

**THE MINUTES OF THE GM CLEAN AIR QUALITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2021 AT THE MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE**

PRESENT:

GMCA	Andrew Western (Chair)
Bolton	Adele Warren
Bury	Alan Quin
Manchester	Tracey Rawlins
Salford	Mike McCusker
Stockport	Tom Mcgee
Tameside	Allison Gwynne
Trafford	Stephen Adshead
Wigan	Joanne Marshall

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Kerry Bond
GMCA	Ninoshka Martins
TfGM	Kate Mooney
TfGM	Frank Tudor
TfGM	Megan Black
TfGM	Simon Warburton

AQC 21/19 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Prescott (Wigan) and Abdul Jabbar (Oldham).

AQC 21/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

AQC 21/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee, held on 21 September 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GM Clean Air Quality Administration Committee, held on 21 September 2021, be approved as a correct record.

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
WIGAN

AQC 21/22

GM CLEAN AIR PLAN - FINANCIAL SUPPORT SCHEME

Consideration was given to a report that set out a proposal for the arrangements to distribute Clean Air funds to support Private Hire Vehicles, Hackney Carriages, HGVs, coaches, minibuses, and Light Goods Vehicles.

The following comments were made:

The report was welcomed and the need to support non-compliant vehicle owners to upgrade their vehicles prior to the launch of the Clean Air Zone was noted. Members were advised that the Financial Support Scheme would open in late November 2021 for applications from heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), and with applications for other vehicles due to open in January 2022.

It was noted that it would be crucial to issue early notifications to non-compliant vehicle owners. Members were advised that TfGM had been closely working with DVLA to issue notifications to the registered keeper of eligible vehicles.

Members were advised that certain vehicles as set out in the government's Clean Air Zone Framework would be exempted from the daily charge. In addition to that, plans are in place to introduce some local temporary exemptions and discounts for the Greater Manchester-wide Clean Air Zone.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the establishment and distribution of Clean Air funds as set out in the agreed GM Clean Air Plan policy be agreed as follows:
 - From 30th November 2021 applications for funding will open for HGVs.
 - From the end of January 2022 applications for funding will open for Private Hire Vehicles, Hackney Carriages, coaches, minibuses, and Light Goods Vehicles.
2. That a report that would set out the assessment mechanism agreed with JAQU to ensure that Clean Air Funds can be adapted, if necessary, would be brought to the Committee in advance of the funds opening in November 21.

AQC 21/22

GM CLEAN AIR PLAN - OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CENTRAL CLEAN AIR SERVICE

Consideration was given to a report that outlined the details of the Operational Agreement for the Government's Clean Air Central Service, which in order to access, the ten Greater Manchester local authorities are required to enter into a legal agreement with the Secretary of State.

The report set out that the services would consist of a vehicle compliance checker, a customer payment portal, and a centralised vehicle database (which are being made

available by the government's Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) to enable the operation of all UK Clean Air Zones).

The 10 GM Authorities in their consideration of the GM Clean Air Final Plan report noted the Air Quality Administration Committee had the authority to agree the final form of the Operational Agreement for the Central Clean Air Service, and to authorise the making of the agreement, on behalf of the ten GM local authorities.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the final form of the Operational Agreement for the CAZ Central Services be agreed.
2. That the making of the Operational Agreement for the CAZ Central Services on behalf of the ten GM local authorities be approved.

AQC 21/23

GM CLEAN AIR PLAN - OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CENTRAL CLEAN AIR SERVICE

Clerk's note: This item was considered in support of the report under Part A of the agenda (Minute AQC 21/22).

RESOLVED/-

That the appendix that accompanies the main report in part A be noted.

AQC 21/24

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED/-

That a meeting of the Committee be scheduled for November, December, and January.