

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER
MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2016 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 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 Rob Chilton	Trafford
Councillor Michael Cordingley	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
Peter Cushing	Metrolink Director, TfGM
Michael Renshaw	Executive Director, TfGM
Desmond Gardner	Head of Legal, TfGM
Amanda White	Head of Rail, TfGM
Howard Hartley	Head of Bus, TfGM
Rodney Lund	Monitoring Officer
Paul Harris	GMIST

TfGMC15/54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Azra Ali (Manchester), Norman Briggs (Oldham), Robin Garrido (Salford), Roger Jones (Salford), June Reilly (Trafford) and Peter Robinson (Tameside).

TfGMC15/55 URGENT BUSINESS AND CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee – Bus Station Departure Charges

The Chair noted that subject to the agreement of the Committee, an addendum to the minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee, held on 20 November 2015, was to be moved which would seek to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, TfGM in consultation with the Chair the Vice Chair of TfGMC, Chair of Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee to vary Bus Station Departure Charges.

b) Rail Re-franchising

It was noted that following the meeting an informal briefing session for Members regarding Rail Refranchising was to take place.

TfGMC15/56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Phil Burke declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Items 7a Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee – 20 November 2015 and Item 9 Metrolink 2017.

Councillors Mark Aldred, Doreen Dickinson, Andrew Fender and Lynne Holland each declared a prejudicial interest in items 10 and 12 Ring and Ride Eligibility Criteria and Fares Review.

Resolved/-

To note the Declarations of Interests made, by Councillors Aldred, Burke, Dickinson, Fender and Holland.

TfGMC15/57 APPOINTMENT TO TfGMC

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the appointment of Councillor Azra Ali (Manchester) as a Member of TfGMC. For the remainder of the 2015/16 municipal year.
- 2) To note the resignation of Councillor Josie Teubler (Manchester) from TfGMC.

TfGMC15/58 APPOINTMENT TO SUB COMMITTEES

Resolved/-

- 1) That Councillor Azra Ali (Manchester) be appointed as a Member of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee, for the remainder of the 2015/16 municipal year.
- 2) That Councillor Azra Ali (Manchester) be appointed as a substitute on the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee.

TfGMC15/59 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous TfGMC meeting, held on 13 November 2015, were submitted.

Resolved/-

To approve the minutes of the TfGMC meeting, held on 13 November 2015, as a correct record.

TfGMC15/60 MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEES

a) Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee

The minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee, held on 20 November 2015 were submitted.

A Member moved an addendum to the minutes that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, TfGM in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of TfGMC/ Chair of Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee to vary Bus Station Departure Charges in line with current policy.

The amendment was seconded and carried.

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee, held on 20 November 2015.
- 2) To agree that Councillors Warren Bray and Chris Paul be included in the list of those Members present.
- 3) To agree that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive of TfGM, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of TfGMC/ Chair of Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee, to vary Bus Station Departure Charges in line with current policy.

b) Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee

[Note: Councillor Burke declared an interest in this item.]

The minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee meeting, held on 18 December 2015 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee, held on 18 December 2015.

TfGMC15/61 FORWARD LOOK

Members 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

Items for Resolution by TfGMC

TfGMC16/62 METROLINK 2017

[Note Councillor Phil Burke declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the room during its consideration.]

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the progress of the Metrolink 2017 project to procure a contract for the operation and maintenance of Metrolink from July 2017, when the current contract expires. The report also sought the endorsement of the Committee on the draft service pattern and plan which will be included the contract specification as appended to the report. Members noted that this service pattern plan and specification had been developed solely for indicative purposes to assist the benchmarking within the bidding process. Timescales of the procurement process were also included.

In response to a comment from a Member regarding services from Oldham going to Piccadilly rather than Victoria, officers reiterated that the service pattern was purely an indicative plan for the bidding process. Representations from districts would be considered and would look at the viability with this request with Oldham.

Following a comment from a Member, officers confirmed that the double units on the Altrincham-Bury line would be maintained.

A Member highlighted that the Committee's focus was to maximise the patronage of the whole Metrolink network and for this reason, not all of the service aspirations raised by districts will be achievable.

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the current position of the Metrolink 2017 project.
- 2) To approve the proposed service pattern for inclusion in the specification and in doing so, note that the service pattern plan is solely an indicative plan for use as part of the bidding process.

TfGMC16/63 RING AND RIDE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND FARES REVIEW

[Note Councillors Mark Aldred, Doreen Dickinson, Andrew Fender and Lynne Holland each declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the in the room whilst it was considered.]

Councillor Harkin the Chair.

Consideration was given to a report which set out details of the proposed changes to the eligibility criteria and fares on the Ring and Ride service and set out the next steps for the implementation of these changes by April 2016.

Members noted that Greater Manchester residents would be automatically eligible to use the Ring and Ride service if they:

- (i) hold a Greater Manchester issued Concessionary Plus pass; or
- (ii) hold a Concessionary Disabled pass; and/or
- (iii) meet a minimum age criteria (70), hold elderly senior citizen Concessionary pass and also have difficulty accessing the public transport network; or
- (iv) have surrendered their Concessionary Plus pass and use travel vouchers.

A Member sought clarification as to whether GMATL were aware of those current service users that will be ineligible under the new scheme and if they would be able to access alternative services. In response, officers noted that the existing bus network and Direct Responsive Transport (DRT) services would provide accessible services.

Following a comment from a Member, officers noted that GMATL has long standing criteria for disability and that these criteria had remained unaltered.

Resolved/-

- 1) To endorse the outcome of the review undertaken to identify revised eligibility criteria for the Ring and Ride service to reduce the risk that the service fails to prioritise to those with the most need.
- 2) To endorse the proposed changes to the fares and fare structure on the Ring and Ride service to support the ongoing suitability of the service.
- 3) That the details of the financial implications of the proposals are included in a separate report in Part B of the agenda. (Minute TfGMC16/65 refers).

TfGMC16/64 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 paragraph 3 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 4

Item for Information

TfGMC16/65 RING AND RIDE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND FARES REVIEW

[Note Councillors Mark Aldred, Doreen Dickinson, Andrew Fender and Lynne Holland each declared a prejudicial interest in this item and were not in the room whilst it was considered.]

Members considered a report which provided them with the details of the financial implications of the changes to the Ring and Ride eligibility criteria and fares.

Resolved/-

To note the financial implications of the revised Ring and Ride eligibility criteria and fares, as set out in the report.