

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GM AIR QUALITY ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON 01 JULY 2022 AT MANCHETSER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Manchester	Councillor Tracey Rawlins (Chair)
Bolton	Councillor Nadim Muslim
Bury	Councillor Alan Quinn
Oldham	Councillor Abdul Jabbar
Rochdale	Councillor Tricia Ayrton
Salford	Councillor Mike McCusker
Stockport	Councillor Malcom Allan
Tameside	Councillor Laura Boyle
Trafford	Councillor Aidan Williams
Wigan	Councillor Paul Prescott

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Salford	Councillor Jane Hamilton
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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA	Liz Treacy
GMCA	Ninoshka Martins
TfGM	Frank Tudor
TfGM	Megan Black
TfGM	Simon Warburton

AQC 22/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Andrew Western (GMCA), Mark Roberts (Stockport) and Denise Ward (Tameside).

AQC 22/02 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Liz Treacy, Monitoring Officer, GMCA opened the meeting and invited nominations for the role of Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

The Committee agreed the appointment of Councillor Andrew Western (Trafford) as Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED /-

That Councillor Andrew Western (Trafford) be appointed as Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

AQC 22/03 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair, Liz Treacy, Monitoring Officer, GMCA requested nominations for the Vice-Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

The Committee agreed the appointment of Councillor Tracey Rawlins (Manchester) as Vice-Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED /-

That Councillor Tracey Rawlins (Manchester) be appointed as Vice-Chair for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

**AQC 22/04 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT AND ANNUAL
DECLARATION FORM**

Members were reminded of their obligations under the GMCA Members' Code of Conduct and were requested to complete an annual declaration of interest form, which had been emailed to them by the Governance & Scrutiny Officer.

RESOLVED /-

That the GMCA's Member Code of Conduct (Appendix A of the report) be noted.

**AQC 22/05 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GM CLEAN AIR QUALITY
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE 2022/23**

The Committee was asked to note its Membership for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED /-

That the Membership for the 2020/23 Municipal Year be noted.

AQC 22/06 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no Chair's announcements or urgent business.

AQC 22/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in relation to any item on the agenda.

AQC 22/08 THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2022

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2022 be approved, as a correct record.

AQC 22/09 GM CLEAN AIR PLAN – JULY 2022 UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report that set out the case for a new Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan and outlined Greater Manchester's annual mean standards for NO2 emissions in 2021.

In late 2021 GM authorities commissioned an independent review of emerging global supply chain issues and the impact this could have on the cost and availability of vehicles. The review illustrated that the previously agreed plan would cause businesses and residents financial hardship. The Government therefore agreed with Greater Manchester's assessment and noted that the plan would no longer achieve compliance by 2024 due to the impact of the pandemic and the supply chain issues for compliant vehicles.

Therefore, this document had been prepared following Government's revocation of the direction requiring the implementation of a category C Clean Air Charging Zone and the requirement for a revised plan to be submitted to the SoS by 1st of July.

It was clarified that the new plan would not impose daily charges but instead would seek to adopt an investment led approach where funds would be used to invest in vehicle upgrades.

The new plan also outlines the Participatory Policy Development process, that GM leaders have committed to carry out. Through this process GM would also seek to

develop, assess, and agree a package of measures forming a proposed new GM Clean Air Plan.

In addition, new opportunities have arisen via the approval of the bus franchising and through the new funding that has been allocated for electrification of the bus network and as such has been encapsulated in the Clean Air Plan. Members raised around the impact on the supply chain due to the ongoing war in Ukraine, in response, members were assured that this piece of work was being progressed as a priority activity under the City Regions Sustainable Transport System (CRSTS) programme.

Concerning the use of ANPR cameras, it was stated that these cameras could be utilised to support the identification of vehicles that could be upgraded, and also for potential law enforcement activity related to the detection of crime.

It was reported that further work was underway to develop a proposition for taxis to encourage upgrade to cleaner vehicles. Members were also requested to note that the revised plan includes an ask from Government to remove the out-of-area operation by private hire drivers/vehicles to support the delivery of the Clean Air Plan.

Members also noted the need for TfGM to continue working with Local Authorities and National Highways to explore how investment in highways and other transport infrastructure under the city centre transport strategy can be utilised.

Members were requested to note that the document would be submitted as a draft to allow districts, that have expressed an interest, to have an opportunity to review the plan, as required, through their local governance arrangements. It was clarified that the next meeting of the Air Quality Administration Committee would be used to confirm the final submission and notify the Secretary of State of the change in status.

RESOLVED /-

1. That it be noted that the 'Case for a new Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan' document attached as Appendix 1 and associated appendices A to E would be submitted to the Secretary of State on 1 July 2022.
2. That it be noted that the document would be submitted as a draft document subject to any comments of Greater Manchester local authorities and that the next Air Quality Administration Committee would confirm the final submission and notify the Secretary of State of the change in status.
3. That it be noted that the initial screening undertaken to assess which protected characteristics are likely to be impacted by the new GM Clean Air Plan, and in scope for the Equalities Impact Assessment.
4. That it be noted the updated NO₂ minimum position for 2023 and 2025 and the forecasted points of exceedance in GM in 2023 and 2025; and
5. That the approach to the participatory policy development approach and the next steps for the GM CAP be approved.
6. That the new 'ask' from Government to remove out-of-area operation by private hire drivers/vehicles to support the new GM Clean Air Plan be noted.
7. That the feedback from early engagement activity with vehicle owner representative groups be noted.
8. That the NO₂ monitoring results and the exceedances of the annual mean across sites set up for GM CAP purposes between 2018 and 2021 be noted.

AQC 22/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Future meeting dates for the 2022/23 municipal year are to be confirmed.