

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GREATER MANCHESTER ACTIVE TRAVEL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 28  
OCTOBER 2022 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:**

|            |                    |
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| Bury       | Kevin Peel (Chair) |
| Manchester | Dzidra Noor        |
| Stockport  | Angie Clarke       |
| Stockport  | David Meller       |
| Tameside   | Warren Bray        |
| Tameside   | Doreen Dickinson   |
| Trafford   | Aiden Williams     |
| Trafford   | Linda Blackburn    |

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| GMCA           | Gwynne Williams  |
| GMCA           | Ninoshka Martins |
| TfGM           | Richard Nickson  |
| TfGM           | Dan Mullan       |
| TfGM           | David Budd       |
| GM Moving      | Eve Holt         |
| GM Moving      | Louise Robbins   |
| Love to Ride   | Pete Abel        |
| NTL World      | Alan Manning     |
| Sustrans       | Nick Brelsford   |
| Walk & Ride    | Claire Stocks    |
| Wheels for all | Ian Tierney      |

**GMAT 01/22            APOLOGIES**

That apologies were received and noted from Councillors Tracey Rawlins, Roger Jones and Andrew Western.

**GMAT 02/22            CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Chair's announcement or urgent business raised at the meeting.

**GMAT 03/22            APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the Committee note the appointment of Councillor Tracey Rawlins as Chair and Councillor Kevin Peel as Vice Chair of the Active Travel Sub Committee for the forthcoming municipal year as agreed by the GM Transport Committee at their meeting on the 14 October 2022.

**GMAT 04/22            MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL SUB COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the membership of the Active Travel Sub Committee for the forthcoming municipal year be noted as follows –

| <b>Members</b>            | <b>Representing</b> | <b>Political Party</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Councillor Kevin Peel     | Bury                | Labour                 |
| Councillor Andrew Western | GMCA                | Labour                 |
| Councillor Dzidra Noor    | Manchester          | Labour                 |
| Councillor Tracey Rawlins | Manchester          | Labour                 |
| Councillor Roger Jones    | Salford             | Labour                 |
| Councillor David Meller   | Stockport           | Labour                 |

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| Councillor Angie Clark      | Stockport | Liberal Democrat |
| Councillor Warren Bray      | Tameside  | Labour           |
| Councillor Doreen Dickinson | Tameside  | Conservative     |
| Councillor Aidan Williams   | Trafford  | Labour           |
| Councillor Linda Blackburn  | Trafford  | Conservative     |

**GMAT 05/22            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**GMAT 06/22            ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Richard Nickson, Active Travel Programme Director, TfGM introduced the report that provided an update on the Greater Manchester (GM) Active Travel programme, and its key activities, following the first ten months of 2022. Also included within the report was the forthcoming workstreams and the progress made across GM in terms of capital delivery.

Members welcomed the report and noted the progress made within this area of work.

The Committee was advised that Dame Sarah Storey was appointed as Active Travel Commissioner in May 2022 and would be presenting her recommendations to the Big Active Conversation event in Wigan that was scheduled to be held on 1st November 2022. It was agreed that the priorities of the Commissioner would be shared with members following the meeting.

Pavement parking was highlighted as a key issue for residents with disabilities. Officers noted the concerns and advised on the enforcement powers held by local authorities. Officers advised officers of discussion held as part of the devolution asks

for GM and suggested that it this item could be considered as part of the work programme of the Committee to understand how GM could tackle this issue in the absence of a response from Government. It was felt that it would be useful for members to receive an update on the powers held by local authorities in relation to pavement enforcement.

Officers further commented on the consultation that had been launched pre-pandemic looking at the roll out of London traffic enforcement powers to other areas of England. It was felt that it would be useful for the GM Transport Committee to write to Government asking for an update on progress.

It was noted that pavement parking was a necessity for those living in terraced houses and therefore highlighted the need for alternative arrangements for such areas.

Reflecting on the performance of schemes, it was noted that performance significantly differed across the 10 Districts and therefore members sought to understand the measures that would be undertaken to improve productivity. Officers explained that the challenges were unique to each district, and assured members that TfGM would continue to support districts with individual schemes.

It was clarified that Local Authorities were solely responsible for decisions made in relation to the progression of schemes. However, officer welcomed the opportunity to discuss individual schemes outside the meeting with members should that have any questions.

In terms of the next round of funding, members were advised that this would entail a review of the overall pipeline of schemes and as such would be prioritised in order of deliverability. Members were assured that TfGM would continue to support District's in preparation for the next round of funding.

In response to a members comment regarding shelving of a particular scheme in Stockport, officers explained that this was due to the Local Authority having insufficient funds to deliver the originally envisaged programme entry pipeline through the initial

block of money out of the Mayors Challenge Fund. Members were advised that further work was underway with district officers to develop the prioritisation process to ensure that proposals meet the objectives of the Combined Authority.

A member sought to understand how GM's delivery performance was reviewed by Active Travel England. Officer advised that the self-assessment process was coordinated by TfGM through the data received from across the 10 districts following which a consolidated response was drafted in consultation with district officers.

In relation to the Active Travel self-assessment tool, officers advised that TfGM had completed the GM level assessment on behalf of GMCA, which had recently been confirmed as having achieved a level 3 moderated outcome along with four other areas. In terms to the identity of the four areas, members were advised that this information was not publicly available.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the current status and delivery performance of the Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF) and Active Travel Fund (ATF) capital programmes as at the end of September 2022 and the intention to continue to develop the Active Travel capital pipeline be noted.
2. That the agreed approach to reallocating ATF2 funding, following a series of scheme withdrawals from the programme (see section 3) be noted.
3. That the emergence and role of Active Travel England, and the timescales expected for submitting a GM bid to the fourth round of the national Active Travel Fund be noted.
4. That the recent submission of an Active Travel self-assessment to Active Travel England, and the resultant classification of GMCA as a 'Level 3' authority by Active Travel England be noted.

5. That the progress made with the continued roll-out of the GM Cycle Hire scheme across the Regional Centre, and the revised timeframes for the full public launch be noted.
6. That the approach to delivery outlined in the report, including to that of behaviour change be noted.
7. That the priorities of the new Active Travel Commissioner be shared with members following the meeting.
8. That the Chair of the GM Transport Committee be requested to write to Government asking for an update on the outcomes of the consultation held in relation to the roll out to Pavement Parking Consultation.
9. That the following item be noted for inclusion in the work programme:  
Pavement Parking - Local Authority Enforcement Powers

## **GMAT 07/22            WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chair requested members of the Committee and representatives of interested groups to suggest areas of work that the Committee would benefit from considering as part of the future work programme.

The following items were suggested:

- Update on schemes through site visits and in terms of usage/ value for money/ socio economic benefits/ carbon saving/impact on health.
- Embedding active travel into future projects and existing projects.
- Review the mechanism for funding release and for the releasing of funding and scheme approvals.
- To ensure that schemes are inclusive and accessible for all users.
- To consider the road safety reduction policy

- To consider footpaths/pavements and right of way in the wider inclusion of schemes.
- Explore the use of incentives to encourage active travel examples include mobility vouchers/ bike storage on streets etc.
- A report on GM plan's on delivering low traffic neighbourhoods.
- Update on Communication and Engagement plan
- Review of the language around active travel schemes.
- Update on integrated active travel (Bus/Metrolink/Rail)
- Update on the engagement toolkit

**RESOLVED /-**

That officers consider the list of suggestions put forward by members of the Committee and representatives of interested groups, in consultation with the Chair to see how appropriately the suggestions could be included within the draft work programme that would be presented to members for agreement at the next meeting of the Committee.

**GMAT 08/22**

**DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the schedule of meeting dates be shared with members after the meeting.

Signed by the Chair: (to be printed off and signed by the Chair at the next meeting)