

# GREATER MANCHESTER AIR QUALITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, 13th July, 2023

TIME: 1.00 pm

**VENUE:** Boardroom, GMCA Offices, 56 Oxford Street,

Manchester, M1 6EU

### **AGENDA**

## **Annual Meeting Business**

#### 1. APOLOGIES

#### 2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

To seek a nomination for the Chair to the GM Air Quality Administration Committee for the 2023/2024 municipal year.

#### 3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

To seek a nomination for the Vice-Chair to the GM Air Quality Administration Committee for the 2023/2024 municipal year.

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BURY	OLDHAM	SALFORD	TAMESIDE	WIGAN

# 4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GM AIR QUALITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE 2023/24

To note the appointment of the following members by the GM Local Authorities and the GMCA to the GM Air Quality Administration Committee for the 2023/24 municipal year:

District	Member	Substitute	
GMCA	Eamonn O'Brien		
Bolton	Richard Silvester	Shafaqat Shaikh (Lab)	
	(Labour Co-operative)		
Bury	Alan Quinn (Lab)	Noel Bayley (Lab)	
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins (Lab)	Linda Foley (Lab)	
Oldham	Abdul Jabbar (Lab)	Josh Charters (Lab)	
Rochdale	Tom Besford (Lab)	Richard Jackson (Lab)	
Salford	Mike McCusker (Lab)	Jane Hamilton (Lab)	
Stockport	Mark Roberts (Lib Dem)	Grace Baynham	
		(Lib Dem)	
Tameside	Denise Ward (Lab)	George Newton (Lab)	
Trafford	Aiden Williams (Lab)	Steve Adshead (Lab)	
Wigan	Paul Prescott (Lab)	Joanne Marshall (Lab)	

# 5. MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT AND ANNUAL 1 - 14 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM

To be completed by Members of the Committee and returned to the Governance & Scrutiny Officer.

#### 6. TERMS OF REFERENCE

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To note the Terms of Reference of the GM Air Quality Administration Committee.

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

#### 7. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

#### 8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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To receive declarations of interest in any item for discussion at the meeting. A blank form for declaring interests has been circulated with the agenda; please ensure that this is returned to the Governance & Scrutiny Officer at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

#### 9. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2023

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To consider the approval of the minute of the meetings held on 27 February 2023.

#### 10. GM CLEAN AIR PLAN - JULY 2023 UPDATE

Report of Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Portfolio Lead for Clean Air.

#### 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed by the Governance and Scrutiny Officer after the meeting.

For copies of papers and further information on this meeting please refer to the website <a href="www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk">www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</a>. Alternatively, contact the following Governance & Scrutiny Officer: Ninoshka Martins <a href="mailto:minoshka.martins@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk">minoshka.martins@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</a>

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Manchester M1 6EU

## Agenda Item 5



## **GM AIR QUALITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Date: 13 July 2023

Subject: Members' Code of Conduct and Annual Declaration Form

Report of: Gillian Duckworth, Monitoring Officer, GMCA

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To remind Members that the GMCA's Member Code of Conduct sets out high expectations with regard Members' conduct. As Members are co-opted on to a GMCA Committee the GMCA's code applies to them when they are acting in this capacity.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Members are requested to:

1. Note the GMCA's Member Code of Conduct (Appendix A) and to complete an annual register of interest form (Appendix B).

#### **CONTACT OFFICER:**

Ninoshka Martins, Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA ninoshka.martins@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

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### Appendix A

#### **SECTION A: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**

#### **Part 1 General Provisions**

#### 1 Introduction and Scope

- 1.1 The Greater Manchester Combined Authority is determined to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by its Members, Co-opted Members and those councillors from Greater Manchester's districts appointed to roles in which they act on behalf of the GMCA. The GMCA has adopted a Code of Conduct for Members in line with its obligations under section 27(2) of the Localism Act 2011.
- 1.2 This Code mandatorily applies to those acting as Members of the GMCA (including the **directly elected** Mayor and Substitute Members), voting Co-opted Members of the GMCA's committees or Appointed Members of Joint Committees, and references to "official capacity" are to be construed accordingly.
- 1.3 Compliance with this Code is a statutory requirement for those identified in paragraph 1.2. To promote good governance the GMCA strongly recommends voluntary compliance with the Code by non-voting Co-opted Members of the GMCA's committees and by elected members from Greater Manchester's ten districts when they otherwise act for or represent the GMCA. Where a member is only subject to the Code through voluntary compliance (as described in this paragraph) they will not in law be subject to the statutory obligations relating to member conduct under Chapter 7, Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 nor can the conduct of such a member, insofar as it concerns that member's GMCA role, amount to any of the criminal offences referred to in this Code. However, the conduct of a member who has agreed to voluntarily be subject to the Code may be considered under the GMCA's arrangements for determining whether a member has breached the Code.
- **1.4** In this Code 'meeting' means any meeting of:
  - the GMCA; or
  - any of the GMCA's Committees or Sub-Committees, Joint Committees or Joint Sub-Committees.

For the purposes of this Code "Committee" includes any Fire Committee that may be established by the Mayor.

- 1.5 This Code does not have effect in relation to a member's conduct other than where it is in that member's official capacity.
- 1.6 This Code will be reviewed every two years by the GMCA's Standards Committee or earlier if required by a change in legislation.

#### 2 General Principles

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- 2.1 The Code and the associated guidance are based on the following general principles.
- 2.2 Members must behave according to the highest standards of personal conduct in everything they do when acting as a Member or voting Co-opted Member (or in the case of those voluntarily subject to compliance with the Code in accordance with paragraph 1.3 above, where they are otherwise acting on behalf of the GMCA). They must observe the following principles of conduct, some of which are set out in law. The seven principles of Standards in Public Life known as the Nolan Principles underpin the provisions of the GMCA's Code of Conduct for Members. They are set out in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.9 below.
- 2.3 Selflessness: holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.
- 2.4 Integrity: holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in the work. They should not act or take decisions on order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must disclose and resolve any interests and relationships.
- 2.5 Objectivity: Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.
- 2.6 Accountability: Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to **ensure this.**
- 2.7 Openness: Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for doing so.
- 2.8 Honesty: Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.
- 2.10 Leadership: Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs. Where those covered by this Code act as a representative of the GMCA:
  - (a) on another relevant authority, they must, when acting for that other authority, comply with that other authority's code of conduct; or
  - (b) on any other body, they must comply with this Code, unless it conflicts with any other lawful obligations to which that other body may be subject.

2.11 It is an individual's responsibility to comply with this Code. Failure to do so may result in a sanction being applied by the GMCA. A failure by a Member coming within the scope of paragraph 1.2 above to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in a criminal conviction and an unlimited fine and/or disqualification from office for a period of up to 5 years.

#### **3** General Obligations for Members

#### 3.1 You must not:-

- **a.** Do anything which may knowingly cause the GMCA to breach the Equality Act 2010:
- **b.** Bully or be abusive to any person;
- **c.** Intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person who is or is likely to be:
  - a complainant
  - a witness, or
  - involved in the administration of any investigation or proceedings,
     in relation to an allegation that a Member (including yourself) has failed to comply with the GMCA's Code of Conduct; or
- **d.** do anything which compromises or is likely to compromise the impartiality of those who work for, or on behalf of, the GMCA.

#### 3.2 You must not:

- a. Disclose information given to you in confidence by anyone, or information acquired by you which you believe, or ought reasonably to be aware, is of a confidential nature, except where:
  - i. You have the consent of a person authorised to give it;
  - ii. You are required to do so by law:
  - iii. The disclosure is made to a third party for the purpose of obtaining professional **legal** advice, provided that the third party agrees not to disclose the information to any other person; or
  - iv. the disclosure:
    - -is reasonable and in the public interest; and
    - -is made in good faith and in compliance with the reasonable requirements of the GMCA; and I have consulted with the Monitoring Officer prior to its release or
- b. Do not improperly use knowledge gained soley as a result of your role as a Councillor for the advancement of yhourself, friends, family members, employer or business interests
- **c.** Prevent another person from gaining access to information to which that person is entitled by law.
- 3.3 You must not conduct yourself in such a way which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or the GMCA into disrepute.

- **3.4** You:
  - **a.** must not use or attempt to use your position as a Member improperly to **the advantage or disadvantage** for myself or any other person, ; and
  - **b.** must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of the GMCA:
    - act in accordance with the GMCA's reasonable requirements;
    - ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes (including party political purposes) or be conductive to, the discharge of the functions of the GMCA or of the office to which I have been appointed; and
  - c. must have regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986.
- 3.5 When reaching decisions on any matter you must have regard to any relevant advice provided to you by:
  - a. The GMCA's Treasurer (section 73 officer); or
  - b. The GMCA's Monitoring Officer

where that officer is acting pursuant to his or her personal statutory duties.

3.6 You must give reasons for all decisions in accordance with any statutory requirements and any reasonable additional requirements imposed by the GMCA.

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Declaration of Councillors' Interests in Items A	ppearing on the Agenda	
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This is a summary of the rules around declaring interests at meetings. It does not replace the Member's Code of Conduct, the full description can be found in the GMCA's constitution Part 7A.

Your personal interests must be registered on the GMCA's Annual Register within 28 days of your appointment onto a GMCA committee and any changes to these interests must notified within 28 days. Personal interests that should be on the register include:

- 1. Bodies to which you have been appointed by the GMCA
- 2. Your membership of bodies exercising functions of a public nature, including charities, societies, political parties or trade unions.

#### You are also legally bound to disclose the following information called Disclosable Personal Interests which includes:

- 1. You, and your partner's business interests (eg employment, trade, profession, contracts, or any company with which you are associated).
- 2. You and your partner's wider financial interests (eg trust funds, investments, and assets including land and property).
- 3. Any sponsorship you receive.

#### Failure to disclose this information is a criminal offence

#### Step One: Establish whether you have an interest in the business of the agenda

- 1. If the answer to that question is 'No' then that is the end of the matter.
- 2. If the answer is 'Yes' or Very Likely' then you must go on to consider if that personal interest can be construed as being a prejudicial interest.

#### Step Two: Determining if your interest is prejudicial

A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest:

- 1. where the wellbeing, or financial position of you, your partner, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association (people who are more than just an acquaintance) are likely to be affected by the business of the meeting more than it would affect most people in the area.
- 2. the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

#### For a non-prejudicial interest, you must:

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## **GM Clean Air Quality Administration Committee – Terms of Reference**

#### General

The Air Quality Administration Committee is a joint committee created by the ten Greater Manchester local authorities ("the Constituent Authorities") and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority ("the GMCA") under section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and Part 4 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012.

#### **Membership of the Committee**

The membership of the committee shall be eleven, consisting of the lead executive member for clean air of each of the Constituent Authorities and the relevant portfolio holder responsible for clean air of the GMCA from time to time. The Constituent Authorities and the GMCA shall also each nominate a substitute executive member/GMCA member to attend and vote in their stead.

#### **Role of the Committee**

To enable the joint discharge of the GMCA's and Constituent Authorities' functions under sections 82 to 84 of the Environment Act 1995 (Air Quality) and in relation to the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan (excluding such decisions that must be taken by the charging authorities jointly under Part 3 of, and Schedule 12 to, the Transport Act 2000 and regulations made thereunder).

#### Powers to be discharged by the Committee

The Committee shall have the power to discharge jointly:

- the GMCA's and the Constituent Authorities' functions under sections 82 to 84 of the Environment Act 1995
  - the GMCA's functions in relation to the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan (including the taking of action likely to promote or improve the economic, social or environmental well-being of Greater Manchester in connection with it and the use of grants made by the Secretary of State under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 to implement that plan).
- the Constituent Authorities functions under the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan including those under Part 3 of, and Schedule 12 to, the Transport Act 2000 and regulations made thereunder (excluding any decision thereunder that must be taken jointly by charging authorities) including, but not limited to:
  - action required under the Environment Act 1995 (Greater Manchester)
     Air Quality Direction 2020 (other than the making of the joint local charging scheme);
  - the exercise of their powers under sections 176, 177 and 192 of the Transport Act 2000;

• the application of the Constituent Authorities' shares of any net proceeds of a joint local charging scheme made by them.

The discharge of such functions includes the doing of anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of those functions.

#### **Operation of the Committee**

- The Committee shall appoint a chair at its first meeting;
- The Quorum of the Committee shall be 8 members;
- Each member shall have one vote;
- The Chair shall not have a casting vote;
- Unless required by law, decisions shall be made by a simple majority.

## Declaration of Councillors' Interests in Items Appearing on the Agenda

Name and Date of Committee.....

Agenda Item Number	Type of Interest - PERSONAL AND NON PREJUDICIAL Reason for declaration of interest	NON PREJUDICIAL Reason for declaration of interest Type of Interest – PREJUDICIAL Reason for declaration of interest	Type of Interest – DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST Reason for declaration of interest
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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER AIR QUALITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2023 AT GMCA OFFICES

#### PRESENT:

GMCA Portfolio Leader for Clean Air Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Bolton Councillor Nadim Muslim
Bury Councillor Alan Quinn

Manchester
Councillor Tracey Rawlins
Oldham
Councillor Abdul Jabbar
Rochdale
Councillor Tricia Ayrton
Councillor Mike McCusker
Councillor Mark Roberts
Councillor Aidan Williams
Wigan
Councillor Paul Prescott

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

GMCA Eamonn Boylan

GMCA Kerry Bond

TfGM Simon Warburton

TfGM Frank Tudor
TfGM Megan Black
TfGM Nigel Bellamy

#### **AQC 22/24 APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

#### AQC 22/25 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Eamonn Boylan, GMCA and TfGM Chief Executive opened the meeting and invited nominations for the role of Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

The Committee agreed the appointment of Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, GMCA Portfolio Lead for Clean Air as Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

#### RESOLVED /-

That Councillor Eamonn O'Brien be appointed as Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

#### AQC 22/26 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no Chair's announcements or urgent business.

#### AQC 22/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in relation to any item on the agenda.

#### AQC 22/28 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2022

#### **RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2022 be approved, as a correct record.

## AQC 22/29 GREATER MANCHESTER CLEAN AIR PLAN – FEBRUARY 2022 UPDATE

The Chair opened the item by requesting that thanks to all officers involved in the work on the Greater Manchester (GM) Clean Air Plan (CAP) and for their support to residents and businesses throughout this process be placed on record.

The Chair gave a brief update on the GMCA and the ten districts position and its broad agreement on the case for an investment led approach of a non-charging clean air zone (CAZ). Following a meeting with Minister Pow a case for an investment led approach to GM's CAZ has been submitted to government. GM have been asked to provide modelling results for a benchmark CAZ to address the persistent exceedances identified in central Manchester and Salford, for these to be compared against our existing proposals. Public investment in the introduction of electric buses as part of the franchising proposal has led to commensurate investment from the private sector, highlighting the effectiveness of an investment led approach.

Megan Black, Interim Head of Logistics & Environment, TfGM introduced the report that provided an update on the case for a new Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan (GM CAP) including:

- details on the latest position with Government
- the approach to address persistent exceedances of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) on the A58 Bolton Road, Bury
- the approach as requested by Government to model a Central Manchester Clean
   Air Zone (CAZ) as a benchmark
- the proposals to support electric buses and to open the funds for taxis and private hire vehicles (PHVs)
- Local Authority funding distribution
- targeted engagement and research that was undertaken as part of the Participatory Policy Development activity and the delivery of electric vehicle (EV) charge points funded by the GM CAP.

Government have requested that we provide additional evidence to support the case for an investment led Clean Air Plan, to demonstrate that the new plan will achieve legal limits for nitrogen dioxide within the shortest possible time, that the proposal are deliverable and that we have sufficient uptake in funding to achieve compliance. GM have provided a first draft of the requested evidence to Government setting out how investment in zero emission buses will help meet legal NO2 limits on the A58 in Bury and through the launch of the regulated bus services in Bolton and Wigan.

GM have also been asked to model how an investment led approach performs in terms of delivering compliance against the benchmark of a CAZ to address the persistent exceedances in Salford and Central Manchester, this evidence will be provided to government by the end of June 2023.

Further evidence has also been requested on the ask for further funding to support electric buses and the upgrade of taxis and private hire vehicles (PHV's), proposals to open the funding will be submitted to the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit.

The allocation of funding through the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) has enabled clean air standard compliant upgrades and retrofit of 89% of the bus fleet serving Greater Manchester.

Headlines from the engagement and research as part of the participatory approach to the development of the CAP along with the Participatory Policy Development (PPD) Summary of Stakeholder Engagement Report and the AECOM PPD Online Survey and report are set out in Appendix 5 and 6 of the report.

The Early Measures project have delivered 22 of the 24 EV rapid charging points funded by the Clean Air Funds. Work is underway through the Taxi EV Project to deliver 60 rapid charging points across GM for use by private hire and hackney vehicles licensed by a GM Authority, and will become part of the Be.EV charging network, these works are due for completion by the end of the summer.

Members expressed their concerns around the delay caused by Government in progressing this piece forward and the request to model against a benchmark of CAZ and asked that we impress on government that GM have a strong data backed case that the proposal for an investment led non-charging Clean Air Plan can achieve compliance.

Members were advised that evidence continues to be gathered around the Regent Road corridor and officers continue to meet with National Highways and have a positive data sharing arrangement.

TfGM will continue to promote alternative travel arrangements; the GM Mayor continues to request through government further collaborative powers be extended to GM around the rail network.

Following review of replacement vehicle costs, investment funds can be directed to best effect where licence allows, critically around becoming a fully compliant GM bus fleet. An inflation related factor is being built into the proposed investment model for businesses.

Officers will continue to respond to Government and will raise the points discussed including around the removal of signage and the importance of the involvement of National Highways particularly around the Regent Road corridor.

Members were advised that officers will continue to work on clear communications, including that it is the government's request for GM to provide modelling results for a benchmark CAZ to address the persistent exceedances identified in central Manchester and Salford.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. To note the latest position with Government.

2. To agree the report 'Greater Manchester's approach to address persistent exceedances of nitrogen dioxide identified on the A58 Bolton Road, Bury' attached at Appendix 3 of the report as final to the Secretary of State.

3. To note the approach to modelling a Central Manchester Clean Air Zone as a benchmark.

4. To agree the delegation to the Chief Executive of GMCA and TfGM, in consultation with the Chair to approve the submission of proposals to support electric buses and to open the funds for taxis and PHVs to the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit.

5. To note the Clean Air funding distribution to end January 2023 by Local Authority.

6. To note headlines from targeted engagement and research that was undertaken as part of the Participatory Policy Development activity as detailed at Appendix 4 of the report.

7. To note the update to deliver Electric Vehicle charge points funded by the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan.

8. To agree that thanks to all officers involved in the work on the Greater Manchester (GM) Clean Air Plan (CAP) and for their support to residents and businesses throughout this process be placed on record.

#### AQC 22/30 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

#### **RESOLVED /-**

That the future meeting dates be confirmed by the Governance and Scrutiny Officer following the meeting.