

# GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: 19 November 2021

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

Report of: Stephen Rhodes, Customer Director & Interim Head of Bus Services,  
TfGM

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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 to 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? No

## **GM Transport Committee**

N/A

## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

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 six months to 30th September 2021.
- 2.2 Net expenditure on Subsidised Services is £0.9m 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 - September 2021				Budget 2021/22 £000
	Actual £000	Budget £000	Variance £000	%	
<b>General Network Costs</b>					
General Bus Services	10,385	11,115	729	6.6%	24,497
Local Link	990	1,056	66	6.3%	2,367
Shuttles	914	987	73	7.4%	1,972
<b>Sub-Total General Network</b>	<b>12,289</b>	<b>13,158</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>28,835</b>
<b>Schools Services Costs</b>	<b>6,359</b>	<b>6,609</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>14,447</b>
<b>Total – Subsidised Services costs</b>	<b>18,648</b>	<b>19,767</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>43,282</b>
<b>General Network Income</b>					
General Bus Services	1,982	2,227	(245)	(11.0%)	5,847
Local Link	69	45	24	54.8%	89
Shuttles	449	458	(9)	(1.9%)	914
<b>Sub-Total General Network</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>(229)</b>	<b>(8.4%)</b>	<b>6,850</b>
<b>Schools Services income</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(0.1%)</b>	<b>5,384</b>
<b>Total – Subsidised Services income</b>	<b>5,026</b>	<b>5,257</b>	<b>(231)</b>	<b>(4.4%)</b>	<b>12,234</b>
<b>Net Cost - Subsidised Services</b>	<b>13,622</b>	<b>14,510</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>31,048</b>

## 3. CHANGES TO THE COMMERCIAL NETWORK (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
<b>BN WN</b>	<b>516</b>  Leigh - Atherton - Westhoughton - Four Gates - Horwich	<b>Diamond</b>	Service re-routed to operate via Brazley between Lostock and Horwich to provide an improved hourly service between Brazley and local facilities at both Middlebrook and Horwich.	<b>30/01/22</b>	n/a	n/a	<b>Changes to tendered journeys on services 516 and 577 (refer to part C)</b>

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE COMMERCIAL NETWORK**

**ANNEX B**

<b>Dist</b>	<b>Service No. and Route</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Effective From</b>	<b>Alternative Services</b>	<b>Integration impact (modes/ ticketing)</b>	<b>Comments/TfGM officer recommendations</b>



## 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
BN	<p><b>570</b>  <b>Bolton - Lever Edge - Sutton Estate</b>  <i>Vision Bus</i></p>	<p>This service is wholly tendered and currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service.</p> <p>Due to the commercial service change to service 516 and the withdrawal of service 577, service 570 is proposed to be extended from Sutton Estate via Armadale Road to Markland Hill to return to Bolton via the current 574 route, forming a circular service around west Bolton. It will be renumbered to service 573 with revised journey times.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</b></p> <p><b>As part of a combined review of services 570, 574 and 577, there are no changes to the Tendered Services Budget.</b></p>
BN	<p><b>574</b>  <b>Bolton - Markland Hill</b>  <i>Vision Bus</i></p>	<p>This service is wholly tendered and currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday off peak only service.</p> <p>Due to the commercial service change to service 516 and the withdrawal of service 577, service 574 is proposed to be extended from Markland Hill via Armadale Road to Sutton Estate to return to Bolton via the current 570 route, forming a circular service around west Bolton. It will have revised journey times with certain additional trips on the current section to complete the loop.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</b></p>

		<p><b>As part of a combined review of services 570, 574 and 577, there are no changes to the Tendered Services Budget.</b></p>
BN	<p><b>577</b>  <b>Bolton - Deane - Ladybridge - Lostock - Horwich - Blackrod</b>  <i>Vision Bus</i></p>	<p>This service is wholly tendered and provides an infrequent service currently operating about every 2 hours (6 trips from Bolton between 0957 and 1757, and 8 trips from Blackrod between 0855 and 1755).</p> <p>Due to the re-routing of service 516 to run via Brazley, most of the passenger travel on service 577 will be covered by commercial services 7, 20, 125, 516, 520 and 575 and it is therefore proposed that service 577 is withdrawn.</p> <p>Pennine Road estate in Horwich will be unserved by this change, operation on this section if route has become increasingly difficult due to parked cars on the narrow section of route which has led to unplanned diversions. All sections of route in this area are within 600 metres of services 125 or 575.</p> <p>Armadale Road will be replaced by changes to services 570 and 574 which are linked together and will provide two buses per hour to Bolton.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</b></p> <p><b>As part of a combined review of services 570, 574 and 577, there are no changes to the Tendered Services Budget.</b></p>
BN	<p><b>1</b>  <b>Bolton - Dunscar - Egerton - Darwen - Blackburn</b>  <i>Operator TBC</i></p>	<p>There is currently no tendered provision on this service.</p> <p>This service currently provides a 15 minute Monday – Saturday daytime service, half hourly on Sundays operated commercially by Transdev Blackburn with evening journeys running hourly until the last bus at 2145 from Bolton (1730 on Sundays).</p> <p>It is proposed to add later evening journeys between Bolton and Egerton on Mondays to Saturdays departing Bolton at 2250 and 2335 and an hourly Sunday evening service will also be introduced departing Bolton at 1850-</p>

		<p>2335. These journeys will replace service provision on service 533 between Bolton and Egerton at these times.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN</b>	<p><b>501</b>  <b>Johnson Fold – Bolton – Bolton Hospital</b>  <b>- Farnworth</b>  <i>Operator TBC</i></p>	<p>The tendered provision on this service is currently limited to daily late evening journeys, supporting the commercial service operated by Diamond every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime and every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday early evening/Sunday daytime.</p> <p>On retender, changes to the tender journeys make up are introduced.</p> <p>Journeys are withdrawn as follows:  2350 (Sun) Johnson Fold – Farnworth  2355 (Sun) Farnworth – Johnson Fold</p> <p>New journeys are introduced as follows:  0532 (Sat) Bolton – Farnworth  0650 (Sun) Johnson Fold – Bolton  0655 (Sun) Farnworth – Johnson Fold</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN</b> <b>BY</b>	<p><b>511</b>  <b>Bolton – Breighmet – Withins – Walshaw</b>  <b>– Bury</b>  <i>Operator TBC</i></p>	<p>The tendered provision on this service is currently hourly daily evenings, supporting the commercial service operated by Diamond every 60 minutes daily daytime.</p> <p>On retender, changes to the tender journeys make up are introduced.</p>

		<p>Journeys are withdrawn to reduce tender costs as follows:  1945 (Sun) Bolton – Bury – alternative journeys at 1845/2045  2037 (Sun) Bury – Bolton – alternative journeys at 1937/2137  2145 (daily) Bolton – Bury – alternative journeys at 2045/2245  2237 (Mon-Sat) Bury – Bolton – alternative journeys at 2137/2337</p> <p>New journeys are introduced as follows:  2137 (Sun) Bury – Bolton  2245 (Sun) Bolton – Breighmet</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN</b>	<b>520</b> <b>Bolton – Lostock Junction - Westhoughton</b> <i>Operator TBC</i>	<p>The tendered provision on this service is currently hourly Monday to Saturday evenings and all-day Sunday, supporting the commercial service operated by Diamond every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime.</p> <p>On retender, additional journeys are introduced with a Monday to Saturday journey at 2302 from Westhoughton to Bolton.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN</b>	<b>525</b> <b>Bolton - Halliwell - Smithills - Hall I Th Wood circular</b> <i>Operator TBC</i>	<p>This service is wholly tendered and currently provides an hourly daily all-day service.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed with the daily evening service reduced to two hourly with an hourly service on Halliwell Road maintained by the introduction of additional journeys on service 526.</p>

		<p>Alternative provision is available on services 1/537/541 between Bolton and Astley Bridge, 480/507/541 between Bolton and Hall I' th' Wood and 561/562 between Bolton and Tonge Fold.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN</b>	<p><b>526</b>  <b>Bolton - Halliwell - Smithills - Doffcocker - Barrow Bridge</b>  <i>Operator TBC</i></p>	<p>This service is wholly tendered and currently provides an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service with no service evening and Sunday.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed which introduces a new two hourly service on Monday – Saturday evenings and Sunday daytime, maintaining an hourly service with services 525/527 on Halliwell Road.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN</b>	<p><b>527</b>  <b>Bolton - Hall I Th Wood - Smithills - Halliwell circular</b>  <i>Operator TBC</i></p>	<p>The tendered provision on this service is currently hourly Monday to Saturday evenings and all-day Sunday, supporting the commercial service operated by Vision every hour Monday to Saturday daytime.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed with the daily evening service reduced to two hourly with an hourly service on Halliwell Road maintained by the introduction of additional journeys on service 526.</p> <p>Alternative provision is available on services 1/537/541 between Bolton and Astley Bridge, 480/507/541 between Bolton and Hall I' th' Wood and 561/562 between Bolton and Tonge Fold.</p>

		<p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN</b>	<p><b>533</b>  <b>Bolton - Bradshaw - Bromley Cross - Dunscar – Egerton</b>  <i>Expiry of tender – currently Vision Bus</i></p>	<p>The tendered provision on this service is currently hourly Monday to Saturday evenings and all day Sunday, supporting the commercial service operated by Diamond every hour Monday to Saturday daytime.</p> <p>Following retendering it is proposed that the subsidised evening and Sunday journeys are withdrawn as the new contract would have an estimated Cost Per Passenger journey of £4.16 exceeding the Cost Per Passenger threshold of £4. Alternative journeys along Darwen Road are available on service 541, and service 1 serves Blackburn Road at Egerton, as noted elsewhere in this report. The bus stops at Dunscar War Memorial and at the Dunscar Arms / Arnold Road will no longer have an evening or Sunday bus service, but all households affected are within 750 metres of service 1 or 541.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN</b>	<p><b>534</b>  <b>Bolton - Halliwell - Astley Bridge - Oldhams Estate</b>  <i>Operator TBC</i></p>	<p>The tendered provision on this service is currently hourly Monday to Saturday early evenings and Sunday daytime, supporting the commercial service operated by Arriva which runs every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime.</p> <p>The evening service currently operates a non-standard pattern running via the Waters Meeting Road to serve the Valley Leisure Complex.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed which forms standard the route via the commercial service route, i.e. direct to Astley Bridge.</p>

		<p>Additional Sunday morning journeys are introduced with the first bus from Oldham Estate being 0740 instead of the current 1054.</p> <p>A service to the Valley Leisure Complex will now be provided by route 537 reported elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
BN	<p><b>537</b>  <b>Bolton - Bank Top - Astley Bridge circular</b>  <i>Operator TBC</i></p>	<p>This service is wholly tendered and currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service with a morning peak service on schooldays only.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed with the route extended to Eagley Way turning circle and an improved span of operation on Monday to Saturday daytime. In addition, journeys will operate via Waters Meeting Road to serve the Valley Leisure Complex. The timetable also incorporates a school movement to Sharples High School.</p> <p>An additional two hourly Monday to Saturday evening and Sunday daytime service is also introduced between Bolton and Bank Top.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
BN	<p><b>541</b>  <b>Bolton - Tonge Moor - Bradshaw - Bromley Cross - Toppings</b>  <i>Operator TBC</i></p>	<p>The tendered provision on this service is currently hourly Monday to Saturday early evenings and Sunday daytime, supporting the commercial service operated by Arriva which runs every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime.</p> <p>It is proposed that the provision of later evening journeys to Bromley Cross moves from service 533 to 541 to provide better penetration of the estate at</p>

		<p>Toppings. This will result in later journeys on all days with the last bus being at 2300 from Bolton.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN</b>	<p><b>557</b>  <b>Bolton Hospital – Farnworth – Ringley Fold</b>  <i>Operator TBC</i></p>	<p>This service is wholly tendered and currently provides an hourly Monday – Friday off peak service.</p> <p>To facilitate an interworking with a school bus service at St James High School, on retender the 1405 service from Bolton Hospital to Ringley Fold is withdrawn, with the last trip being at 1305.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN WN</b>	<p><b>559</b>  <b>Bolton - Deane - Westhoughton - Ashton-in-Makerfield</b>  <i>Operator TBC</i></p>	<p>This service is wholly tendered and currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday service with a two hourly service in the evenings and on Sundays.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed incorporating an extension at school times to Byrchall and Sir Edmund Arrowsmith High Schools.</p> <p>Due to low use the 2056 journey on Sunday from Ashton to Bolton is withdrawn.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>



<b>BN</b>	<b>571 / 572</b> <b>Bolton – Lever Edge – Great Lever circular</b> <b>Operator TBC</b>	<p>The tendered provision on this service is currently limited to evening journeys every hour on each service on Sunday evenings only, supporting the commercial competing services operated by Diamond and Vision Bus with up to 5 buses per hour Monday to Saturday daytime and an hourly Monday to Saturday evening and Sunday daytime service.</p> <p>On retender, additional journeys are introduced increasing the span of operation as follows:</p> <p>571 – 0730 (Sun), 2335 (daily)  572 – 0546 (Sat), 0700/0800 (Sun), 0005 (Mon-Sat).</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>BN</b>	<b>573</b> <b>Bolton - Lever Edge - Sutton Estate - Markland Hill – Bolton</b> <b>574</b> <b>Bolton - Markland Hill - Sutton Estate - Lever Edge – Bolton</b> <b>Operator TBC</b>	<p>These wholly tendered services, proposed to be amended in January 2022, will operate hourly Monday to Saturday daytimes between Bolton, Lever Edge and Sutton Estate with additional off peak running between Sutton Estate, Markland Hill and Bolton.</p> <p>On renewal of the tender, the service is standardised to operate hourly throughout Monday to Saturday daytime incorporating school movements to Ladybridge High School.</p> <p>Additionally, Monday to Saturday evening and Sunday daytime services are introduced on these services operating 2 hourly on each service.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>

<b>WN</b>	<b>607</b> <b>Ashton-in-Makerfield — Bryn — Land Gate circular</b> <b>608</b> <b>Ashton-in-Makerfield — Bryn — Ashton Heath circular</b> <i>Expiry of tender – previously Diamond</i>	<p>These services, which were operated hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service, will be withdrawn.</p> <p>They were due to pass from Diamond to another operator on 31 October as the result of a tendering exercise earlier this year, but the new operator is unable to take up the contract due to difficulties in recruiting and retaining drivers.</p> <p>Award of a contract to the second bidder has been considered but the award of a contract to this operator would not meet the current value for money criteria as the cost per passenger would be around £6.30, compared to the £3.24 estimated with the proposed operator. There was also an option tendered for a Local Link service demand responsive service but that also would not meet the current value for money criteria.</p> <p>Officers have explored the possibility of diverting another service in the area to serve Soughers Lane and the Landgate loop on its way into Ashton but given the short timescale that has not been possible for 31 October.</p> <p>Alternative services are available within 640m for most passengers giving links into Ashton.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to endorse this recommendation which was effective from 31st October 2021.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
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Dist	Service, route and operator	TfGM officer comments and recommendations
RE	<b>12</b> <b>Middleton - Boarshaw - Middleton Junction circular</b> <b>12A</b>	Service 12 currently provides a half hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service and 12A an hourly Sunday daytime service, both services run as one-way loops.

	<p><b>Middleton - Hollins - Middleton Junction circular</b> <i>Stagecoach</i></p>	<p>It is proposed that these services are withdrawn and replaced by revised service R7 reported elsewhere which will provide an hourly Daily daytime and evening service between Middleton and Boarshaw via Boarshaw Road, as well as new links to Stakehill and Kingsway employment areas and Rochdale. Revised service 129 reported elsewhere includes a Sunday service to Nowell Road and Tintern Road areas.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
RE	<p><b>125</b> <b>Middleton - Rhodes - Bowlee - Hollins - Alkrington circular</b> <i>Stotts</i></p>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service along two one-way loops: from Middleton via Manchester Road to Alkrington from Middleton via Manchester Old Road, Boardman Lane, Ellis Lane, Heywood Old Road, Langley Lane, Whalley Road to Hollin Shops, Hollin Lane, Rochdale Road and Long Street to Middleton.</p> <p>It is proposed that this service is withdrawn and replaced by new service 125 noted below. Alkrington is served by service 415 and a revision to another subsidised service is also being explored to maintain service in Alkrington.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
RE	<p><b>125</b> <b>Middleton - Birch - Heywood</b> <i>Operator tbc</i></p>	<p>This new hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service is proposed to operate from Middleton via Rochdale Road, Hollin Lane, Langley Lane, Birch, Manchester Road to Heywood providing new links to Birch. The timetable also incorporates the school movement from Middleton to Newhouse Academy.</p>

		<p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
RE	<p><b>129</b>  <b>Middleton - Hollins - Stanycliffe - Boarshaw circular</b>  <b>Go North West/Stotts/Stagecoach</b></p>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service along a one way loop from Middleton via Long Street, Hollin Lane, Whalley Road, Tintern Road, Hopwood Road, Nowell Road, Rochdale Road, Stanycliffe Lane, Acresfield Road/Guildford Road, Stanycliffe Lane and Boarshaw Road to Middleton.</p> <p>A revised route and timetable is proposed providing an hourly Daily daytime service and two hourly evening service from Middleton via Boarshaw Road, Stanycliffe Lane, Rochdale Road, Nowell Road, Whalley Road, Tintern Road, Hopwood Road, Nowell Road, Rochdale Road, Stanycliffe Lane, Acresfield Road/Guildford Road, Stanycliffe Lane and Boarshaw Road to Middleton.</p> <p>A replacement service along Hollin Lane is provided by new service 125.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
MR RE	<p><b>156</b>  <b>Shudehill - Blackley – NMGH - Higher Blackley - Rhodes - Middleton</b>  <b>Stagecoach</b></p>	<p>This service currently provides a half hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service operated commercially by Stagecoach with an hourly subsidised evening and Sunday service also run by Stagecoach.</p> <p>A revised Sunday timetable is proposed which improves the frequency between Shudehill and NMGH to two buses per hour.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p>

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<b>OM</b>	<b>184</b> <b>Oldham - Greenacres - Uppermill - Huddersfield Town Centre</b> <i>First</i>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service between Oldham and Huddersfield operated commercially by First with a limited subsidised evening and an hourly Sunday service between Oldham and Grotton also run by First.</p> <p>Following retendering it is proposed that the subsidised evening and Sunday journeys are withdrawn between Oldham and Grotton as the new contract would have an estimated Cost Per Passenger journey of £8.40 exceeding the Cost Per Passenger threshold of £4. A revision of another subsidised service is being explored in order to continue to provide a Sunday service between Oldham and Grotton.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>OM TE</b>	<b>356</b> <b>Oldham - Delph - Mossley - Stalybridge - Ashton-under-Lyne</b> <i>Nexus Move</i>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service with a limited evening service and two hourly Sunday daytime service over the whole route (hourly Denshaw – Oldham).</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed with alternate daytime journeys running via Carr Hill Road. The evening service is revised to two hourly and the Sunday service is revised to hourly, both over the whole route.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>

<p><b>OM RE</b></p>	<p><b>402</b>  <b>Derker - Oldham - Royal Oldham Hospital  - Chadderton - Royton</b>  <i>Stotts/ Operator tbc</i></p>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service from Derker via Oldham and Chadderton to Royton, with four Sunday trips at two hourly intervals.</p> <p>A revised route and timetable is proposed which will run hourly Monday – Saturday daytime between Oldham and Shaw via the existing 402 route to Royton, and then via the 408 route to Shaw terminating in a loop running via Buckstones and Wrens Nest. A two hourly evening and Sunday service will also be added.</p> <p>The revised timetable will also incorporate school movements to North Chadderton and Crompton House Schools.</p> <p>A revision of another subsidised service is being explored in order to continue to provide the service between Derker, Oldham and the Royal Oldham Hospital. The service along Higginshaw Road will be provided by the revised 403.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<p><b>OM RE</b></p>	<p><b>403</b>  <b>Oldham — Shaw — Rushcroft — High  Crompton circular</b>  <i>Stotts/ Operator tbc</i></p>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday service between 0920 and 1420.</p> <p>A revised route and timetable is proposed which will run hourly Monday – Saturday daytime over a longer span of operation (0700-1800) between Oldham and Shaw via Egerton Street, Higginshaw Road, Higginshaw Lane, Turf Lane, and Shaw Road to Shaw. The loop in Shaw is unchanged. The link from Shaw to the Royal Oldham Hospital is maintained by the 402 reported elsewhere</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p>

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<p><b>OM RE</b></p>	<p><b>408</b> <b>Oldham - Royton - Thorp - Shaw - Milnrow – Rochdale</b> <i>First</i></p>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Daily daytime and evening service.</p> <p>It is proposed that this service is withdrawn with alternative facilities available as follows: Oldham – Royton – Shaw: revised service 402 reported elsewhere Shaw – Milnrow – Rochdale: new services R9/R10 reported elsewhere Metrolink provides an alternative for end-to-end journeys</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<p><b>OM RE</b></p>	<p><b>415</b> <b>Oldham - Chadderton - Middleton Junction - Middleton</b> <i>Go North West/Stagecoach</i></p>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Daily daytime and evening service.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed which reduces the daily evening service to two hourly.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p><b>435</b> <b>Rochdale - Turf Hill - High Crompton - Shaw - Buckstones</b> <i>Transdev Rosso</i></p>	<p>This subsidised service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service between Rochdale and Shaw/Buckstones.</p> <p>This service is replaced by new services R9 and R10 reported elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p>

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RE	<p><b>456 and 458</b>  <b>Rochdale - Wardle - Stubley - Littleborough</b>  <b>Rochdale - Wardle - Hollingworth Lake - Littleborough</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso</i></p>	<p>These services currently provide a half hourly Monday – Saturday daytime services with TfGM subsidy supporting the service between Wardle and Littleborough, alternately via Stubley or Hollingworth Lake. The subsidised hourly evening and Sunday journeys all run via Hollingworth Lake and extend to Shore and Stansfield.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed which integrates the commercial and subsidised journeys to give a half hourly Monday to Saturday service and an hourly evening and Sunday service between Rochdale and Littleborough via Hollingworth Lake.</p> <p>The service on the Stubley loop is replaced by the new R5 reported elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
RE	<p><b>457</b>  <b>Rochdale - Smallbridge - Littleborough - Stansfield</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso</i></p>	<p>This service currently provides a half hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service, operated commercially by Transdev Rosso. Evening and Sunday journeys to Shore and Stansfield are provided on the longer route 458 which runs via Hollingworth Lake.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed which adds an hourly evening and Sunday service giving a faster journey time between Rochdale and Shore/Stansfield.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>



<p><b>BY RE</b></p>	<p><b>467</b>  <b>Bury - Jericho - Bamford - Caldershaw -  Spotland – Rochdale</b>  <b>468</b>  <b>Bury - Jericho - Bamford - Bagslate -  Spotland - Rochdale</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso</i></p>	<p>The subsidised evening and Sunday journeys on these routes combine to provide a half hourly service between Bury, Bamford and Rochdale.</p> <p>Because TfGM policy does not extend to supporting half hourly services, a revised timetable is proposed for these journeys which will give an hourly service between Rochdale and Daniel Fold on the 467 and an hourly Rochdale – Bamford – Bury service on the 468.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<p><b>BY RE</b></p>	<p><b>480</b>  <b>Bury - Ramsbottom - Hawkshaw - Walves  - Bradshaw - Bolton</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso</i></p>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed which adds a two hourly Sunday service between Bury and Holcombe Brook.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p><b>R2</b>  <b>Rochdale - Norden - Bamford - Heywood -  Bury</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso</i></p>	<p>This subsidised service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service departing Rochdale 0912-1612, plus earlier short journeys from Norden arriving in Bury at 0745 and 0829 and departing Bury 0928-1728.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed with an extended span of operation with departures from Rochdale 0812-1812, plus an earlier short journey from Norden arriving in Bury at 0829. Departures from Bury will be hourly from 0728 to 1728.</p>

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RE	<p><b>R4, R5</b>  <b>Rochdale - Milnrow - Ladyhouse</b>  <b>Rochdale - Milnrow - Newhey -</b>  <b>Peppermint Bridge</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso</i></p>	<p>These subsidised services currently provide an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service between Rochdale and Milnrow with R4 running two hourly via Leyfield Road and Kiln Lane/Pennine Drive to Ladyhouse and R5 two hourly via Rochdale Road and Kiln Lane/Hursted Road/Wellington Street to Peppermint Bridge.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed which will give an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service numbered R4 via Leyfield Road and Dale Street/Newhey Road to Peppermint Bridge.</p> <p>Kiln Lane, Pennine Drive and Ladyhouse are covered by the new R6 reported elsewhere. Hursted Road and Wellington Street are covered by the new R5 reported elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
RE	<p><b>R5</b>  <b>Rochdale - Milnrow - Smithy Bridge -</b>  <b>Littleborough</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso/Operator tbc</i></p>	<p>This new service will provide an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service from Rochdale via Rochdale Road to Milnrow, then via Wellington Street, Hursted Road, Wild House Lane, Milnrow Road to Smithy Bridge, Smithy Bridge Road, New Road, the Stubble loop via Starring Way and Feathersatll Road to Littleborough.</p> <p>The service incorporates the school movements from Rochdale and Littleborough to Hollingworth Academy.</p>

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RE	<p><b>R6</b>  <b>Rochdale - Kingsway - Ladyhouse - Milnrow</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso/Operator tbc</i></p>	<p>This new service will provide an hourly Daily service from Rochdale between 0536 and 2136 via Oldham Road, A664, Kingsway to serve JD Sports and Asda, Ladyhouse, Elizabethan Way, then a loop in Milnrow via Dale Street, Albert Street, Pennine Drive and Kiln Lane.</p> <p>The service covers the shift time access from Rochdale into Kingsway and gives a much-improved service to the Ladyhouse and Pennine Drive areas of Milnrow replacing the current R4 (early morning, late evening and Sunday journeys do not serve Ladyhouse).</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
RE	<p><b>R7</b>  <b>Rochdale - Belfield - Turf Hill - Kirkholt - Castleton - Boarshaw - Middleton</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso/Operator tbc</i></p>	<p>This subsidised service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service between Rochdale and Castleton.</p> <p>A revised route and timetable are proposed as follows:  Between Rochdale and Castleton, the service will be rerouted via Kingsway to serve JD Sports and Asda. The service will also be extended from Castleton to Middleton via Rochdale Road, Stakehill Industrial Estate, Rochdale Road, Stanyclyffe Lane, Boarshaw and Boarshaw Road.</p> <p>The new timetable will provide an hourly Daily service with departures from Middleton timed to meet shift start times at Kingsway, departures from Rochdale will be timed to meet shift end times at Kingsway. The service also offers improved links to Stakehill.</p> <p>In Middleton the R7 will replace the 12 and 12A services between Boarshaw and Middleton.</p>

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RE	<p><b>R9</b>  <b>Rochdale - Foxholes circular</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso</i></p>	<p>This service, currently two round trips on Mondays to Fridays only, is proposed to be withdrawn due to low usage, and average of less than 1 per trip across all journeys operated since November 2019. Alternative journeys are available within 640m on Whitworth Road, Binns Nook Road and Halifax Road.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
RE	<p><b>R9 and R10</b>  <b>Rochdale - Turf Hill - High Crompton - Shaw - Buckstones - Milnrow - Rochdale</b>  <i>Operator tbc</i></p>	<p>These new subsidised services will provide a two-way circular service combining the 435 and 408 between Shaw and Rochdale, numbered R9 (Rochdale - Turf Hill - Shaw - Buckstones - Milnrow – Rochdale) or R10 (Rochdale - Milnrow - Buckstones - Shaw - Turf Hill - Rochdale). R9 and R10 will both run hourly during the day Monday to Saturday with an hourly evening/Sunday service between Rochdale and Shaw via Milnrow.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
BY	<p><b>B2</b>  <b>Bury - Fernhill - Chesham - Walmersley - Nangreaves</b>  <i>Transdev Rosso</i></p>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed with a two hourly Sunday daytime service added.</p>

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<p><b>BY RE</b></p>	<p><b>B4 Bury - Fern Grove - Fairfield General Hospital - Heywood <i>Transdev Rosso</i></b></p>	<p>This service currently provides an hourly Monday – Saturday daytime service.</p> <p>A revised route and timetable are proposed with all journeys rerouted via Fern Grove to replace service 494. In addition, a two hourly Sunday service is added between Bury and Heywood town centre only (not serving the Captain Fold/ Hopwood loop).</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p><b>Local Link Rochdale area including: Kingsway Milkstone and Deeplish Newbold and Smallbridge Rochdale Evenings <i>Nexus Move</i></b></p>	<p>The Rochdale area Local Link services cover a number of areas as follows: Kingsway which provides links to and from Kingsway Business Park from anywhere in the service area, and runs Monday to Sunday, 5am to 11pm. Milkstone and Deeplish which runs Monday to Saturday only from 8am to 5.30pm. Newbold and Smallbridge which runs Monday to Friday only 7.30am - 2pm and 4.30pm - 6.30pm. Rochdale Evenings which runs 7pm to 11pm Monday to Saturday and on Sundays and Bank Holidays 6pm to 11pm.</p> <p>It is proposed that these Local Link services are withdrawn being replaced by the new services R6, R7, R9 and R10</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p>

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<b>Dist</b>	<b>Service, route and operator</b>	<b>TfGM officer comments and recommendations</b>
<b>MR</b>	<b>44</b> <b>Manchester - Withington - Wythenshawe Hospital</b> <b><i>Selwyns/operator tbc</i></b>	<p>Service 44 currently provides an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service.</p> <p>A revised route and timetable are proposed with the service revised to operate via the existing route from Manchester as far as Withington (Wilmslow Road) then via Mauldeth Road Parrs Wood Road to East Didsbury then via Wilmslow Road and Barlow Moor Road to rejoin the existing route to Wythenshawe Hospital. From Wythenshawe Hospital, the service will continue to Altrincham via the 288 route. The hourly daytime frequency is maintained.</p> <p>The service into the Minehead Centre in Withington will be provided by the revised service 84A reported elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
<b>MR</b> <b>TD</b>	<b>288</b> <b>East Didsbury - Timperley - Altrincham - Manchester Airport</b> <b><i>Goodwins</i></b>	<p>Service 288 currently provides an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service over the full; route with a two hourly evening and Sunday service between Altrincham and Manchester Airport.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed with the service reduced to operate only between Altrincham and Manchester Airport, hourly Monday to Saturday daytime and two hourly in the evenings and on Sundays.</p> <p>The East Didsbury - Timperley – Altrincham section is replaced by the change to service 44 reported elsewhere.</p>

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TD	<p><b>247</b>  <b>Altrincham - Partington - Carrington - The Trafford Centre</b>  <i>Arriva</i></p>	<p>Service 247 currently runs every 30 minutes during the day Monday to Saturday and hourly on Sundays with subsidised journeys providing an hourly evening service and additional early morning journeys. A revised timetable is proposed with an additional subsidised journey at 0436 from Altrincham to The Trafford Centre to provide for earlier connections from there into Trafford Park.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
TD	<p><b>375</b>  <b>Stockport - Offerton - Hazel Grove - Marple - Mellor</b>  <i>Selwyns/Operator tbc</i></p>	<p>Service 375 currently provides an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service. A revised timetable is proposed which adds a two hourly evening and Sunday service between Stockport and Hawk Green.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
ST	<p><b>364</b>  <b>Stockport - Woodbank Estate - Offerton circular</b>  <i>Stotts</i></p>	<p>Service 364 currently provides an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service (0800-1840).</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed with an hourly service from 0830-1640 which removes the first trip and last two trips to enable a school service to be interworked with the 364.</p>

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ST	<p><b>382</b>  <b>Stockport - Lower Bredbury - Bredbury - Romiley - Woodley</b>  <i>Selwyns/Operator tbc</i></p>	<p>Service 382 currently provides an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service (0836-1815).</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed with an hourly service from 0900-1815 which removes the first two trips to enable school services to be interworked with the 382.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>
ST	<p><b>374</b>  <b>Stockport - Adswold - Davenport - Hazel Grove circular</b>  <i>Stagecoach</i></p>	<p>Service 375 currently provides an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service.</p> <p>A revised timetable is proposed which adds a two hourly evening and Sunday service.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve this recommendation which would be effective from 24th April 2022.</b></p> <p><b>The impact on the subsidised services budget is given in Part B of this report.</b></p>