

## GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Wednesday, 21st February, 2024

**TIME:** 1.00 pm

**VENUE:** The Tootal Buildings - Broadhurst House , 1st Floor, 56  
Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 6EU

### AGENDA

**7. The Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021- 1 - 24**

**Procurement Update**

To be presented by GM Mayor, Andy Burnham.

Report to follow

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TfGM.

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Report of Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer, GMCA &  
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<b>BURY</b>	<b>OLDHAM</b>	<b>SALFORD</b>	<b>TAMESIDE</b>	<b>WIGAN</b>

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Report of Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer, GMCA &  
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Report to follow

For copies of papers and further information on this meeting please refer to the website

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This agenda was issued on Thursday 15 February 2024 on behalf of Julie Connor,  
Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority,  
Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford Street,  
Manchester M1 6EU

**Date:** 23 February 2024

**Subject:** The Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021 –  
Procurement Update

**Report of:** Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, Portfolio Lead for  
Transport and Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer, TfGM and  
GMCA

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## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide an update and make a number of recommendations in relation to the procurement process for the Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021 (the Scheme), in particular to note and agree the outcome of the process to procure service providers to operate the five Large Local Service Contracts in Sub-Area C of the Scheme. Five further reports on the outcome of the evaluation of tenders in relation to these Large Local Service Contracts have been submitted in Part B of the agenda.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The GMCA is requested to:

1. Note and agree the outcome of the process to procure a preferred service provider to operate the Hyde Road, Sharston, Stockport, Tameside and Wythenshawe Large Local Service Contracts in Sub-Area C of the Scheme;
2. Note the proposed key contractual arrangements of the Hyde Road, Sharston, Stockport, Tameside and Wythenshawe Large Local Service Contracts.

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## Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

Impacts Questionnaire		
Impact Indicator	Result	Justification/Mitigation
Equality and Inclusion	G	
Health	G	
Resilience and Adaptation	G	
Housing	G	
Economy	G	
Mobility and Connectivity	G	
Carbon, Nature and Environment	G	
Consumption and Production		
Contribution to achieving the GM Carbon Neutral 2038 target		
<b>Further Assessment(s):</b>	Equalities Impact Assessment and Carbon Assessment	
 <b>Positive</b> impacts overall, whether long or short term.	 <b>Mix of positive and negative</b> impacts. Trade-offs to consider.	 <b>Mostly negative</b> , with at least one <b>positive</b> aspect. Trade-offs to consider.
	 <b>Negative</b> impacts overall.	

## **Risk Management:**

Risks associated are being captured and managed as part of the overall Bus Franchising programme.

## **Legal Considerations:**

Legal considerations are set out in the report.

## **Financial Consequences – Revenue:**

The financial consequences relating to this report are included in the background papers set out below

## **Financial Consequences – Capital:**

The financial consequences relating to this report are included in the background papers set out below

## **Number of attachments to the report:**

Appendices

Appendix 1: The Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021 Bus reform decision March 2021 - Greater Manchester Combined Authority  
([greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](http://greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk))

## **Background Papers:**

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report.

- Report to GMCA titled Budget Paper C - GMCA Transport Revenue Budget 2021/22 dated 12 February 2021
- Report to GMCA titled Bus Reform: Consultation and the GMCA Response dated 23 March 2021
- Decision of the Mayor 25th March 2021
- Report to GMCA titled is Bus Reform: The Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021 - Implementation and Operation dated 28 May 2021.

- Transport Revenue budget paper: [B. GMCA Transport Revenue Budget 2024-25.pdf \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](#) dated 9 February 2024

## Tracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

Yes

## Exemption from call in:

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

No

## Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee meets on 21 February 2024 and comments will be reported to the GMCA on 23 February 2024

To be considered on 21 February 2024.

## Comments/recommendations from Bee Network Committee N/A

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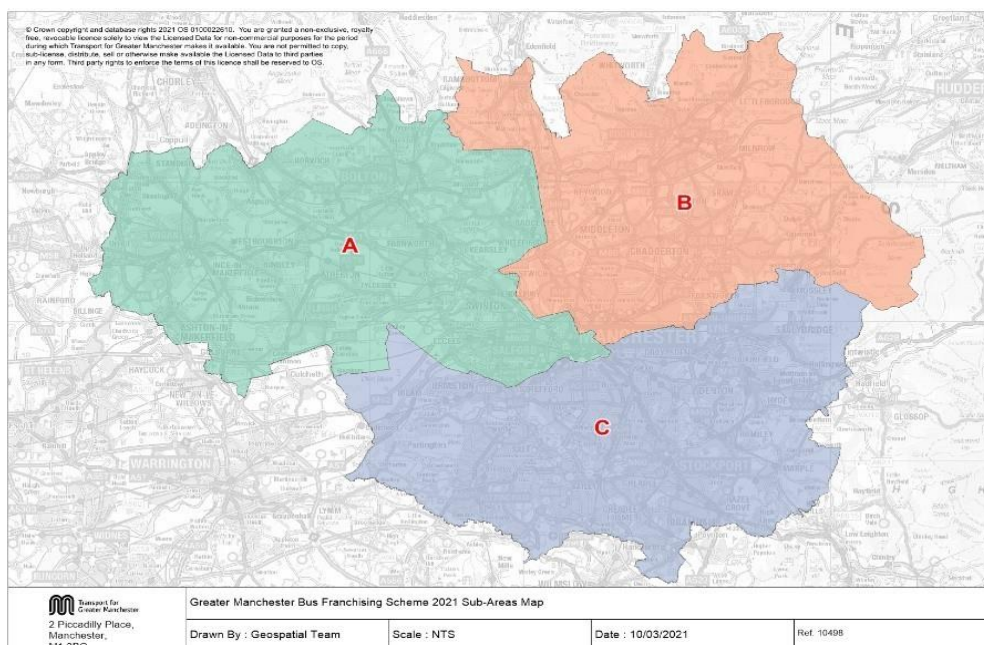
## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As members are aware, the GMCA considered the TfGM report titled 'Bus Franchising in Greater Manchester March 2021: Consultation Report' at its meeting on 23 March 2021 and recommended to the Mayor that he make a franchising scheme as more particularly set out in Appendix 5 to that report.
- 1.2 On 25 March 2021, the Mayor made the decision to make the franchising scheme. Subsequently the Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021 ("the Scheme") was made on 30 March 2021 which was published in a Notice on the same date. At the same time the GMCA published its response to the consultation together with the Mayor's decision, as required by section 123G of the Transport Act 2000 and (on behalf of the Mayor) the Franchising Scheme itself.
- 1.3 At its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 the GMCA agreed to:
  - a) commence the procurement process for the Local Service Contracts required for the implementation and operation of Tranche 2 and Tranche 3 of the Scheme. Tranche 3 includes the Hyde Road, Sharston, Stockport, Tameside and Wythenshawe Large Local Service Contracts.
  - b) delegate to TfGM the authority to undertake and manage the procurement process on its behalf with a requirement that TfGM recommend to GMCA the preferred bidder in relation to each Local Service Contract; the decision to award the Large Local Service Contracts is to be taken by the GMCA.
- 1.4 At its meeting on 09<sup>th</sup> June 2023 the GMCA agreed to:
  - a) delegate to TfGM the authority to manage the implementation and operation of the Scheme and Local Service Contracts on behalf of the GMCA, in accordance with the provisions of an agreed Protocol with the GMCA.
- 1.5 The procurement process has been undertaken by a project team which includes TfGM internal specialists, and external legal, commercial and financial advisers. This report updates the GMCA on the current position in relation to the procurement process for the Scheme (in particular the Hyde Road, Sharston, Stockport, Tameside and Wythenshawe Large Local

Service Contracts) and makes a series of recommendations. Five further reports on the outcome of the evaluation of tenders in relation to these Large Local Service Contracts have been submitted in Part B of the agenda.

## 2. PROCUREMENT APPROACH- SUMMARY

- 2.1 As members are aware, the Franchising Scheme applies to the entire Greater Manchester area, which has, in turn, been divided into three franchising scheme 'sub-areas' (namely Franchising Scheme Sub-Areas A, B & C) to allow the transition from the existing deregulated market to a franchised model to take place over a period of time.
- 2.2 Tranche 1 (Sub-Area A) principally covers the north-west of Greater Manchester (operational start date was 24 September 2023),
- 2.3 Tranche 2 (Sub-Area B) will principally cover the north-east of Greater Manchester (operational start date of 24 March 2024), and
- 2.4 Tranche 3 (Sub-Area C) will principally cover the south of Greater Manchester (operational start date of 5 January 2025).
- 2.5 The extent of each sub-area is set out in the map below.



- 2.6 The Hyde Road Large Local Service Contract largely covers the services that run within or into/out of the Hyde Road area including services operating into Stockport and South Manchester. The Sharston Large Local Service



Contract largely covers the services that run within or into/out of the Sharston area including services operating into South Manchester. The Stockport Large Local Service Contract largely covers the services that make up the local the Stockport area including services operating into Manchester. The Tameside Large Local Service Contract largely covers the services that make up the local Tameside network as well as key services linking with Central Manchester. The Wythenshawe Large Local Service Contract largely covers the services that make up the local Wythenshawe network as well as key services linking with Central Manchester. The duration of the Franchise Agreement for each contract will be 5 years from the Commencement Date (namely 05 January 2025), plus two optional extensions, each of 1 year (i.e., 5+1+1) to 04 January 2032.

- 2.7 Under franchising all local bus services provided within Greater Manchester (subject to certain exceptions including interim services, services provided under a permit and services which are excepted from regulation) are to be provided under a Local Service Contract. There are three categories of Local Service Contract – large, small and those relating to school services.
- 2.8 Local Service Contracts are awarded through competitive procurement processes under which operators tender for the exclusive right to provide certain local services. The successful operators have to provide those local services on the terms specified in the relevant contract, including those relating to frequency and standards. The services that are being franchised are listed in the Scheme (Appendix 1 to this report).
- 2.9 The packaging strategy for the Franchising Scheme is comprised of 10 large Local Service Contracts (a general principle of one large franchise per strategic depot has been adopted) and 14 small Local Service Contracts being let across the whole Scheme.
- 2.10 The 10 large Local Service Contracts are being let in three ‘tranches’ Tranche 1 relates to the Local Service Contracts which relate to Sub-Area A, Tranche 2 to Sub-Area B and Tranche 3 to Sub-Area C. The procurement exercise has been run for each tranche broadly sequentially albeit with some overlap. Once the Scheme has become operational across all areas franchising arrangements will apply across the whole of Greater Manchester.

### **3. Procurement of Local Service Contracts**

- 3.1 Procurement of the bus franchising operations has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (UCR 2016). The negotiated procedure was adopted for Tranche 3 because of the additional flexibility it provides. As members will recall from the Commercial Case set out in the Assessment, the negotiated procedure enables contracting authorities to enter into negotiations with a group of pre-qualified bidders by way of an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) notably in areas such as the terms and conditions of any franchise agreement. The negotiated procedure provides greater flexibility than the restricted procedure but provides less scope for negotiating with the preferred bidder than competitive dialogue.

### **Qualification system**

- 3.2 As set out in the Assessment, a qualification system has been used for the procurement of all Local Service Contracts under the Scheme. This means that Bidders are only required to complete the qualification process once and therefore represents a much more efficient system than a typical pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) approach as there is no need for repeated issue and evaluation.
- 3.3 On 5 August 2021 TfGM published a Periodic Indicative Notice (PIN) on behalf of GMCA on Find a Tender (FTS) outlining that it would be introducing a qualification system for the provision of franchised bus services. TfGM, on behalf of GMCA, published a Qualifications System Notice (QSN) via Find a Tender on 6 August 2021.
- 3.4 Acceptance onto the qualification system resulted in an operator becoming a Passport Holder.

### **Expressions of Interest**

- 3.5 On 09 May 2023 TfGM, on behalf of GMCA, sent a Franchise Expression of Interest (Eoi) for each of the Large Local Service Contracts contained within Sub-Area C to all Passport Holders asking whether they wished to express an interest in one or more franchises contained within Sub-Area C.
- 3.6 The Eoi tests economic and financial standing, the purpose being to ensure that operators are of sufficient size and financial robustness relative to each franchise opportunity. Passport Holders were also provided with the

remaining procurement documents, including the draft Invitation to Negotiation (ITN) and franchising agreement, as required by the UCR 2016.

- 3.7 All potential bidders who successfully satisfied the requirements of the Qualification System (Passport Holders) were also required, as part of the EoI stage to confirm agreement to the terms and conditions set out in the Bus Services Framework Agreement (“BSFA”) as a further condition of being considered for any franchise.
- 3.8 Passport Holders who received the EoI had until 09 June 2023 to express their interest in one or more Local Service Contracts contained within Sub-Area C and answer the selection questions contained within the EoI.
- 3.9 All Passport Holders who had expressed their interest in one or more of the Hyde Road, Sharston, Stockport, Tameside and Wythenshawe Large Local Service Contracts and whose selection question responses met the minimum thresholds in the EoI, were issued with an ITN Initial Phase document for the relevant Large Franchise(s). Passport Holders who were being taken through to the ITN Phase were notified on 23 June 2023. These Passport Holders were now considered to be Bidders in respect of the Sub-Area C Large Local Service Contract(s) in which they had expressed an interest.

### **Invitation to Negotiate**

- 3.10 The ITN phase of the procurement process commenced on 26 June 2023. For the Sub-Area C Large Local Service Contracts there was a one-stage ITN process.
- 3.11 The ITN Phase allowed bidders to submit short proposals in response to a small number of franchise specific issues or requirements. These proposals were reviewed to provide bidders feedback to be used in the ITN Phase and bid submission. However, there was no shortlisting of bidders at this stage.
- 3.12 The final version of the Franchise Agreements and ITN were issued on 09 October 2023, as was the call for final tenders. There followed a period of time for qualification questions and ITN responses had to be submitted by 10 November 2023.

## **Evaluation, preferred bidder and contract close**

- 3.14 Bidders submitted their bids by the deadline of 10 November as required by the ITN. There was a very strong level of interest in each of the 5 Large Local Service Contracts, with each Large Local Service Contract tender receiving between 5 and 7 bids. Following completion of initial compliance checks, the bids were passed to TfGM's and GMCA's evaluation teams for their consideration. The outcome of the evaluation process is described in the accompanying reports in Part B of the agenda along with a series of recommendations.

## **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 The recommendations are set out at the beginning of the report.

Eamonn Boylan

**Chief Executive Officer, TfGM and GMCA**

**BUS FRANCHISING SCHEME & NOTICE – 30 March 2021**

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## TRANSPORT ACT 2000

### The Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021

Made 30/03/2021

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## WHEREAS:

- A The Transport Act 2000 (as amended) ("**2000 Act**") makes provision for a franchising authority to make a franchising scheme covering the whole or any part of its area. The GMCA is a franchising authority as defined in the 2000 Act.
- B The GMCA gave notice of its intention to prepare an assessment of a proposed scheme in accordance with sections 123B and section 123C(4) of the 2000 Act on 30 June 2017. Having complied with the process as set out in the Act, the GMCA may determine to make the scheme in accordance with sections 123G and 123H of the 2000 Act.

**NOW**, therefore, the Mayor on behalf of the GMCA, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 123G and 123H of the 2000 Act, and of all other enabling powers, hereby **MAKES THE FOLLOWING FRANCHISING SCHEME** (the "**Scheme**"):

### 1. CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1. This Scheme may be cited as the Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses 2021 and is made on 30/03/2021.
- 1.2. This Scheme shall come into operation on 29/01/2023 and shall remain in operation thereafter unless varied or revoked in accordance with the 2000 Act.

### 2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1. In this Scheme:
- 2.1.1 "**1985 Act**" means the Transport Act 1985;
- 2.1.2 "**2000 Act**" has the meaning given to it in Recital A;
- 2.1.3 "**Commencement Date**" has the meaning ascribed to it in article 1.2;
- 2.1.4 "**Franchising Scheme Area**" means the GMCA Area;
- 2.1.5 "**Franchising Scheme Sub-Area A**" means the area marked 'A' in the Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Scheme Sub-Areas Map;
- 2.1.6 "**Franchising Scheme Sub-Area B**" means the area marked 'B' in the Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Scheme Sub-Areas Map;
- 2.1.7 "**Franchising Scheme Sub-Area C**" means the area marked 'C' in the Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Scheme Sub-Areas Map;
- 2.1.8 "**Franchising Scheme Sub-Area**" means each of Franchising Scheme Sub-Area A, Franchising Scheme Sub-Area B and Franchising Scheme Sub-Area C;
- 2.1.9 "**GMCA**" means the Greater Manchester Combined Authority;
- 2.1.10 "**GMCA Area**" means the area consisting of the areas of the metropolitan district councils for the local government areas of Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan;



- 2.1.11 **“Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Scheme 2021 Sub-Areas Map”** means the map so described which is deposited at TfGM’s offices at 2 Piccadilly Place, Manchester, M1 3BG<sup>1</sup>. (A smaller scale version of this plan is at Annex 5 for the purposes solely of illustration.)
- 2.1.12 **“Large Franchise Contract”** shall mean a Local Service Contract which (together with any contract referred to in article 5.3) has a Peak Vehicle Requirement of no less than 34 vehicles;
- 2.1.13 **“Local Service Contract”** has the same meaning as in section 123A(5) of the 2000 Act;
- 2.1.14 **“Local Services”** has the same meaning as in section 2 of the 1985 Act;
- 2.1.15 **“Operator”** means a person operating a local service, and references to an Operator shall be construed in accordance with section 137(7) of the 1985 Act;
- 2.1.15 **“Peak Vehicle Requirement”** means the number of vehicles required to operate the Local Services in accordance with the terms of a Large Franchise Contract and at its highest frequency;
- 2.1.16 **“Scholars' Service”** means a Local Service providing transport for pupils to and/or from schools within the Franchising Scheme Area which does not provide transport to the general public;
- 2.1.17 **“TfGM”** means Transport for Greater Manchester.

### **3. THE FRANCHISING SCHEME AREA AND SUB-AREAS**

- 3.1. The GMCA Area is hereby designated as the area to which the Scheme relates<sup>2</sup>.
- 3.2. Franchising Scheme Sub-Area A, Franchising Scheme Sub-Area B and Franchising Scheme Sub-Area C are specified areas within the GMCA Area<sup>3</sup>.

### **4. ENTRY INTO LOCAL SERVICE CONTRACTS**

- 4.1. The date on which a Local Service Contract to provide a Local Service may first be entered into:<sup>4</sup>
- 4.1.1 in respect of the Franchising Scheme Sub-Area A, shall be 30/04/2022;
- 4.1.2 in respect of the Franchising Scheme Sub-Area B, shall be 17/04/2023; and
- 4.1.3 in respect of the Franchising Scheme Sub-Area C, shall be 01/04/2024.

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1 The map is available for inspection there and online at [www.tfgm.com/our-buses](http://www.tfgm.com/our-buses)

2 s123H(2)(a).

3 S123H(3)(a).

4 Section 123H(2)(c).

- 4.2. The minimum period that is to expire between the dates set out in article 4.1 and the provision of a Local Service under a Local Service Contract in each such Franchise Scheme Sub-Area shall be a period of 9 months.
- 4.3. The date on which a Local Service may first be provided under a Local Service Contract:
- 4.3.1 in respect of Franchising Scheme Sub-Area A, shall be 29/01/2023;
- 4.3.2 in respect of Franchising Scheme Sub-Area B, shall be 21/01/2024; and
- 4.3.3 in respect of Franchising Scheme Sub-Area C, shall be 05/01/2025.

## **5. SERVICES UNDER LOCAL SERVICE CONTRACTS**

- 5.1. Subject to paragraph 2 of this article and to article 6, the Local Services that are appropriate, and are intended, to be provided under Local Service Contracts are those specified in Annex 1 and Annex 2 to this Scheme<sup>5</sup>.
- 5.2. Such services do not include:
- 5.2.1 any Local Service marked \* in Annex 1 to the extent that it operates within Franchise Scheme Sub-Area B until immediately before the date on which subsections (2) and (3) of section 123J of the 2000 Act apply to Franchise Scheme Sub-Area B;
- 5.2.2 any Local Service marked + in Annex 1 to the extent it operates within Franchise Scheme Sub-Area C until immediately before the date on which subsections (2) and (3) of section 123J of the 2000 Act apply to Franchise Scheme Sub-Area C; and
- 5.2.3 any Local Service listed in Annex 2 to the extent that it serves a school or college located within Franchise Scheme Sub-Area B or Franchise Scheme Sub-Area C until immediately before the date on which subsections (2) and (3) of section 123J of the 2000 Act apply to Franchise Scheme Sub-Area B or Franchise Scheme Sub-Area C respectively.
- 5.3. The GMCA may agree with a person with whom a Local Service Contract has been made that that person should also provide in conjunction with that service a Local Service referred to in article 5.2 otherwise than under a Local Service Contract.

## **6. EXCEPTIONS FROM THE SCHEME**

- 6.1. The Local Services excepted from regulation arising because of the Scheme are those listed in Annex 3.

## **7. SCHEME FACILITIES**

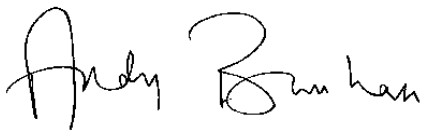
- 7.1. The additional facilities that the GMCA consider appropriate to provide in the GMCA Area are such depots as may facilitate the letting of the Large Franchise Contracts.

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<sup>5</sup> s123H(2)(b).

**8. PLAN FOR CONSULTING ON OPERATION OF THE SCHEME**

- 8.1. The GMCA will consult such organisations being those that appear to the GMCA to be representative of users of Local Services (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Franchise Contract Services), and may consult other organisations and persons, as the GMCA thinks fit.
- 8.2. The purpose of any consultation undertaken in accordance with this article 8 is to seek the views of the users of Local Services on how well the Scheme is working<sup>6</sup>. The GMCA will consult in accordance with this article 8 within a period of twelve months from the date set out in article 4.3.3 and at such other times periodically as the GMCA considers appropriate.
- 8.3. Any consultations carried out in accordance with this article 8 shall last for a period of time as the GMCA thinks fit so as to ensure that those organisations and persons described in article 8.1 have sufficient time to respond.
- 8.4. The GMCA will make available to the public its response to any consultation carried out in accordance with this article 8.



**THE MAYOR OF GREATER MANCHESTER**

**30 March 2021**

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<sup>6</sup> Section 123(A)(9).

## ANNEXES TO THE SCHEME

### ANNEX 1: SERVICES INCLUDED - ARTICLE 5

#### General Services

Leigh - Golborne - Wigan  
Cadishead - intu Trafford Centre - Manchester City Centre +  
Wythenshawe - Northenden - Manchester City Centre  
Chorlton - Manchester City Centre  
Manchester Airport - Wythenshawe - Manchester City Centre  
Timperley - Northenden - Manchester City Centre  
Brookhouse - Eccles - Manchester City Centre  
Withington - Manchester City Centre  
Middleton - Moston - Manchester City Centre  
Alkrington - Moston - Manchester City Centre  
Middleton - NMGH Circular  
Crumpsall - Moston - Manchester City Centre  
Altrincham - Wythenshawe – Stockport  
Middleton - Birch Circular  
Leigh - Boothstown - intu Trafford Centre  
Middleton - Moorclose Circular  
Wigan - Boothstown - intu Trafford Centre  
Bury - Whitefield - Manchester City Centre  
East Didsbury - University - Manchester City Centre  
West Didsbury - University - Manchester City Centre  
West Didsbury - Manchester City Centre  
NMGH – Moston – Oldham  
Hyde - Chorlton - intu Trafford Centre  
Ashton – Collyhurst – NMGH +  
Middleton - NMGH - Manchester City Centre  
Oldham - Failsworth – Middleton  
Flixton - Urmston - Manchester City Centre  
Norden - Middleton - Manchester City Centre  
Bury - Middleton - Manchester City Centre  
Rochdale - Middleton - Manchester City Centre  
East Didsbury - Gorton - Newton Heath +  
Withington - Gorton - Newton Heath +  
Eccles - intu Trafford Centre – Wythenshawe  
Greenfield - Oldham  
Shaw – Chadderton – Manchester City Centre  
Shaw – Royal Oldham Hospital - Manchester City Centre  
Royal Oldham Hospital - Oldham – Limeside  
Standedge - Uppermill - Oldham – Manchester City Centre  
Langley - Middleton - Manchester City Centre - Manchester Royal Infirmary +  
Hazel Grove - Stockport - University - Manchester City Centre  
Hazel Grove - Stockport - Manchester City Centre  
Stockport - Green End - Longsight - Manchester City Centre  
Wythenshawe – Sale  
Manchester Airport - Wythenshawe – Altrincham

Manchester City Centre - Spinningfields Circular  
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Hattersley - Hyde - Manchester City Centre  
Stockport - Reddish - Manchester City Centre  
Dane Bank - Manchester City Centre  
Ashton - Droylsden - Manchester City Centre  
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Altrincham - Hale Moss Circular  
Altrincham - Warburton Circular  
Altrincham - Timperley Circular  
Altrincham - Bowdon Vale Circular  
East Didsbury - Northenden - Altrincham - Manchester Airport  
Boothstown – Swinton – Salford Quays  
Manchester City Centre - Victoria Circular  
Wigan - Highfield Grange Circular  
Bolton - intu Trafford Centre  
Manchester Airport - Cheadle Hulme - Stockport  
Stockport - Offerton Circular  
Haughton Green - Brinnington - Stockport  
Stockport - Haughton Green Circular  
Stockport - Brinnington Circular  
Denton - Brinnington - Stockport  
Stockport - Bridge Hall - Cheadle  
Worsley - Eccles - Manchester City Centre  
Ashton - Hyde - Stockport  
Ashton - Denton – Dane Bank  
Bryn - Leigh - Manchester City Centre  
Broadbottom - Hattersley - Hyde

Hyde - Gee Cross Circular  
 Oldham - Lees - Stalybridge – Hyde  
 Ashton - Denton Circular  
 Gee Cross - Hyde - Ashton  
 Ashton - Haughton Green Circular  
 Ashton - Stalybridge – Carrbrook +  
 Ashton - Uppermill – Oldham +  
 Oldham – Denshaw – Uppermill – Ashton  
 Strines - Marple – Stockport  
 Bolton - Little Hulton - Manchester City Centre  
 Stockport - Hazel Grove - Disley  
 Standish - Wigan  
 Stockport - Woodbank Park Circular  
 Wythenshawe Hospital - Cheadle Hulme - Stockport  
 Manchester Airport - Wythenshawe - Stockport  
 Hazel Grove - Davenport - Stockport  
 Mellor - Stepping Hill - Stockport  
 Cheadle Hulme – Bramhall - Stockport  
 Bolton - Farnworth - Manchester City Centre  
 Woodley - Romiley - Bredbury - Stockport  
 Stockport - Marple Circular  
 Hyde - Stalybridge – Ashton +  
 Ashton – Stalybridge – Dukinfield – Yew Tree +  
 Logistics North - Walkden - Manchester City Centre  
 Middleton – Chadderton – Ashton  
 Wigan - Kitt Green Circular  
 Derker – Oldham - Oozewood  
 Oldham - Shaw - High Crompton - Rushcroft Circular  
 Rochdale – Shaw - Oldham  
 Ashton - Oldham – Rochdale +  
 Sale - Manchester City Centre – Middleton +  
 Middleton - Chadderton – Oldham  
 Oldham - Holts Circular  
 Reddish - East Didsbury - Manchester City Centre  
 Woodford - East Didsbury - Manchester City Centre  
 Stockport - East Didsbury - Manchester City Centre  
 Manchester Airport - Withington - Manchester City Centre  
 Shaw - Turf Hill – Rochdale  
 Manchester City Centre – Northenden – Wythenshawe Hospital  
 Rochdale – Syke  
 Rochdale - Foxholes Circular  
 Norden - Bamford – Rochdale  
 Rochdale – Healey  
 Peppermint Bridge - Newhey – Rochdale  
 Littleborough – Rochdale  
 Rochdale - Ladyhouse Circular  
 Rochdale - Bamford – Bury  
 Rochdale - Greave - Bamford – Bury  
 Bury – Tottington  
 Bolton - Bury – Rochdale

Bury - Ramsbottom Circular  
Heywood - Fairfield Hospital – Bury  
Bury - Summerseat – Ramsbottom  
Bury - Tottington – Bolton  
Fern Grove – Bury  
East Didsbury - Manchester City Centre - Salford Quays  
Farnworth - Bolton - Johnson Fold  
Bolton - Harwood Circular  
Bolton - Breightmet – Bury  
Bury – Ainsworth – Farnworth \*  
Bury - Whitefield – Farnworth \*  
Horwich - Westhoughton - Atherton - Leigh  
Failsworth - Salford - intu Trafford Centre  
Little Lever - Royal Bolton Hospital - Blackrod  
Bolton - Radcliffe – Bury  
Bolton - Hall I'th Wood Circular  
Barrow Bridge - Bolton  
Salford - Old Trafford - Cheetham Hill +  
Egerton - Tonge Moore - Bolton  
Oldhams Estate - Bolton  
Bolton - Astley Bridge – Horrocks Fold  
Bolton - Astley Bridge Circular  
Bromley Cross - Bolton  
Bolton - Little Lever Circular  
Ringley Fold – Farnworth – Royal Bolton Hospital  
Ashton - Hindley - Bolton  
Bolton - Withins Estate Circular  
Manchester City Centre - NMGH Circular  
Sutton Estate - Bolton  
Bolton - Great Lever Circular  
Bolton - Markland Hill  
Wigan - Horwich - Bolton  
Blackrod - Brazley - Bolton  
Leigh - Atherton - Bolton  
Tyldesley – Shakerley - Leigh  
Crankwood - Leigh  
Leigh - Lowton Circular  
Oldham - Manchester City Centre  
Leigh - Pennington - Lowton Circular  
Leigh – Hindley Green  
Leigh - Landside Circular  
Leigh Infirmary - Leigh Sports Village  
Wigan - Beech Hill Circular  
Ashton Heath - Ashton-In-Makerfield Circular  
New Springs - Wigan  
Platt Bridge - Wigan  
Wigan - Castle Hill Circular  
Shevington Vale – Wigan Infirmary  
Wigan - Shevington Moor Circular  
Eccles - Westwood Park Circular

Eccles - Worsley - Prestwich \*  
 Cadishead - Salford Royal Hospital - Manchester City Centre +  
 Bolton – Little Hulton - intu Trafford Centre  
 Rochdale - Kirkholt Circular  
 Stockport - Reddish – Ashton  
 Eccles – Ellesmere Park - Pendleton  
 Westhoughton – Bolton  
 Pendleton - Agecroft Circular  
 Hollinwood - Newton Heath - Manchester City Centre  
 Oldham - Failsworth - Manchester City Centre  
 Salford Quays – Stretford  
 Bolton - Westhoughton - Wigan  
 Leigh - Hindley - Wigan  
 Oldham - Manchester City Centre  
 Chorlton - Alexandra Park - Manchester City Centre  
 Chorlton - Brook's Bar - Manchester City Centre  
 Manchester City Centre - Chorlton – Sale  
 Bolton - Pendlebury - Manchester City Centre  
 Higher Folds - Leigh - Wigan  
 Bury - Pilsworth - Manchester City Centre  
 Bury - Prestwich - Manchester City Centre  
 NMGH - Pilsworth - Bury  
 Salford - Prestwich – Bury  
 Simister - Higher Broughton - Manchester City Centre  
 Bury - Unsworth - Manchester City Centre  
 Bury - Radcliffe - Manchester City Centre  
 Leigh - Tyldesley - Manchester City Centre – MRI +  
 Atherton - Tyldesley - Manchester City Centre – MRI +  
 Burgess Farm - Walkden Circular  
 Farnworth - Little Hulton - Manchester City Centre  
 intu Trafford Centre - Manchester City Centre  
 Flixton - Davyhulme - Manchester City Centre  
 Sale – Northenden - Stockport  
 Heywood - Middleton - Manchester City Centre  
 Carrcote - Uppermill - Manchester City Centre  
 Davyhulme – Chorlton  
 Greengate – Manchester City Centre  
 Higher Blackley – Moston – Manchester City Centre  
 Ashton - Hazelhurst Circular +  
 Bolton – Johnson Fold Circular  
 Rochdale – Littleborough Circular  
 Piccadilly – Victoria Circular  
 Sholver – Oldham  
 Oldham – Fitton Hill Circular  
 Bury – Norden – Rochdale  
 Nangreaves – Limefield - Bury  
 Manchester City Centre – Hyde – Gee Cross  
 Manchester City Centre – Cheadle – Handforth  
 Edgeley – Stockport – Heaton Mersey  
 intu Trafford Centre – Pendlebury – Clifton



Farnworth – Walkden – Higher Green  
Wigan – Pemberton – Worsley Hall Circular  
Oldham – Rushcroft Circular  
Rochdale – Wardle – Littleborough

## ANNEX 2: SERVICES INCLUDED - ARTICLE 5.2.3

### Services to Schools

Abraham Moss Community School  
Alder Community High School  
All Saints Catholic College  
Altrincham College of Arts  
Altrincham Grammar School for Boys  
Altrincham Grammar School for Girls  
Ashton-on-Mersey School  
Audenshaw School  
Bedford High School  
Blessed John Henry Newman College  
Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College  
Blue Coat School  
Bolton St Catherine's Academy  
Bramhall High School  
Broadoak School  
Buile Hill Visual Arts College  
Burnage Academy for Boys  
Bury Church of England High School  
Byrchall High School  
Cansfield High School  
Canon Slade School  
Castlebrook High School  
Cardinal Langley School  
Cedar Mount Academy  
Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College  
Cheadle Catholic Infants/Juniors  
Cheadle Hulme High School  
Chorlton High School  
Co-operative Academy Failsworth  
Copley Academy  
Crompton House School  
Dean Trust Ardwick  
Denton Community College  
Derby High School  
Droylsden Academy  
Elton High School  
Egerton High School  
Falinge Park High School  
Fairfield High School for Girls  
Flixton Girls High School  
Great Academy Ashton  
Harper Green High School  
Harrytown RC High School  
Hawkley High School  
Hazel Grove High School

Hinglley High School  
Hollingworth Academy  
Hope Academy  
Kingsway School  
Kingway Park High School  
Ladybridge High School  
Laurus Cheadle Hulme  
Levenshulme High School  
Little Lever High School  
Longdendale Community Language College  
Loreto Grammar School  
Loreto High School Chorlton  
Lostock College  
Lowton Church of England High School  
Manchester Academy  
Manchester Communications Academy  
Manchester Creative & Media Academy  
Manchester Enterprise Academy Central  
Manchester Enterprise Academy Wythenshawe  
Manchester Health Academy  
Manor High School  
Marple Hall School  
Matthew Moss High School  
Mossley Hollins High School  
Mount St Joseph RC High School  
Newall Green High School  
North Chadderton School  
Oasis Academy Oldham  
Oulder Hill Community High School  
Our Lady's R.C. High School  
Parrenthorn High School  
Parrs Wood High School  
Philips High School  
Poynton High School  
Priestnall School  
Reddish Vale High School  
Rivington and Blackrod High School  
Rose Bridge Academy  
Royton and Crompton School  
Saddleworth School  
Sale Grammar School  
Sale High School  
Samuel Laycock High School  
Sharples High School  
Shevington High School  
Siddal Moor Sports College  
Smithills School  
St Ambrose Barlow RC High School and Sixth Form College  
St Ambrose College  
St Anne's Academy

St Anthony's Catholic College  
St Cuthbert's RC High School  
St Damian's RC Science College  
St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School  
St Gabriel's RC High School  
St Hugh's Catholic School  
St James' Catholic High School  
St James' Church of England School  
St John Fisher Catholic High School  
St John Rigby College  
St Joseph's RC High School  
St Mary's Catholic High School  
St Matthew's RC High School  
St Monica's RC High School  
St Paul's Catholic High School  
St Patrick's RC High School and Arts College  
St Peter's Catholic High School  
St Peter's RC High School  
St Simon's Catholic Primary School  
St Thomas More RC College  
Standish Community High School  
Stretford Grammar School  
Stretford High School  
Stockport Academy  
The Barlow RC High School  
The Co-operative Academy of Manchester  
The East Manchester Academy  
The King David High School  
The Radclyffe School  
Thornleigh Salesian College  
Tottington High School  
Trinity Church of England High School  
Turton High School & Media Arts College  
Urmston Grammar School  
Walkden High School  
Wardle Academy  
Waterhead Academy  
Wellacre Academy  
Wellington School  
Westhoughton High School  
Westleigh High School  
Whalley Range 11-18 High School  
Werneth School  
William Hulme's Grammar School  
Winstanley College  
Woodhey High School  
Wright Robinson College

### **ANNEX 3: EXCEPTED SERVICES - ARTICLE 6**

- 1.1 a Scholars' Service;
- 1.2 Any Local Service marked # in Annex 4 to the extent that it operates in Franchise Scheme Sub-Area A until immediately before the date on which subsections (2) and (3) of section 123J of the 2000 Act applies to Franchise Scheme Sub-Area B; and
- 1.3 Any Local Service marked ^ in Annex 4 to the extent that it operates in Franchise Scheme Sub-Area A or Franchise Scheme Sub-Area B until immediately before the date on which subsections (2) and (3) of section 123J of the 2000 Act applies to Franchise Scheme Sub-Area C.

#### ANNEX 4: TEMPORARY EXCEPTIONS – ANNEX 3 PARAGRAPHS 1.2 AND 1.3

Cadishead – intu Trafford Centre – Manchester City Centre #  
Wythenshawe – Baguley – Northenden – Manchester ^  
Wythenshawe Hospital – Wythenshawe – Manchester ^  
Manchester Airport – Wythenshawe – Manchester ^  
Timperley – Brooklands – Northenden – Manchester ^  
Southern Cemetery – Withington – Manchester ^  
Middleton – Moston – Collyhurst – Manchester #  
Alkrington – Moston – Collyhurst – Manchester #  
Higher Blackley/NMGH – Moston – Manchester #  
Bury – Whitefield – Cheetham Hill – Manchester #  
East Didsbury – University – Manchester ^  
West Didsbury – Rusholme – University – Manchester ^  
West Didsbury – Piccadilly Rail Station ^  
Hyde – Chorlton – intu Trafford Centre ^  
Middleton – Higher Blackley – NMGH – Manchester #  
Flixton – Davyhulme – Urmston – Manchester ^  
Norden – Middleton – Manchester #  
Bury – Darn Hill – Middleton – Manchester #  
Rochdale – Middleton – Blackley – Manchester #  
Eccles - intu Trafford Centre – Wythenshawe ^  
Rochdale – Chadderton – Moston – Manchester #  
Rochdale – Shaw – Chadderton – Manchester #  
Standedge – Uppermill – Oldham – Manchester #  
Langley – Middleton – Manchester – MRI #  
Hazel Grove – Stockport – Manchester ^  
Stockport – Green End – Longsight – Manchester ^  
Piccadilly – Chinatown – Spinningfields Circular #  
Hattersley – Hyde – Denton – Manchester ^  
Stockport – Reddish – Belle Vue – Manchester ^  
Denton – Dane Bank – West Gorton – Manchester ^  
Ashton – Droylsden – Clayton – Manchester ^  
Manchester – Openshaw – Ashton – Stalybridge ^  
Manchester – Stalybridge – Glossop Night Service ^  
Manchester – Dukinfield – Stalybridge ^  
Dukinfield – Audenshaw – Openshaw – Manchester ^  
Ashton – Little Moss – Manchester ^  
Ashton – Droylsden – Clayton – Manchester ^  
intu Trafford Centre – Didsbury – Stockport ^  
intu Trafford Centre – Stretford – Altrincham ^  
intu Trafford Centre – Flixton – Altrincham ^  
intu Trafford Centre – Chorlton – Stockport ^  
intu Trafford Centre – Old Trafford – Manchester ^  
Partington – Flixton – Urmston – Manchester ^  
Partington – Urmston – Stretford – Manchester ^  
Flixton – Stretford – Hulme – Manchester ^  
Altrincham – Sale – Hulme – Manchester ^

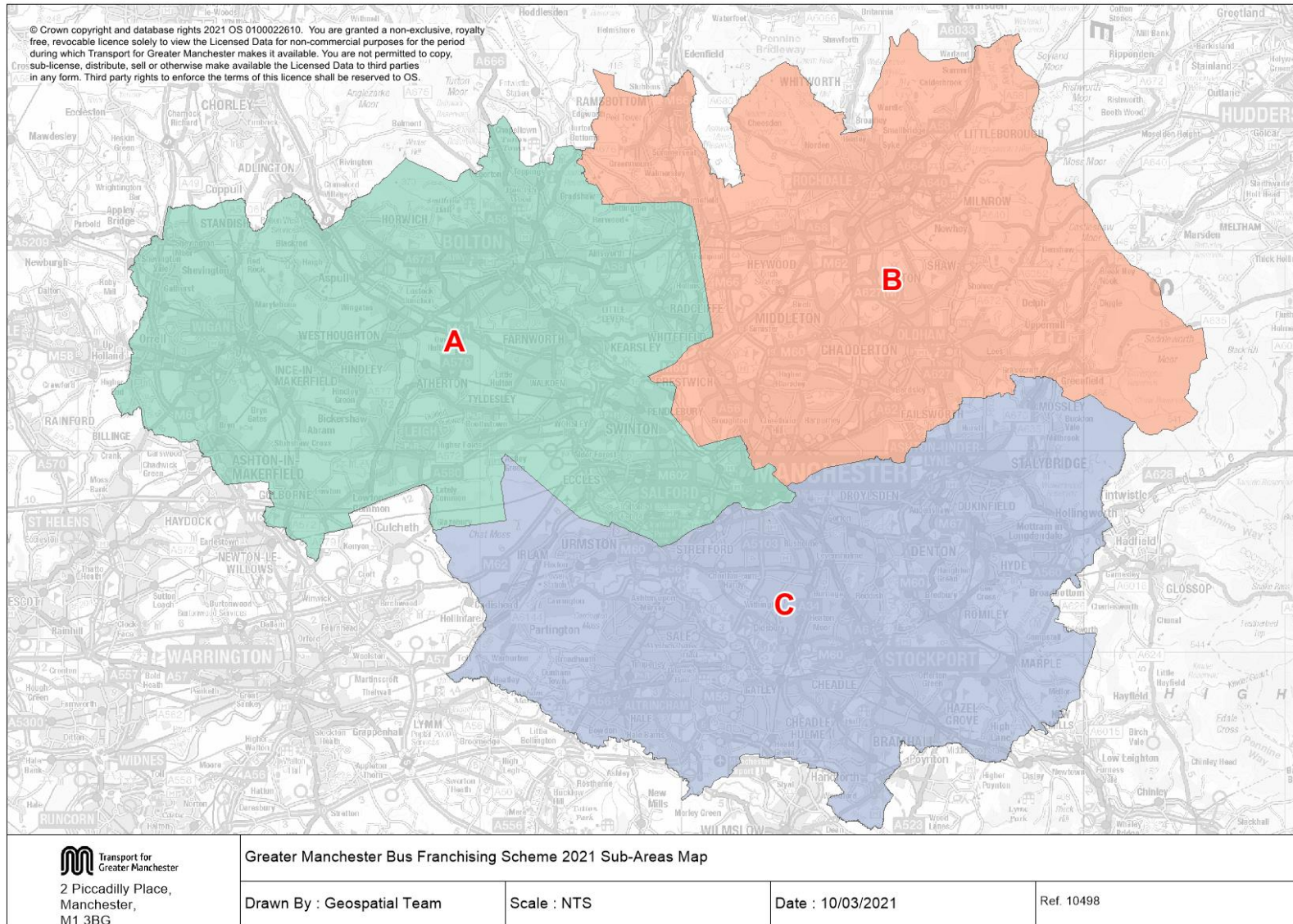
Piccadilly – Deansgate – Victoria Circular #  
Worsley – Eccles – Manchester #  
Oldham – Lees – Carrbrook – Stalybridge – Hyde ^  
Wythenshawe - Sale - Stretford – Eccles ^  
Oldham – Denshaw – Uppermill – Ashton ^  
Logistics North – Walkden – Swinton – Manchester ^  
Middleton — Chadderton — Fitton Hill — Waterloo — Ashton ^  
Middleton – NMGH – Manchester – Northenden – Sale #  
Reddish – East Didsbury – Rusholme – Manchester ^  
Woodford – Bramhall – East Didsbury – Manchester ^  
Stockport – East Didsbury – Rusholme – Manchester ^  
Manchester Airport – Wythenshawe – Manchester ^  
Stockport – Manchester ^  
Rochdale – Daniel Fold – Bamford – Bury #  
Rochdale – Greave – Bamford – Jericho – Bury #  
Bury – Tottington #  
Bolton - Brightmet - Bury - Sudden – Rochdale #  
Bury – Walmersley – Holcome Brook Circular #  
Heywood – Fairfield Hospital – Bury #  
Bury – Summerseat – Ramsbottom #  
Bury - Tottington - Tonge Moor – Bolton #  
Fern Grove – Fishpool – Bury #

East Didsbury - Manchester - Salford Quays ^  
Bolton – Brightmet – Ainsworth – Walshaw – Bury #  
Failsworth - NMGH - Salford - intu Trafford Centre #  
Bolton – Little Lever – Radcliffe – Bury #  
Salford - Old Trafford - Cheetham Hill #  
Manchester – NMGH – Manchester Circular #  
Rushcroft – Oldham – Middleton – Manchester #  
Cadishead – Eccles – Salford Royal – Manchester #  
Pendleton – Seedley – Agecroft – Pendleton #  
Hollinwood – Woodhouses – Newton Heath – Manchester #  
Oldham – Limeside – Failsworth – Manchester ^  
Swinton – Pendleton – Salford Quays – Stretford ^  
Oldham – Moston – Manchester #  
Chorlton – Alexandra Park – Manchester ^  
Chorlton – Brooks’ Bar – Manchester ^  
Manchester – Chorlton – Sale Night Service ^  
Bury – Pilsworth – Carr Clough – Manchester #  
Bury – Prestwich – Agecroft – Manchester #  
NMGH – Cheetham Hill – Prestwich – Pilsworth #  
Salford – Prestwich – Whitefield – Bury #  
Simister – Higher Broughton – Manchester #  
Bury – Unsworth – Prestwich – Manchester #  
Bury – Radcliffe – Whitefield – Manchester #  
intu Trafford Centre – Manchester Express ^  
Flixton – Davyhulme – Manchester Express ^  
Heywood – Middleton – Manchester Limited Stop #  
Carrcote – Uppermill – Manchester Limited Stop #

Greengate – Manchester #  
Higher Blackley – Moston – Manchester #  
Piccadilly – Victoria Circular #  
Bury – Norden – Rochdale #  
Nangreaves – Limefield – Bury #  
Manchester – Gorton – Denton – Hyde – Gee Cross ^  
Manchester – Didsbury – Cheadle – Handforth ^



## ANNEX 5: GREATER MANCHESTER BUS FRANCHISING SCHEME 2021 SUB-AREAS MAP



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**Notice of an extended period for an application to vary or cancel a registration of a local service in the Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Area**

The Mayor is today publishing the Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses under section 123H(1) of the Transport Act 2000. This notice is given by him on behalf of GMCA<sup>1</sup> under regulation 4 of Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Franchising Schemes Transitional Provisions and Amendments) (England) Regulations 2018.

This Notice provides, in relation to an application to which regulation 4 applies, that, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) of that regulation, the period referred to in section 6(8)(a) of the Transport Act 1985 is 112 days beginning on the date on which the Traffic Commissioner accepts the application.

The period referred to in section 6(8)(a) of the 1985 Act is one that must expire before an application to vary or cancel the registration of a local service has effect. An application to which regulation 4, and thus this Notice, applies is an application:—

- (a) to vary or cancel the registration of a service that—
  - (i) has one or more stopping places in the area to which the Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses applies;
  - (ii) is not an excepted service;
  - (iii) is not an exempt service; and
  - (iv) is not one in relation to which registration restrictions have effect,and
- (b) that is accepted by a traffic commissioner before section 123J(2) of the 2000 Act has effect in relation to that area.

For further information about this Notice, please contact TfGM's Head of Legal Services at [kath.wilson@tfgm.com](mailto:kath.wilson@tfgm.com) or telephone 0161 244 1000.

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<sup>1</sup> If the function of publishing this notice is that of the GMCA itself, however, it is published by it (as the authority has resolved).

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