

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE BEE NETWORK COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 25TH JULY, 2024**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and noted from Mayor Andy Burnham, Cllr Hamid Khurram (Bolton), Cllr Sean Fielding (Bolton), Cllr Alan Quinn (Bury, substituted by Cllr Gareth Staples-Jones), Mayor Paul Dennett (Salford, substituted by Cllr Mike McCusker), Cllr Laura Boyle (Tameside, substituted by Cllr Andrew McLaren), Cllr Paul Prescott (Wigan, substituted by Cllr John Vickers) and Steve Warrener (TfGM).

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

That Councillor Phil Burke noted an interest in relation to his employment at Metrolink.

**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

1. That the following Mayoral appointees be welcomed to the Committee:
  - Cllr David Meller (Labour, Stockport)
  - Cllr Howard Sykes (Liberal Democrats, Oldham)
  - Cllr Martyn Cox (Conservatives, Bolton)
  - Cllr Luis McBriar (Conservatives, Bury)
2. That the update on the acceptance by Metrolink staff of a three-year pay deal with KAM be received.
3. That the update on the works taking place to restore a full service to the Oldham-Rochdale Metrolink line following land movement near Derker be received.
4. That the update on the four transport bills arising from the King's Speech be received.
5. That it be noted that Vernon Everitt and Dame Sarah Storey have both been reappointed as GM Transport and GM Active Travel commissioners respectively.
6. That the Committee sends its best wishes to Dame Sarah Storey as she prepares to represent Team GM in her 9<sup>th</sup> Paralympic Games.
7. That it be ensured that ward councillors be kept regularly updated on significant ongoing transport issues that fall within their wards.

8. That Cllr Baynham provide Cllr O'Brien with information regarding Northern Rail 'naming and shaming' schools with pupils suspected of fare evasion.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2024**

1. That BNC/04/24 be amended to show that Cllr Josh Charters is a member of the Labour & Co-operative Party
2. That, subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting of 27 June 2024 be agreed as true and correct record.
3. That information on the appointment timeline for Mayoral appointments be sent to Cllr Sykes.

### **5. DELIVERING THE BEE NETWORK**

1. That the update on the delivery of the Bee Network be noted.

### **6. DRAFT GREATER MANCHESTER RAPID TRANSIT STRATEGY**

1. That the draft Greater Manchester Rapid Transit Strategy, be noted.
2. That a further report be submitted to the Committee on how it can best influence parliamentary discussions on proposals around Northern Powerhouse rail.

### **7. BEE NETWORK FARES & TICKETING PRODUCTS**

1. That the changes to Bee Network fares and ticketing products, as approved by GMCA, be noted.
2. That the Concessions Review currently being worked up be submitted to the Committee once available.

### **8. TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PIPELINE REPORT**

1. That the current position, recent progress and key milestones on the transport infrastructure pipeline be noted.
2. That the submission of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) Annual Report 2023-24 and updated Delivery Plan be approved.
3. That the drawdown of CRSTS funding and associated scheme progression be

approved as follows:

- Rochdale: Middleton Streets for All Phase 1: £0.7m;
  - Integrated Ticketing and Travel Information : Full Business Case and £7.3m;
  - Bus Franchising IS and Ticketing System Assets: £25.0m;
  - Improving Journeys - Orbital Bus Routes: Initial phased delivery of Rochdale – Oldham – Ashton (Rochdale elements): £2.1m, subject to TfGM's approval of the Outline Business Case in August 2024;
4. That the drawdown of £0.5m of GM match contribution to Network Rail Control Period (CP) 7 funding for Access for All (AfA) be approved;
  5. That the drawdown of funding from the Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF) be approved as follows:
    - Trafford Seymour Grove Phase 1: £4.99m (CRSTS funding through the MCF programme);
    - Wigan Leigh St Helens Road: £2.17m (CRSTS funding through the MCF programme);
    - Wigan Standish Western Route: £1.99m (CRSTS funding through the MCF programme);
  6. Wigan Whelley Loop Line: £1.31m (CRSTS funding through the MCF programme).

## **9. BEE NETWORK BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS - PART A**

1. That the updated programme of Network Reviews for the next 12 months, as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.
2. That the pilot of 24-hour bus services, noting the proposed timescales, the enhanced TravelSafe provision; and the costs of and funding for the pilot be approved.
3. That the preparation of a refreshed Bus Service Improvement Plan 2024, reflecting the ambition set out in the GM Bus Strategy, for submission to Department for Transport be noted.
4. That the withdrawal of the Stepping Hill Local Link service be approved.
5. That the recent and forthcoming changes to commercial bus services in the non-franchised area be noted.

6. That a change to the X50 subsidised service in the non-franchised area, as set out in Appendix 2, be approved.

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

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.

## **11. BEE NETWORK BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS - PART B**

1. That the financial implications of the proposed changes to the bus network be noted.

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 Tuesday, 30 July 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 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 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.