

## REPORT FOR APPROVAL

Date: 27 May 2020

Subject: Reinstatement of the Bus Network

Report of: Alison Chew, Interim Head of Bus Services, TfGM

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval from the Chief Executive for the reinstatement of supported services which have previously been rationalised in response to the changing demands on the network during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Chief Executive is asked to

- i. Approve the reinstatement of subsidised services which were previously rationalised in response to the changing demands on the network during the Covid-19 pandemic, set out in Annex A.

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## **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 During the first weeks of the lockdown period TfGM officers reviewed the supported bus network and identified appropriate reductions in services to reflect the significant reduction in demand for services, whilst protecting services required for essential travel.
- 1.2 This piece of work resulted in a rationalised network with reduced frequencies (usually every two hours, with first and last journeys retained where possible) operated on 75% of supported services, with a very small number of supported services suspended, including Free Bus services 1 and 3 in the regional centre.
- 1.3 Throughout the lockdown period patronage on supported services has been closely monitored and to date it has not been necessary to increase service provision to meet an increase in demand, even when taking social distancing into account.
- 1.4 In line with the planned ramp up of commercial bus services it is now considered appropriate to start the process of reinstating service frequencies to their previous levels. Although the Government guidance has not changed, (i.e. residents should work at home where they can and only travel on public transport if absolutely necessary), social distancing measures will mean that the capacity available across the network will be significantly reduced.
- 1.5 It is essential that service frequencies are restored in a co-ordinated and consistent manner with regard for wider considerations. As a result, the reinstatement of subsidised services from 15th June has been identified as the appropriate date to restore the majority of supported services.
- 1.6 The service reinstatements are listed in Annex A.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Recommendations are set out at the front of this report.

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## REINSTATEMENT OF THE SUBSIDISED NETWORK

## ANNEX A

The Chief Executive is requested to consider the following reinstatement of subsidised services:

Service No.	Current Operator	Days of Operation	Journey Description	District	Previous rationalisation	Restored contracted frequency	Effective date
2	Diamond	Daily evening	Bolton - Swinton - Eccles - intu Trafford Centre	BN/SD/TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
27	Diamond	Mondays to Fridays	Swinton - Salford Shopping Centre - Manchester	SD/MR	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
27	Diamond	Saturdays Only	Swinton - Salford Shopping Centre - Manchester	SD/MR	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
29	Diamond	Sunday/Bank Holiday	Little Hulton - Walkden - Swinton - Salford Shopping Centre	SD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
70	Diamond	Sunday/Bank Holiday	Clifton - Eccles - Pendleton - Salford Quays	SD	Reduced 2 hourly service, maintain first and last buses	Hourly	15/06/2020
73	Diamond	Mondays to Fridays	Clifton - Ordsall - Salford Quays	SD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
73	Diamond	Saturdays Only	Clifton - Ordsall - Salford Quays	SD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
73	Diamond	Mondays to Fridays	Clifton - Ordsall - Salford Quays	SD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
73	Diamond	Saturdays Only	Clifton - Ordsall - Salford Quays	SD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
79	Diamond	Sunday/Bank Holiday	Salford Shopping Centre - Irlams' o' Height	SD	Reduced 2 hourly service, maintain first and last buses	Hourly	15/06/2020
79	Diamond	Mondays to Fridays	(Clifton -) Swinton - Pendleton - Salford Quays - Stretford	SD/MR	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
79	Diamond	Saturdays Only	(Clifton -) Swinton - Pendleton - Salford Quays - Stretford	SD/MR	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
132	Diamond	Daily inc Bank Hols evening	Wigan - Tyldesley - intu Trafford Centre	WN/SD/TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	27/05/2020

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132	Diamond	Sunday/Bank Holiday daytime	Wigan - Tyldesley - intu Trafford Centre	WN/SD/TD	Reduced 2 hourly. Sunday/Bank Holiday timetable to match Mon-Sat daytime.	Hourly	15/06/2020
179	Diamond	Monday to Saturday daytime	Wythenshawe - Withington - Reddish	MR/ST	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
217	Diamond	Daily	Ashton - Droylsden - Clayton - Manchester	MR/TE	Reduced 2 hourly service, maintain first and last buses	Hourly	15/06/2020
260	Diamond	Monday to Saturday da-time	Sale - Partington circular	TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
261	Diamond	Monday to Saturday daytime	Sale - Sale West	TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
262	Diamond	Monday to Saturday daytime	Sale - Ashton-on-Mersey	MR/TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
272	Diamond	Monday to Saturday daytime	Wythenshawe - Sale - Stretford - Eccles	MR/SD/TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
281	Diamond	Mon-Sat day & eve & Sun day	Altrincham - Timperley - Sale	TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
282	Diamond	Daily day & evening	Altrincham - Oldfield Brow circular	TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
283	Diamond	Mon-Sat day & eve & Sun day	Altrincham - Well Green - Hale Moss Circular	TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
284	Diamond	Mon-Sat day & eve & Sun day	Altrincham - Warburton circular	TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
285	Diamond	Daily day & evening	Altrincham - Timperley circular	TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020

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286	Diamond	Daily day & evening	Altrincham - Timperley circular	TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
287	Diamond	Daily day & evening	Altrincham - Bowdon Vale Circular	TD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
576	Diamond	Daily Evening	Wigan - Horwich - Bolton	BN/WN	Re-route Monday to Saturday on 2 hourly-basis to cover Old Lords Estate, Horwich following the commercial withdrawal of the Mon-Sat evening 575	Hourly and return to normal route	15/06/2020
607	Diamond	Monday to Saturday daytime	Wigan - Ashton-In-Makerfield - Ashton Heath	WN	Reduced to every 90 mins.	Hourly	15/06/2020
630	Diamond	Mondays to Fridays	Platt Bridge - Marlborough Avenue - Wigan	WN	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
630	Diamond	Saturdays Only	Platt Bridge - Marlborough Avenue - Wigan	WN	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
683	Diamond	Mondays to Fridays	Shakerley - Leigh	WN	Suspended as commercial service withdrawn. One only am journey at 0613 ex Shakerley.	1 early am journey	15/06/2020
715	Diamond	Monday to Saturday	Wigan - Aspull - Ladybridge - Deane - Bolton	WN/BN	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
248	Go Goodwins	Monday to Saturday	Davyhulme - Stretford - Merseybank	MR/TD	Reduce to 1 journey am/pm	2 journeys am/pm	15/06/2020
84A	Go Goodwins	Monday to Saturday	Davyhulme - Stretford - Merseybank	MR/TD	Reduced 2 hourly service, maintain first and last buses	Hourly	15/06/2020
521	Go Goodwins	Monday to Saturday	Little Lever - Royal Bolton Hospital - Blackrod	BN	Reduced 2 hourly service, maintain first and last buses	Hourly	15/06/2020
98	Go North West	Sunday/Bank Holiday evenings	Bury - Radcliffe - Whitefield - Manchester	MR/SD/BY	Reduced to two hourly, last bus times unchanged	Hourly	15/06/2020
96	Go North West	Sunday/Bank Holiday	Manchester - Simister	BY/MR	Proposed 2 hourly service, maintain first and last buses	Hourly	15/06/2020

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92 93	Go North West	Daily evenings	Manchester - Carr Clough - Pilsworth - Bury Manchester - Agecroft - Prestwich - Bury	MR/BY	Evenings: Adjusted in line with daytime (reduced to hourly)	Combined 30 min	15/06/2020
415	Go Northwest	Mon - Sat daytime	Middleton - Chadderton - Oldham	OM/RE	Reduced to 2 hourly maintain first & last buses	Hourly	15/06/2020
356	Nexus Move	Daily	Oldham - Denshaw - Greenfield - Mossley - Ashton	OM/TE	Reduced 2 hourly service, and reduced evening service	Hourly	15/06/2020
90	R.S. Tyrer & Sons	Mon - Sat daytime	Prestwich - Simister	BY	Reduced to operate every 90 minutes with Saturday operating hours	40 min	15/06/2020
516	R.S. Tyrer & Sons	Sunday/Bank Holiday	Horwich - Westhoughton - Atherton - Leigh	WN/BN	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
557	R.S. Tyrer & Sons	Mon - Sat daytime	Highfield - Farnworth - Kearsley - Prestolee	SD	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
584	R.S. Tyrer & Sons	Sunday/Bank Holiday	Crankwood - Plank Lane - Leigh	WN	Reduced 2 hourly service	Hourly	15/06/2020
694	R.S. Tyrer & Sons	Mon - Sat daytime	Leigh - New Hall Farm - Tyldesley circular	WN	Reduced to two hourly with Saturday operating hours	Hourly	15/06/2020
512 and 513	R.S. Tyrer & Sons	Mon - Sat daytime	Bury - Farnworth - Royal Bolton Hospital and Bury - Whitefield- Ringley - Farnworth Bus Station	BY/BN	Routes combined/revised as a 512 and reduced to operate 2 hourly with Saturday operating hours	Combined 30 min	15/06/2020
396	Stott's of Oldham	Monday to Saturday	Newton Heath - Fitton Hill - Ashton	TD	Reduced 2 hourly service, maintain first and last buses	Hourly	15/06/2020
364	Stott's of Oldham	Monday to Saturday	Stockport - Woodbank Park - Stockport Circular	ST	Reduced 2 hourly service, maintain first and last buses	Hourly	15/06/2020
341	Stott's of Oldham	Monday to Saturday	Glossop - Gamesley	TE	Reduced 2 hourly service, maintain first and last buses	Hourly	15/06/2020
402	Stott's of Oldham	Mon-Sat	Oldham - Hospital - Royton - Oldham Circular	OM	Reduced to 2 hourly	Hourly	15/06/2020