TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AND POLICY SUB COMMITTEE, HELD ON 23 JUNE 2017 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

Councillor Guy Harkin               Bolton (in the Chair)
Councillor Andrew Fender             Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul*               Manchester
Councillor Mohan Ali                 Oldham
Councillor Chris Goodwin             Oldham
Councillor Howard Sykes              Oldham
Councillor Shah Wazir                Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido             Salford
Councillor Roger Jones               Salford
Councillor Annette Finnie           Stockport
Councillor John Taylor               Stockport
Councillor Doreen Dickinson          Tameside
Councillor Peter Robinson            Tameside
Councillor Michael Cordingley       Trafford
Councillor James Grundy              Wigan
Councillor Eunice Smethurst          Wigan

*indicates substitute Member

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Morris                Chief Operating Officer, TfGM
Chris Barnes              Head of Programme Management, TfGM
Daniel Vaughan            Head of Metrolink, TfGM
Alex Cropper              Head of Capital Groups, TfGM
Paul Harris               GMIST

CPP17/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Rhyse Cathcart (Bury) Andrew Fender (Manchester), James Grundy (Wigan) and Shah Wazir (Rochdale).

CPP17/02 URGENT BUSINESS AND CHAIR’S ANOUNCEMENTS

There were no items of urgent business raised or and announcements from the Chair.
CPP17/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in respect of any item on the agenda.

CPP17/04 MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB COMMITTEE 2017/18

Resolved/-

To note the Membership of the Sub Committee and its substitutes, as confirmed at the meeting of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee on Friday 16 June 2017.

Cllr Mohon Ali  Lab (Oldham)
Cllr Rhyse Cathcart  Lab (Bury)
Cllr Michael Cordingley  Lab (Trafford)
Cllr Doreen Dickinson  Con (Tameside)
Cllr Andrew Fender  Lab (Manchester)
Cllr Annette Finnie  Con (Stockport)
Cllr Robin Garrido  Con (Salford)
Cllr Guy Harkin  (Chair)  Lab (Bolton)
Cllr James Grundy  Con (Wigan)
Cllr Roger Jones  Lab (Salford)
Cllr Peter Robinson  Lab (Tameside)
Cllr Eunice Smethurst  (Deputy Chair)  Lab (Wigan)
Cllr Howard Sykes  LD (Oldham)
Cllr John Taylor  Lab (Stockport)
Cllr Shah Wazir  Lab (Rochdale)

Substitutes:
Cllr Christine Corris  LD (Stockport)
Cllr Noel Bayley  Lab (Bury)
Cllr Warren Bray  Lab (Tameside)
Cllr Chris Goodwin  Lab (Oldham)
Cllr Stuart Haslam  Con (Stockport)
Cllr Lynne Holland  Lab (Wigan)
Cllr Chris Paul  Lab (Manchester)
Cllr Patricia Sullivan  Con (Rochdale)

CPP17/05 TERMS OF REFERENCE

It is proposed that this Sub Committee meets six times per year, with the following Terms of Reference:-

The Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee, in accordance with the Committee’s policies for integrated public transport:
1. Approves **under delegated authority** releases for capital schemes within the GMCA’s transport capital programme provided that the overall cost of any scheme does not exceed the budget allocated to it in the Capital Programme.

2. Monitors and, where appropriate, considers and resolves, **under delegated authority**, issues arising from the implementation of all capital schemes within the GMCA’s minor works capital programme, provided that the cost of any scheme does not exceed the budget allocated to it in the Capital Programme.

3. Monitors and, where appropriate, refers to TfGMC or GMCA for resolution issues arising from the implementation of the public transport schemes prioritised for delivery under the Greater Manchester Transport Fund.

4. Reviews the arrangements adopted by TfGM for the procurement of a representative cross section of capital projects, including the procurement routes and contractual arrangements used to ensure that they deliver best value.

5. Reviews the processes used for the evaluation and selection of design and delivery teams including the methods of assessment used to evaluate design and contractor bids and the arrangements proposed for the effective co-ordination of the design and delivery process.

6. Examines the internal TfGM arrangements for managing, developing and supporting the delivery of capital projects.

7. Considers issues arising from the tendering and implementation of all Metrolink capital contracts, and where appropriate refers them for resolution to TfGMC or GMCA.

8. Monitors on behalf of TfGMC all external transport capital projects agreed by Department for Transport and/or other agencies, to which the GMCA has no direct funding responsibility.

9. Considers and advises TfGMC on proposals for future capital programmes.

10. Undertake key elements of work on new policy development referred by TfGMC, for example, considering new fare regimes for Metrolink or concessionary fares but it will be for TfGMC to determine and approve any changes to fares.

11. Undertake and receive reports relating to the monitoring functions with regard to the new, additional highways functions, including network management, road safety, traffic signals and traffic forecasting.

**CPP17/06   PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS**

To note the following dates as a programme of meetings for the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee for 2017/18:-

Meetings to commence at 10.30 am unless indicated.
Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 21 April 2017.

With regard to Minute CPP16/45, Bus Priority Update, a Member clarified that cars should have access to the Park and Ride facility from the M61 slip road.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting, held on 21 April 2017, be approved as a correct record.

CPP17/08 METROLINK CAPITAL UPDATE

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the progress to date on the Metrolink Capital Programme, including the work on the extensions and the enhancements to the existing network, particularly the works taking place in relation to the Tram Management System (TMS), the Second City Crossing (2CC) and the Trafford Park Line.

With regard to the ongoing Trafford Park line construction works, a Member highlighted traffic flow issues where highway works were taking place and enquired as to whether the works had been publicised and if any complaints had been received in relation to this. In response, officers noted that they continued to liaise and engage with local businesses and Trafford Council in relation to the works. In addition, officers undertook to speak to Trafford Council to understand if a spike in complaints had been received.

A Member highlighted that it would be helpful for TfGM to provide further information on the designs for the Trafford Park Line and engage with the local residents. In response, officers undertook to share artist impressions of this Metrolink extension once they were available.

RESOLVED/-

To note the update on the Metrolink capital programme.

CPP17/09 RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE
A report was presented which provided an update to Members on recent progress made and the current position in respect to the following rail station infrastructure schemes and initiatives:

- The Rail Station Improvement Strategy (RSIS);
- Rail Station Accessibility;
- Salford Central Rail Station;
- Hattersley Rail Station;
- Rail Station Based Park and Ride;
- Cycle Facilities at Rail Stations;
- Northern’s Station-Investment Fund (SIF);
- Northern Powerhouse – Victoria to Stalybridge; and
- Bolton Platform 5.

With regard to the Victoria to Stalybridge works and the temporary closure of Ashton Station, a Member enquired as to how widely this closure had been publicised. In response officers undertook to check and respond to the Member directly.

In response to an enquiry from a Member in relation to cycle facilities at rail stations, officers noted that only stations outside the M60 cordon had been identified for inclusion in the Cycle City Ambition Grant 2 (CCAG2). Members noted that was done on a business case basis. A Member highlighted that there were a number of stations within the M60 cordon which only had limited cycle parking facilities.

A Member enquired how many Greater Manchester stations were accessible by people with disabilities. Officers undertook to check and respond.

A Member sought clarification as to whether passengers with disabilities were provided with a taxi service as an alternative transport mode, where they were unable to access railway platforms and trains. In response, officers undertook to check and respond.

With regard to Salford Central station, a Member reiterated her concerns in relation to the platform stepping height. In response, officers noted that discussions have been taking place with Network Rail for some time and it was noted that Network Rail had committed to undertake phase 1 works to deal with the stepping height issue during this control period.

**Resolved/-**

To note the Rail Infrastructure update.