

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT  
– METROLINK & RAIL SUBCOMMITTEE  
HELD ON FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Doreen Dickinson (in the Chair)	Tameside MBC
Councillor Richard Gold	Bury Council
Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton Council
Councillor Naeem Hassan	Manchester City Council
Councillor Dzidra Noor	Manchester City Council
Councillor Atteque Ur-Rehman	Oldham Council
Councillor Shah Wazir	Rochdale Council
Councillor Angie Clark	Stockport Council
Councillor Peter Robinson	Tameside MBC
Councillor Steve Adshead	Trafford Council
Councillor Joanne Marshall	Wigan Council

**OFFICERS AND OPERATORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mark Angelucci	TfGM
Guillaume Chanussot	Keolis
Daniel Coles	Network Rail
Lindsay Dunn	Governance Officer, GMCA
Chris Jackson	Regional Director, Northern
Lucja Majewski	Transpennine Express
Victoria Mercer	Metrolink Service Delivery Manager, TfGM
Daniel Vaughan	Head of Metrolink, TfGM
Caroline Whittam	Head of Rail Franchising, TfGM
Gwynne Williams	Deputy Monitoring Officer, GMCA
Lindsay Dunn	Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA
Nicola Ward	Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA
Lee Teasdale	Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA

**1. APOLOGIES**

That apologies be noted and received from Councillor Howard Sykes (Councillor Angie Clark substituting).

**2. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

That there were no Chair's announcements or urgent business.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

That there were no declarations of interest.

#### **4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

That Councillor Dzidra Noor be appointed as Vice-Chair of the GMTC Metrolink & Rail Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

#### **5. LOCAL RAIL SERVICE PERFORMANCE**

1. That the report be noted.
2. That as a result of detailed negotiations, there had been an updated situation in relation to the Rose Hill line, specifically the extra provision of 3 trains (2 morning peak, 1 afternoon) per day to support access to educational establishments in Marple, further supplemented by a rail replacement bus service throughout the day.
3. That it be noted that TfGM would be arranging a meeting between Northern and the Salford City Mayor to discuss the reduction in services to Swinton.
4. That a further update on December rail timetable changes be presented to the M&R Committee at the next meeting.
5. That it be noted that Northern agreed to ensure there was adequate signage to reflect current operational services at stations along the Rose Hill line.
6. That further information with regards to the next plans for Government's Emergency Measure Agreements and the future of franchising agreements were anticipated to be announced shortly and included in the Williams review (expected autumn 2020) and would be provided to the Committee once available.

#### **6. UPDATE FROM NORTHERN**

1. That the update from Northern be noted.
2. That it be noted that there are a number of new ticket options on trial, including a flexible season ticket.
3. That it be noted that from 26/10 there would be a 90 minute service on the Rose Hill line.
4. That the slides presented by Northern be shared with members of the M&R Sub Committee.
5. That it be noted that revenue protection would now re-commence across services, to help address the long term commercial viability of the train network.
6. That during the period of 24 Oct – 1 Nov there were engineering works planned for Gauxholme Viaduct that would have an impact on stations at Littleborough, Smithy Bridge and in relation to this, Northern would be meeting with Network Rail and the user group Storm to consider available options.
7. That the essential travel message was now only being promoted in areas of local lockdown, but that it would be necessary for both Operators and politicians to work together to address passengers confidence in returning back to public transport.
8. That it be noted that Class 195 new trains are being regularly added to the network, including those services on the Hyde loop.

## 7. LOCAL STATIONS UPDATE

1. That the report be noted.
2. That it be noted that Northern would respond directly to Cllr Peter Robinson with relation to works planned for Newton and Godley stations on the Hadfield Line, and information included in a future report.
3. That congratulations be extended to Hindley train station who recently received a highly commended award at the National Rail awards.

## 8. METROLINK PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. That the report be noted.
2. That face covering compliance had been recorded as between 80-90% with some variance on lines and times of day and that targeted intervention had been undertaken to address areas of poorer compliance.
3. That it be noted that Government's Light Rail Funding offer had been extended until the 26 October 2020 which covers operating costs only, and there were ongoing discussions with DfT regarding future funding packages.
4. That it be noted that capacity had begun to become an issue on some peak time services under the current social distancing guidance. However, in additions to the use of doubles across the network, recent TfGM communications campaigns had been designed to encourage people to travel outside peak times where possible.
5. That it be noted that further ticket options to ensure value and flexibility were being considered by TfGM.

## 9. GM TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

1. That the Work Programme be noted.
2. That Members of the Metrolink & Rail Sub-Committee be given details of the publication of papers for the Bus Services Sub-Committee.

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: <https://democracy.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=193&MId=4125&Ver=4>

This decision notice was issued **Tuesday 22 September 2020** 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 28 September 2020**.

## **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.