

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT
METROLINK & RAIL COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT THE
MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton Council
Councillor Mohammed Ayub	Bolton Council
Councillor Emma Taylor (Chair)	Manchester City Council
Councillor Norman Briggs	Oldham Council
Councillor Susan Emmott	Rochdale Council
Councillor Shah Wazir	Rochdale Council
Councillor Tom McGee	Stockport MBC
Councillor Angie Clark	Stockport MBC
Councillor Steve Adshead	Trafford Council
Councillor Andrew Western	GMCA

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Angelucci	Rail Officer, TfGM
Lindsay Dunn	Governance Officer, GMCA
Simon Elliott	Head of Rail Programme, TfGM
Victoria Mercer	Metrolink Service Delivery Manager, TfGM
Caroline Whittam	Head of Rail Services, TfGM
Gwynne Williams	Deputy Monitoring Officer, GMCA

OPERATORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jody Ball	Cross Country Trains
Dan Coles	Network Rail
Charlie French	Avanti
Chris Jackson	Northern
Claire Sprotson	Keolis Amey

1. APOLOGIES

That apologies be noted and received from Councillors Councillor Doreen Dickinson, Joanne Marshall, Howard Sykes (Councillor Angie Clark substituting), Guillaume Chanussot (Keolis Amey) and Lucja Majewski(TransPennine Express).

2. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no chairs announcements or items of urgent business.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF THE GM TRANSPORT METROLINK & RAIL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 16 JULY 2021

That the minutes of the GM Transport Metrolink & Rail Sub Committee meeting held 16 July 2021 be approved as a correct record.

5. METROLINK SERVICE PERFORMANCE

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Sub-Committee be advised that the Unite union had confirmed that Metrolink drivers, when balloted, had voted in favour of industrial action in a dispute over pay.
3. That it be noted that KeolisAmey would continue to work towards an agreement with Unite to prevent strike action on 25 and 26 September, 10 and 24 October, and mitigate any subsequent impact on services to passengers which coincided with a number of significant events in GM.
4. That TfGM officers would continue to work closely with KAM on contingency provision for the proposed days of industrial action along with measures across the transport network with other providers to mitigate, where possible, the impact on passengers and provide specific communication.
5. That the detail in relation to two safety incidents which had occurred since the publication of the report in Audenshaw and at Exchange Tram stop be noted and Members be advised that formal investigations had been initiated.
6. That Members be advised that work was ongoing with the TravelSafe Partnership, GMP and Local Authorities to tackle increased reports of Anti-Social Behaviour and assaults across the Metrolink network.
7. That it be confirmed that TfGM had received a formal request at the last meeting of Greater Manchester Transport Committee (GMTC), from Councillor Phil Burke for all Metrolink staff to have access to body cameras as a result of increased assaults to staff. This would be considered and reviewed in conjunction with KeolisAmey and further feedback would be provided to all relevant parties.
8. That the comments from Members regarding crime, ASB and intimidation be noted on the Oldham/Rochdale and East Didsbury line and an increase in operations to combat incidents be requested for the safety of passengers.
9. That a further update on matters relating to crime and Anti-Social Behaviour along with details of ongoing targeted work and next steps be reported to the next GMTC meeting.
10. That a breakdown of patronage across the network on a line-by-line basis be included in future updates to the Sub-Committee.

6. METROLINK OPERATOR UPDATE

1. That the update be noted.
2. That Members be advised that KAM were aligned with colleagues and organisations to work in partnership to tackle incidents of crime and ASB and encourage staff to report incidents to support customer safety across the

network.

7. LOCAL RAIL PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. That the report be noted.
2. That an update on the progress of the rail industry to address concerns impacting on Sunday services raised by Councillor Angie Clark be provided at a future meeting by Train Operating Companies (TOCs).
3. That any specific issues relating to the Northern website or app regarding customers being unable to access the £1 ticket sale launched by Northern be reported directly to Chris Jackson.

8. RAIL OPERATOR UPDATE

1. That the update be noted.
2. That the opportunity to improve accessibility to the car park at Romiley train station be considered at the same time as platform lengthening under the Access for All (AfA) programme.
3. That an update on proposed timetable changes to be introduced in December 2022 and a report on the consultation exercise be provided at a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
4. That Members be made aware of the significant financial challenge of the aspiration to make all GM train stations accessible.
5. That it be noted that £4m of investment had been committed to install accessible toilets at the majority of Greater Manchester train stations and an indicative timetable be circulated by Northern to Members.
6. That comments made regarding accessibility and footfall at train stations be considered and that it be noted that Chris Jackson would provide further information to Councillor Tom McGee on the criteria for prioritisation.

9. RAIL PROGRAMME AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT UPDATE

1. That the update be noted.
2. That a further update be provided to the Sub-Committee at a future meeting on the adoption of a holistic approach to decarbonisation at rail-based Park and Ride locations including the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging points prior to GM becoming a Clean Air Zone on 30 May 2022.
3. That further information be provided in future updates to the Sub-Committee on not-for-profit social enterprises which form the Greater Manchester rail station alliance.
4. That Members be advised that a progress update on the Williams-Shapps Plan for Rail be provided to GMTC at a future meeting.

10. WORK PROGRAMME

That the proposed work programme for the GM Transport Committee and its Sub Committees be noted.

11. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

That the following dates and times of future meetings be noted –

Friday 12 November 2021
Friday 14 January 2022
Friday 11 March 2022

All meetings will commence at 10:30am

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

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This decision notice was issued **Tuesday 21 September 2021** on behalf of Julie Connor, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is **4.00pm on Monday 27 September 2021**.

Call-In Process

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

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

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