

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF
THE GREATER MANCHESTER BUS SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER AT 10:30AM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

PRESENT:

Councillor Roger Jones (in the Chair)	Salford City Council
Councillor Roy Walker	Bury Council
Councillor John Leech	Manchester City Council
Councillor Angeliki Stogia	Manchester City Council
Councillor Sean Fielding	Oldham Council
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale Council
Councillor Barry Warner	Salford City Council
Councillor David Meller	Stockport MBC
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside MBC
Councillor Nathan Evans	Trafford Council
Councillor Mark Aldred	Wigan Council

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Alison Chew	Interim Head of Bus Services, TfGM
Jenny Coates	Services Planning Officer, TfGM
Lindsay Dunn	Senior Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
James Lewis	Section Manager, Services Planning, TfGM
Michael Moore	Bus Planning Officer, TfGM
Stephen Rhodes	Customer Director, TfGM
Nick Roberts	Head of Services & Commercial Development, TfGM
Martin Shier	Bus Partnerships Delivery Manager, TfGM
Lee Teasdale	Senior Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Gwynne Williams	Deputy Monitoring Officer, GMCA
Nicola Ward	Senior Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA

GMTBSC 01/20 APOLOGIES

Resolved /-

That apologies be noted and received from Bob Morris (TfGM).

GMTBSC 02/20 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

Resolved /-

That the ongoing industrial dispute between Go North West and Unite be considered as urgent business for discussion as part of Item GMTBSC 05/20.

GMTBSC 03/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Resolved /-

That there were no declarations of interest.

GMTBSC 04/20 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Resolved /-

That Councillor Warren Bray (Tameside MBC) be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Greater Manchester Bus Services Sub-Committee for the year 2020/21.

GMTBSC 05/20 BUS OPERATOR COMMENTS ABOUT BUS SERVICES IN GM BETWEEN MARCH AND SEPTEMBER 2020

Resolved /-

1. That the updates from bus operators be noted by the Committee.
2. That it be noted that bus operators wished to put their thanks on record to all frontline staff who had supported the running of services over the past few months, and also the operational support offered by TfGM.
3. That it be noted that many bus services are now reaching capacity under social distancing restrictions and maximum patronage guidelines.
4. That the impact of the closure of Deansgate and Blackfriars bus stops on congestion and additional journey time be noted.
5. That it be noted that Diamond and TfGM would review services around schools to ensure there is enough capacity on the commercial network to further support dedicated schools services.
6. That it be noted that the initial concerns with the pop up cycle lane on the A56 have been mostly mitigated, however as highways levels increase these measures would be further observed, and dialogue with Trafford Council would continue.
7. That the update on the ongoing industrial dispute between Go North West and Unite be noted by the Committee.
8. That the Committee expresses its wish to see the above noted dispute resolved to the satisfaction of all parties at the earliest opportunity.

GMTBSC 06/20 FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES

Resolved /-

1. That the Committee requests a procedure as to how the Greater Manchester Transport Committee is able to informally receive petitions for submission to TfGM.
2. That the cessation of services operated by GB Coaches Ltd under the North Western trading name with immediate effect and TfGM's reporting of the matter to the Traffic Commissioner for the North West of England, be noted.
3. That it be noted that First confirmed that service 180 would retain its current timetable, focussed on demand, which was predominantly off peak.

4. That it be noted that Councillor Mellor would submit suggestions regarding service 130 direct to TfGM.
5. That the changes to the commercial network and the proposals not to replace the deregistered commercial services as set out in Annex A, be noted by the Committee.
6. That the Committee agrees that no action is to be taken in respect of changes or deregistered commercial services as set out in Annex A.
7. That it be noted by the Committee that no services fall under Annex B.
8. That the Committee be minded to approve the proposed changes to general subsidised services set out in Annex C.

GMTBSC 07/20 FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL DEDICATED HOME TO SCHOOL/COLLEGE TRANSPORT

Resolved /-

That the approach to allocate the £2,249,016 grant received by Greater Manchester from the Department for Education for 'Additional Dedicated Home to School and College Transport', be noted by the Committee.

GMTBSC 08/20 RING AND RIDE SERVICES

Resolved /-

That the impact of Covid-19 on the Ring and Ride service be noted by the Committee, specifically the re-introduction of fully social distancing-compliant vehicles for essential travel only.

GMTBSC 09/20 GMTC TRANSPORT WORK PROGRAMME

Resolved /-

1. That the updated GMTC Transport Work Programme be received by the Committee.
2. That an item considering how best to encourage the public to safely return to public transport be brought to a future meeting of the Transport Committee.
3. That a report be brought to a future meeting on the installation and current use of cameras in bus lanes across GM.

GMTBSC 10/20 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved /-

That the future meeting dates be noted by the Committee.

GMTBSC 11/20 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved /-

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items on business on the grounds that this involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

GMTBSC 12/20 FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES – PART B

Resolved /-

That the financial implications of forthcoming changes to the bus network be noted by the Committee.

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

<https://democracy.greatermanchesterca.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=193&MId=4124&Ver=4>

This decision notice was issued **Tuesday 15 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 21 September 2020**.

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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.