

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER
MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2017 AT
MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT

Councillor David Chadwick	Bolton
Councillor Guy Harkin	Bolton
Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton
Councillor Noel Bayley	Bury
Councillor Jamie Walker	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 Howard Sykes	Oldham
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale
Councillor Shah Wazir	Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford
Councillor Geoff Abell	Stockport
Councillor Annette Finnie	Stockport
Councillor Tom Grundy	Stockport
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside
Councillor Doreen Dickinson	Tameside
Councillor Peter Robinson	Tameside
Councillor Michael Cordingley	Trafford
Councillor David Hopps	Trafford
Councillor June Reilly	Trafford
Councillor Mark Aldred	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
Simon Warburton	Interim Transport Strategy Director, TfGM
Stephen Rhodes	Customer Operations Director, TfGM
Amanda White	Head of Rail, TfGM
Howard Hartley	Head of Bus, TfGM

Sean Dyball

Interim Customer Engagement and Information
Manager, TfGM

Paul Harris

GMIST

TfGMC16/60 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Mohon Ali (Oldham), Ian Duckworth (Rochdale), James Grundy (Wigan), John Taylor (Stockport) and Barry Warner (Salford).

TfGMC16/61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member in relation to any item on the agenda.

TfGMC16/62 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

a. Members Briefing

The Chair reminded Members that at the rise of the Committee officers would provide presentations on Strategic Rail Planning, Franchise Timetable Updates and Travel Information.

b. GMATL

Directors of the GMATL Board were reminded that a meeting of the Board was to take place after the Committee meeting.

TfGMC16/63 MINUTES

The Minutes of the TfGMC meeting that took place on 11 November 2016 were submitted.

With regard to the Leigh Salford Manchester Guided Busway and in response to a comment from a Member, officers noted that patronage figures remained good, carrying in excess of 50 thousand passengers each week, although there had been an expected reduction in patronage over the Christmas period. In terms of congestion on the A580 East Lancashire Road, officers also noted that levels of congestion had not increased since the Guided Busway had been introduced.

A Member suggested that given the popularity of the Busway scheme, work should be undertaken to explore other areas where the introduction of bus priority schemes could be considered.

Members noted that Busway services were to be extended to serve Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers undertook to share data on the number of passengers that had transferred from their cars to using the Guided Busway.

Resolved/-

1. To approve the Minutes of the TfGMC meeting held on 11 November 2016 as a correct record.
2. To agree that officers share patronage data with Members in relation to the number of passengers now using the Guided Busway having previously used their car.

TfGMC16/64 MINUTES FROM SUB COMMITTEES

a. Bus Network and TfGM Services – 18 November 2016

The minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee that took place on 18 November 2016 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee, held on 18 November 2016.

b. Capital Projects and Policy – 2 December 2016

The minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee, held on 2 December 2016 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To note the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee, held on 2 December 2016.

c. Metrolink and Rail Networks – 9 December 2016

The minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee, held on 9 December 2016 were submitted.

A Member highlighted that in addition to the concerns raised by Stalybridge and Hadfield Rail User Groups, the Friends of Reddish Station had also contributed comments in relation to increased line usage and capacity.

Resolved/-

To note the minutes of the Metrolink and Rail Networks Sub Committee, held on 9 December 2016.

TfGMC16/65 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.

Following an enquiry from a Member in relation to Smart Ticketing, officers noted that work was continuing to develop a multi modal scheme.

Resolved/-

To note the Forward Look.

TfGMC16/66 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved/-

To agree 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 1, 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Part B

TfGMC16/67 PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Members considered a report which sought the approval of the Committee to the proposed disposal of a piece of land at Hollyhedge Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester to Willow Park Housing Trust Limited.

Resolved/-

To approve the disposal of a piece of land at Hollyhedge Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester to Willow Park Housing Trust Limited as set out in the report.