward Look.

Section 2

TfGMC Recommendations for Further Approval by GMCA

There were no items requiring further approval by GMCA.

Section 3

Item for Resolution by TfGMC

There were no items requiring Resolution by TfGMC.

Item 4

Items for Information

TfGMC15/47 2040 VISION CONSULTATION

A report was presented which provided a summary on the range and nature of responses received during the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040: Our Vision 12 week consultation (July to October 2015).

Members noted that as partners, not all Greater Manchester Authorities provided a written response to the consultation but comments were taken from all authorities either at council meetings and/or from district officers during the pre-consultation drafting period.

In welcoming the report, Members highlighted the responses to the consultation sought an increase in cycle provision. A Member noted that Active Travel, such as cycling and walking, reduces pressure on the highway network and had health benefits.

Resolved/-

To note the report and that further work informed by the consultation was underway to prepare a draft 2040 strategy for consideration by GM Combined Authority during early 2016.

TfGMC15/48 CUSTOMER COMMENTS UPDATE

Members received a report which advised them of the number and type of customer comments received by Transport for Greater Manchester during the period from 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2015.

In response to a comment from a Member regarding seating provision at Victoria Station, particularly on concourse areas, officers undertook to raise the matter with Network Rail.

A Member suggested that information on Active Travel should be captured in future reports.

Following a comment by a Member, officers noted that the report detailed those complaints received by TfGM and that operators across the different transport modes also recorded passenger complaints.

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the report and to also note that a further report was to be presented to this Committee in 6 months time.
- 2) To note that officers would undertake to include information on Active Travel in future reports to this Committee.

TfGMC15/49 CHRISTMAS 2015 AND NEW YEAR TRANSPORT PROVISION

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on public transport provision during the 2015/16 Christmas and New Year period.

A Member noted that despite shopping centres and events taking place on 26 December (Boxing Day) that there would not be rail services operational. Members noted that shops were open 7 days per week and that transport services should reflect this demand.

A Member noted that many passengers will have purchased weekly and monthly tickets for bus services that would not be available or had changed over the festive period. Officers noted that this would be addressed with the introduction of electronic/contactless ticketing.

Resolved/-

To note the report and the details of bus, rail, Metrolink, demand responsive services transport provision and information services during the 2015/16 Christmas and New Year Period.

TfGMC15/50 SMART TICKETING UPDATE – METROLINK MOBILE TICKETING

Members received a report which provided an update in relation to the implementation of Metrolink Mobile Ticketing. Members also noted that contract with Atos had been terminated by mutual consent.

Members sought a response from a Member regarding a recent assertion that an Oyster Style Smart Card could be in place in Greater Manchester by Christmas 2015.

A Member highlighted that the new smart phone app did not meet the needs of all tram passengers and sought clarification as to when further products would be available.

Resolved/-

To note the report.

TfGMC15/51 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 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.

**Item 5
Items for Information**

TfGMC15/52 SMART TICKETING UPDATE

A report was presented which provided Members with a summary of the confidential terms of the settlement agreement with Atos in connection with the Smart Ticketing project.

Resolved/-

To note the update on Smart Ticketing as set out in the report.

**Section 6
Item for Resolution by TfGMC**

TfGMC15/53 PROPERTY DISPOSALS

Members considered a report which sought approval of property disposals at Brooklands, Chorlton, Oldham and Trafford Bar, for the purposes contained in the report.

Resolved/-

To grant approval for the disposal of land at Brooklands, Chorlton, Oldham and Trafford Bar, for the purposes and terms as set out in the report.