

DECISION NOTICE

(RECORDING OF DECISIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS)

1. Decision Summary:

Decision Maker	Date of Decision
Chief Executive Officer, TfGM and GMCA	17 August 2023
Date Decision Published	Date Decision will come into force
4 September 2023	17 August 2023
Subject: Transport for North- Strategic Transport Plan (STP2) Consultation	

Type of Decision: Non Mayoral Decision Made by Officers

2. Details of the Decision:

The decision is that:
To approve TfGM and GMCA's response to Transport for the North's draft Strategic Transport Plan 2 which had been published for public consultation.
The reasons for the decisions are:
<p>The draft STP2 contains much that GM would support, especially - in broad terms - the opportunity it provides to address pan-northern transport issues as part of a range of strategic ambitions to transform the region's economic performance, and the commitment made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Given GM's current and planned future role at the heart of both the Strategic Road Network and the rail network in the North of England, the consultation response will sets out what the GM city-region needs and how future and their impacts need to be fully understood to ensure the right investment is brought forward.</p> <p>Unlike the first STP, the draft STP2 does not set, and map out, priorities for investment in the north, such as those relating to Strategic Highways (Road Investment Strategy 3), where TfN has been working the LTAs on the case, and priorities, for investment.</p> <p>The draft STP2 does not set out a pathway to achieve the strategic priorities which are measurable in the next five, ten- and twenty-years' time. TfGM understands that the STP2 is a document setting out TfN's vision and strategic ambitions, but this could be enhanced with an accompanied document that details a clear pathway and timeline of how the strategic</p>

<p>ambitions/priorities will be delivered. An example of this would be in TfGM’s 2040 transport strategy where we have set out delivery of our strategic priorities in the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>Given the position of Greater Manchester in, and the form of, the National Rail and Strategic Road networks, the operational and reliability issues arising at these locations have implications for travellers and businesses across the north, as well as for the city region, however the STP does not currently make a strong case for that investment.</p> <p>While we welcome the STP call for delivery of HS2 and NPR in full, we are disappointed that the form of station for HS2 and NPR at Piccadilly is not mentioned. The firm GM position is that it is imperative that an underground station be provided at Piccadilly, which would allow NS2 and NPR services to travel through between Liverpool / Manchester Airport to Leeds / West Yorkshire / Northeast without reversing. We would request that this be included in the final version.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision:</p>
<p>Officers from TfGM and the ten GM local authorities have reviewed the draft STP2 and comments from local authorities have informed the final response.</p>
<p>List Non-confidential reports Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public</p>
<p>27/07/2023 Bee Network Committee Paper - TfN STP2 consultation response.</p>
<p>List Confidential reports Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information</p> <p>None</p>

3. Conflict of Interest:

<p>Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Member who is consulted by the member or officer which related to the decision:</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any conflict of interest declared:</p>
<p>N/A</p>

4. Register of Key Decisions:

Key decision? A key decision would result in any of the decision makers listed: (i) incurring expenditure over £500,000, or making significant savings of £500,000 or more relating to the budget for the service area to which the decision relates; or (ii) be significant in terms of its effects on persons living or working in an area of more two or more wards or electoral divisions of Greater Manchester.	No
Date published on the register of Key Decisions	
Or if not published in the Register of Key Decisions - Reasons for general or special urgency such that it was not published in the Register of Key Decisions	

5. Scrutiny Call In for Key decisions:

Call-in deadline	N/A
Or if Exempt from Call-in explain how any delay would seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the GMCA or the Constituent Councils, or the interests of the residents of Greater Manchester	N/A
Scrutiny Chair who agreed the urgency	N/A

6. Signature of Decision Maker/s:

Chief Executive Office, GMCA & TfGM



Signed:

Date:17.08.23.....

Signed:

Date:

7. For delegated decisions which are to be made in consultation with others please include:

Name/s of politician/s or Officer/s who must be consulted (if any)	Consultee signature: by signing this decision notice you confirm that you have been consulted on this decision
GMCA executive committee	

NOTE:

Both Mayoral and Non Mayoral Decisions made by Officers will be available for public inspection at the GMCA's offices and on the GMCA's website.