

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

DATE: Friday, 28th October, 2022

TIME: 10.15 am

VENUE: Council Chamber, Bury Town Hall, Knowsley Street,
Bury, BL9 0SW

AGENDA

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BOLTON	MANCHESTER	ROCHDALE	STOCKPORT	TRAFFORD
BURY	OLDHAM	SALFORD	TAMESIDE	WIGAN

Name	Organisation	Political Party
Councillor Mark Hunter	Stockport	Liberal Democrats
Councillor Gerald Cooney	Tameside Council	Labour
Councillor Neil Emmott	Rochdale	Labour
Councillor Eamonn O'Brien	Bury Council	Labour
GM Mayor Andy Burnham	GMCA	Labour
Deputy Mayor Beverley Hughes	GMCA	
City Mayor Paul Dennett	Salford City Council	Labour
Councillor Andrew Western	Trafford	Labour
Councillor David Molyneux	Wigan Council	Labour
Councillor Bev Craig	Manchester CC	Labour
Councillor Martyn Cox	Bolton	Conservative
Councillor Amanda Chadderton	Oldham Council	Labour

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Agenda Item 5

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY
AUDIT COMMITTEE, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER 2022 AT THE GMCA
OFFICES, TOOTAL BUILDINGS, MANCHESTER M1 6EU**

PRESENT:

Councillor Sarah Russell	Manchester City Council (Chair)
Councillor Christine Roberts	Wigan Council (substitute Member)
Councillor John Walsh	Bolton Council
Councillor Tom McGee	Stockport Council (substitute Member)
Gwyn Griffiths	Independent Member
Grenville Page	Independent Member
Catherine Scivier	Independent Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Andy Burnham	GM Mayor
Mark Dalton	Mazars
Daniel Watson	Mazars
Steve Warrener	TfGM
Simon Warburton	TfGM

OFFICERS:

Eamonn Boylan	GMCA Chief Executive
Gillian Duckworth	GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
Andrew Lightfoot	GMCA Deputy Chief Executive
Steve Wilson	GMCA Treasurer
Sarah Horseman	GMCA Head of Audit and Assurance
Andrea Heffernan	Director of Corporate Support, GMF&RS
Kris Smedley	Head of Fleet, GMF&RS
Paul Harris	GMCA Senior Governance and Scrutiny Officer

AC/25/22 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillor Peter Williams (Rochdale), Councillor Mary Whitby (Bury) and Susan Webster (Independent Member).

AC/26/22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

a) UPDATE FROM THE JOINT AUDIT PANEL

The Chair advised the Committee that the update from the Joint Audit Panel item will be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

AC/27/22 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE 2022/2023

Members noted that at the recent Greater Manchester combined Authority meeting, Councillor Tom McGee, Stockport (Lab) was appointed as a substitute member on the GMCA Audit Committee for the remainder of the 2022/2023 municipal year.

Members noted that Councillor McGee had replaced Councillor Tracy Kelly, Salford (Lab).

RESOLVED/-

That the appointment of Councillor Tom McGee, Stockport (Lab) as a substitute member on the Committee for the remainder of the 2022/2023 municipal year, be noted.

AC/28/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

There were no interests declared in relation to any item on the agenda, by any Member of the Committee.

AC/29/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the previous Audit Committee meeting, held on 27th July 2022, were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Audit committee, held on 27th July 2022, be agreed as a correct record.

AC/30/22 UPDATE FROM THE JOINT AUDIT PANEL

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

AC/31/22 RISK DEEP DIVE - TRANSPORT

The GM Mayor, Steve Warrener, Director of Finance and Corporate Services and Simon Warburton, Strategy Director, Transport for Greater Manchester presented an update on transport matters.

It was noted that this item had been brought in order for members to look deeper in to strategic risks that are included within the risk register, particularly the financial risk in respect of the Metrolink.

The update included the current position in respect of patronage level across all transport modes, energy costs, government funding for transport modes, capital programme costs and borrowing costs. The update also highlighted the impact of poor rail performance on passengers, rail subsidies for train operating companies and the high costs of rail fares.

In terms of funding sources from Government, Members noted that funding support was scheduled to end at the end of March 2023. Discussions were needed with Government in relation to a strategic approach to recovery funding support.

In response to an enquiry from a Member, it was noted that for Metrolink, patronage was in the region of 83% of pre-pandemic levels, with some morning peak journey demand close to the pre-pandemic levels. Rail patronage was estimated at around 80% of pre-pandemic levels, with bus patronage at 84%.

In terms of staffing costs for Metrolink members were advised that details would be shared after the meeting. It was noted that in terms of increases, this was linked to RPI data. Any pay offer increase for staff will be paid by the operating company.

Following a comment from a Member, officers noted that the potential for industrial action would be classed as a risk.

A member sought information on any long-term modelling on the real reduction on annual Metrolink patronage due to changes in work patterns. It was noted that modelling takes place and highlighted the real mix in commuter activity. In noting that hybrid working now means that commuters were less likely to purchase weekly travel products. Ticketing products are available to cater for this new working approach and offer flexibility in the ticket offer. Demand on Metrolink on Tuesdays and Thursdays were like that of pre-pandemic levels, Mondays and Wednesdays were at 85% and demand on Fridays was around 65%. A Member suggested that the ticketing offers should be promoted wider.

In response to an enquiry in respect of local events and private, personal travel it was noted that TfGM works with local authorities regarding events and also major leisure providers in the city region. A new website has been developed to help travelling people to identify the best fare for them.

Members noted that the introduction of new bus fares has had a positive impact on patronage and was also helping to support the cost of living agenda

In response to an enquiry from a Member, officers explained how the use of reserves would be treated to support the transport network. It was expected that there will also be pressures on existing budgets, outside of the specific issues discussed today, but these pressures would be dealt with within the respective budgets through the identification of efficiencies. It was confirmed GMCA works jointly with TfGM in respect of the overall transport reserves position.

Following an enquiry from a member, it was noted that the core use of public transport was for retail and leisure. Details of the household survey were highlighted.

The GM Mayor, GM Portfolio Lead for Transport also provided an update transport matters, highlighting that the poor performance of the regions rail operators is impacting on the number of visitors that would be expected. This lack of trust in rail services in the north west has had a negative impact on businesses, events and the night-time economy. The existing funding system rail system is very expensive for the country and the taxpayer.

Changes to the bus franchising system and the opportunity to set the fare box for GM will reduce the risk in respect of concessions and allow for multi modal travel products to be developed.

A Member highlighted the need for good, efficient public transport services to attract people from cars and help improve air quality in the city region.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the update on Transport risk be received with thanks and noted.
2. That it be agreed for transport risk to continue to be reviewed as part of the Committee's work programme.
3. In terms of staffing costs for Metrolink members were advised that details would be shared after the meeting

AC/32/22 CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE UPDATE - POLICE AND CRIME

Gillian Duckworth, GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, introduced a report which set out the legislative and constitutional framework in relation to the Audit Committee and the Joint Audit Panel – Police and Crime.

The report outlined the responsibilities of the GM Mayor as the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable, GMP and the roles of the GMCA Audit Committee and the Joint Audit Panel and their respective accountabilities.

In considering the report, Members were also asked, where appropriate, to consider a recommendation to the GM Combined Authority for the Combined Authority to adopt an amendment to the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference as follows:-

“ That the Audit committee receives the annual report of the Chair of the Joint Audit Panel – Police and Crime and the minutes of meetings of the Panel as, amongst other things, a means of providing assurance with regard to GMP's internal control environment and risk management framework for the management of operational risk.”

It was noted that the situation in GM was relatively unique, and that the legislation had been adapted to cater for those arrangements. The Joint Audit Panel provides a mechanism for all aspects of GMP to be considered and reported through to the GMCA Audit Committee. The proposed reporting mechanisms for the Joint Audit Panel was highlighted.

Members suggested that clarity in the process will provide assurance and is fundamental to the probity of the audit process so that the statutory responsibilities of the committee can be undertaken without duplication of work. Further work on this clarity and transparency should be explored.

Following a comment from a Member, it was noted that the Joint Audit Panel is an independent overview of the policing function. Any change would need an amendment to either primary or secondary legislation.

A Member was concerned that there is a lack of transparency in the current arrangements. It was suggested that the Chair could approach the Chair of the Joint Audit Panel to discuss how the Panel can provide assurance on their work.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers highlighted that the responsibility of the Committee is to be assured that the Joint Audit Panel has processes in place to deal with issues as they arise. In the event of disagreement regarding assurance between the Audit Committee and the Joint Audit Panel the Audit Committee's view would prevail.

A Member suggested that the Chair of the Joint Audit Panel be invited to the meeting of the GMCA Audit Committee at a point when the Statement of Internal Control is to be discussed.

Representatives from the External Auditors explained that they had raised this matter as part of their Annual Report, in respect the Value for Money of GMCA's oversight arrangements of GMP. This role is discharged if the Audit Committee has appropriate checks and balances in place. The proposed amendment to the constitution provides further clarity on how the Committee can hold the Joint Audit Panel to account.

A Member suggested that a deeper dive was needed on this matter to receive clarity on issues at GMP and the way the Joint Audit Panel is holding GMP and the Mayor as Police and Crime Commissioner to account. In response it was noted that when the Joint Audit Panel's Annual Report is submitted to this Committee there would be an opportunity for the deep dive on the arrangements for the Joint Audit Panel.

The Chair undertook to speak to the Chair of the Joint Audit Panel in respect of the proposed recommendation. It would also be helpful if Audit Committee members receive background papers to accompany the minutes to support the Joint Audit Panel update. It was suggested that the Internal Audit Summary Findings and Action Tracker be also provided.

A further report was to be submitted which will revisit this discussion.

Finally a member commented that a review of **the approach for recruitment of new Members including any possible remuneration proposals was needed.**

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That it be agreed that the Committee agrees to delay recommending to GMCA the adoption of the suggested amendment to the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference, as set out in the recommendation in the report, until the Chair of the Audit Committee had met with the Chair of the Joint Audit Panel.
3. That a further report be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

AC/33/22 GMCA OFSTED INSPECTION OUTCOME - APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOYER-PROVIDER

Su Matthews, GMCA introduced a report which provided an update on the outcomes from recent Ofsted Inspection of the Operational Firefighter Apprenticeship delivery at Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, as part of the GMCA.

In welcoming the report, a Member highlighted the benefits of the approach of training the trainer.

In response to an enquiry from a Member regarding the apprentice approach to the previous trainee Fire Fighter recruitment, it was noted that there was now more robust quality assurance and there are work place tutors appointed.

The new process allows to analyse underrepresented groups and to identify and support any student that is falling behind.

RESOLVED/- :

1. That the update and the Ofsted report, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report be noted.
2. That the areas highlighted for improvement and the actions being taken to address these, as set out in the report, be noted.

AC/34/22 RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Sarah Horseman, Head of Audit and Assurance, introduced a report which informed Members of the Audit Committee of changes in the GMCA strategic and key operational risks and provided an update on the risk management activities undertaken since the last meeting of the Committee. Details of emerging future risks was also presented.

In response to an enquiry from a Member in respect of SR7 – Metrolink significant losses, officers confirmed that this remained a risk.

A Member asked that in respect of OR9 Finance- Funding and grants not spent in line with timescales / conditions if there were reserve project pipelines where funding may be allocated. In response, officers confirmed the reserve list of projects and noted that in GM, the track record for delivering projects within funding deadlines is very good. Officers also noted that there is an enhanced risk for funding clawback of unspent money given the likely requirement for reductions in Government spending, however, the impact of inflation will also impact on the number of projects that the capital grant funding provided may be able to deliver.

A Member suggested that in light of recent economic events that have been influenced by Brexit, the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, there was a need to look further ahead to explore potential future risks and the impact that they may have. It was noted that a workshop was to take place to explore strategic risks.

RESOLVED/-

That the Risk update, as set out in the report, be noted.

AC/36/22 REVIEWING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GMCA AUDIT COMMITTEE

Sarah Horseman, Head of Audit and Assurance, GMCA provided verbal update on proposals to seek the views of members in reviewing the effectiveness of the GMCA Audit Committee.

It was noted that CIPFA has produced guidance for local authorities, which includes a self-assessment tool, which will be shared with members. It was also suggested that a Members' online discussion on this matter would be helpful.

It was also noted that officers were liaising with CIPFA in respect of costs for the guidance document and the ability to share this guidance.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the update be noted.
2. That an informal teams discussion be convened with Committee members in the upcoming weeks.
3. That the CIPFA Guidance and training document will be shared with Members at an appropriate time.

AC/37/22 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Report of Sarah Horseman, Head of Audit and Assurance, GMCA, introduced a report which informed Members of the Audit Committee of the progress made on the delivery of the Internal Audit Plan for Q2 2022/23. It is also used as a mechanism to approve and provide a record of changes to the internal audit plan, as set out in section 3 to the report.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Internal Audit progress report, be noted.
2. That the changes to the Audit Plan, as set out in Section 3 to the report, be approved.

AC/38/22 AUDIT ACTION TRACKING (INCLUDING HISTORIC AUDIT ACTIONS)

The Head of Audit and Assurance, GMCA introduced a report which advised Audit Committee members of the progress made to date in implementing the agreed actions from internal audit assignments.

Andrea Heffernan, GMF&RS was in attendance to discuss with Members a number of outstanding actions relating to fleet and store matters in GM Fire and Rescue Service (GMF&RS). It was noted that work is progressing well, and it was anticipated that all actions will be completed by December 2022.

Work on the procurement actions is also underway.

RESOLVED/-

That the progress of the implementation of Internal Audit actions, as set out in the report be noted.

AC/39/22 REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Members received a report from the External Auditor, Mazars LLP which provided an update on progress in relation to the external auditor's responsibilities and also provided an update on the progress of the external auditors work to assess the authority's arrangements to deliver value for money in the financial year ended 31st March 2021 (2020/21). The report also provided an update on the progress of the 2021/22 audit.

In respect of the 20/21 audit, particularly in relation to infrastructure assets it was noted that a Statutory Override was anticipated to be issued. Once received it was anticipated that the statutory accounts will be updated in early January 2023.

A Member suggested that the Statutory Accounts be considered at the programmed Audit committee in January 2023. In response, officers undertook to discuss the matter further with the Chair.

In respect to National Publications, Levelling Up Housing and Communities, referenced in the report, in respect of the use of capital receipts for service improvements, a Member asked if there was a requirement of the Committee to seek assurance that the requirements were being delivered. In response, officers noted that there were currently no areas or activities in place where this would occur.

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

AC/40/22 AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

Members considered the Auditor's Annual Report 2020/21 from External Auditor, Mazars LLP, which summarised the work undertaken by the Authority's external auditors (Mazars LLP) for the year ended 31st March 2021 (2020/21).

The report included the following key elements:

- The Auditor's opinion on the financial statement for 2020/21 – This is an Unqualified opinion
- The Auditor's views on the authority's arrangements for delivering value for money that were in place in the year ended 31st March 2021

Members noted that Annual Report relates to the 2021 financial year and therefore references matters from some 17 months ago. It was also noted that work to assess the arrangements in place for the 2021/22 financial year is currently underway and will be reported to the audit committee following the completion of the audit of the 2021/22 financial statements.

Members highlighted that the Committee was being asked to consider the Value For Money (VfM) Statement some months after the year end period. Consideration was needed on how future reports may be received in a timely manner in order for any concerns to be raised by Members at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED/-

That the Auditor's Annual report be noted.

AC/40/22 FORWARD PLANNING - AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Committee Work Programme of proposed items, for the remainder of the year.

RESOLVED/-

That the Work Programme be noted.

AC/41/22 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED/-

1. That the next meetings of the Audit Committee meetings take place on Wednesday 25th January 2023, and Wednesday 15th March 2023, both commencing at 10:00 am
2. That a meeting in November 2022 will not now take place.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 OCTOBER
2022 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Wigan	Mark Aldred (Chair)
Bolton	Stuart Haslam
Bolton	Mohammed Ayub
Bury	Kevin Peel
Bury	Jo Lancaster
Manchester	Naeem Hassan
Manchester	Dzidra Noor
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins
Oldham	George Hulme
Oldham	Howard Sykes
Rochdale	Phil Burke
Rochdale	Aasim Rashid
Salford	Roger Jones
Salford	Damien Bailey
Stockport	Angie Clarke
Stockport	David Meller
Tameside	Warren Bray
Trafford	Aiden Williams
Wigan	John Vickers
GMCA	Eamonn O'Brien

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA	Gwynne Williams
GMCA	Ninoshka Martins

GMP	Ronnie Nelson
TfGM	Peter Boulton
TfGM	Simon Warburton
TfGM	Lucy Kenon
TfGM	Steven Rhodes
TfGM	Matt Bull
TfGM	Kate Green
TfGM	James Baldwin
TfGM	Rosalind O'Driscoll

GMTC 39/22 APOLOGIES

That apologies were received and noted from Councillors Andrew Western, Linda Blackburn, and Doreen Dickinson.

Apologies were also received from officers Bob Morris (TfGM), Steve Warrener (TfGM) and Eamonn Boylan (TfGM).

GMTC 40/22 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair requested the Committee to note the appointment of Councillor Tracey Rawlins as Chair and Councillor Kevin Peel as Vice Chair to the Active Travel Sub Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

GMTC 41/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

That Councillor Phil Burke declaration of interest, be noted in respect of being an employee of Metrolink.

GMTC 42/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2022

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the GM Transport Committee meeting held on 12 August 2022 be approved as a correct record.

GMTC 43/22 MINUTES OF THE SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Metrolink & Rail Sub Committee held on 23 September 2022

In relation to a member's query regarding the Dogs on Tram pilot, officers advised that as per the work programme an update has been scheduled for the next meeting of the Metrolink & Rail Sub Committee.

In relation to minute reference GMTMRC 29/22, a member added further insight and requested the Committee to note the delays experienced by passengers on the Transpennine Express particularly on the Huddersfield Line.

- Bus Services Sub Committee held on 7 October 2022

RESOLVED /-

1. That the minutes of the Metrolink & Rail Sub Committee held on 23 September 2022 be approved as a correct record.
2. That the minutes of the Bus Services Sub Committee held on 7 October 2022 be approved as a correct record.

GMTC 44/22 NETWORK REVIEW AND MARKET RENEWAL UPDATE

Simon Warburton, Transport Strategy Director, TfGM introduced to the Committee Rosalind O'Driscoll, Head of Policy, TfGM who then provided an update on the

progress made in relation to the public transport Network Review and Market Renewal programme of work.

Members welcomed the report and noted the progress made on this piece of work.

It was noted that there was an opportunity for significant growth in Greater Manchester, therefore as part of this programme services and interventions would be reviewed with the view to delivering products that would ultimately grow patronage on buses.

With regards to rail, it was reported that considerable amount of work had been undertaken with the rail industry and the Great British Rail Transition Team (GBRTT) focused on ticketing and joint working arrangements.

In discussing the reach of the campaign, it was suggested that in addition to Metrolink advertising the #GetOnBoard campaign on buses would have a further reach. Officers noted the suggestions and advised that this would be fed back to the Marketing Team. Members were advised of the marketing done through digital channels and the plans that were underway to explore specific markets. It was therefore recommended that an update on the progress of the 'Get on Board' campaign would be brought to a future meeting.

The introduction of capped bus fares in the current economic climate was welcomed and the benefit to residents was noted, however, a question was raised whether there were any plans to lower the price of weekly/monthly tickets. Officers explained that this measure was focused on targeting the most expensive tickets initially however, in recognising the current cost of living rises and in anticipation of greater control over the bus network, further discussions were underway with operators, looking at developing further affordable and flexible ticketing models. It was therefore recommended that once concluded, the findings of the exercise conducted looking at the implications around weekly/monthly ticket offer would be shared with the Committee.

Concerning Metrolink fares, it was noted that the city region had undertaken significant borrowings to invest into Metrolink hence the inextricable link to the fare box therefore the challenge to reduce fares.

It was suggested that through the programme, TfGM should seek to introduce late night services. Officers noted the comments and informed members of the work being done with the Mayor's Night-Time adviser to understand patterns of movement. It was agreed that the outcome of the data gathering exercise looking at the night-time economy patterns would be shared with the Committee once available.

In discussing the reach of Rail and Metrolink, it was felt that there was considerable disparity within the region and therefore would welcome further investment to create better transport links. Officers advised that work was underway with Government through the 'Restore in your Railways Mechanism'.

With regards to the Atherton corridor, it was reported that work was underway looking at longer-term solutions to the constrictions in and around central Manchester that would unlock further services.

However, it was recognised that investment into the bus network should be the current focus as it was a crucial step in building the foundational blocks of an integrated public transport network.

In discussing the investment into the bus network, it was noted that a medium to long term funding strategy would be required to manage existing financial challenges. Officers reported that through the devolution trailblazer the Mayor and the Combined Authority had submitted to government a clear proposal to allow GM to move on to a long-term funding arrangement with central government and assured members that TfGM would continue to make the case to Government. However, it was noted that in addition to further funding support from Government there was a need to develop local funding sources as well as to develop a sustainable funding model for both Metrolink and Bus.

Concerns were raised around the inefficiency of the route planner, noting that it was a crucial feature in ensuring the success of the Bus Franchising Model. Officers noted the comments and advised members that the 'Information and Ticketing Road Map' had been scheduled for the next meeting of the full Committee, where a detail update would be provided.

With regards to a members query regarding the position of beeching cuts, it was reported that the findings had been submitted to Government and the evidence that had been gathered was used to strengthen the bus offer.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the challenges and opportunities facing the public transport network and the conditions and details for the Network Review and Market Renewal programme of work as set out in this report be noted.
2. That an update on the 'Get on Board' campaign be brought to a future meeting.
3. That once concluded, the findings of the exercise conducted looking at the implications around weekly ticket offers be shared with the Committee.
4. That the Committee would receive an update on the 'Information and Ticketing Road Map' at the next meeting of the full Committee on 9 December 2022.
5. That TfGM would continue to make the case to Government for a longer-term investment prospectus to support essential public transport services.
6. That the outcome of the data gathering exercise looking at night-time economy patterns be shared with the Committee once available.
7. That TfGM officers would feedback the suggestion of additional on-bus advertising 'wraps' to the marketing team.

Peter Boulton, Head of Highways, TfGM, took members through the report that provided members with an update on Department for Transport (DfT) road casualty figures for 2021. Also referenced within the report was Greater Manchester (GM) wide road safety initiatives and other road safety related developments, legacy road safety schemes supported by the Safer Roads Greater Manchester (SRGM) Partnership, and Local Authority (LA) scheme funding information.

In responding to a member's query raised regarding 'Vision Zero', officers explained that this wasn't an adopted policy decision. However, it was noted that was an ambition that GM should push towards. It was therefore agreed that under the Road Safety item, the Committee would continue to receive updates on the progress being made under Vision Zero.

With regards to the GM Safety Camera Project, it was reported that there were procurement delays for cameras following the change in the contracting model adopted by the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Framework. It was noted that there had been no degradation of the cameras in the previous year. In relation to spot speed cameras, it was reported that the tenders had been received and were currently being evaluated.

Members highlighted that the criteria for new speed cameras needed to be re-evaluated for the benefit of residents and in doing so recognised the capacity issue. However, Community Speed Watch was highlighted as a valuable asset and therefore noted the need for the urgent implementation of schemes.

It was reported that requests for new safety cameras were assessed by officers in LAs against the criteria based upon DfT's Circular. DfT had previously indicated that the updated document was expected to be published during 2022, however till date no further updates were received.

Concerns were raised around the road collision data gathered; it was felt that it was crucial for 1st responders to be able to input data on 'DfT Collision Reporting and Sharing (CRaSH)' on their mobile device to allow for better tracking. Officers noted the comments and advised members that a date for the roll out of CRaSH on mobile devices was yet to be agreed however this would be picked up with the general roll out of the system. GMP clarified that this new system was a part of the national programme that looked at the causes behind fatalities on the roads across the country.

Perception/Driver Behaviour was highlighted as a major factor linked to speeding accidents and damage. It was noted that young individuals were linked to such cases it was therefore felt that road safety education was key to drive behavioural change. Officers noted the comments and informed the Committee of the various operations carried out by GMP and advised of the initiatives under the Road Danger Reduction Action Plan.

With regards to the Road Danger Reduction Action Plan, a member sought to understand the success of the pilot. It was agreed that the findings of the pilot looking at the success of Community Safety, including further details for the Junior Road Safety Ambassador Programme would be shared with Councillor Stuart Haslam.

The need to have adequate infrastructure in place to ensure the success of the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund schemes. However, it was noted that in the interim GM could look at the sequencing of traffic light as a measure to reduce incident rates. It was agreed that officers would meet with Councillor David Meller to discuss TfGM's role in monitoring the traffic light network to enhance road safety.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report and its contents be noted.
2. That the Committee would continue to receive updates on the progress being made under Vision Zero.

3. That the findings of the pilot looking at the success of Community Safety, including further details for the Junior Road Safety Ambassador Programme would be shared with Councillor Stuart Haslam.
4. That officers would meet with Councillor David Meller to discuss TfGM's role in monitoring the traffic light network to enhance road safety.

GMTC 46/22 TRAVELSAFE UPDATE

Lucy Kennon, Head of Resilience and Business Continuity, TfGM and Kate Green, TravelSafe Partnership Manager, TfGM took members through the report that provided an update on the work and achievements of the Greater Manchester TravelSafe Partnership during the first six-months of 2022, alongside a summary of the outcomes and successes of the GMP Transport Unit.

Members welcomed the report and welcomed the introduction of GMP Operation AVRO for the public transport network as a new force wide GMP initiative and thanked officers at TfGM and GMP for their continued efforts in tackling crime and antisocial behaviour on the public network.

A member highlighted that young people were heavily involved in anti-social behaviour (ASB) and therefore requested that further details on the work being done to educate young people. Officers noted the comments and advised that details to the team within the GM Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) that provide VRU College Safety Roadshows would be provided to Councillor Aasim Rashid.

Concerns were raised around the number of incidents of Crime and ASB on the Metrolink Network particularly on the Oldham and Rochdale Line (ORL). Officers noted that anti-social behaviour was a wider public transport concern, and that the reassurance work of the TravelSafe Partnership was vital.

A member requested a breakdown of activity in relation to the number of arrests made on the Rochdale line particularly. GMP officers advised on the current activity and agreed to respond to Councillor Phil Burke's queries outside the meeting.

Members noted the challenges associated with knife crime within LAs and therefore queried what was being done to tackle such issues. Members were advised that the sites that were considered as hotspots were actively monitored through the use of CCTVs and other monitoring measures. Officers assured members that GMP were also closely working with staff at TfGM's control room to ensure that officers were effectively deployed.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report and its contents be noted.
2. That officers would provide details of Councillor Aasim Rashid to the team within the GM Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) that provide VRU College Safety Roadshows.
3. That officers would respond to Councillor Phil Burke's queries regarding Anti-Social Behaviour on the Rochdale line outside the meeting.
4. That the introduction of GMP Operation AVRO for the public transport network be noted as a new force wide GMP initiative and that thanks be expressed to officers at TfGM and GMP for their continued efforts in tackling crime and antisocial behaviour on the public network.
5. That the beginning of delivery of the Safer Streets (Round 4) projects be noted.

GMTC 47/22 WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED /-

1. That the proposed Work Programme for the GM Transport Committee and its Sub Committees be noted.
2. That all bus operators be reminded of their invitation to attend Bus Services Sub Committee.

GMCA 48/22 DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED /-

That the dates and times of the Full Committee and the Sub Committees for the forthcoming year be noted.

Active Travel	28-Oct-22
Metrolink & Rail	11-Nov-22
Bus Services	18-Nov-22
Full committee	09-Dec-22
Metrolink & Rail	13-Jan-23
Bus Services	20-Jan-23
Full committee	17-Feb-23
Metrolink & Rail	03-Mar-23
Bus Services	10-Mar-23
Full committee	17-Mar-23

Signed by the Chair: (to be printed off and signed by the Chair at the next meeting)

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