PRESENT:

Councillor David Chadwick            Bolton
Councillor Stuart Haslam             Bolton
Councillor Noel Bayley               Bury
Councillor Naeem Hassan              Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul                Manchester
Councillor Shakil Ahmed              Rochdale
Councillor Phil Burke                Rochdale
Councillor Barry Warner              Salford
Councillor Syd Lloyd                 Stockport
Councillor Warren Bray               Tameside
Councillor Rob Chilton               Trafford
Councillor Mark Aldred               Wigan (Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Geoff Abell               Stockport
Councillor Robin Garrido             Salford

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Howard Hartley                      Head of Bus, TfGM
Mike Evans                          TfGM
Nick Roberts                        TfGM
Steve Gilholme                      TfGM
Paul Harris                         GMIST

ALSO PRESENT: (Part A items only)

Adam Clark                         Stagecoach Manchester
Ben Jarvis                          Stagecoach Manchester
Rick Halsall                        Arriva Manchester
Ian Humphreys                       First Manchester
Brendan O’Reilly                    Rossendale Community Transport
BN/15/56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Councillor Howard Sykes (Oldham) and Iain Roberts (Stockport).

BN/15/57 URGENT BUSINESS AND CHAIR’S COMMUNICATIONS

Welcome

The Chair welcomed to Members to the Bus Network and TfGM Services sub committee meeting. The Chair also welcomed representatives from Bus Operators and thanked them for their continued attendance.

BN/15/58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Aldred declared an interest in relation to the Marple Local Link section in the Forthcoming Changes to the Bus Network Reports at Items 6 and 8 of the Agenda.

BN/15/59 MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Bus Network and TfGM Services Sub Committee meeting held on 15 January 2016 were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

To agree the Minutes of the Bus Network and TfGM services Sub Committee held on 15 January 2016 as a correct record.

BN15/60 METROSHUTTLE PATRONAGE AND SERVICE PERFORMANCE

A report was presented which provided an update on the performance and patronage levels on the Metroshuttle bus network for the 2015 calendar year. The report highlighted that 1.9 million customers travelled on Manchester Metroshuttles during 2015, an average of 37,000 passengers per week. Members noted that patronage on Manchester Metroshuttle service 1 during 2015 was 795,325. Service 1 provided 98.4% service regularity for 2014/15. For Manchester Metroshuttle service 2 patronage during 2015 was 815,776. Over the same period the overall service regularity was 98.8%. Service regularity for Manchester Metroshuttle service 3 for 2014/15 was 99.6%. The number of customers travelling on service 3 during 2015 was 315,156.

With regard to the Bolton, it was noted that during 2015 an average of 6,399 passengers per month travelled on the Bolton Metroshuttle. Reliability in 2014/15 was 98.7%. For Stockport Metroshuttle patronage during 2015 was 290,877. Reliability in 2014/15 was 97.4%.
Resolved/-

To note the report.

BN15/61  FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO THE BUS NETWORK

[Note Councillor Aldred declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Marple Local Link service change and left the room during its consideration. In his absence, Councillor Warner assumed the Chair.]

The sub committee received a report to inform members of the changes that have taken place to the bus network since the last meeting. Members were asked to provide guidance on proposed Transport for Greater Manchester action.

Annex A – Significant Changes to the Commercial Network. Members considered changes to services V1, V2, night services 8, 36, 39, 25, 41, 52, 39, 350, 415, 468, 472/474, 473, 507 and X34. The committee noted changes to the commercial network and the proposals not to replace these de-registered commercial services.

Annex B – Significant Changes to the Commercial Network. Members considered changes to service 12, 32, 35, 112,114, 394, 64, 408, 412, 456/458. Members considered proposed action regarding changes to these services and deregistered services.

Annex C - Significant Changes to the Subsidised Network. Members considered changes to services 113, 206, 268, 345, 380/381, 634, 658, 593, Tame Valley Local Link, Hindley Local Link and Marple Local Link.

Members noted that with regard to Service 268, that following a re-tendering process, the recommendation to re-route this service and introduce an additional vehicle resource was re-instated and approved by the Chair of this Sub Committee under the delegated authority granted to him at the previous meeting.

Following a comment from a Member regarding the reliability of First service 507 officers and the operator undertook to monitor that this service was running to timetable.

With regard to First service 25, the operated noted that 84 people per week were using this service and was therefore not seen to be viable.

In relation to First Service 35, a Member highlighted that Roe Green would be provided with a reduced service and requested that First takes the service proposals back for further consideration. In response, officers noted the Councillors concerns and explained that it was still the intention to introduce this service on 4 April 2016.
Resolved/-

1. To note the changes to the commercial network and the proposals not to replace the deregistered commercial services, as set out in Appendix A to the report.

2. To approve the proposed actions in respect of the de-registered commercial services, as set out at Appendix B to the report.

3. To approve the proposed changes to the existing general subsidised services, as set out at Appendix C to the report.

BN15/62 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.

BN15/63 FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO THE BUS NETWORK

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Consideration was given to a report which provided commercial information to Members relating to changes that have taken place or that are proposed to the bus network since the last meeting of this Sub Committee and reported consequential action taken, or proposed by TfGM in relation to services 35, 394, 64, 408, 412, 456/458, 658/593 and Marple Local Link.

Resolved/-

1) To approve changes to services 35, 394, 64, 408, 412, 456/458, 658/593 and Marple Local Link at the cost/saving, as set out in the report.

2) To approve the recommendation to introduce an additional Monday to Saturday evening journey for a period of 30 weeks from 4 April to 29 October 2016.

3) That authority be granted to the Chief Executive of TfGM, in consultation with the Chair of this Sub Committee, to consider proposed changes to service 394 once the Derbyshire County Council tender process had been completed.
BN15/64 REVIEW OF SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES BUDGET

A report was provided to members with regard to the current position on the 2015/16 subsidised bus services budget.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report.