

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON
FRIDAY 12 JULY 2019 AT FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, MANCHESTER**

PRESENT:

MEMBER

Stuart Haslam
Angeliki Stogia
Naeem Hassan
Ateeque Ur-Rehman
Phil Burke
Roger Jones
David Meller
Warren Bray
Steve Adshead
Mark Aldred
Sean Fielding
Roy Walker
Dzidra Noor
Howard Sykes
Liam O'Rourke
Barry Warner
Doreen Dickinson
Peter Robinson
Nathan Evans
Joanne Marshall

REPRESENTING

Bolton
Manchester
Manchester
Oldham
Rochdale
Salford
Stockport
Tameside
Trafford
Wigan
GMCA
Mayoral appointment
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bob Morris	Chief Operating Officer
Kate Brown	Director of Corporate Affairs
Nick Roberts	Head of Services & Commercial Development
Alison Chew	Interim Head of Bus Services
Alex Cropper	Head of Operations
Nicola Ward	Governance and Scrutiny
Ninoskha Martins	Governance and Scrutiny
Gwynne Williams	Deputy Monitoring Officer, GMCA

OPERATORS IN ATTENDANCE

Gary Nolan	One Bus
Ben Jarvis	Stagecoach
Guy Warren	First

ANNUAL MEETING

GMTC 01/19 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR 2019/20

RESOLVED /-

1. That Councillor Mark Aldred be nominated as Chair for the Greater Manchester Transport Committee for the forthcoming municipal year, subject to appointment by the GM Mayor.
2. That Councillor Mark Aldred be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

GMTC 02/19 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRS FOR 2019/20

RESOLVED /-

That Councillors Roger Jones and Doreen Dickinson be appointed as Vice Chairs to the Greater Manchester Transport Committee for the forthcoming municipal year.

GMTC 03/19 MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019/20

RESOLVED /-

That the membership of the Committee as detailed below be noted.

Members	Representing	Political Party
Stuart Haslam	Bolton	Conservative
Rishi Shori	Bury	Labour
Angeliki Stogia	Manchester	Labour
Naeem Hassan	Manchester	Labour
Ateeque Ur-Rehman	Oldham	Labour
Phil Burke	Rochdale	Labour
Roger Jones	Salford	Labour
David Meller	Stockport	Labour
Warren Bray	Tameside	Labour
Steve Adshead	Trafford	Labour
Mark Aldred	Wigan	Labour
Sean Fielding	GMCA	Labour
Roy Walker	Mayoral appointment	Conservative
John Leech	Mayoral appointment	Liberal Democrat
Dzidra Noor	Mayoral appointment	Labour
Howard Sykes	Mayoral appointment	Liberal Democrat
Liam O'Rourke	Mayoral appointment	Labour
Barry Warner	Mayoral appointment	Labour

Doreen Dickinson	Mayoral appointment	Conservative
Peter Robinson	Mayoral appointment	Labour
Nathan Evans	Mayoral appointment	Conservative
Joanne Marshall	Mayoral appointment	Labour

Substitutes	Representing	Political Party
Derek Bullock	Bolton	Conservative
Beth Mortenson	Bury	Labour
Basat Shiekh	Manchester	Labour
Eddy Newman	Manchester	Labour
Shah Wazir	Rochdale	Labour
Barrie Holland	Tameside	Labour
James Wright	Trafford	Labour
Carl Sweeney	Wigan	Labour
Allan Brett	GMCA	Labour
David Wilkinson	Mayoral appointment	Liberal Democrat
John Hudson	Mayoral appointment	Conservative
Linda Holt	Mayoral appointment	Conservative
Angie Clark	Mayoral appointment	Liberal Democrat

GMTC 04/19 MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED /-

That the GMCA Members Code of Conduct be noted.

GMTC 05/19 ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM

RESOLVED /-

That it be noted that members be requested to complete their annual declaration of interest form, for publication on the GMCA website.

GMTC 06/19 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

RESOLVED /-

That the committee's terms of reference and rules of procedure be noted.

GMTC 07/19 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED /-

1. That Councillors Mark Aldred, Roger Jones, Phil Burke, Ateeque Ur-Rehman and Doreen Dickinson be appointed to the Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Board.
2. That Councillor Angeliki Stogia be appointed to the Low Carbon Hub Board.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

GMTC 08/19 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED /-

That apologies were received and noted from Councillor John Leech and Eamonn Boylan (Joint Chief Executive GMCA & TfGM).

GMTC 09/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

Councillor Phil Burke declared a personal interest in relation to items 15 & 16 as an employee of Metrolink.

GMTC 10/19 DRAFT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Kate Brown, Director of Corporate Affairs, TfGM took members through the draft work programme for the GM Transport Committee.

Members asked whether the following items could be considered for future agenda items

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- Social Value
- Road Safety Schemes & Drive Safe
- The performance of TfGM
- Connecting the outer towns of GM
- Speed camera partnership and red light jumping
- Misuse of the bus lanes and camera implementation

RESOLVED /-

That the Greater Manchester Transport Committee Work Programme be noted.

GMTC 11/19 GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Nicola Ward, Senior Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA explained the committee structure options proposed within the report to the Committee.

The model within 'option A' consisted of a full committee (23 members) and two sub-committees (11 and 12 members) with specific and exclusive remits for Bus Services and Metrolink & Rail Services. The full committee would meet on a quarterly basis (once every three months) and would look at key strategic reports, such as performance monitoring and policy development. The Bus Services sub-committee would look at bus service performance, hold operators to account and review key policy initiatives around bus services. The Metrolink & Rail sub-committee would look at the performance of Metrolink and Rail services in Greater Manchester, hold specific providers to account and review policy development in relation to relevant areas.

The model within 'option B' consisted of a monthly meeting of the full Transport Committee with the agenda divided into two sections, one which covers high level strategic policy items, and the other half covering any operational issues in relation to a specific mode of transport. Transport Operators could be invited to attend the relevant committee.

A vote was taken as to the preferred model, and option B received the majority of votes.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that Members have selected a committee model which comprises of a single transport committee with no sub committees, and an agenda separated into strategic and operational items.
2. That it be agreed that the committee structure be reviewed in 6 months time.
3. That Councillor Roger Jones be appointed as lead Member for Bus Services and Councillor Doreen Dickinson be appointed as lead Member for Metrolink and Rail Services.

GMTC 13/19 DRAFT PROGRAMME OF MEETING DATES

RESOLVED /-

That it be noted that the GM Transport Committee will meet on the second Friday of the month, unless Members are otherwise notified and the draft programme of dates is as follows –

Friday 9 August
Friday 13 September
Friday 11 October
Friday 8 November

Friday 6 December
Friday 17 January
Friday 21 February
Friday 13 March
Friday 17 April

GMTC 14/19 OUR NETWORK

Kate Brown, Director of Corporate Affairs, TfGM introduced a report which presented the shared vision towards an integrated transport network for Greater Manchester as launched by the GM Mayor on the 24 June. The vision of Our Network was strongly routed in the 2040 Transport Strategy and furthers Greater Manchester's journey towards a fully integrated public transport network.

Councillor Sean Fielding, GMCA added that the visual representation contained within the report has become a key diagram for the aspirations for this vision, strongly supported by the desire to roll out of the principles already delivered by Metrolink in relation to accessibility, punctuality and standards of service to all other transport modes in GM. To support this, the GMCA was continuing to press Government for the same level of transport subsidy for Greater Manchester as London.

Members welcomed the aspiration for a train line from Stalybridge to Stockport as part of the interconnectivity of outlying towns.

Members further welcomed plans for tram-train services between Bury and Rochdale via Heywood, but felt that the line between Heywood and Manchester needed to be supported via through improved bus services along this route. TfGM officers agreed to meet with Cllr O'Rourke to discuss the issues further.

Members requested that further consideration be given to how bus services could support people accessing other modes of transport, such as Metrolink, and specifically in relation to residents of the Cheadle area accessing East Didsbury Metrolink Station. Officers from TfGM agreed to meet with Cllr Meller in relation to improving these links.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That it be noted that officers from TfGM agreed to meet with Councillor Liam O'Rourke regarding bus services between Heywood and Manchester.
3. That it be noted that officers from TfGM agreed to meet with Councillor David Meller regarding bus linkages between Cheadle and Metrolink East Didsbury.

GMTC 15/19 TRANSPORT NETWORK PERFORMANCE

Bob Morris, Chief Operating Officer, TfGM introduced a report which provided an overview of transport network performance for May 2019, and for the first time included details on the highway network.

RESOLVED /-

That the report be noted.

GMTC 16/19 FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO THE BUS NETWORK

Nick Roberts, Head of Services & Commercial Development, TfGM explained the format of the Forthcoming Changes to the Bus Network report, and took members through each of the annexes in detail.

Members expressed their concern regarding changes to the 81 service, as the service was run by one operator in one direction and another operator in the other direction, requiring passengers to purchase multiple tickets. First Bus responded that there have been minimal service changes to the 81 service, and that the 409 as a supporting service was not changing.

A Member asked that although the late 84a service to the Merseybank area was a welcomed addition, that officers give further consideration to the service between this area and the hospital. It was felt that this service had not been well advertised, and therefore patronage levels had remained low, resulting in its withdrawal. Members urged that such services should be more actively promoted in communities, and actively designed with people to ensure that the service meets their needs.

Members asked that seasonal patronage changes to the V1 and V4 services be considered, as although patronage levels were low currently, these would increase on the run up to Christmas, and services should be able to meet these demands.

A Member reported some confusion as a result of the re-numbering of services on the Rochdale/Bury routes. Officers agreed to take advice from members on this, and consider a wider role for members in relation to how they can support the dissemination of service information through communities.

RESOVLED /-

1. That the changes to the commercial network and the proposals not to replace the de-registered commercial services as set out in Annex A be noted.
2. That the proposed action is taken in respect of changes or de-registered commercial services as set out in Annex B be agreed.
3. That the proposed changes to general subsidised services set out in Annex C be approved.

4. That it be noted that further consideration would be given as to how bus service change information is disseminated within communities, and the role of local councillors in this process and a future report be brought back to the Transport Committee.

GMTC 17/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED /-

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 involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in the relevant paragraph, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

PART B

GMTC 18/19 FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO THE BUS NETWORK

RESOLVED /-

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