GMCA **GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY**

DECISION NOTICE

(RECORDING OF DECISIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS)

1. Decision Summary:

Decision Maker Group Chief Executive, GMCA, GMFRS & TfGM	Date of Decision 8 October 2024
Date Decision Published 9 October 2024	**Date Decision will come into force** 9 October 2024

Subject: GM Clean Air Plan Evidence Submission – October 2024
Reason for urgent decision: n/a

Type of Decision: Non-Mayoral

2. Details of the Decision:

The decision is that:
The Group Chief Executive, GMCA, GMFRS & TfGM, in consultation with the Greater Manchester Clean Air Lead, has approved the final submission of material to support the case for an investment-led, non-charging Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan to the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit.
The reasons for the decisions are:
The Air Quality Administration Committee considered and agreed a report on 1 October 2024, which provided an update on the Case for a new Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan. It confirms that in response to changing circumstances and opportunities an updated appraisal of Greater Manchester's proposed investment-led plan has been undertaken against a benchmark charging Clean Air Zone (CAZ) in the centre of Manchester and Salford. It is for the Government to determine what measures Greater Manchester is to implement. The appraisal shows that only the investment-led plan complies with the requirement placed on the 10 Greater Manchester Authorities to deliver compliance in the shortest possible time and by 2026 at the latest. The Committee agreed a delegation was made to the Group Chief Executive, GMCA, GMFRS & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Clean Air Lead, to approve the final submission of material to the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit and deal with any supplementary requests from the Unit in support of the appraisal.
Alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision:
None

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BURY   **OLDHAM**   **SALFORD**   **TAMESIDE**   **WIGAN**

List Non-confidential reports

The reports will be published at [Technical Documents New | Clean Air Greater Manchester (cleanairgm.com)](cleanairgm.com) - Evidence Submission for a new Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan.

Name	Description
Appraisal Report	Appraisal of GM's investment-led, non-charging Clean Air Plan (Investment-led Plan) against a benchmark charging Clean Air Zone (CAZ Benchmark) in the centre of Manchester and bordering areas of Salford (the Regional Centre). This includes an overview of the current air quality baseline, and a description and appraisal of the Investment-led Plan and CAZ Benchmark, including the costs, timescales to implement and associated risks.
Supplementary Appraisal Report	Considers the implications to the date of compliance associated with issues identified after the completion of modelling in summer 2024. Provides a comparative appraisal of the Investment-led Plan and the CAZ Benchmark taking these matters into account.
T1: Local Plan Transport Modelling Tracking Table	Sets out feedback received from the government's Joint Air Quality Unit on the traffic and transport modelling process and provides GM's responses to that feedback.
T2: Local Plan Transport Model Validation Report	Describes the development of the base year transport model for use in the GM Clean Air Plan assessment. The report describes the main features of the transport model and presents details of the base year model validation, including comparisons of modelled and observed traffic flows and journey times.
T3: Local Plan Transport Modelling Methodology Report	Describes the approach taken to forecast road traffic for the GM Clean Air Plan. The report describes the development of the future year highway networks and trip matrices and sets out the assumptions on which the forecasts are made.
T3 Appendix A: Technical Note 43 - Demand Response Modelling of Impacts of Recent and Planned Changes to the Regional Centre	Technical note setting out details of the City Centre Transport Strategy (CCTS). The note also provides details of the demand modelling undertaken to assess the demand impacts of CCTS within the regional centre, which form part of the 'Do Minimum' modelling. The note also provides historic background trends in traffic volumes accessing the Regional Centre.
T3 Appendix B: Technical Note 42 - Modelling the Impacts of the Increased Uptake of Electric Cars	Technical note introducing recent guidance updates in relation to electric vehicle future car projections and implications on the 'Do Minimum' modelling.
T4: Local Plan Transport Model Forecasting Report	Describes the transport modelling process for the GM Clean Air Plan and presents baseline and forecasts for the Investment-led Plan and CAZ Benchmark. The report includes appendices setting out the vehicle population estimates and CAZ Benchmark assumptions.

T4 Appendix A: Technical Note 49 – CAZ Benchmark Modelling Assumptions	Sets out the updates to the Cost Response Models and behavioural responses forecast for the CAZ Benchmark, which are compared to CAZ response forecasts developed by other local authorities.
T4 Appendix B: Technical Note 37 - Vehicle Population Estimates	Sets out the summary of the key vehicle volumetric information used for the GM Clean Air Plan.
AQ1: Local Plan Air Quality Modelling Tracking Table	Sets out feedback received from the government's Joint Air Quality Unit on the air quality modelling process and provides GM's responses to that feedback.
AQ2: Local Plan Air Quality Modelling Methodology Report	Sets out the methodology that is used to underpin the air quality modelling for the baseline (2016) and 'Do Minimum' (2021, 2025 & 2026) scenarios developed for the Investment-led Plan and CAZ Benchmark appraisals.
AQ3: Local Plan Air Quality Modelling Report	Provides the results of the air quality modelling for the Investment-led Plan and CAZ Benchmark appraisals, the main assumptions on which the forecasts are based, the verification process and consideration of the 2023 monitoring data.
Sensitivity Testing Report	Sets out the results of sensitivity testing carried out on the modelling and draws conclusions on the implications for the GM Clean Air Plan.
Analytical Assurance Statement	Considers the limitations, uncertainties and risks in the evidence base, and the implications of these for decision makers. It considers whether an appropriate procedure has been followed, in terms of the modelling process and the source data, and whether appropriate checks have been carried out. It considers whether appropriate expertise has been utilised, and whether sufficient time and resources have been allocated to the analysis. The report describes the updates that have been made to the evidence base where appropriate, and the extent to which there have been changes regarding limitations, uncertainties and risks in the analysis.
Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Evidence Note	Background information on the GM hackney carriage and private hire vehicle fleet used as the evidence base for the development of the Clean Taxi Fund as part of the Investment-led Plan. This note includes taxi statistics, vehicle pricing and availability information, taxi personas and a summary of relevant engagement and research feedback. This note was previously Appendix 1 of the Appraisal Report in the December 2023 submission. The note provides an updated position to 'Technical Note 19: GM CAP Taxi and PHV Fleet Research', issued in 2019 which provided a pre-Covid-19 view of the market and supporting evidence.

Clean Taxi Fund - Eligibility Criteria & Funding Administration	Outline of the proposed GM Clean Taxi Fund eligibility criteria and administration of funding under the Investment-led Plan. This note was previously Appendix 2 of the Appraisal Report in the December 2023 submission.
Local Measures Note - A57 Regent Road	Overview of the proposed Investment-led Plan local traffic measures related to the A57 Regent Road in Salford to provide further detail on relevant information contained in the Appraisal Report.
Local Measures Note - St John's Area	Overview of the proposed Investment-led Plan local traffic measures in the St John's area of the Regional Centre, around A34 Quay Street, to provide further detail on relevant information contained in the Appraisal Report.
Value for Money Note	Provides a summary of the Value for Money assessment, which has been undertaken for the Investment-led Plan and the CAZ Benchmark. The note also includes a narrative on the methodology and results of the quantified assessment.
Air Quality Modelling Assurance Report	Sets out a review of the modelling processes and reports the findings of a quality assurance process audit.

List Confidential reports
Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information

None

3. Conflict of Interest:

Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Member who is consulted by the member or officer which related to the decision:
Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any conflict of interest declared:

4. Register of Key Decisions:

Register of Key Decisions Reference	Non-key

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:

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	
Scrutiny Chair who agreed the urgency	

6. Signature of Decision Maker/s:

Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM

Signed: …………………………………………….

Date: ……08/10/24………………………………………….

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
Councillor Eamonn O'Brien – Greater Manchester Clean Air Lead	

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