

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT  
THE GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT BUS SERVICES COMMITTEE  
HELD ON FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 2021 AT FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Kevin Peel	Bury Council
Councillor Jackie Harris	Bury Council
Councillor John Leech	Manchester City Council
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale Council
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford Council
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside Council
Councillor Mark Aldred	Wigan Council

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gwynne Williams	Deputy Monitoring Officer, GMCA
Nicola Ward	Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA
Stephen Rhodes	Customer Director and Interim Head of Bus Services
Nick Roberts	Head of Services & Commercial Development, TfGM

**OPERATORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gary Nolan	One Bus
Tom Calderbank	Diamond
Paul Towey	First
Connor Lomax	Go North West
Mark Mageean	Stagecoach
Alex Jones	Arriva
Martin Turner	Arriva
Paul Turner	Transdev

## **1. APOLOGIES**

That apologies be noted and received from Councillor David Meller, Councillor Nathan Evans and Councillor Barry Warner.

## **2. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

That it be noted that there had been a request from Cllr Meller regarding the 307/308 service, officers agreed to go back directly to him with further details.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **4. MINUTES OF THE GM TRANSPORT BUS SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 1 OCTOBER 2021**

That the minutes of the GM Transport Bus Services Sub Committee meeting held 1 October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

## **5. BUS OPERATOR UPDATE**

1. That the verbal updates presented by bus operators be noted, especially in relation to the uncertainties regarding the Bus Recovery Grant post April 2022, increase of anti-social behaviour incidents, supply chain delays for parts such as glass windows, the challenge of 112 days' notice for proposed service changes, the impact to service levels as a result of driver shortages and the increasing levels of congestion resulting in significant variations on journey times.
2. That it be noted that on average bus operators were now undertaking 97% of pre-covid mileage and recording patronage levels of 82% compared to pre-covid levels.
3. That it be noted that operators reported retrofitting and fleet upgrading activity was on target, to ensure all vehicles were Euro 6 compliant as per the

requirements for the Clean Air Zone by May 2022.

4. That Members of the Committee be urged to write to the relevant decision maker whether that be the Chair of the Transport Committee and Mayor or Greater Manchester regarding significant issues and where appropriate, propose a formal motion to their own Local Authority for further support.
5. That bus operators be invited to share details of travel incentives or promotions with the Chair of the Committee so these can be shared with Members and promoted further via their networks.
6. That it be noted that TravelSafe events would be taking place in Media City (2 December) and Wigan (8 December) should any Member or transport operator wish to be engaged.
7. That all operators be invited to submit their process for reporting/dealing with anti-social behaviour incidents (via One Bus) to the Chair of the GM Transport Committee to review with colleagues at GMP and TfGM.

## **6. CHANGES TO THE BUS NETWORK AND REVIEW OF SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES BUDGET**

1. That the changes to the commercial network set out in Annex A of the report be noted.
2. That it be agreed that no action is taken in respect of changes or de-registered commercial services set out in Annex A of the report.
3. That the action taken in respect of the service change set out in Annex B of the report be noted.
4. That the proposed changes to general subsidised services set out in Annex C of the report be agreed.
5. That officers would ensure that future reports were more transparent through the explanation of interdependent complexities and increased levels of acute engagement with local stakeholders.
6. That it be noted that officers had met and consulted Cllr Howard Sykes on the proposed changes to services 482 and 408 and that a request had been made to keep these services under review.
7. That it be noted that officers had met with Cllrs Roberts and Briggs and on

behalf of Cllr Cosgrove in relation to service 402 in Oldham and a request had been made to reconsider options and reported at the next committee meeting which included the provision of a service to Derker.

8. That it be noted that officers will discuss the proposed changes to services 607 and 608 in Wigan with Cllrs Aldred, Sykes and Bullen on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov and explained that this was in relation to driver shortages.
9. That it be noted that following a query from Cllr Bray, there had been improvements made to the proposed changes to service 356.
10. That the rationale for proposed changes to services 467/468 and 511 be shared with Cllr Peel and other Bury councillors as appropriate.
11. That Cllr Harris also be copied into any correspondence relating to proposed changes to service 511.
12. In relation to services 571/572, that TfGM would report back to Cllr Leech as to the reasons for additional morning services.
13. That officers agreed to report back on the outcomes of the re-tender for service 84a to the Transport Committee.

## **7. GMTC WORK PROGRAMME**

1. That the proposed work programme for the GM Transport Committee and its Sub Committees be noted.
2. That the GM Transport Committee receive a future report on GM WRAPS (Road Activity Permit Scheme) to ensure its effectiveness in managing roadworks across the sub region and identify any area for improvements.

## **8. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Bus Services Sub Committee would be held on the 21 January 2022.

## **9. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**



