

(RECORDING OF DECISIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS)

1. Decision Summary:

Decision Maker Eamonn Boylan	Date of Decision 20.04.20
Date Decision Published 20.04.20	Date Decision will come into force 20.04.20
Subject: Emergency changes to the subsidised bus network to reflect changed demands on the network due to the Covid-19 pandemic.	
Reason for urgent decision: To respond to the impact of the on-going Covid-19 pandemic on the bus network TfGM has undertaken to review supported services across Greater Manchester with a view to rationalising these in response to commercial network changes and to reflect the pronounced and continuing reductions in patronage. Changes will need to be implemented at short notice as this piece of work is being undertaken in the context of large and continuing drops in passenger numbers, of as much of 90% in some cases, alongside shortages of operating staff.	

Type of Decision: Non Mayoral or Mayoral Decision Made by Officers

2. Details of the Decision:

The decision is that:
<p>The overarching principles have been adopted to ensure access to hospitals and food retailers (usually in the district centres) is maintained in particular, as well as a more general level of coverage for other essential travel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where a hospital or other healthcare facility is served, maintain a minimum two hourly frequency (although frequencies may vary depending on operational circumstances), with first and last journey times remaining unchanged; • Where a daytime service provides links to food retail, consider reduced operating period or lower frequency; and • As a reasonable level of patronage data becomes available, reducing or removing services which have not demonstrated demand.
The reasons for the decisions are:

See above 'reasons for urgent decision'.
Alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision:
Maintaining current network – rejected due to 90% drop in demand and reduction in driver availability.
Withdrawing subsidised network – rejected to ensure key workers access to employment and access to essential provisions (food/medicine) is not removed.
List Non-confidential reports Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public
Emergency changes to the Bus Network – 20.04.20
List Confidential reports Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information N/A

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:
N/A
Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any conflict of interest declared:
N/A

4. Register of Key Decisions:

Register of Key Decisions Reference	N/A
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	Emergency changes to the subsidised bus network to reflect changed demands on the network due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

5. Scrutiny Call In:

Call-in deadline	4pm on
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 Office, GMCA & TfGM



Signed:

Date: 20.04.20

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
Cllr Mark Aldred	

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.