

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER  
MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 11 MARCH 2016 AT  
MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT**

Councillor David Chadwick	Bolton
Councillor Guy Harkin	Bolton
Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton
Councillor Noel Bayley	Bury
Councillor Azra Ali	Manchester
Councillor Andrew Fender	Manchester (in the Chair)
Councillor Naeem Hassan	Manchester
Councillor Dzidra Noor	Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul	Manchester
Councillor Norman Briggs	Oldham
Councillor David Hibbert	Oldham
Councillor Shakil Ahmed	Rochdale
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford
Councillor Barry Warner	Salford
Councillor Geoff Abell	Stockport
Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick	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 Mark Aldred	Wigan
Councillor Lynne Holland	Wigan
Councillor Eunice Smethurst	Wigan

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Bob Morris	Chief Operating Officer, TfGM
Peter Cushing	Metrolink Director, TfGM
Dave Newton	Transport Strategy Director, TfGM
Peter Molyneux	Highways Director, TfGM
Paul Harris	GMIST

**TfGMC15/65            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Ian Duckworth (Rochdale), Joan Grimshaw (Bury), Syd Lloyd (Stockport), June Reilly (Trafford) and Howard Sykes (Oldham).

**TfGMC15/66            URGENT BUSINESS AND CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no items of urgent business reported. The Chair made the following announcements:-

**a) Cycling and Active Travel**

Members were reminded that following the meeting a short presentation on Cycling and Active Travel was to be provided.

**b) Dave Newton**

The Chair informed the Committee that Dave Newton, Transport Strategy Director, was to leave TfGM in early April. Members wished record their thanks to Dave for the significant contribution he has made to the work of this Committee and TfGM, in particular the work that he had led in on cycling and active travel.

**TfGMC15/67            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

**TfGMC15/68            MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous TfGMC meeting, held on 15 January 2016, were submitted.

**Resolved/-**

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

**TfGMC15/69            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 15 January 2016 were submitted.

Councillor Roberts sought the agreement of the committee for a change to be made to the Liberal Democrat Group nominated substitute for the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee. In response, the Chair advised

that such appointments could only be changed at the Annual General meeting.

**Resolved/-**

To note the minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee, held on 15 January 2016.

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

The minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee, held on 5 February 2016 were submitted.

**Resolved/-**

That the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee, held on 5 February 2016 be noted.

**c) Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee**

The minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee, held on 12 February 2016 were submitted.

**Resolved/-**

That the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee held on 12 February 2016 be noted.

**d) Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee**

The minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee, held on 4 March 2016 were submitted.

**Resolved/-**

That the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee, held on 4 March 2016 be noted.

**TfGMC15/70 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.

#### **Item 3**

##### **Item for Information**

#### **TfGMC15/70            2016/17 TRANSPORT LEVY BUDGET**

A report was presented which updated Members on the Transport Levy Budget for 2016/17 as approved by the GM Combined Authority at its meeting on 29 January 2016. An update on the latest outturn position was also presented.

Members noted that the Levy budget represented a cash standstill position when compared to 2015/16 with a total Levy for 2016/17 of £189.3 million. Officers explained that the budget presented related to the TfGM element of the Transport Levy budget and included all the costs of TfGM, including its own financing costs but excluded the finance and overhead costs of GMCA. £56.4 million of the Transport Levy was retained by GMCA to finance the borrowing costs associated with the major capital investment programme and GMCA's overhead costs. As a result, the levy funding allocated to TfGM in 2016/17 is £132.89 million.

In noting the budget report, a Member offered thanks to officers for delivering a budget despite current financial challenges.

#### **Resolved/-**

To note the 2016/17 Transport Levy as approved by GMCA at its meeting on 29 January 2016.

#### **TfGMC15/71            METROLINK SERVICE CHANGE TO MANCHESTER AIRPORT LINE**

Members considered a report which provided Members with information in relation to service changes on the Manchester Airport line.

Members noted that from 21 March 2016, Metrolink operating hours on the Airport Line will be extended. Officers explained that the initial service pattern will see trams operating on a 20 minute frequency from 3am with the intention of arriving at Manchester Airport at 3.36am, ahead of the 4am shift start. Members also noted that the service will initially operate between Firswood and Manchester Airport with a view to extending the service to Deansgate-Castlefield by the end of 2016 following the completion of improvement works between Trafford Bar and Deansgate-Castlefield.

Extending the hours of operation is also likely to increase usage of the Metrolink Park and Ride facility at Sale Water Park. This provides access to

the route from neighbouring areas as well as locally within the Wythenshawe area linking the local community to Manchester Airport to cover shift patterns and further open employment opportunities.

Following an enquiry from a Member regarding the potential to extend the hours of operation on other Metrolink lines, officers noted that a public consultation process would be required to be undertaken before undertaking a similar extension to the hours of operation in other areas.

A Member suggested that the usage of cycling facilities at Firwood Metrolink stop be monitored to ensure that there was adequate provision once the new hours of operation are in place.

In response to an enquiry from a Member regarding transport provision to Airport City, officers noted that discussions with Manchester Airports Group were taking place.

Officers clarified the recent issue of a tram delayed at the Firwood Metrolink stop.

In welcoming the report, officers were encourage to promote this early service.

**Resolved/-**

To note the report including the following hours of operations for the Manchester Airport Metrolink line from 21 March 2016:-

From	To	Monday – Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
		First	Last	First	Last	First	Last	First	Last
Firwood	Manchester Airport	03:00	23:32	03:00	00:32	03:00	00:32	03:00	22:27
Manchester Airport	Firwood	03:47	00:13	03:47	01:13	03:47	01:13	03:48	22:32
Manchester Airport	Cornbrook	04:47	23:25	04:47	00:25	04:47	00:25	05:48	22:32
Cornbrook	Manchester Airport	05:51	23:27	05:51	00:27	05:51	00:27	06:38	22:22

**TfGMC15/72 METROLINK PARK AND RIDE – INTERIM FINDINGS**

A report was presented which provided Members with information regarding the background to the trial, a summary of the interim findings about the overnight usage of the park and ride sites and the proposed way forward.

A Member suggested that the overnight scheme be extended to mid-week. In response, officers explained that they could explore this request but noted that the introduction of overnight parking during the working week would impact on car parking provision for commuters.

**Resolved/-**

- 1) To note the contents of the report.
- 2) To acknowledge the extension of the trial period, limited to the original sites until 30 July 2016, as set out in the report, to allow for a full evaluation report to be presented to a future meeting of the Committee, at which time recommendations will be presented in relation to the future of the permit scheme.

**TfGMC15/73            POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT 2016/17**

Consideration was given to a report which presented Members on the engagement activity undertaken during the 2015/16 municipal year and the activity that is planned for 2016/17.

The report also outlined proposals for a revised strategy to better coordinate and enhance TfGM's political engagement. The report also sought the approval of the Committee for a total budget allowance of £41,700, to cover the various costs and expenses associated with the costs of political engagement. Members noted that this was the same level as in 2014/15.

**Resolved/-**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To approve a budget for the year 2016/17 of £41,700.

**TfGMC15/74            GM CASUALTY REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

Members received a report which provided them with an update on the schemes funded by the GM Casualty Reduction Partnership and the Joint Road Safety Group, as set out in the appendix to the report.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers undertook to share information regarding the impact the introduction of mirrors at highway junctions had made to cycle safety.

A Member suggested that districts should include cycling groups in consultations of highway design schemes. In response, officers undertook to speak to districts to this regard.

**Resolved/-**

- 1) To note the progress on the delivery of schemes funded by the GM Casualty Reduction Partnership.
- 2) To note the intention to invite GM Partners to apply for a further round of Award fund schemes to be considered during 2016/17 for approval by TfGMC as part of the 2017/18 budget setting process.

**TfGMC15/75            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, Schedule12A, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**TfGMC15/76            GM CASUALTY REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP 2016/17  
BUDGET**

Members considered a report which outlined the forecast and proposed budget for the Casualty Reduction Partnership and the Joint Road Safety Group for 2016/17.

**Resolved/-**

- 1) To approve the proposed budgets for the Partnership and the Joint Road Safety Group for 2016/17 as set out in the report.
- 2) To note that as 31 March 2016, the ring-fenced Partnership reserves as set out in the report.