

**GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, 25th March, 2022

**TIME:** 10.15 am

**VENUE:** Paderborn Room, Bolton Town Hall, Victoria Square,  
Bolton, BL1 1RU (Access via Albert's Hall Entrance)

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**AGENDA**

**5. Appointment of Transport Commissioner and Active Travel Commissioner 1 - 8**

Report of Andy Burnham, Greater Manchester Mayor.

<b>BOLTON</b>	<b>MANCHESTER</b>	<b>ROCHDALE</b>	<b>STOCKPORT</b>	<b>TRAFFORD</b>
<b>BURY</b>	<b>OLDHAM</b>	<b>SALFORD</b>	<b>TAMESIDE</b>	<b>WIGAN</b>

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Political Party</b>
GM Mayor Andy Burnham	GMCA	Labour
Councillor Martyn Cox	Bolton Council	Conservative
City Mayor Paul Dennett	Salford City Council	Labour
Councillor David Molyneux	Wigan Council	Labour
Councillor Brenda Warrington	Tameside	Labour
Councillor Andrew Western	Trafford	Labour
Councillor Elise Wilson	Stockport MBC	Labour

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## RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Subject: Appointment of Transport Commissioner and Active Travel  
Commissioner  
Report of: Mayor Andy Burnham

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### 1. **PROTOCOL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MAYORAL ADVISORS**

- 1.1 All Mayoral Advisor positions (remunerated or not) are subject to the approval of Resources Committee.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval for the appointment of the Transport and Active Travel Commissioners.

### 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Resources Committee is requested to:

1. Agree the appointment of Vernon Everitt as Transport Commissioner on the terms outlined in paragraph 3.6.
2. Agree the appointment of Dame Sarah Storey as Active Travel Commissioner on the terms outlined in paragraph 4.5.
3. Note that all Advisor appointees will be required to complete the GMCA Register of Interests and comply with GMCA policies and procedures.

### **3. TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER**

- 3.1 It is proposed that Vernon Everitt is appointed to the position of Transport Commissioner. Vernon was until recently Transport for London's Managing Director for Customers, Communication & Technology. He is a renowned transport professional who sits as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of Transport for Wales.
- 3.2 The role of the Transport Commissioner is to advise the Mayor on the delivery of the Bee Network vision - an integrated, co-ordinated and easier to use transport system in GM with common branding and livery.
- 3.3 The Commissioner will work collaboratively with TfGM, the 10 districts and delivery partners such as Network Rail and Highways England and support the Mayor's engagement with HM Government to make the case for the necessary powers and resources to deliver the Bee Network.
- 3.4 Key responsibilities will include providing insight and expert advice to the Mayor, GMCA, TfGM and other delivery organisations on delivery of the Bee Network; working with the GMCA and TfGM to ensure there are effective mechanisms in place to deliver the Bee Network, and monitoring progress towards the delivery of the Bee Network, providing regular updates to the Combined Authority.
- 3.5 A full Role Profile is attached as Appendix A to the report.
- 3.6 The Transport Commissioner will be contracted to provide this service for 3 days a week (or equivalent hours during each weekly period) to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and will report directly to the Mayor and be supported by GMCA officers. The Transport Commissioner will enter into a Contract for Services with GMCA on a day rate of £650 per day with costs met from the Mayor's Transport budget. The contract will commence on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

3.7 Resources Committee is requested to approve the appointment of Vernon Everitt as Transport Commissioner on the terms outlined in paragraph 2.6 above.

#### **4. ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMISSIONER**

4.1 It is proposed that Dame Sarah Storey, former South Yorkshire Active Travel Commissioner, Non-Executive Director at the Department for Transport and British Paralympic athlete is appointed as the new Active Travel Commissioner for Greater Manchester.

4.2 The role of the Commissioner is to advise the Mayor on the delivery of the Bee Network active travel vision - connecting every area and community in Greater Manchester, making it easy, safe and attractive for people to travel on foot or by bike for everyday trips and integrating cycling and walking with other public transport modes.

4.3 The Commissioner will work collaboratively with TfGM, the 10 local authorities and delivery partners such as Active Travel England and support engagement with HM Government to make the case for the necessary powers and resources to deliver GM's active travel ambitions.

4.4 A full Role Profile is attached as Appendix B to the report.

4.5 The Active Travel Commissioner will be contracted to provide this service for 2 days per week (or equivalent hours during each weekly period) until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The Active Travel Commissioner will enter into a Contract for Services with GMCA on a day rate of £500 per day with met from the Mayor's Transport budget. The contract will commence on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

4.6 Resources Committee is requested to approve the appointment of Dame Sarah Storey as Active Travel Commissioner on the terms outlined in paragraph 3.5.

## **5. COMPLIANCE WITH GMCA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- 5.1 All Mayoral Advisors will be required to comply with GMCA policies and procedures under the terms of their contracts for services.

## APPENDIX A

### MAYOR'S TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER

- Advise the Mayor on the delivery of the Bee Network vision - an integrated, co-ordinated and easier to use transport system in GM with common branding and livery.
- Work collaboratively with TfGM, the 10 districts and delivery partners such as Network Rail and Highways England.
- Support the Mayor's engagement with HM Government to make the case for the necessary powers and resources to deliver the Bee Network.

Key responsibilities will include:

- i. Advising the Mayor on the work programme of the Bee Network Delivery Board, including advice on setting of agendas, commissioning of papers and proposing items for discussion.
- ii. Providing insight and expert advice to the GMCA, TfGM and other delivery organisations on delivery of the Bee Network.
- iii. Working with GMCA, TfGM and GM districts to ensure there are effective mechanisms in place to deliver the Bee Network.
- iv. Monitoring progress of the delivery of the Bee Network, and ensuring the Mayor, GM Leaders, GMCA/TfGM Chief Executive and others, are kept updated as required, including through regular updates at Combined Authority meetings.
- v. Supporting the Mayor's government engagement activity to help secure such appropriate funds and powers as agreed by the Mayor and GMCA to develop and deliver the various aspects of the Bee Network, supported by TfGM and GMCA officials.
- vi. Proactively engaging with and building relationships and working partnerships at a high level with Greater Manchester's local authorities, transport providers, community organisations, Greater Manchester's NHS organisations, Greater Manchester Police and other public and private organisations.
- vii. Attending meetings of the Bee Network Delivery Board, and Mayor's Transport Board as appropriate.
- viii. Attending meetings, conferences and other events and acting as a public advocate for the Bee Network in the media where appropriate.
- ix. Promoting and enabling equality of opportunities, and promoting the diverse needs and aspirations of Greater Manchester's communities.

The Transport Commissioner will be contracted to provide this service for 3 days a week (or equivalent hours during each weekly period) to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and will report directly to the Mayor and be supported by GMCA officers. The Transport Commissioner will enter into a Contract for Services with GMCA.

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## APPENDIX B

### MAYOR'S ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMISSIONER

- Advise the Mayor on the delivery of the Bee Network active travel vision - connecting every area and community in Greater Manchester, making it easy, safe and attractive for people to travel on foot or by bike for everyday trips, and integrating cycling and walking with other public transport modes.
- Work collaboratively with TfGM, the 10 local authorities and delivery partners such as Active Travel England.
- Engage with HM Government to make the case for the necessary powers and resources to deliver GM's active travel ambitions.

Key responsibilities will include:

- i. Proactively engaging with and building relationships and working partnerships at a high level with Greater Manchester's local authorities, Active Travel England, transport providers, community organisations, Greater Manchester's NHS organisations, Greater Manchester Police and other public and private organisations.
- ii. Working with the TfGM active travel team, the wider organisation, GMCA and GM local authorities to support efficient delivery of active travel infrastructure (beeways and busy beeways) and associated schemes (e.g. cycle hire).
- iii. Liaising with government to help secure such appropriate funds and powers as agreed by the Mayor and GMCA to develop and deliver the various aspects of the Bee Network, supported by TfGM and GMCA officials.
- iv. Publicly advocating for active travel in Greater Manchester in the media.
- v. Representing the Mayor at appropriate meetings, conferences and other events
- vi. Supporting delivery of the TfGM active travel team's behaviour change programme.
- vii. Promoting and enabling equality of opportunities and promoting the diverse needs and aspirations of Greater Manchester's communities.
- viii. Attending meetings of the Bee Network Delivery Board and Mayor's Transport Board where appropriate.

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