

GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE BUS SERVICES

Date: 6th August 2021

Subject: Changes to the Bus Network and Review of Subsidised Bus Services Budget - Part A

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

- i. To inform Members of the changes that have taken place to the bus network since the last Bus Services Sub Committee meeting and report on action taken or proposed by Transport for Greater Manchester; and
- ii. To seek guidance from Members on the actions proposed by Transport for Greater Manchester.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members are asked to:

1. note and comment as appropriate on changes to the commercial network set out in Annex A;
2. agree that no action is taken in respect of changes or de-registered commercial services set out in Annex A;
3. note the action taken in respect of the service change set out in Annex B; and
4. agree the proposed changes to general subsidised services set out in Annex C.

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Equalities Implications – n/a

Climate Change Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures – n/a

Risk Management – n/a

Legal Considerations – n/a

Financial Consequences – Revenue – see paragraph 2 and Part B report

Financial Consequences – Capital – n/a

Number of attachments included in the report: main report only

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee – n/a

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Forthcoming Changes to the Bus Network report to the Greater Manchester Transport Committee, Bus Services Sub -Committee – 12th March 2021.

TRACKING/PROCESS		
Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution?		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?		n/a
GM Transport Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	
n/a	n/a	

1. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Bus Services Sub Committee of the Greater Manchester Transport Committee considers all matters relating to the operation and service performance of the bus network in Greater Manchester, including commercially registered and subsidised services; Demand Responsive Services, bus stations and bus stops; passenger information services; contract monitoring; vehicle standards; and passenger safety for the subsidised bus network.
- 1.2. Acting under delegated authority, the Sub Committee is tasked to review closely and approve all proposed changes to the subsidised bus network and ensure that the cost of the subsidised general services is kept within the appropriate budget or any cash limits. This is achieved through:-
 - rationalisation of existing services whilst maintaining key links on the network;
 - engaging with operators with the objective of them taking on “marginal commercial” services; and
 - continuing to redesign and restructure grouped services to ensure that maximum value is obtained from subsidy.
- 1.3. In general, withdrawals, reductions or amendments to services are currently only planned at the date of next renewal of the contract concerned and proposed changes will be reported to this Sub Committee.
- 1.4. The governance process that leads up to the reporting to the Bus Services Sub Committee involves the scrutiny of all tendered services at TfGM's Tender Panel that consists of representatives from Legal, Procurement and Finance as well as TfGM's Bus Services team.

2. 2021/22 BUDGET SUMMARY

- 2.1 The summary below provides the current position on the 2021/22 Subsidised Bus Services budget for the three months to 30th June 2021.
- 2.2 Net expenditure on Subsidised Services is £0.3m lower than budget in the year to date. It should be noted that considerable risk remains around future income (including continued government support) and cost.

	Year to date - June 2021				Budget 2021/22 £000
	Actual £000	Budget £000	Variance £000	Variance %	
General Network Costs					
General Bus Services	5,220	5,579	359	6.4%	24,497
Local Link	493	503	10	2.1%	2,367
Shuttles	455	495	40	8.1%	1,972
Sub-Total General Network	6,168	6,577	409	6.2%	28,835
Schools Services Costs	3,752	3,806	54	1.4%	14,447
Total – Subsidised Services costs	9,920	10,383	464	4.5%	43,282
General Network Income					
General Bus Services	904	1,115	(211)	(18.9%)	5,847
Local Link	40	22	17	77.4%	89
Shuttles	231	230	1	0.6%	914
Sub-Total General Network	1,175	1,367	(192)	(14.1%)	6,850
Schools Services income	1,440	1,428	12	0.8%	5,384
Total – Subsidised Services income	2,615	2,795	(180)	(6.4%)	12,234
Net Cost - Subsidised Services	7,305	7,588	284	3.7%	31,048

3 CHANGES TO COMMERCIAL SERVICES (ANNEX A)

- 3.1 Annex A to this report lists changes to commercial services which, in the view of Transport for Greater Manchester, are not sufficiently significant to require the provision of subsidised service replacements. Brief details of the implications of the changes are provided.

4 CHANGES TO THE COMMERCIAL NETWORK (ANNEX B)

- 4.1 Annex B to this report lists changes to commercial services and provides brief details of the implications of these changes, which officers believe are of sufficient importance to require action by Transport for Greater Manchester

5 CHANGES TO GENERAL SUBSIDISED SERVICES (ANNEX C)

- 5.1 Annex C to this report lists proposals for changes to general subsidised services on which the views of Members are requested. Information is given about the reasons for proposing these changes.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial implications are set out in Part B of the report.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Recommendations are set out at the front of this report.

Stephen Rhodes

Customer Director and Interim Head of Bus Services

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE COMMERCIAL NETWORK

ANNEX A

Dist	Service No. and Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services	Integration impact (modes/ ticketing)	Comments/TfGM officer recommendations
BN	575 Bolton – Lostock – Horwich	Diamond	<p>Sunday daytime journeys between Bolton and Horwich have been extended from Horwich to Rivington as the result of funding from South East Lancashire Community Rail Partnership. This extension will run until Sunday 17 October.</p> <p>There are no changes to journeys run by Arriva.</p>	11/04/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action
MR TE	X57 Manchester Airport – Oxford Road – Manchester – Glossop – Sheffield	Hulleys	<p>This service has been extended from Chorlton Street to Manchester Airport on a limited stop basis between Chorlton Street and Fallowfield, then non-stop to the Airport.</p> <p>Buses will run broadly every two hours throughout daily, between 0600 and 2000</p>	16/05/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action

			Monday to Saturday and 0900 to 2000 Sunday.				
RE	457 Rochdale – Littleborough – Shore – Stansfield	Transdev	Service extended from Littleborough to Shore and Stansfield to replace withdrawn service 588.	25/07/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action
BN BY	470 Bolton – Hawkshaw – Ramsbottom	Diamond	Three return journeys have been introduced on Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays/Bank Holidays. These journeys have been timed to connect with the East Lancs Railway at Ramsbottom and will run until 6 th September 2021.	24/07/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action
BN BY RE	471 Bolton - Bury – Heywood - Rochdale	Diamond	Monday to Saturday daytime frequency reduced from 10 to 12 minutes due to staff shortages. It is expected that this service will revert to the normal frequency from 29/08/21.	24/07/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action
BN	580/581 Bolton — Logistics North – Royal	Vision	New circular services running from Bolton via St Helens Road, Logistics North and Royal Bolton Hospital to Bolton	25/07/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action

	Bolton Hospital – Bolton		as 580 and in the opposite direction as 581. Services will run every 30 minutes in each direction Monday to Saturday between 0500 and 2015 and every hour in each direction on Sunday between 0700 and 1915.				
RE	588 Rochdale – Littleborough – Shore – Stansfield	First West Yorkshire	Service withdrawn due to continued poor performance of the service and limited availability of drivers. Shore and Stansfield will be replaced by changes to service 457 (see above).	25/07/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action
WN	Haigh Woodland Wanderer Wigan – Aspull – Haigh Hall	Finches	New service operating Saturdays and Sundays until 31 October, August Bank Holiday Monday 30 August and Monday to Friday 25-29 October From Wigan at 1000 and hourly to 1500; From Haigh Hall at 1000 and hourly to 1500. Funded by Wigan MBC and the Community Rail Partnership.	31/07/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action

RE	587 Halifax – Ripponden – Littleborough – Rochdale	Yorkshire Tiger	The Yorkshire Tiger business has been sold by Arriva group to Transdev who will operate as Team Pennine. All Yorkshire Tiger journeys will be replaced by journeys run by Team Pennine. There are no changes to journeys operated by First West Yorkshire.	25/07/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action
WN	635 Wigan Infirmar y – Wigan – Shevington Vale – Wrightington Hospital	Diamond	The Monday to Saturday service will no longer operate to Wigan Infirmar y. This extension was introduced on a trial basis in January 2021, but passenger use has been lower than anticipated and congestion at Wigan Infirmar y is impacting negatively on the timetable.	29/08/21	Service 362	n/a	The route extension to Wigan Infirmar y was only introduced 31/01/21. No TfGM action
MR SD BY	X41 Manchester – Prestwich – Ramsbottom – Accrington	Transdev	Additional stops will be introduced on Bury New Road between Manchester and Prestwich. These are the stops which are not served by the 59 or 97/98.	29/08/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action

MR TE	X57 Manchester Airport – Oxford Road – Manchester – Hyde – Glossop – Sheffield	Hulleys	Most Monday to Saturday daytime journeys are diverted off the M67 to serve Hyde Bus Station with some extending from Manchester Airport Interchange to the Runway Viewing Park. This change reintroduces the link between Hyde and Hollingworth as requested by Local Councillors	05/09/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action
MR	X1 Ashbourne – Leek – Macclesfield – Manchester Airport	Hulleys	Existing Monday to Saturday daytime journeys on service X57 are extended south from Manchester Airport to Macclesfield, Leek and Ashbourne. Buses will be numbered X1 between Manchester Airport, Runway Viewing Park and Ashbourne, with through fares available into Manchester. One return journey on Summer Saturdays will also operate via Alton Towers.	06/09/21	n/a	n/a	No TfGM action

SD	VH2 Burgess Farm – Walkden	Diamond	Daily day-time service withdrawn. This service operated every 15 minutes and was started in June 2016 under contract to the housing developer. This funding has now ended.	26/09/21	n/a	n/a	The route of Service 29 was amended to run via Hilton Lane in January 2021 in anticipation of the end of the funding. No TfGM action
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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE COMMERCIAL NETWORK

ANNEX B

Dist	Service No. and Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services	Integration impact (modes/ticketing)	Comments/TfGM officer recommendations
BN	533 Bolton — Tonge Moor — Bromley	Diamond	New Monday to Saturday commercial service introduced running hourly 0600-1900	11/04/21	n/a	n/a	TFGM action required (see Annex C)

	Cross — Egerton		Monday to Friday and 0700-1900 on Saturday. This service replaces tendered provision.				
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CHANGES TO THE SUBSIDISED NETWORK

ANNEX C

The Committee is invited to consider officers' proposals on the following services:

Dist	Service, route and operator	TfGM officer comments and recommendations
SD	<p>66</p> <p>Eccles – Worsley – Swinton – Pendlebury - Prestwich</p> <p><i>Operated by Diamond</i></p>	<p>Subsidised service 66 currently operates hourly Monday to Saturday daytime and every two hours in the evening and on Sunday daytime.</p> <p>The operator has reported that they are experiencing punctuality issues with this and other Salford area timetables. A full review, of this and other services, has taken place and the extension to Prestwich Tesco (introduced in October 2020, when service 66 replaced service 484) has been highlighted as one of the causes of poor punctuality given the variable traffic congestion in Prestwich and the number of traffic lights on this section of route.</p> <p>Officers propose that the service once again terminates at Prestwich, Longfield Centre. This action will reduce mileage, allowing additional running time and layover to be introduced across the network and improve punctuality.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
SD	<p>79</p> <p>Pendleton – Salford Quays – Stretford</p> <p><i>Operated by Diamond</i></p>	<p>Subsidised service 79 currently operates hourly Monday to Saturday daytime and every two hours in the evening and on Sunday daytime.</p> <p>As noted above, the operator has reported that they are experiencing punctuality issues across their Salford area subsidised timetables.</p>

		<p>The peak service 79 has been particularly affected and officers propose the introduction of significant additional running time at peak times. Consequently, on weekdays the number of journeys in the evening peak will be reduced with one round trip removed allowing additional time to be distributed across the remaining journeys.</p> <p>In the afternoon peak buses will depart Pendleton at:</p> <p>1520, 1636, 1803, 1925 & 2125 (previously 1525, 1625, 1733, 1837, 1925, 2125)</p> <p>And Stretford at:</p> <p>1455, 1601, 1720, 1845, 1959, 2159 (previously 1501, 1605, 1706, 1813, 1913, 2001, 2201)</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
<p>OM</p>	<p>184 Oldham – Grotton - Huddersfield <i>Operated by First</i></p>	<p>This daily service currently operates hourly Monday to Saturday daytime between Oldham and Huddersfield.</p> <p>The subsidised evening and Sundays/Bank Holidays service operates hourly between Oldham and Grotton. A review of these journeys has been undertaken given the low patronage and the high cost per passenger with officers working with the operator on options to improve the service and its cross-boundary link.</p>

		<p>Officers are recommending the withdrawal of the Monday to Saturday 2127 from Grotton and its return journey, however the Monday to Saturday 2115 (currently 2105) from Oldham and its return journey would be extended to Marsden/Huddersfield. In addition, the hourly Sunday/BH service would be extended to Huddersfield every two hours instead of the commercial 84 service. The route extension beyond Grotton would be commercial.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
<p>TD</p>	<p>287 Altrincham – Bowdon - Bowdon Vale circular</p> <p><i>Operated by Little Gem (Goodwins)</i></p>	<p>Service 287 operates daily every hour. Health and safety concerns have been raised regarding buses regularly mounting the pavement in order to operate via Church Brow, despite the introduction of parking restrictions.</p> <p>Officers have explored options and are proposing to revise the route from Altrincham Interchange via Stamford New Road, Railway Street, Ashley Road, Langham Road, Bow Green Road as normal route via Bowdon Vale to Langham Road, then via Richmond Road, Stamford Road and reverse of existing route via The Firs, Cavendish Road, Delamer Road, The Downs, Railway Street, Stamford New Road to Altrincham Interchange. Church Brow and Talbot Road will no longer be served. Distance to the service less than 150 metres.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p>

		There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.
TE	335 Ashton – Dukinfield – Denton - Dane Bank <i>Operated by Little Gem (Goodwins)</i>	<p>Service 335 currently operates Monday to Saturday hourly and every two hours evening and Sunday on short journeys to/from Denton, Ruskin Avenue. Representations were received from a local MP for the Monday to Saturday daytime route to be extended to better penetrate the Dane Bank area. In response officers liaised with the operator of the service and agreed the change.</p> <p>Towards Ashton the service operates via Windmill Lane, Thornley Lane South and will then continue and turn right on to Wilton Street, Granada Road, Windsor Road, Hulme Road then as normal route. The service will operate hail and ride along the new sections of route.</p> <p>Anson Road would no longer be served. The distance to the service for those affected is less than 280 metres.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>The financial implications are included under Part B.</p>
TE	336 and 337 Ashton – Smallshaw – Hazelhurst circular <i>Operated by Stagecoach</i>	<p>Circular services 336 and 337 both operate daily every hour. The operator has reported that they are experiencing reliability problems. In order to improve reliability, the services will be re-timed.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to these service with effect from 5th September 2021</p>

		There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.
OM TE	356 Ashton – Mossley – Uppermill – Denshaw – Oldham <i>Operated by Nexus Move</i>	<p>Service 356 operates every hour during Monday to Saturday daytime, reducing to every two hours in the evening and on Sunday daytime.</p> <p>Officers have retimed the Monday to Saturday service, to better serve Bluecoat School on school days and to offer better connections with the evening train service at Greenfield.</p> <p>Buses from Greenfield are retimed earlier to meet trains arriving from Manchester at xx:53 (16:53 to 20:53, and 22:56 on Fridays/Saturdays only). Buses will leave the rail station on the hour. Consequently, evening buses from Denshaw will also be retimed to depart at xx:30 from 18:30 to 20:30, and 22:30 on Fridays/Saturdays only when the late evening through bus will be retimed to depart at 22:05 from Oldham.</p> <p>Members are asked to note these changes which were introduced on 25th July 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
TE	389 Ashton – Stalybridge – Dukinfield – Yew Tree circular <i>Operated by Stagecoach</i>	<p>Circular service 389 operates daily every hour. The operator has reported that they are experiencing reliability problems. In order to improve reliability, the services will be re-timed.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to these service with effect from 5th September 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget</p>
RE OM	435	Subsidised service 435 currently operates hourly Monday to Saturday daytime.

	<p>Rochdale – Turf Hill - Shaw</p> <p><i>Operated by TransDev</i></p>	<p>Following representations from local Councillors, the service will be re-routed in Shaw to serve Hannerton Road.</p> <p>The Monday to Friday 0741 journey from Milnrow to Rochdale which is currently provided for students to travel to Crompton House School is withdrawn as an alternative journey on the revised timetable of service 408. The resource released from this change will allow introduction of additional peak time journeys on R1 and R3/R13.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
<p>RE OM</p>	<p>458</p> <p>Rochdale – Smithy Bridge – Littleborough - Stansfield</p> <p><i>Operated by TransDev</i></p>	<p>Subsidised service 458 currently operates hourly daily daytime between Rochdale and Littleborough, extending evening and Sunday to Stansfield.</p> <p>Following changes to service 457 which has been extended to Stansfield commercially to replace service 588 across the daytime, one pair of journeys are no longer required to extend the Stansfield.</p> <p>The 1750 (MF) and 1745 (Sat) journeys will revert to terminating at Littleborough.</p> <p>There will be additional MF from Shore and Stansfield on this service at 0638 and 0658.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p>

		There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.
BY BN	480 Bury – Walshaw – Tottington – Hawkshaw – Bradshaw – Bolton <i>Operated by TransDev</i>	<p>Service 480 currently operates hourly Monday to Saturday daytime between Bury and Tottington on a commercial basis and extended to Bolton under tender off peak and Saturday.</p> <p>Additional journeys are introduced on schooldays at 0711 Bolton to Bury and 0720/0820 Bury to Bolton.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>The financial implications are included under Part B.</p>
BN	501 Johnson Fold — Bolton — Royal Bolton Hospital — Farnworth <i>Operated by Arriva, Diamond and Vision Bus</i>	<p>This service currently operates every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime, and every 30 minutes on Sundays. The hourly subsidised evening service was run by Arriva.</p> <p>Subsequent to the tender award process for contracts commencing April 2021, through which the subsidised journeys would have been operated by Vision Bus, a commercial registration submitted by Diamond Bus has resulted in some of the former subsidised journeys being operated commercially by Diamond; the remainder are now operated by Vision as part of a TfGM contract. In addition, an earlier journey on Sunday morning is also operated by Vision as part of a TfGM contract to extend the span of operation.</p>

		<p>Members are asked to note the changes to this service with effect from 11th April 2021.</p> <p>As part of the package of changes to services 501, 507, 511, 520, 533, 541, 561/562, 571/572 and 577 there is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
BN	<p>507</p> <p>Bolton - Bradshaw - Top O Th Brow - Harwood circular</p> <p><i>Operated by Arriva and Diamond</i></p>	<p>This service currently operates every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime, and every 30 minutes on Sundays. The hourly subsidised evening service was run by Arriva.</p> <p>Subsequent to the tender award process for contracts commencing April 2021, through which the subsidised journeys would have been operated by Vision Bus, a commercial registration submitted by Diamond Bus has resulted in all of these journeys being operated on a commercial basis.</p> <p>Members are asked to note the changes to this service with effect from 11th April 2021.</p> <p>As part of the package of changes to services 501, 507, 511, 520, 533, 541, 561/562, 571/572 and 577 there is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
BN	<p>511</p> <p>Bolton — Brightmet — Withins — Walshaw — Bury</p> <p><i>Operated by Arriva, Diamond, Transdev, Vision Bus</i></p>	<p>This service currently operates every 60 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime, and every 60 minutes on Sundays. The subsidised evening service was run by Transdev and the Sunday service was operated by Arriva.</p> <p>Subsequent to the tender award process for contracts commencing April 2021, through which a consistent hourly evening and Sunday timetable would have been operated by Vision Bus, a commercial registration submitted by Diamond Bus has resulted in the Sunday daytime journeys being operated on</p>

		<p>a commercial basis. The remaining subsidised journeys (5 trips on Monday to Saturday evenings, 3 trips on Sunday evening) are operated by Vision Bus.</p> <p>Members are asked to note the changes to this service with effect from 11th April 2021.</p> <p>As part of the package of changes to services 501, 507, 511, 520, 533, 541, 561/562, 571/572 and 577 there is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
BN	<p>520</p> <p>Bolton — Deane — Ladybridge — Westhoughton</p> <p><i>Operated by Diamond and Vision Bus</i></p>	<p>This service currently operates every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime, and every 60 minutes on Sundays. Two early morning journeys and the evening and Sunday service were run by Vision Bus on a subsidised basis.</p> <p>Subsequent to the tender award process for contracts commencing April 2021, through which the subsidised journeys would have remained operated by Vision Bus, a commercial registration submitted by Diamond Bus has resulted in the early morning journeys being operated on a commercial basis.</p> <p>The evening and Sunday service continues to be run by Vision Bus on a subsidised basis.</p> <p>Members are asked to note the changes to this service with effect from 11th April 2021.</p> <p>As part of the package of changes to services 501, 507, 511, 520, 533, 541, 561/562, 571/572 and 577 there is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
BN	<p>533</p> <p>Bolton — Tonge Moor — Bromley Cross — Egerton</p>	<p>Prior to 11 April 2021, this service was operated every 60 minutes Monday to Saturday by Vision Bus on a subsidised basis.</p> <p>Subsequent to the tender award process for contracts commencing April 2021, a commercial registration was submitted by Diamond Bus which met all</p>

	<i>Operated by Diamond and Vision Bus</i>	<p>the requirements of the subsidised service running hourly from 0600-1900 Monday to Friday and 0700-1800 on Saturday.</p> <p>As a result of changes to other Bolton area services it has been possible to add additional subsidised journeys to provide an hourly evening and Sunday service up to 2312 from Bolton. These journeys are operated by Vision Bus.</p> <p>Members are asked to note the changes to this service with effect from 11th April 2021.</p> <p>The impact on the subsidised services budget of the daytime change is given in Part B of this report.</p> <p>The evening and Sunday change is part of the package of changes to services 501, 507, 511, 520, 533, 541, 561/562, 571/572 and 577 where there is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
BN	541 Toppings — Tonge Moor — Bolton <i>Operated by Arriva and Vision Bus</i>	<p>Prior to 11 April 2021, this service was operated every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday by Arriva on a subsidised basis.</p> <p>As a result of changes to other Bolton area services it has been possible to add additional subsidised journeys to provide an hourly evening service (up to 2100 from Bolton) and a Sunday daytime service between 1120 and 1820 from Bolton. These journeys are operated by Vision Bus.</p> <p>Members are asked to note the changes to this service with effect from 11th April 2021.</p> <p>As part of the package of changes to services 501, 507, 511, 520, 533, 541, 561/562, 571/572 and 577 there is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
BN	561/562 Bolton — Tonge Fold — Breightmet — Withins circular	<p>These services currently operate every 20 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime, and every 60 minutes on Sundays. The hourly subsidised evening service was run by Arriva.</p>

	<p><i>Operated by Arriva, Diamond and Vision Bus</i></p>	<p>Subsequent to the tender award process for contracts commencing April 2021, through which the subsidised journeys would have been operated by Vision Bus, a commercial registration submitted by Diamond Bus has resulted in all of these journeys being operated on a commercial basis.</p> <p>Members are asked to note the changes to this service with effect from 11th April 2021.</p> <p>As part of the package of changes to services 501, 507, 511, 520, 533, 541, 561/562, 571/572 and 577 there is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
<p>BN</p>	<p>571/572</p> <p>Bolton — Great Lever — Lever Edge circular</p> <p><i>Operated by Diamond, Vision Bus</i></p>	<p>These services currently operate every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime (with Diamond and Vision each running every 30 minutes) and every 60 minutes on Sundays (run by Vision). The hourly subsidised evening service was run by Vision Bus.</p> <p>Subsequent to the tender award process for contracts commencing April 2021, through which the subsidised journeys would have been operated by Vision Bus, a commercial registration submitted by Diamond Bus has resulted in the Monday to Saturday evening journeys being operated on a commercial basis.</p> <p>The Sunday evening service continues to be run by Vision Bus on a subsidised basis.</p> <p>Members are asked to note the changes to this service with effect from 11th April 2021.</p> <p>As part of the package of changes to services 501, 507, 511, 520, 533, 541, 561/562, 571/572 and 577 there is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>

<p>BN</p>	<p>577 Bolton — Ladybridge — Middlebrook — Brazley — Horwich — Blackrod <i>Operated by Vision Bus</i></p>	<p>This infrequent service currently operates about every 2 hours (5 trips from Bolton between 0957 and 1708, and 4 trips from Horwich 0855-1355).</p> <p>Additional trips are added to extend the span of operation: 1757 from Bolton (Monday to Saturday) and 1555, 1655 and 1755 from Horwich (Monday to Friday) and 1655 from Horwich (Saturday).</p> <p>Members are asked to note the changes to this service with effect from 11th April 2021.</p> <p>As part of the package of changes to services 501, 507, 511, 520, 533, 541, 561/562, 571/572 and 577 there is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
<p>BN</p>	<p>521 Blackrod - Westhoughton - Farnworth - Little Lever <i>Operated by Vision Bus</i></p>	<p>This service current runs hourly as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Friday between 0430 and 0730 from Farnworth to Westhoughton then 0758 Little Lever to Farnworth and Wingates, then between 0858 -1703 Little Lever to Farnworth and Blackrod, then between 1830 and 2330 from Farnworth to Westhoughton. On Saturdays the first journey from Little Lever is 0858 while the last evening bus from Farnworth is 1930. • Monday to Friday between 0500 and 0700 from Westhoughton to Farnworth, then 0810 and 0911 Wingates to Farnworth and Little Lever, then between 1001 and 1601 from Blackrod to Farnworth and Little Lever, then 1707 and 1812 Blackrod to Farnworth and between 1900 and 0000 from Westhoughton to Farnworth. On Saturdays the last journey from Blackrod is 1701 and the last evening bus from Westhoughton is 2000. • On Sundays the service runs between Farnworth and Westhoughton only with hourly buses from Farnworth between 0430 and 1930 and from Westhoughton between 0500 and 2000. <p>To address punctuality concerns raised by the operator a revised Monday to</p>

		<p>Friday timetable will be introduced as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Monday to Friday the 1558 from Little Lever to Blackrod will run at 1613 and will only run as far as Westhoughton; and the 1703 from Little Lever to Blackrod will run at 1703. • On Monday to Friday the 1501 and 1601 from Blackrod to Little Lever will run at 1506 and 1612 and the 1812 from Blackrod to Farnworth will run at 1822. The 1707 from Blackrod to Farnworth will start from Westhoughton at 1727 and only run between Westhoughton and Farnworth. <p>Members are asked to approve this change with effect from 25th July 2021.</p> <p>There is no impact on the subsidised services budget.</p>
<p>WN</p>	<p>613 Wigan — Bottling Wood — New Springs <i>Operated by Hattons</i></p>	<p>This service current runs as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Saturdays from Wigan at 0746 (M-F), 0900 and hourly to 1600 then 1715. • Monday to Saturday from New Springs at 0723 (M-F), 0805, 0925 then hourly to 1625 and 1740. <p>A revised timetable is proposed incorporating a school journey to St John Fisher RC High school as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Saturdays from Wigan at 0738 (M-F), 0830, 0920 and hourly to 1720 (the 1520 will start from St John Fisher). • Monday to Saturday from New Springs at 0711 (M-F), 0750 (which will extend to St John Fisher), 0842 and then hourly to 1741. <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>The financial implications are included under Part B.</p>

<p>WN</p>	<p>630 Platt Bridge – Ince – Wigan <i>Operated by Hattons</i></p>	<p>This service current runs hourly as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday to Friday between 0730 and 1434 from Platt Bridge to Wigan, then 1534 and 1634 in school holidays or 1550 on school days. The Saturday service is hourly from 0934 to 1634. Monday to Friday at 0750, 0905 then hourly to 1405 from Wigan, then 1505, 1605 and 1705 in School Holidays or 1510 and 1630 on School days. The Saturday service is hourly from 1005 to 1705. <p>A revised timetable is proposed incorporating a school journey between Abram and Dean Trust (Rose Bridge) Academy this will result in a more consistent timetable as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday to Friday from Platt Bridge to Wigan at 0653, 0759, 0931 then hourly to 1431, 1649 and 1749 plus 1535 in school holidays. The Saturday service is improved as well: hourly from 0831 to 1431, then 1649 and 1749. Monday to Friday from 0725 to Abram on school days or 0735 to Platt Bridge in school holidays then 0905 and hourly to 1505 then 1620, 1720, 1820. The Saturday service is improved as well: hourly from 0905 to 1405, then 1620, 1720 and 1820. <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>The financial implications are included under Part B.</p>
<p>BY</p>	<p>B1 Bury – Summerseat - Ramsbottom <i>Operated by TransDev</i></p>	<p>Subsidised service B1 currently operates hourly Monday to Friday off peak and Saturday daytime.</p> <p>The vehicles used on this service have been augmented with a school bus service which means that a full hourly service can be provided on Monday to Friday as well as an extended service on all days.</p>

		<p>The first inbound journey will go from 0937 to 0748, the last outbound journey will go from 1750 (MF) and 1720 (Sat) to 1820.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>The financial implications are included under Part B.</p>
BY	<p>B2</p> <p>Bury – Chesham – Walmersley – Nangreaves</p> <p><i>Operated by TransDev</i></p>	<p>Subsidised service B2 currently operates hourly Monday to Saturday daytime with a gap in the AM peak.</p> <p>The vehicles used on this service have been augmented with a school bus service which means that a full hourly service can be provided on Monday to Friday as well as an extended service on Saturday.</p> <p>On Saturday, the first inbound journey will go from 0834 to 0751, the last outbound journey will go from 1725 to 1824.</p> <p>In addition, AM peak inbound and PM peak outbound journeys will be diverted to run via Chesham to introduce peak travel options.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>The financial implications are included under Part B.</p>
BY RE	B4	<p>Subsidised service B4 currently operates hourly Monday to Saturday off peak and PM peak.</p>

	<p>Bury – Fairfield Hospital - Heywood <i>Operated by TransDev</i></p>	<p>The vehicles used on this service have been augmented with a school bus service which means that a full hourly service can be provided on Monday to Friday as well as an extended service on all days, albeit with a gap inbound at PM school times.</p> <p>The first inbound journey will go from 0909 to 0825, the last outbound journey will go from 1645 to 1758.</p> <p>The current 1409 journey from Heywood to Rochdale (retimed to 1425) will be curtailed to Newhouse Academy to facilitate the operation of a school bus.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>The financial implications are included under Part B.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>R1 Rochdale – Syke <i>Operated by TransDev</i></p>	<p>Subsidised service R1 currently operates hourly Monday to Saturday daytime and evening.</p> <p>The 0709 journey from Rochdale and its return journey at 0722 from Syke will be re-timed to operate 46 minutes earlier.</p> <p>A new 0738 journey from Rochdale to Syke and return journey at 0750 will be introduced.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p>

		There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.
RE	R3 Rochdale – Wallbank <i>Operated by TransDev</i>	<p>Subsidised service R3 currently operates off peak journeys Monday to Friday and hourly Sunday daytime.</p> <p>A new 0806 journey from Rochdale to Healey Corner will be introduced.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
RE	R4 Rochdale – Milnrow - Ladyhouse <i>Operated by TransDev</i>	<p>Subsidised service R4 currently operates every two hours Monday to Saturday daytime.</p> <p>The service is re-timed as follows: MF: 1005, 1205, 1405, 1615 & 1825 from Rochdale MF: 1032, 1232, 1432 & 1642 from Ladyhouse SAT: 1005, 1205, 1405, 1605 & 1805 from Rochdale SAT: 1032, 1232, 1432 & 1632 from Ladyhouse</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
RE	R5 Rochdale – Milnrow – Peppermint Bridge <i>Operated by TransDev</i>	<p>Subsidised service R5 currently operates every two hours Monday to Saturday daytime.</p> <p>The service is re-timed as follows: MF: 0905, 1105, 1305, 1510 & 1720 from Rochdale</p>

		<p>MF: 0836, 0936, 1136, 1336, 1541 & 1751 from Peppermint Bridge SAT: 0905, 1105, 1305, 1505 & 1705 from Rochdale SAT: 0936, 1136, 1336, 1536 & 1736 from Peppermint Bridge</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
RE	<p>R7 Rochdale – Castleton <i>Operated by TransDev</i></p>	<p>Subsidised service R7 currently operates hourly Monday to Saturday daytime.</p> <p>The operator has reported that they are experiencing reliability problems. In order to improve the reliability, the service will re-timed with some peak running times increased. In addition, the Monday to Friday 1600 from Rochdale to Turf Hill and its return journey will be extended to serve Castleton.</p> <p>The R7 and the R8 detailed below will be interworked which will give some additional layover time in Rochdale to assist with addressing the poor reliability on Service R7.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>
RE	<p>R8 Rochdale – Norden <i>Operated by TransDev</i></p>	<p>This service currently operates Monday to Friday at peak times and daily evening and Sunday daytime.</p> <p>Following representations from local Councillors about the lack of service along Bury Road, officers have been working with the operator to introduce some additional Monday to Saturday journeys to fill the gap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon- Fri from Rochdale 1005 and hourly to 1405 then existing 1552, 1715 and hourly to 2210

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon- Fri from Norden existing 0712, 0730, 0835 then new 0921 and hourly to 1326 then existing 1737, 1829 and hourly to 2227 • Sat from Rochdale 0905 and hourly to 1705 then existing 1810 and hourly to 2210 • Sat from Norden new 0926 and hourly to 1726 then existing 1829 and hourly to 2227 <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>The financial implications are included under Part B.</p>
RE	<p>R13 Rochdale – Wallbank <i>Operated by TransDev</i></p>	<p>Service R13 currently operates commercial off peak journeys Monday to Friday and hourly Saturday daytime.</p> <p>A new subsidised 0818 journey from Healey Corner to Rochdale will be introduced.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the changes to this service with effect from 29th August 2021.</p> <p>There is no change to the Tendered Service Budget.</p>