

## **NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE BEE NETWORK COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2024**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (in the Chair)	Bury
GM Mayor Andy Burnham	GMCA
Councillor Howard Sykes	Oldham
Councillor James Gartside	Rochdale
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

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Eamonn Boylan	GMCA
Sacha Lord	GMCA
Dame Sarah Storey	GMCA
Ninoshka Martins	GMCA
Sylvia Welsh	GMCA
Lucy Prince	GMCA
Richard Nickson	TfGM
Stephen Rhodes	TfGM
Danny Vaughan	TfGM
Anne Marie-Purcell	TfGM
Peter Boulton	TfGM
Martin Lax	TfGM
Liz Goldsby	TfGM
Steve Warrener	TfGM
Chris Barnes	TfGM
Nick Fairclough	TfGM
Mark Thomas	TfGM
James Baldwin	TfGM

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elaine Taylor, Paul Dennett, Hamid Khurram and David Meller.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **RESOLVED/-**

That it be noted that Councillor Phil Burke, as an employee of Keolis Amy declared a prejudicial interest in item 5 – Bee Network Performance.

## **3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the Committee appointment to the Vision Zero Advisory and Scrutiny Board be deferred to the Annual General Meeting of the Bee Network Committee.
2. That the considerable amount of work done by the Bee Network Committee during its initial year be noted.
3. That the retirement of the Deputy Monitoring Officer, Gwynne Williams and the appointment of Melinda Edwards as the newly appointed Deputy Monitoring Officer be noted.
4. That the retirement of the Chief Executive TfGM and GMCA, Eamonn Boylan OBE be noted.

## **4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

### **RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the Bee Network Committee held on 22 February 2024 be approved as a correct record.

## **5. BEE NETWORK PERFORMANCE**

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the performance of Greater Manchester's Transport Network be noted.
2. That the additional vehicles being introduced to strengthen and improve the performance of services in the Tranche 1 area be noted.
3. That the improvements being made to the Bee Network App be noted.
4. That the Metrolink maintenance and renewals works planned to take place over the next quarter be noted.
5. That plans to introduce the TravelSafe Live Chat function through the Bee Network app, that would allow users to discreetly report a crime or antisocial behaviour and connect them with Greater Manchester Police in real time be noted.
6. That the opening of Stockport Interchange – a state-of-the-art facility and community park that serves as a model of GM integration - with active travel links, Metrolink capacity and connections to the rail station be noted.
7. That it be noted that the outline business case to DfT on the proposals for a new rail station at Golborne had been submitted. This follows a public consultation on proposals for the station, which received almost 3,000 responses, with 93% in support.
8. That it be noted that the Committee were supportive of the motion agreed at TfN Board held on 20.03.2024 to issue statutory advice to the Secretary of State to cancel Avanti's contract at the earliest possible opportunity, with the

state-owned operator of last resort (OLR) taking on responsibility in the short term.

9. That it be noted that the Rapid Transit Strategy would be brought to a future meeting.

## **6. GREATER MANCHESTER HS2 AND NPR PROGRAMME - NETWORK NORTH**

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the current position in relation to the HS2 and NPR programme in Greater Manchester including the future areas of development and current Government timeframes be noted.
2. That the update in relation to the emerging recommendations of the Private Consortium led by Sir David Higgins be noted for the Consortium has confirmed that, based on work done to date, the best option for improving rail links between the Midlands and the North was a new line between Handsacre Junction and Manchester Airport, using the same route as HS2 but with different specification to make it more affordable be noted.

## **7. 24-HOUR TRANSPORT PILOT**

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the development of a pilot of 24-hour bus services in Greater Manchester be noted.
2. That the process followed to develop the pilot proposals be noted.
3. That the recommended routes (V1 and 36) to be taken forward as part of the pilot be endorsed.

4. That the next steps to be taken by TfGM in development of the proposed pilot be noted.
5. That it be noted that following endorsement of the outlined approach, TfGM would engage with Go North West (who operate both the V1 and 36) to establish the operational requirements, costs and timing of the pilot, and would continue to engage with the trade unions. The final proposal and timing for the pilot would be brought to the Bee Network Committee prior to mobilisation.
6. That it be noted that a financial overview would be provided to members during the next municipal year to allow a better understanding of costs involved for running of services.
7. That it be agreed that a progress update on the development of the pilot be brought to the Committee in the summer of 2024.

## **8. TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the current position in relation to CRSTS1 and CRSTS2 be noted.
2. That the drawdown and reallocation of CRSTS funding and associated scheme for progression be approved as follows:
  - Access for All: £4.71m CRSTS funding;
  - Rapid Transit Integration Programme:  
Stop Improvements and New Stops Package. £1.28m CRSTS funding;
  - Future Rapid Transit Programme:  
Extensions Package. £3.3m CRSTS funding;
  - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI): £1.09m CRSTS funding;
  - Manchester: Ancoats Streets for All. Full Business Case approval and £1.36m CRSTS funding;
  - Manchester: Transforming Deansgate: £2.15m CRSTS funding;

- Stockport: Queens Road Bridge (Strategic Maintenance). Reallocation of £0.5m and drawdown of a further £2.6m CRSTS funding;
  - Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Programme: Depot Electrification: total of £37.8m CRSTS funding £25.3m and match funding £12.5m;
  - ZEB Programme: Reallocation of £1.57m of ZEB Programme Tranche 1 funding;
  - Improving Journeys – Orbital Bus Routes (QBT) – Traffic Signal Upgrades. Full Business Case approval and £0.21m CRSTS funding; and
  - Core Highways, Strategic Highways and Local Safety & Minor Works Maintenance funding for 2024/25, totalling £57.85m.
3. That the drawdown of and variations to Active Travel funding be approved as follows:
- £1.025m of MCF funding for Tameside’s Active Neighbourhoods, Phase 2;
  - £3.59m of MCF funding for Manchester’s Levenshulme Active Neighbourhood;
  - £1.8m of Active Travel Fund Round 4 (ATF4) funding for Salford Chapel Street East, Phase 1; and
  - Agree formal MCF scheme budget variations for Manchester City Council as set out in paragraph 3.12.
4. That the release of £0.994m from previously approved funding to facilitate the replacement of the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) with a digital solution be noted.
5. That it be noted that a decision in relation to Access for All funding was expected early May. However, should no decision on next round of funding be forthcoming in the near future it was agreed that a letter be issued to Government on behalf of the Bee Network Committee requesting an update on progress.

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, 25 March 2024 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 3 April 2024.

### **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.