

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

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Subject: Transport Strategy Delivery Updates

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

Following the approval by the Combined Authority of the revised 2040 Transport Strategy in January, this report sets out progress made against the agreed delivery programmes for active travel and electric vehicle charging infrastructure, alongside a report back on the outcome of the recent consultation on the Manchester/Salford City Centre Transport Strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The GMCA is requested to note the report.

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Equalities Implications:

The 2040 Transport Strategy was the subject of a full Impact Assessment, details of which are available at www.tfgm.com/strategy

The reports here set out how each activity contributes to Greater Manchester's equalities policies.

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
WIGAN

Climate Change Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures

The 2040 Transport Strategy was the subject of a full Impact Assessment, details of which are available at www.tfgm.com/strategy

Risk Management:

Specific risk considerations are set out in each report here.

Legal Considerations:

Specific legal considerations are set out in each report here.

Financial Consequences – Revenue:

Specific financial considerations are set out in each report here.

Financial Consequences – Capital:

Specific financial considerations are set out in each report here.

Number of attachments to the report:

Three reports follow this summary paper, covering:

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

None to record

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

The 2040 Transport Strategy and supporting documents at www.tfgm.com/strategy

TRACKING/PROCESS	
Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution	Yes / No
EXEMPTION FROM CALL IN	
Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?	
GM Transport Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Committee

1. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As Members will recall, GMCA approved an updated 2040 Transport Strategy and Delivery Plan (the statutory Local Transport Plan) at the GMCA meeting in January. The Strategy builds on the vision for an integrated transport network, as articulated in Our Network.
- 1.2 In addition to achieving this vision for integration across the transport network, Greater Manchester is committed to securing an improved travel offer across all parts of the network. The following reports provide an update on progress that is being made across three key aspects of the future network:
- The Cycling and Walking network, which has been a major focus of progress for Greater Manchester over recent years, supported by the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Fund since 2018, with further support having now been received from the Government's recent Active Travel Funds;
 - The Greater Manchester Electric Vehicle Charging system, which is a central component in Greater Manchester's strategy to decouple the link between transport and emissions, and to which GMCA agreed a further funding contribution through its Transforming Cities Fund resources at its meeting in January; and
 - The establishment of a revised Manchester/Salford City Centre Transport Strategy to support the achievement of the sustainable growth objectives that the Cities of Manchester and Salford are promoting at the heart of the conurbation.
- 1.3 This cover report is accompanied by three supporting reports that provides updates on the work in these areas and requests specific approvals of the GMCA.

2. ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME UPDATE

- 2.1 The following report on this agenda details out the progress that has been made to establish a coherent programme within Greater Manchester, which is helping to drive and coordinate the delivery of the ground-breaking Mayor's Cycling and Walking Fund (MCF), which was agreed by GMCA in 2018.
- 2.2 Through the programmes, TfGM and the Greater Manchester authorities have identified the potential for almost £500 million investment to help transform the cycling and walking environment in the city region. Through the commitment of MCF resources, a first phase of the future network has been prioritized for development, totalling some £216 million of spending across 75 initial schemes, which are in stages of progress from development to delivery across the ten authorities. A full progress update on the MCF programme is set out in the report.

- 2.3 The success of the programme has put Greater Manchester in a strong position to secure further funding from Government through its Active Travel Fund, with over £19 million additional funding having been secured. The report includes a draft delivery plan for the deployment of these funds for Members' approval.
- 2.4 Looking forwards, the MCF programme will be progressed as part of a Streets for All Strategy, the principles for which were agreed in the updated 2040 Strategy. This Strategy will include the development of the Quality Bus Transit programme, which was approved in the 2040 Delivery Plan. In advance of the fuller Strategy, the Active Travel report here includes draft interim design guidance for the Cycling and Walking programme, so as to ensure a consistency across the programme and a strategic fit with recently updated national design guidance.

3. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

- 3.1 As set out in our 2040 Transport Delivery Plan, Greater Manchester is committed to investment in, and expansion of, the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) Network. This will help to support the transition to electric vehicles in Greater Manchester and – alongside other measures, such as encouraging walking and cycling – is vital, if we are to improve air quality and the health of GM residents and visitors.
- 3.2. GMCA is keen to see the early expansion of the network of electric vehicle charging points, including some for use by private hire vehicles and taxis. We have already secured c.£3m, to deliver additional electric vehicle charging points, from the Government's Clean Air Early Measures Fund. At the January meeting of the GMCA, Members agreed to prioritise up to £10 million from Greater Manchester's Transforming Cities Fund resources as a local contribution to a joint package of funding (subject to successful agreement with central government).
- 3.3 The report on this agenda updates on the progress made to upgrade and expand the existing system, which will continue through 2021. It is proposed that a longer term EVCI Strategy is prepared for GMCA consideration this summer.

4. CITY CENTRE TRANSPORT STRATEGY

- 4.1 The 2040 Transport Strategy sets out an ambitious vision for travel to the city centre, which builds on the success of the past decade, through which a step-change has been made in the levels of non-car commuting, supporting the sustainable growth of Greater Manchester's largest economic centre and principal transport hub.
- 4.2 Work has been undertaken by Manchester CC, Salford CC and TfGM to revise the *2010 Transport Strategy for Manchester City Centre*, in order to support the ongoing growth of the city centre and recovery from the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic,

and to set out a contemporary vision for the future of the city centre which reflects the importance of place-making, improving access into and across the city centre by sustainable modes of transport for everyone, and which supports Greater Manchester's goals for clean air and to become carbon neutral by 2038.

- 4.3 The revised strategy is based on significant engagement and consultation. Within the framework of the GM 2040 Transport Strategy, it sets out key transport policies and interventions for future delivery, covering the full period up to 2040, and considering the needs of residents, businesses and visitors and covering all modes of transport used to travel to, from and around the city centre. The final City Centre Transport Strategy (CCTS) to 2040 is appended to the report on this agenda for Members' consideration and endorsement.