

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER
MANCHESTER COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 JULY 2018**

Present:

Bolton	Guy Harkin
Bolton	Stuart Haslam
Bury	Noel Bayley
Bury	Rishi Shori
Manchester	Naeem Hassan
Manchester	Eddy Newman
Manchester	John Leech
Manchester	Dzidra Noor
Manchester	Angeliki Stogia
Oldham	Adrian Alexander
Oldham	Howard Sykes
Rochdale	Phil Burke
Rochdale	Neil Emmott
Rochdale	Patricia Sullivan
Salford	Roger Jones
Stockport	Kate Butler
Stockport	Steve Gribbon
Stockport	Annette Finnie
Tameside	Warren Bray
Tameside	Doreen Dickinson
Tameside	Peter Robinson
Trafford	Mike Cordingley
Trafford	David Hopps
Wigan	Mark Aldred (Chair)
Wigan	James Grundy
Wigan	Lynne Holland
Wigan	Eunice Smethurst

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Sylvia Welsh	GMCA Governance & Scrutiny
Jon Lamonte	Chief Executive, TfGMC
Gareth Turner	TfGMC
Stephen Rhodes	TfGMC
Alison Chew	TfGMC
Nick Roberts	TfGMC
Caroline Whittam	TfGMC
Daniel Vaughan	TfGMC

Apologies:

Apologies were received and noted from Steve Adshead (Trafford), David Chadwick (Bolton), Robin Garrido (Salford), Valerie Leach (Oldham), John Taylor (Stockport) and Barry Warner (Salford)

TfGMC/86/18 URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair reminded the meeting that the reports relating to Forthcoming Changes to the Bus Network, to be considered at item 9A (Part A) and Item 17 (Part B), were to be considered as items of Urgent Business.

TfGMC/87/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY CONTRACT OR MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

Councillors Mark Aldred, Doreen Dickinson, Lynne Holland and Roger Jones declared personal and prejudicial interests in Item 9 'Ring sand Ride Update'- as directors of Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Limited.

TfGMC/88/18 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 15 JUNE 2018

The minutes of the Annual and Ordinary meetings of Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 15 June were submitted for consideration;

RESOLVED/-

1. That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 15 June 2018 be approved as a correct record.
2. That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 15 June 2018 be approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of minute 77/18 to reflect that Councillor John Taylor (Stockport) had been appointed, as a Director, to Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Limited and not Councillor John Leech (Manchester).

TfGMC/89/18 MINUTES OF THE BUS NETWORK SUB-COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2019

RESOLVED/-

To note that the minutes would be submitted to the next meeting of the Bus Network Committee for approval.

18/08 – Metrolink Service Performance

Members were advised that the vast majority of the additional trams to be purchased would be used to supplement capacity through the provision of double vehicles, with three vehicles to be used on the proposed extension to the Airport Line to Terminal 2 at Manchester Airport, in the event of a successful application to Government. The additional vehicles would also provide future flexibility for additional services.

It was also confirmed that there would be additional ongoing revenue costs and the financial case demonstrated that the additional capacity and patronage growth would cover more than the operation costs to operate and maintain the vehicles.

18/11 – Travel Safe/Anti-Social Behaviour Presentation

Representations were made regarding the annual presentation from Travel Safe officers, suggesting that the service would benefit more from an increased warranted police presence and GMP Special Officers on the network to address the increase in vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The presence of Travel Safe Officers and PCSOs was not having the desired impact. A review of the number of prosecutions for vandalism on the Oldham and Rochdale line would provide the evidential case. The Committee was urged to make representations to GM Police to increase their presence.

There had been lots of media attention regarding incidents on Metrolink and in particular on the Oldham and Rochdale line, however, there is no media follow up on prosecutions.

Officers advised that the number of anti-social behaviour crime related issues were being monitored and the Metrolink and Rail Networks sub-Committee would be kept apprised of information. The media had recently been engaged with assisting with a particular incident of anti-social behaviour in identifying an 11 year old who had caused damage. A lot of the work underway with the Travel Safe Partnership is community related, with some levels of success.

The Travel Safe presentation could be made available to members.

Work will now focus on working with Community Police and Travel Safe.

Further discussion will be undertaken with members in relation to prosecutions.

The Chair advised that he would be meeting the Mayor of Greater Manchester on 27 July, following which he would meeting with TfGM officers and ensure addressing anti-social behaviour would remain on the agenda.

RESOLVED/-

That the minute of the meeting held on 29 June 2018 be noted subject to the following amendments being incorporated:

Attendance to be amended to reflect that Vicky Cropper – Northern Rail was not in attendance and Alex Bray Cross Country Rail was in attendance.

TfGMC/91/18 REGISTER OF KEY DECISIONS

The GMCA Register of Key Decisions was provided to advise TfGMC members of forthcoming decisions to be considered by the GMCA.

The GMCA Monitoring Officer confirmed that the main function of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committees was to scrutinising decisions, in addition the Committees do have the ability to establish task & finish groups that will have the opportunity to inform policy which can then be reviewed by the decision making body. The wording including on the Register has been taken from the GMCA Constitution.

It was suggested that the presentation of the Register of Key Decisions could be reviewed to look at good practice from other authorities within Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED/-

That the Register of Key Decisions be noted.

TfGMC/92/18 SUB COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The Committee was requested to review and confirm the appointment of TfGMC members to its sub-committees and the pool of substitute members for each sub-committee.

RESOLVED/-

That the appointment of TfGMC members to its sub-committee and the pool of substitute members for each sub-committee be confirmed as follows:

Capital Projects & Policy; (15 Members) 10 Lab, 4 Con, 1 LD

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| 1. Guy Harkin (Chair) (Lab) | Bolton |
| 2. Rishi Shori (Lab) | Bury |
| 3. Angeliki Stogia (Lab) | Manchester |
| 4. Valerie Leach (Lab) | Oldham |
| 5. Howard Sykes (Lib Dem) | Oldham |
| 6. Roger Jones (Lab) | Salford |
| 7. Robin Garrido (Con) | Salford |
| 8. Warren Bray (Lab) | Tameside |
| 9. Doreen Dickinson (Con) | Tameside |
| 10. Michael Cordingley (Lab) | Trafford |
| 11. Kate Butler (Lab) | Stockport |
| 12. Annette Finnie (Con) | Stockport |

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| 13. | Eunice Smethurst (Deputy) (Lab) | Wigan |
| 14. | Mark Aldred (Lab) | Wigan |
| 15. | James Grundy (Con) | Wigan |

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| 1. | Stuart Haslam (Con) | Bolton |
| 2. | Noel Bayley (Lab) | Bury |
| 3. | Peter Robinson (Lab) | Tameside |
| 4. | Eddy Newman (Lab) | Manchester |
| 5. | Patricia Sullivan (Con) | Rochdale |
| 6. | Steve Adshead (Lab) | Trafford |
| 7. | Steve Gribbon (Lib Dem) | Stockport |
| 8. | Lynne Holland (Lab) | Wigan |

Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee (13 members) – 9 Lab, 3 Con, 1 LD

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| 1. | Noel Bayley (Lab) | Bury |
| 2. | David Chadwick (Lab) | Bolton |
| 3. | Phil Burke (Lab) | Rochdale |
| 4. | Naeem Hassan (Lab) | Manchester |
| 5. | John Leech (Lib Dem) | Manchester |
| 6. | Patricia Sullivan (Con) | Rochdale |
| 7. | Roger Jones (Chair) (Lab) | Salford |
| 8. | Barry Warner (Deputy) (Lab) | Salford |
| 9. | Robin Garrido (Con) | Salford |
| 10. | Annette Finnie (Con) | Stockport |
| 11. | Peter Robinson (Lab) | Tameside |
| 12. | Steve Adshead (Lab) | Trafford |
| 13. | Mark Aldred (Lab) | Wigan |

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| 1. | Guy Harkin (Lab) | Bolton |
| 2. | Dzidra Noor (Lab) | Manchester |
| 3. | Valerie Leach (Lab) | Oldham |
| 4. | Howard Sykes (Lib Dem) | Oldham |
| 5. | Neil Emmott (Lab) | Rochdale |
| 6. | David Hopps (Con) | Trafford |
| 7. | James Grundy (Con) | Wigan |

Metrolink & Rail Networks. (13 members) - 9 Lab, 3 Con, 1 LD

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| 1. | David Chadwick (Lab) | Bolton |
| 2. | Stuart Haslam (Con) | Bolton |

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| 3. | Eddy Newman (Lab) | Manchester |
| 4. | Dzidra Noor (Lab) | Manchester |
| 5. | Adrian Alexander (Lab) | Oldham |
| 6. | Neil Emmott (Lab) | Rochdale |
| 7. | John Taylor(Lab) | Stockport |
| 8. | Steve Gribbon (Lib Dem) | Stockport |
| 9. | Warren Bray (Lab) | Tameside |
| 10. | Doreen Dickinson (Chair) (Con) | Tameside |
| 11. | Michael Cordingley (Lab) | Trafford |
| 12. | David Hopps (Con) | Trafford |
| 13. | Patricia Holland (Deputy)(Lab) | Wigan |

Substitutes

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| 1. | Rishi Shori (Lab) | Bury |
| 2. | John Leech (Lib Dem) | Manchester |
| 3. | Barry Warner(Lab) | Salford |
| 4. | Kate Butler (Lab) | Stockport |
| 5. | Annette Finnie (Con) | Stockport |
| 6. | Eunice Smethurst (Lab) | Wigan |
| 7. | James Grundy (Con) | Wigan |

TfGM/93/18 CROSS COUNTRY FRANCHISE UPDATE

Caroline Whittam introduced a report seeking confirmation of the proposed approach to respond to the Department for Transport's consultation on the next Cross Country Rail Franchise.

Members suggested that the questions posed by the Department for Transport were obvious and not particularly thought provoking. Rail franchising has not been particularly successful with the Government intervention required and it was not clear that past experience has been recognised.

It was also suggested that the current rail franchise arrangement was the most complicated so far and it was also suggested that it may be more sensible to simplify the existing franchise arrangements and attempt to remove the Greater Manchester elements with a view to establishing a Greater Manchester franchise.

The Chief Executive advised members that a number of reviews were underway and that the outcome of this may inform the way forward. The views of Greater Manchester regarding rail franchise have been well rehearsed with Government and there will be no surprises within the response to the consultation.

RESOLVED/

1. That the TfGM's current approach in responding to the public consultation be approved.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive of TfGM, in consultation with the Chair of TfGMC, to sign off the consultation response.

TfGMC/94/18 RING AND RIDE UPDATE

Councillors Mark Aldred, Doreen Dickinson, Lynne Holland and Roger Jones declared personal and prejudicial interests as directors of Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Limited and left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Councillor Guy Harkin took the Chair during discussion of this item.

Alison Chew introduced a report which provided members with an update on the performance of the Ring and Ride service and outlining the current concerns and challenges

Members recognised the important role Ring and Ride operations played in providing services within communities, addressing specific needs and given the general reduction in bus services available and supported the recommendations subject to further work. The further work would also include a review of how the service was used by passengers.

The meeting was advised that Directors were looking for long term viable options for the provision of Ring and Ride vehicles and that potential options will be supported by a business case.

Members discussed the benefits of leasing and purchasing and were assured that a further report was to be submitted to the Committee in advance of any request for additional resources to be submitted to the GMCA for approval.

Members acknowledged that the use of reserves was a short term measure and needs to be sustainable going forward and that the provision of financial information would assist members in making informed decisions.

Members were advised that the age criteria had been recently reviewed and considered appropriate, with a reminder that holders of a concessionary disabled pass can continue to use the service, regardless of age.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report and comments on the future use of the Ring and Ride service be noted.
2. That the development of a business case to support the most cost effective means of replacing the vehicles be endorsed.
3. That a further report be submitted to this Committee in the Autumn, noting that any further funding would require the approval of the GMCA.

TfGMC/95/18 FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO THE BUS NETWORK (KEY DECISION)

Nick Roberts introduced a report informing Members of recent and planned changes to the bus network in July, August and September 2018, in addition to report on consequential action taken or proposed by Transport for Greater Manchester and seeking guidance from Members on proposed Transport for Greater Manchester action.

A member expressed disappointment in the proposal to reduce the service 129 to every 40 minutes with effect from 3 September.

RESOLVED/-

That the proposed changes to general subsidised services, as outlined in the report be approved.

TfGMC/96/18 TFGMC GOVERNANCE UPDATE

Liz Treacy introduced a report informing Members of the decision of the GMCA on 29th June and to take views on the Terms of Reference of TfGMC.

A number of representations were made regarding the proposal to reduce the size of the Committee from 33 members to 23 members, in addition to the nominations process and ensuring there was political and gender balance and the lack of engagement in reaching the proposals.

In support a number of examples of how TfGMC had taken forward initiatives, with cross party support, and the potential loss of local knowledge was highlighted.

The Chair advised that members express any concerns regarding the proposals with their respective Leader.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the decision of the GMCA of 29th June 2018 and that GM local authorities have been requested to agree the size of TfGMC and to make nominations and appointments to the GMCA.
2. That it be noted that it was proposed to retain the existing arrangements until September, given all the GM local authorities need to agree the change in the size of the committee.
3. That the terms of reference be noted.
4. That the proposed programme of meetings based on existing arrangements for TfGMC and its sub-committees, as contained in section 4 of the report, be noted.

Daniel Vaughan introduced a report which provided members with an update in relation to the Metrolink Capital Programme.

Members were assured that there was a list of Metrolink expansions beyond the expansion to Terminal 2, Manchester Airport, however, the list has not been prioritised.

Representations were made by members for Metrolink to be expanded into a number of districts, including the Middleton area of Rochdale, Stockport and Wigan. Members also suggested that direct Oldham and Rochdale services into Piccadilly be reconsidered in the light of additional vehicles coming on stream.

Members were advised that there are a number of strategies to support transport across Greater Manchester including the 2040 Transport Strategy, alongside a Rapid Transport Strategy which was also under development and the GM Spatial Framework, which focuses on infrastructure development. The next phase of Metrolink development beyond Manchester Airport would be to extend towards Wythenshawe Hospital. The prioritisation of Metrolink schemes was to be progressed.

Members were advised that the decision not to change the current Oldham and Rochdale route into Piccadilly was due to capacity constraints in Manchester city centre and not vehicle availability. To enable the service to Piccadilly would require reductions in services to other areas. A survey was undertaken, which demonstrated that the majority of passengers on the Oldham and Rochdale line travelled to St Peters Square rather than Piccadilly. Work will be undertaken to review the position in the context of HS2, which would provide the opportunity to redesign the network and create capacity.

Members highlighted the economic impact on individual local authorities of not providing direct services into Piccadilly.

Members were assured that the social value policy was included in the procurement process, and included the generation of employment in under-represented communities, and to source services from within a 25 mile radius of GM. Analysis of the supply chain was currently underway. Members agreed that a wider area would be appropriate for specialised services, however, going forward further detail regarding social value should be provided in reports.

Members reiterated the importance of the final design of the Trafford Park line and the close relationship in the context of the surrounding road network, highlighting in particular the potential impact of the closure of the M60 in the event of a collision with cars.

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted and that going forward further detail regarding social value would be provided in reports.

TfGMC/98/18 RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Caroline Whittam introduced a report which provided members with an update on recent progress in respect of a number of rail station infrastructure schemes and initiatives in Greater Manchester.

Members welcomed the improvements to Salford Central Rail Station, recognising its importance in relation to providing access to Manchester and the work underway by officers to continually press the case. However, there were still issues with the platform in terms of the gap between the platform and the train.

The importance of extending platforms 1 and 2 at Salford Central was also raised, with a request for detailed information regarding the Station Investment Fund programme, including information on general maintenance to be submitted to a future meeting.

Members highlighted a number of stations which required more than maintenance, with wooden platforms which were now dangerous and needed to be replaced urgently.

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted and that further information on the Station Investment Fund and maintenance programme be submitted to a future meeting.

TfGMC/99/18 RAIL STATION ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAMME

Caroline Whittam introduced a report which provided members with an update on work to reprioritise the Rail Station Accessibility Programme (RSAP) and informing members that there was to be a further round of Access for All (AfA) funding this year, with submissions likely close in October 2018.

In response to queries regarding individual stations, it was clarified that the metrics for the re-prioritisation was based on a number of criteria which included patronage, socio economic data, capital costs and the proximity of the nearest accessible station. Detailed information would be shared with individual members and local authority officers.

Officers clarified that the bid would be based on a limited number of stations, given the cost of station design and that the bid was subject to match funding. Members were assured that Government was lobbied for additional resources on a continuous basis.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report and progress made on the re-prioritised list of stations be noted
2. That a further report be submitted to the Committee in September prior to the AfA submission in October 2018.

TfGMC/100/18 INTRODUCTION OF A ZONAL FARE STRUCTURE ON THE METROLINK NETWORK

Gareth Turner introduced a report which provided members with a summary of the proposal by the Mayor of Greater Manchester and TfGM to introduce a zonal fare structure on the Metrolink network in early 2019 and setting out the results of the public engagement exercise.

A member reminded the meeting that the proposed scheme did not present a fair system for those areas which were inhabited by residents predominately on low income. The proposals presented, would see the residents of east Wythenshawe facing a similar fares increase that would have been introduced in January 2019, in the absence of the zonal fares structure, whilst passengers in the proposed zone 2 would see a 50% fare reductions. The alternative solutions presented by officers did not address the needs of those residents on low income.

The meeting was also advised of the economic impact for employment areas in Oldham, which was discussed at the Oldham Council meeting.

A number of districts have made representations in response to the proposals and these would be reflected in the report submitted to the GMCA for consideration on 27 July 2018.

RESOLVED/-

1. The summary of the proposal, as reported to GMCA in May 2018, be noted.
2. That the approach to the public engagement exercise that ran between 1 June and 17 June, the response rate and the wider level of engagement undertaken be noted.
3. That the results of the public engagement exercise be noted.

TfGMC/101/18 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 and 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.

TfGMC/102/18 PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Jon Lamonte introduced a report which sought the approval of the Committee to the proposed property transactions as detailed in this report.

RESOLVED/-

That the property transactions, as contained within the report submitted, be approved.

TfGMC/103/18

FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO THE BUS NETWORK (KEY DECISION)

Nick Roberts introduced a report providing members with commercial information relating to the recent and planned changes to the bus network in July, August and September plus the action taken or proposed by TfGM.

RESOLVED/-

That the proposed changes to the general subsidised services be approve.