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Report by:	Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure
Decision Type:	Key Decision
Ward(s) to which report relates	All Wards

Executive Summary:

This report provide details of the content and publication arrangements for the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040, Our Five Year Delivery Plan (2020-2025) and Local Implementation Plans. The report considers these documents alongside other planned strategic activities.

Recommendation(s)

That:

Members are recommended to endorse the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 and Our Five-Year Delivery Plan for approval by GMCA and publication in November 2020, alongside GMSF.

Members are also recommended to approve the publication of the supporting Local Implementation Plan as an appendix to Our Five-Year Delivery Plan, acknowledging that these are “live” documents and will be subject to regular review and update as appropriate.

Key considerations

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Alongside work to prepare a refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS) and the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) has been working with the GMCA, the ten Greater Manchester councils and the Greater Manchester Mayor to prepare new, and updated, transport strategy documents that cover our entire city-region.
- 1.2 This work includes a refreshed version of our long-term, statutory local transport plan - the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 - and Our Five-Year Delivery Plan (2020-2025) which sets out the practical actions planned to deliver the Strategy over the next 5 years. In addition, ten new Local Implementation Plans have also been prepared (one for each Greater Manchester council).
- 1.3 There are no financial implications directly related to this decision as it sets out a strategic approach to addressing transport related matters across greater Manchester. All schemes within the Local Implementation Plan for Bury will be subject to funding opportunities presenting themselves from either existing/future initiatives and/or from developer contributions where linked to development.

2 THE PROPOSAL

2.1 The Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040

- 2.1.1 First published in February 2017, the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 (hereafter referred to as the “2040 Transport Strategy”) is our city-region’s statutory transport plan. Over three years after the Strategy was first published, its 2040 Vision - for Greater Manchester to have ‘World class connections that support long-term, sustainable economic growth and access to opportunity for all’ – remains highly relevant. The steps that need to be taken to achieve this Vision have evolved significantly, however.
- 2.1.2 The initial version of the 2040 Strategy made clear that we would ‘review our Strategy on a regular basis to respond to changing trends and new opportunities and priorities’. The Strategy has therefore undergone a ‘light touch’ policy refresh to reflect work undertaken, and the changed context, since 2017.
- 2.1.3 In particular, the refreshed 2040 Transport Strategy will include reference to: the “Right-Mix” ambition for at least 50% of all journeys to be made by active travel and public transport by 2040; details of the GM Mayor’s ‘Our Network’ plan to create an integrated, modern and accessible transport network; an increased emphasis on the importance of cycling and walking; the climate emergency declared by GMCA and all ten councils; and the development of the GM Clean Air Plan.
- 2.1.4 The document has also been updated to reflect the contemporary devolution agenda, including publication of the Bus Reform business case and GM Rail Prospectus; ongoing work to develop our 2040 sub-strategies including: Streets for All, City Centre Transport Strategy, Local Bus Strategy, Rapid Transit Strategy, Freight Strategy; and further development of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, including the growing emphasis placed on regenerating town centres.
- 2.1.5 The refreshed 2040 Transport Strategy will be published in early November.

2.2 Our Five-Year Delivery Plan

- 2.2.1 The long-term approach to planning our transport network, set out in the 2040 Transport Strategy, is underpinned by a series of five-year Delivery Plans. The first Delivery Plan (2016-2017 to 2021-2022) was published in 2017, alongside the 2040 Transport Strategy.
- 2.2.2 An updated, draft Delivery Plan was published for consultation – alongside the second consultation draft of the GMSF - in January 2019. A final version of this document has now been prepared.
- 2.2.3 Our Five-Year Delivery Plan sets out the practical actions planned, over the next 5 years, to deliver the 2040 Transport Strategy and achieve the transport ambitions of the GMCA and the Mayor, in parallel with the development of the GMSF. Together, these documents offer an integrated approach to transport and land use planning, by identifying the strategic transport interventions required to deliver the scale of growth set out in the GMSF.
- 2.2.4 The Delivery Plan also helps to inform the continued development of the Greater Manchester Infrastructure Programme (GMIP). It provides details of GM's updated transport asks of government when it comes to funding, powers and functions.
- 2.2.5 Our Five-Year Delivery Plan supports the implementation of “Our Network”, a ten-year plan to create an integrated, modern and accessible transport network for Greater Manchester. It brings together different modes of public transport - bus, tram, rail, tram-train - and cycling and walking, in an integrated, easy-to-use system with seamless connections, and simplified ticketing and fares. The Delivery Plan document also provides updates on Clean Air Plan proposals; Streets for All scheme delivery; the Bee Network and measures to support bus and rail reform.
- 2.2.6 Our Five-Year Delivery Plan will be published in support of the GMSF consultation in early November.

2.3 Local Implementation Plans

- 2.3.1 Our Five-Year Delivery Plan is supported by ten Local Implementation Plans (LIPs) covering the period 2020 to 2025. Each of the ten councils that make up Greater Manchester has its own LIP. The LIPs are designed to:
- Complement the 2040 Transport Strategy and Our Five Year Delivery Plan, providing details of how their outcomes will be achieved locally in each council area, focusing particularly on supporting local trips within neighbourhoods and to local centres;
 - Support wider GM and council strategy and policy documents (e.g. Local Plans, town centre masterplans, GM Clean Air Plan, GMSF);
 - Summarise key local transport issues and opportunities in each local authority, providing an added layer of local detail that is not provided in the 2040 Transport Strategy document.
- 2.3.2 It is also hoped that the LIPs will enable us to better articulate the local transport and minor works interventions that need to be delivered or developed in the short term, to support Right-Mix and Carbon Reduction targets. They are also helpful when it comes to setting out a programme of priority local transport and minor works interventions for the

next five years, and will help to provide a basis against which future local transport and minor works funding is allocated for local delivery.

- 2.3.3 The LIPs will be included in an appendix to the final version of Our Five-Year Delivery Plan. They will be 'live' documents for a period of time, and will be updated as councils develop and publish transport plans and strategies, or as new schemes are developed or delivered.

3 OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 An alternative options is for members to approve the documentation but with any amendments considered appropriate. Details of any such amendments can then be forwarded on to Transport for Greater Manchester.

Equality Impact and considerations:

Every individual has the right to free and unfettered access to the highway as set out in law. Consequently, no equality impact assessment is warranted.

Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
Future external funding of transport schemes (including public transport).	Approval of the recommendations will assist in GM Council's being able to access future funding and initiatives to help deliver the transport related schemes set out in the suite of transport documents referred to in this report.

Consultation:

2040 Transport Strategy was consulted on and comments adopted in 2017.

Draft Delivery Plan - consulted on at same time as GMSF in 2019. The draft version is now being converted into a final document ready for the next GMSF consultation on w/c 02 November 2020.

No formal consultation undertaken for the 10 Local Implementation Plans but they will be published with the Delivery Plan.

Legal Implications:

This report provides information regarding the current position as to the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy and the related ambitions that underpin it set out in the suite of local plans. TfGM lead on this and have provided legal advice and support as to the statutory requirements for the strategy, plans and other proposals, including consultation, publication and ongoing work around implementation.

Financial Implications:

This report does not commit the Council to any financial decisions but seeks to establish strategic transport intent at both a GM regional and local level. Should any future scheme be put forward, it would be subject to its own set of approvals in accordance with the Council's governance arrangements.

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Background papers:

1. Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040
2. Our Five Year Delivery Plan (2020-2025)
3. Bury's Local Implementation Plan

Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

Term	Meaning
GMCA	Greater Manchester Combined Authority
GMSF	Greater Manchester Spatial Framework
LIP	Local Implementation Plan
TfGM	Transport for Greater Manchester