

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED AT THE BEE NETWORK COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2024**

PRESENT:

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien (in the Chair)	GMCA
GM Mayor Andy Burnham	GMCA
Councillor Hamid Khurram	Bolton
Councillor Toby Hewitt	Bolton
Councillor Alan Quinn	Bury
Councillor Luis McBriar	Bury
Councillor Tracey Rawlins	Manchester
Councillor Josh Charters	Oldham
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale
Councillor Mike McCusker	Salford
Councillor Grace Baynham	Stockport
Councillor David Meller	Stockport
Councillor Laura Boyle	Tameside
Councillor Aidan Williams	Trafford

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Diane Williamson	Oldham
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Richard Banks	TfGM
Chris Barnes	TfGM
Megan Black	TfGM
Melinda Edwards	GMCA
Simon Elliott	TfGM
Liz Goldsby	TfGM
Martin Lax	TfGM
Richard Nickson	TfGM
Lee Teasdale	GMCA
Daniel Vaughan	TfGM
Fran Wilkinson	TfGM

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr John Vickers (Wigan), Cllr Howard Sykes (Oldham) & Steve Warrener (TfGM).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

1. That it be noted that Cllr Toby Hewitt (Conservatives, Bolton) has replaced Cllr Martyn Cox (Conservatives, Bolton) as a Mayoral Appointee.
2. That the update on the launch of the 24 hours bus pilot be received.
3. That the update on events held to mark 12 months since the launch of Bee Network bus franchising be received.
4. That the update following the Metrolink summer engineering works be received.
5. That the update on the restoration of Rochdale Metrolink services following the recent landslide be received.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 25TH JULY 2024

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the meeting of 25 July 2024 be agreed as a true and correct record.

5. ELECTROMOBILITY: ZERO EMISSION TRAVEL

1. That the current progress relating to electromobility in the GM region be noted.
2. That it be noted that forecast growth and demand for charging infrastructure will be used to inform the emerging Local Transport Plan.
3. That the introduction of an indicator which will track GM's progress in facilitating charging for households without off-street parking be endorsed.
4. That the introduction of a zero-emission journey tracker be endorsed,
5. That the update on the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure programmes of work be noted.
6. That committee members be provided with details of contacts within their own authorities collating site details for potential LEVI funding.
7. That the rates for GM owned charging assets be shared with members.

6. TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PIPELINE

1. That the current position, recent progress and key milestones on the transport infrastructure pipeline be noted.
2. That the CRSTS releases as

approved by the GMCA Group Chief Executive under delegated authority be noted.

3. That the drawdown of CRSTS funding and associated scheme progression be approved as follows:
 - Bus Pinch Points and Maintenance: £1.0m;
 - Sale West to North Altrincham Network Improvements (SCOOT Upgrades, Firsway Crossing and Bus Stop Upgrades): £0.6m and Final Business Case;
 - High Speed / Northern Powerhouse Rail: £1.31m;
 - Integrated Measures Customer Travel Information Digital Improvements: £5.3m and Final Business Case;

4. That drawdown of £4.444m capital funding and Final Business Case for the Salford Central Enhancements scheme be approved.

5. That the drawdown of £3.83m for GM's Active Travel Fund (ATF) Tranche 4 Extension subject to this award being added to the GMCA Capital Programme.

6. That the drawdown of Active Travel programme funding be approved as follows:
 - Bury Fishpool Phase 2: £3.83m (CRSTS funding through the MCF programme);
 - Bury Pimhole: £1.91m (CRSTS funding through the MCF programme);

7. That the MCF scheme budget variations for Bury Council be agreed as set out in sections 6.7 & 6.8; and

8. That the allocation of Capability Fund, Tranche 4, (Revenue Grant) as set out in sections 6.9 & 6.10 be approved.

7. BEE NETWORK FARES AND TICKETING PRODUCTS

1. That the introduction of an Annual Bee Bus Ticket priced at £800 be noted.
2. That the introduction of a TfGM scheme with local Credit Unions, from January 2025, to improve access to annual bus tickets be noted.

3. That the continuation of the Bee Network Recompense Scheme for Tranche 3 bus customers be noted.
4. That the introduction of multi modal 'pay as you go' (PAYG) contactless ticketing and capped fares across bus and tram in March 2025 be noted.
5. That the plans to provide an update on the annual review of the Capped Fares Scheme and proposed next steps be noted.
6. That the potential extension of the Care Leavers scheme, from aged 21 to aged 25, from April 2025 be noted.
7. That the outcomes of the concessions review scheme for carers be brought to the earliest available meeting of the Committee

8. HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE

1. That the current position in relation to the High-Speed Rail Programme in Greater Manchester, the future areas of development and current Government timeframes be noted.

9. GM RAIL INTEGRATION & REFORM PROGRAMME

1. That the importance of the rail network for Greater Manchester and unlocking future economic growth be noted.
2. That the Government's plans for rail reform and ongoing GM engagement with Shadow Great British Railways be noted.
3. That the proposal for further engagement with HMG, rail partners and others to explore and influence legislative and structural options that would achieve GM ambitions be noted.
4. That there be a commitment to cascading all relevant updates to local authority officers to ensure that it is captured within their local plans.

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

This decision notice was issued 30 September 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 7 October 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.