

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE BEE NETWORK COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2023**

PRESENT:

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (in the Chair)	Bury Council
Councillor David Meller	Stockport
Councillor Julian Newgrosh	Trafford
Councillor James Gartside	Rochdale
Councillor John Walsh	Bolton
Councillor Hamid Khurram	Bolton
Councillor Tracey Rawlins	Manchester
Councillor Alan Quinn	Bury
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale
Councillor Grace Baynham	Stockport
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside
Councillor Aidan Williams	Trafford
Councillor Mike McCusker	Salford
Councillor John Vickers	Wigan

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Noel Bayley	Bury Council
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Eamonn Boylan	GMCA
Gwynne Williams	GMCA
Ninoshka Martins	GMCA
Alex Cropper	TfGM
James Baldwin	TfGM
Martin Lax	TfGM
Steve Warrener	TfGM
Peter Boulton	TfGM
Nick Roberts	TfGM
Chris Barnes	TfGM
Anne Marie-Purcell	TfGM
Daniel Vaughan	TfGM

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Andy Burnham (GM Mayor) and Councillors Howard Sykes (Oldham), Paul Prescott (Wigan), Paul Dennett (Salford), Elaine Taylor (Oldham) and Dan Costello (Tameside).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED/-

That it be noted that as an employee of Keolis Amey Metrolink (KAM), Councillor Phil Burke declared a personal interest in item 6: Tackling Fare Evasion.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED/-

That the start of tranche 1 bus franchising operations and the significant work to get to that point be noted.

That in relation to HS2, it be noted that without clarity on Government's position a discussion at this stage would be premature and that GM remained committed to making the case for HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail to be delivered in Greater Manchester.

That it be noted that a report on the acquisition of bus depots was due to be received by the GMCA with the recommendation to endorse the simplification of the process relating to the acquisition of bus depots. This would allow TfGM to buy depots directly, rather than by GMCA who would then need to lease to TfGM who in turn lease to operators.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JULY 2023

That the minutes of the Bee Network Committee held on 27 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

That officers develop a set of guidelines for districts considering the establishment of local Bee Network forums.

5. CONGESTION INTERVENTION PLAN

RESOLVED/-

1. That the change to GM's Road network and the impact this can have on congestion be noted.
2. That the commencement of franchised bus operations and the negative impact that congestion can have on bus network performance be noted.
3. That the proposed improvements to Greater Manchester Road Activity Permit Scheme (GMRAPS) and other short-term measures being implemented to improve GM's highway network be endorsed.
4. That the development of a Red Route Network on key corridors in conjunction with Local Highway Authorities be endorsed.
5. That the development of a proposal for the introduction of Lane Rental in GM be endorsed.
6. That it be noted that officers would work with each Local Highway Authority to understand the requirement for each area and to ensure a consistent approach across the network.

7. In noting that the success of any schemes would require buy-in from all 10 Local Authorities, it was felt appropriate that on completion both the GMRAPS and Lane Rental Scheme should be endorsed by leaders at a future GMCA meeting.
8. That process details relating to emergency works that would need to be carried out when Lane Rental Schemes would be in operation be included within future iterations of the report.

6. TACKLING FARE EVASION

RESOLVED/-

1. That the support of members to the strategy and ongoing plans to tackle fare evasion on Metrolink be noted.
2. That it be noted that the Bee Network Committee would receive regular updates on progress on the implementation of different phases of the Fare Evasion Strategy.

7. TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME

RESOLVED/-

1. That the current position on the capital programme and recent progress be noted.
2. That the draw-down of CRSTS funding be agreed as follows:
 - Ashton – Stockport Quality Bus Transit (QBT). £0.57m to develop the scheme to Outline Business Case;
 - Golborne Station. A further £2.0m to develop the Outline Design, including further management of key risks and issues;
 - Salford: Peel Green Active Travel Scheme City of Salford Community Stadium scheme (Cos Cos). £0.65m to develop the scheme to Full Business Case;
 - Oldham: Beal Valley & Broadbent Moss - Greenway Corridor. £0.86m to develop the scheme to Full Business Case; and
 - Integrated Ticketing and Information Measures (Customer Contact Centre). £1.56m to develop and deliver Bee Network Customer Contact Centre Improvements.
3. That the draw-down of Active Travel funding be agreed as follows:
 - £0.38m of additional Mayor's Challenge Fund development funding for Trafford MBC to progress their prioritised programme to delivery; and

- That formal development cost budget variations for Trafford MBC, as set out in section 2.9 of the report be agreed.

8. NON-FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES - PART A

RESOLVED/-

1. That the range of issues and actions relating to non-franchised bus services as set out in the report be noted.
2. That the changes to the commercial network as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.
3. That it be agreed that no action was taken in respect of changes or de-registered commercial services as noted in Appendix 1 of the report.
4. That the proposed changes to subsidised services as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.
5. That the Bee Network Committee would receive early notification of any future changes to non-franchised/franchised bus services.

9. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED/-

That the dates for the rest of the municipal year be noted as below:

- 26 October; 2 – 4 PM
- 23 November; 2 – 4 PM
- 14 December; 2 – 4 PM
- 25 January; 2 – 4 PM
- 22 February; 2 – 4 PM
- 21 March; 2 – 4 PM

10. NON-FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES - PART B

RESOLVED/-

That the contents of the report be noted.

Clerk's Note: This item was considered in support of the report considered in Part A of the agenda (Item 9 above refers).

A link to the full agenda and papers can be found here: [Browse meetings - Bee Network Committee - Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

This decision notice was issued Monday, 2 October 2023 on behalf of Julie Connor, Secretary to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU. The deadline for call in of the attached decisions is 4.00pm on Monday, 9 October 2023.

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.