

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER
COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 MARCH 2019**

PRESENT:

Bolton	David Chadwick
Bolton	Guy Harkin
Bury	Noel Bayley
Manchester	Naeem Hassan
Manchester	Eddy Newman
Manchester	Dzidra Noor
Manchester	John Leech
Oldham	Peter Davis
Rochdale	Phil Burke
Rochdale	Neil Emmott
Salford	Roger Jones
Salford	Robin Garrido
Stockport	Kate Butler
Stockport	John Taylor
Stockport	Steve Gribbon
Stockport	Annette Finnie
Tameside	Doreen Dickenson
Tameside	Warren Bray
Trafford	David Hopps
Trafford	Michael Cordingley
Wigan	Mark Aldred (In the Chair)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Morris	Chief Operating Officer, TfGM
Steve Warrener	Finance & Corporate Services Director, TfGM
Kate Brown	Director of Corporate Affairs, TfGM
James Baldwin	Policy Officer, TfGM
Sylvia Welsh	GMCA Governance & Scrutiny

TFGMC/12/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillors Steve Adshead, James Grundy, Stuart Haslam, Lynne Holland, Rishi Shori, Eunice Smethurst, Angeliki Stogia, Howard Sykes and Barry Warner

TFGMC/13/19 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the retirement of Cllr Harkin at the May 2019 Local Elections and that the thanks and appreciation of TfGMC be recorded.
2. That it be noted that TfGM were working to help support Manchester City Council and Salford City Council following the recent issues with the Regent Road roadworks and that the Committee would be kept apprised of any specific public transport related issues.

TFGMC/14/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests declared at the meeting.

TFGMC/15/19 MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2019

The minutes of the TfGMC meeting held on 10 January 2019 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held 10 January be approved.

TFGMC/15/19 MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS & POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE – 8 FEBRUARY 2019

The proceedings of the Capital Projects & Policy Sub Committee meeting held on 8 February 2019 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

That the proceedings of the Capital Projects & Policy Sub-Committee held on 8 February 2019 be noted.

TFGMC/16/19 MINUTES OF THE BUS NETWORK & TFGM SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE – 18 JANUARY 2019

The proceedings of the Bus Network & TfGM Services Sub-Committee held on 18 January 2019 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Bus Network & TfGM Services Sub-Committee held on 18 January 2019 be approved noted.

TFGMC/17/19 METROLINK & RAIL NETWORKS SUB-COMMITTEE – 1 FEBRUARY 2019

The proceedings of the Metrolink & Rail Networks Sub Committee held on 1 February 2019 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the minutes of the Metrolink & Rail Networks Sub-Committee held on 1 February 2019 be approved.
2. That a report on the analysis of customer feedback and proposals on the launch of a long-term vision for the Metrolink 'Early Bird' and 'Early Bird Plus' be submitted to a future meeting of the Metrolink & Rail Sub-Committee.
3. That officers investigate the recent issues experienced with the timetable display screen and public announcements at Heaton Chapel Rail Station for submission to a future meeting of the Metrolink & Rail Sub-Committee.

TFGMC/18/19 FIRST BUS ANNOUNCEMENT

Steve Warrener, Finance and Cooperate Service Director, TfGM, announced that on Tuesday 19 March the Go Ahead Group would purchase the Queens Road depot including the services that operate from it.

It was reported that the sale would be completed within the next couple of months and that assurance had been sought from First Manchester that during the transition period services would continue to operate as normal and that passenger journeys would be unaffected

Further progress will be reported to subsequent meetings.

Members were also advised that TfGM were holding preliminary discussions with the Go Ahead Group regarding sale and the replication of the current services provided by First Manchester from the Queens Road Depot.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the update on the progress of the sale of the Queens Road Depot by First Manchester to the Go Ahead Group be noted.

2. That it be noted that TfGM were holding preliminary discussions with the Go Ahead Group regarding sale and the replication of the current services provided by First Manchester from the Queens Road Depot.
3. That it be noted that the Committee would be kept apprised of the progress of the sale.

TFGMC/19/19 2019/20 TRANSPORT LEVY BUDGET

Steve Warrener, Finance and Cooperate Service Director, TfGM, updated the committee on the Transport Levy Budget following approval of the 2019/20 Transport Levy by GMCA on 15 February 2019.

Members of the Committee raised the following comments:

- A member questioned the breakdown of funds allotted under the Transport Scheme Development. In reply, it was stated that the allocation was primarily aimed at developing 2040 Schemes along with the merging interventions from the GM Spatial Framework. It was further clarified that a combination of existing resources along with the procurement of additional staff would be used to support the work.
- Concerns were raised around the impact of additional risks outlined in the report on the allocation of money that will be received from government and around the financial impact
- Members were advised that the Clean Air Outline Business Case would be submitted to Government for comments following approval from each of the 10 GM Local Authorities. The next financial year would see the development of a full Business Case, which would address the financial issues highlighted and members were assured that the Business Case would be predicated solely on funding.
- Members thanked Steve Warrener and the team at TfGM for delivering on this piece of work and for developing and negotiating the budget for 2019/20.
- Comments were raised around the longevity of the Transport grant with a huge element being around people and support works around the wider rail industry. Member were advised that these issues would be re-visited next year.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Transport Levy and the proposals approved by GMCA on 15 February 2019, for a Levy of £195.773 million for 2019/20, which included a one off reduction of £5 million, be noted.
2. That the proposed increase in Bus Station Departure Charges of two pence (2.8%), with effect from May 2019, be approved.
3. That the proposed changes in Local Link and TfGM Schools Weekly pass fares, increased in line with RPI during 2019/20, be approved.

4. That the proposed changes to bus stop and shelter closure charges of £100 to £200 for the first four stops and £35 to £70 thereafter be approved.
5. That the proposal to increase the charge for revisiting a stop increase from £50 to £100 be approved.
6. That it be noted that the budget included a grant of up to £4.6 million for GMATL.
7. That TfGMC record its thanks and appreciation to TfGM staff and the Chair of TfGMC in developing and negotiating the budget for 2019/20.

**TFGMC/20/19 DRIVESAFE AND SAFER ROADS GREATER MANCHESTER 2019/20
BUDGETS**

Steve Warrener, Finance and Cooperate Service Director, TfGM, introduced a report that sought approval on the budget for the DriveSafe and Safer Roads Greater Manchester (SRGM) Partnership and updated members on the delivery of schemes by GM Partners.

Members of the Committee raised the following comments:

- Members welcomed the report and commented on the need to have a GM wide training scheme that would benefit Senior Road Users.
- In discussing the New Initiatives particularly around Senior Road Users, it was acknowledged that there was a need to widen out methods of assessment rather than restricting it just to older road users.
- Further concerns were raised around driver behaviours and standards. It was suggested that the evidence gathered from the number of prosecutions be publicised. It was further reported that a budget has been set aside for the replacement of specialist enforcement vehicles and cameras.
- Members further noted the need for project selection and prioritisation and monitoring to be undertaken in consultation with GM Local Authorities and GM Police.
- It was further added that the schemes were funded on a cost recovery basis from the delivery of DriveSafe courses.
- In discussing the data by which schemes have been calculated against, it was clarified that while incidents wre assessed on quarterly basis, the safety benefits are normally calculated when all schemes have 60 months or after data available.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the budgets for 2019/20 for DriveSafe and Safer Roads Greater Manchester be approved.
2. That it be noted that project selection and priorities and monitoring was undertaken in consultation with GM Local Authorities and GM Police.

Chris Boardman, Greater Manchester's Cycling and Walking Commissioner introduced a presentation that outlined the challenges faced by pedestrians and cyclists along with recommendation from the Made to Move published in December 2017. He further updated members on progress to date and steps taken so far.

Members of the Committee raised the following comments:

- Members welcomed the report and thanked Chris Boardman and the Cycling and walking team for the work to date and for the ongoing development of cycling and walking schemes across GM.
- It was highlighted that there was a need to develop new policy that will promote building cycle lanes particularly around new build.
- In discussing whether helmet usage was mandatory, members were advised that previous examples and research suggested that this would deter rather than encourage individuals to use cycles. It was further commented that a vast majority of cyclist were injured and have died as a result of road accidents despite wearing the appropriate gear and therefore this plan was aimed at developing an environment for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Members further commented on the challenges particularly around weather conditions which might deter cyclists from using their bikes. However, it was commented that research suggested that once a travel pattern had been established it was more likely that individuals would stick to it.
- The committee noted the need to work with retailers and traders to shift dependency from cars to cycling and walking. It was further suggested that Local Authorities could seek to develop filtered neighbourhoods to encourage this shift in trend. Member were advised that a number of local movements have begun that provide advice on how they could reform their neighbourhood.
- Members also suggested that there was a need to learn from good practice and executing innovative ideas in GM to create examples for others to follow.
- It was noted that there was a gap in the transport network particularly in certain areas and that using cycles to would be inconvenient when it comes to big shops. Members were reminded that the aim of the programme is to reduce the number of journeys made by cars and not to eradicate cars completely.
- Members acknowledged that there is a need to have a ratified vision along with a network plan to drive change forward. It was also commented that there was a need to raise awareness and create alternatives.
- It was requested that the presentation delivered to leaders to be circulated to member and that Waltham Forest be invited to a future meeting of TfGMC to present their cycling and walking scheme.
- Members noted the need of embedding local culture and learning from previous examples such as Mobike to deliver a sustainable biking model for GM.
- It was also noted that there was a need to plan with a long-term vision in mind and to link with existing resources to develop the cycling network.

RESOLVED /-

1. That TfGMC record its thanks to Chris Boardman and the Cycling and Walking Team for the work to date for the ongoing development of cycling and walking schemes across GM.
2. That Waltham Forest be invited to a future meeting of TfGMC to present their cycling and walking scheme.

TFGMC/22/19 AGE FRIENDLY TRANSPORT UPDATE

Kate Brown, Director of Corporate Affairs TfGM, introduced a report that updated members on the work done to support age friendly transport and travel to help make Greater Manchester a great place to grow old.

Members of the Committee made the following comments:

- In discussing the outline plan, it was suggested that Ring and Ride and Community Transport be classified separately.
- A member requested further information on the pilot currently taking place in Leeds be shared with the Committee.
- Further comments were made on the challenges faced by older people in using and keeping up with technological advancements. However, members were advised that these issues were being addressed under the wider Ageing Strategy.
- Members also noted the need to get individuals skills set up-to speed and to have re-fresher training to prevent and reduce road accidents.
- Further concerns were raised around safety and members acknowledged that this needs to be thoroughly addressed with pedestrian being at the heart of this initiative particularly around road crossings.
- In discussing the age friendly aspect, the work done by Living Streets in London was highlighted as a good example that GM could build on.
- In considering the Social Prescriber element, it was reported that GP's and intermediaries are being urged to promote and encourage the usage of public transport and walking & cycling as alternatives to healthy living.
- It was it was recognised that there was a need to deploy further resources to deter driving and parking on pavement.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the outline plan be approved subject to alignment with the GM Aging Strategy work on digital inclusion and age friendly neighbourhoods, in particular, timing for pedestrian crossings.
2. That Officers be requested to circulate a note on the details of the Leeds Age Friendly Transport Pilot to all members of TfGMC.
3. That a further report on a detailed 12 month action plan with clear deliverables and measurable outcomes be submitted to a future TfGMC meeting.

4. That it be noted that a cross sector Age-Friendly Transport delivery group would be established to develop the action plan and begin implementation.

TFGMC/23/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED /-

That the provisional date of the Annual Meeting of Friday 14 June 2019 be noted.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here:

https://www.gmcameetings.co.uk/meetings/meeting/662/transport_for_greater_manchester_committee

This decision notice was issued on ?? on behalf of Eamonn Boylan, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is 4.00pm on ??.

Call-In Process

In accordance with the scrutiny procedure rules, these decisions will come into effect five days after the publication of this notice unless before that time any three members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee decides to call-in a decision.

Members must give notice in writing to the Chief Executive that they wish to call-in a decision, stating their reason(s) why the decision should be scrutinised. The period between the publication of this decision notice and the time a decision may be implemented is the 'call-in' period.

Decisions which have already been considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and where the GMCA's decision agrees with the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may not be called in.