

Resources Committee

Date: 29 September 2023
Subject: Transport Commissioner Contract Extension
Report of: Mayor Andy Burnham

Purpose of Report

This report seeks approval for the extension of the contract of the Greater Manchester Transport Commissioner until 30 April 2024.

Recommendations:

The Resources Committee is requested to:

Agree the contract extension of Vernon Everitt as Transport Commissioner on the terms outlined in paragraph 2.6.

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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 contract extension of the Transport Commissioner.

2. Transport Commissioner

2.1 It is proposed that Vernon Everitt's Contract for Services with GMCA as Transport Commissioner is extended until 30th April 2024. Vernon's contract commenced on 25th April 2022 and currently runs until 25th October 2023. Prior to his appointment as Transport Commissioner, Vernon was 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.

2.2 The role of the Transport Commissioner is to advise the Mayor on the delivery of the Bee Network - an integrated, co-ordinated and easier to use transport system in GM with common branding and livery.

2.3 The Commissioner works collaboratively with TfGM, the 10 districts and delivery partners such as Network Rail and supports the Mayor's engagement with HM Government to make the case for the necessary powers and resources to deliver the Bee Network.

2.4 Key responsibilities 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.

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

2.6 The Transport Commissioner will continue to be contracted to provide this service for 3 days a week (or equivalent hours during each weekly period) to 30th April 2024 and will report directly to the Mayor and be supported by GMCA officers. The Transport Commissioner's Contract for Services with GMCA will continue on the same terms of a day rate of £650 per day, with costs met from the Mayor's Transport budget.

3. Compliance with GMCA policies and procedures

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