

**GREATER MANCHESTER AIR QUALITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE HELD ON  
TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021, AT 9:00 AM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Andrew Western	GMCA
Councillor Adele Warren	Bolton Council
Councillor Lucy Smith	Bury Council
Councillor Angeliki Stogia	Manchester City Council
Councillor Barbara Brownridge	Oldham Council
Councillor Wendy Cocks	Rochdale Council
Councillor Mike McCusker	Salford City Council
Councillor Tom McGee	Stockport Council
Councillor Stephen Adshead	Trafford MBC
Councillor Alison Gwynne	Tameside Council
Councillor Paul Prescott	Wigan Council

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Alan Quinn	Bury Council
Councillor Basat Sheikh	Manchester City Council
Councillor Laura Boyle	Tameside Council

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Simon Warburton	TfGM
Megan Black	TfGM
Julie Connor	GMCA
Jamie Fallon	GMCA

Julie Connor, GMCA Secretary opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting of the Greater Manchester Air Quality Administration Committee. Members were advised that the meeting was being livestreamed, and outlined meeting etiquette.

**AQC 01/21 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

The GMCA Secretary invited nominations for the role of Chair for the 2022/22 Municipal Year. The Committee agreed the appointment of Councillor Andrew Western (Trafford Council) as Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

**RESOLVED/-**

That Councillor Andrew Western be appointed as Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

**AQC 02/21 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

The Chair asked for nominations for the role of Vice-Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year. The Committee agreed the appointment of Councillor Angeliki Stogia (Manchester) as Vice-Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

## **RESOLVED/-**

That Councillor Angeliki Stogia (Manchester) be appointed as Vice-Chair for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

## **AQC 03/21 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jude Wells (Stockport).

## **AQC 04/21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair thanked Members for their attendance at the first meeting of the Greater Manchester Air Quality Administration Committee.

## **AQC 05/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **RESOLVED/-**

No declarations of interest were received.

## **AQC 06/21 MEMBERSHIP**

Members noted the membership for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

District	Member	Substitute Member
GMCA	Cllr Andrew Western	Cllr Martyn Cox
Bolton	Cllr Adele Warren	Cllr Anne Galloway
Bury	Cllr Lucy Smith	Cllr Alan Quinn
Manchester	Cllr Angeliki Stogia	Cllr Basat Sheikh
Oldham	Cllr Barbara Brownridge	Cllr Ateeque Ur-Rehman
Rochdale	Cllr Sara Rowbotham	Cllr Wendy Cocks
Salford	Cllr Mike McCusker	Vacancy
Stockport	Cllr Jude Wells	Cllr Tom McGee
Trafford	Cllr Stephen Adshead	Vacancy
Tameside	Cllr Allison Gwynne	Cllr Laura Boyle
Wigan	Cllr Paul Prescott	Vacancy

Members were advised that Councillor McCusker had replaced Councillor Antrobus as Salford's representative on the Committee.

### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the 2021/22 Membership of the Committee be noted.
2. That it be noted that Councillor McCusker had replaced Councillor Antrobus as Salford's representative on the Committee.

## **AQC 07/21 GM CLEAN AIR PLAN: GOVERNANCE**

Members received a presentation from Megan Black TfGM, Head of Logistics & Environment, TfGM which set out the joint committee functions and progress in making

preparatory arrangements to ensure that the 10 GM authorities were in a position to implement a charging Clean Air Zone (CAZ) in Spring 2022. The following key points were highlighted:

- GM must launch a Clean Air Zone in 2022 to meet the requirement of the direction to secure compliance with NO2 standards in the shortest possible time, and by 2024 at the latest.
- GM must make a final plan no later than Summer 2021 in order to be in a position to launch a Clean Air Zone in 2022.
- To support implementation Government had provided initial support funding of £36m.
- The preparatory procurement arrangements required to deliver the CAZ and other GM CAP measures have commenced without a risk of the consultation outcome being pre-judged. Preparatory work was required in order to maintain delivery momentum in line with the funding arrangements agreed with JAQU, for example in relation to automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras, back office systems and service providers. Formal contract awards were expected to take place throughout 2021.
- The 10 Local Authorities, and GMCA agreed that TfGM would act as an 'operating body' responsible for day-to-day operation of the CAZ and the implementation of other GM CAP measures.
- As there were several key charging authority functions that can only be discharged by the charging authorities (and as the GMCA is not a charging authority), the following governance arrangements have been established:
  - a Joint Committee of charging authorities to enable decisions to be taken that were required to be taken jointly by the Constituent Authorities' as charging authorities in relation to the GM CAZ ("Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee"); and
  - a Joint Committee of the charging authorities, and the GMCA to enable the joint discharge of the GMCA's and Constituent Authorities' functions under sections 82 to 84 of the Environment Act 1995 (Air Quality) and in relation to the GM CAZ (excluding such decisions that must be taken by the charging authorities jointly under Part 3 of, and Schedule 12 to, the Transport Act 2000 and regulations made thereunder) ("Air Quality Administration Committee").
- The next steps would include progressing to contract award and assessing the findings of the GM CAP and MLS consultations, with a view to developing a final plan for consideration by Summer 2021.

Members raised the following comments and questions:

- The update was welcomed.
- A Member explored whether the Terms of Reference for the Joint Committees were included within the agenda.

It was confirmed that the Terms of Reference was set out within Appendix 1 of the report (page 12 of the merged agenda).

- A Member from Bury requested further information regarding whether GM was seeking the same powers as London in relation to moving traffic regulations which would enable CCTV cameras to fine motorists who inappropriately used box junctions, or park on double yellow lines.

Simon Warburton, Transport Strategy Director, TfGM, confirmed that the broader Transport Management Strategies and Policies were incredibly important and the National Bus Strategy outlined the intention to address the moving traffic offences issue, but did not provide sufficient detail to enable officers to confirm how this would progress. Members were advised that key route policies were being investigated further with DfT and it was agreed that further information would be shared with the Committee as appropriate.

- A Member from Stockport advised that cross party Members were keen to advance discussions around possible locations for improved signage, along with addressing concerns and intelligence locally. It was acknowledged that local authorities were all facing similar issues which needed to be considered as part of this agenda.

Megan Black confirmed that TfGM were aware of the requirements in Stockport and these were being addressed with Officers.

- A Member from Bury, highlighted the importance of clearly communicating with residents, in particularly on the implications of the CAZ.

The Chair agreed that public engagement on the implications of the proposal was critical and would be a focus following the elections.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. That the update be noted.
2. That the joint committees functions as set out in this report at paragraph 3.3 and the terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 1 be noted.
3. That the progress that has been made in the preparatory arrangements that are required to implement a charging Clean Air Zone in Spring 2022 to ensure the achievement of Nitrogen Dioxide compliance in the shortest possible time and by 2024 at the latest as required by the Ministerial Direction be noted.

#### **AQC 07/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That the Committee would reconvene as appropriate.