

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: 25th March 2022
Subject: Appointment of Transport Commissioner and Active Travel
Commissioner
Report of: Mayor Andy Burnham

1. PROTOCOL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MAYORAL ADVISORS

- 1.1 All Mayoral Advisor positions (remunerated or not) are subject to the approval of Resources Committee.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval for the appointment of the Transport and Active Travel Commissioners.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Resources Committee is requested to:

1. Agree the appointment of Vernon Everitt as Transport Commissioner on the terms outlined in paragraph 3.6.
2. Agree the appointment of Dame Sarah Storey as Active Travel Commissioner on the terms outlined in paragraph 4.5.
3. Note that all Advisor appointees will be required to complete the GMCA Register of Interests and comply with GMCA policies and procedures.

3. TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER

- 3.1 It is proposed that Vernon Everitt is appointed to the position of Transport Commissioner. Vernon was until recently Transport for London's Managing Director for Customers, Communication & Technology. He is a renowned transport professional who sits as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of Transport for Wales.
- 3.2 The role of the Transport Commissioner is to advise the Mayor on the delivery of the Bee Network vision - an integrated, co-ordinated and easier to use transport system in GM with common branding and livery.
- 3.3 The Commissioner will work collaboratively with TfGM, the 10 districts and delivery partners such as Network Rail and Highways England and support the Mayor's engagement with HM Government to make the case for the necessary powers and resources to deliver the Bee Network.
- 3.4 Key responsibilities will include providing insight and expert advice to the Mayor, GMCA, TfGM and other delivery organisations on delivery of the Bee Network; working with the GMCA and TfGM to ensure there are effective mechanisms in place to deliver the Bee Network, and monitoring progress towards the delivery of the Bee Network, providing regular updates to the Combined Authority.
- 3.5 A full Role Profile is attached as Appendix A to the report.
- 3.6 The Transport Commissioner will be contracted to provide this service for 3 days a week (or equivalent hours during each weekly period) to 25th October 2023 and will report directly to the Mayor and be supported by GMCA officers. The Transport Commissioner will enter into a Contract for Services with GMCA on a day rate of £650 per day with costs met from the Mayor's Transport budget. The contract will commence on 25th April, 2022.

3.7 Resources Committee is requested to approve the appointment of Vernon Everitt as Transport Commissioner on the terms outlined in paragraph 2.6 above.

4. ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMISSIONER

4.1 It is proposed that Dame Sarah Storey, former South Yorkshire Active Travel Commissioner, Non-Executive Director at the Department for Transport and British Paralympic athlete is appointed as the new Active Travel Commissioner for Greater Manchester.

4.2 The role of the Commissioner is to advise the Mayor on the delivery of the Bee Network active travel vision - connecting every area and community in Greater Manchester, making it easy, safe and attractive for people to travel on foot or by bike for everyday trips and integrating cycling and walking with other public transport modes.

4.3 The Commissioner will work collaboratively with TfGM, the 10 local authorities and delivery partners such as Active Travel England and support engagement with HM Government to make the case for the necessary powers and resources to deliver GM's active travel ambitions.

4.4 A full Role Profile is attached as Appendix B to the report.

4.5 The Active Travel Commissioner will be contracted to provide this service for 2 days per week (or equivalent hours during each weekly period) until 30th April 2024. The Active Travel Commissioner will enter into a Contract for Services with GMCA on a day rate of £500 per day with met from the Mayor's Transport budget. The contract will commence on 9th May, 2022.

4.6 Resources Committee is requested to approve the appointment of Dame Sarah Storey as Active Travel Commissioner on the terms outlined in paragraph 3.5.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH GMCA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 5.1 All Mayoral Advisors will be required to comply with GMCA policies and procedures under the terms of their contracts for services.