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1	Lib Dem	Councillor S Wright	<p>Could the Council's spokesperson on the Greater Manchester Transport Committee comment on the very poor service in recent months on the 96 subsidised bus service to Simister? What can be done to improve on the reliability of this service, and in particular stop any 'turning back' before Simister by the operator?</p>	
	Combined Authority Representative: Councillor Peel		<p>This has been an ongoing problem over recent months, the reasons behind the problems are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents/Pub goers are parking in the turning circle at the terminal point in Simister so services have not been able to turn there and have had to turn around at Parrenthorn School turning area • Timing issues have caused delays, especially in the Prestwich area, causing the service to continually run late. • Roadworks at present and recently on Heywood Road in Prestwich has further compounded the issues. • The route was changed in 2020 to service Prestwich and Simister but this has not worked out due to heavy traffic and one lane traffic (due to cycle lane in Prestwich village). The route was also extended last year and very little time added to help with punctuality. <p>What has/is being put in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The temporary roadworks were due for completion on 3rd September. • Targeted traffic enforcement. • Service changes to make this a more reliable/punctual service. 	
2	Labour	Cllr Hayes	<p>What funding is available via the Combined Authority and TfGM to support road safety initiatives in Bury?</p>	
	Combined Authority		<p>There is no capital funding specifically ring-</p>	

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	Representative: Councillor Peel		<p>fenced for road safety improvements. However, capital sources such as the Mayor's Challenge Fund are being used to address road safety for pedestrians and cyclists for example.</p> <p>TfGM does run road safety campaigns and has developed a speeding toolkit for local authorities to use.</p> <p>Local authorities are also able to prioritise funding for road safety initiatives where appropriate, such as through minor works.</p>	
3	Labour	Cllr Whitby	Can TfGM indicate when the next tranche of Active Travel funding, ATF4, will be made available to local authorities and how much it will be. Can TfGM also ensure there is appropriate time provided for schemes to be fully considered and developed in partnership with councillors and residents.	
	Combined Authority Representative: Councillor Peel		The funding bid for ATF3 was submitted on the 9 th August and we are still awaiting the outcome of that bid for Greater Manchester. ATF4 would be the next round of funding beyond that and would likely cover the period from the 2023/24 financial year onwards – and possibly as a multi-year settlement. The DfT haven't provided any information as to the scale of any ATF4 funding pot yet. The timescales for any bid submission are set by the DfT and apply nationally, as such any GM bid needs to be made in accordance with them, and allowing time for bid compilation and sign-off.	
4	Conservative	Cllr Harris	What is the average number of incidents occurring across the metrolink network of crime and anti-social behaviour per month and what are TfGM doing to reduce crime on the network?	

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	Combined Authority Representative: Councillor Peel		<p>The TravelSafe Partnership¹ (TSP), brings together public authorities and transport operators² to work collectively to understand, address and tackle issues of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)³.</p> <p>By working jointly in this way, the TSP is able to collaborate with a wider range of complimentary GM workstreams including; Operation Challenger, Violence Reduction Unit, and the Local Authority Community Safety Leads. The work of the TSP forms one element of the Police & Crime Standing Together Work Programme.</p> <p>TSP use a measure of the 'rate' of incidents per million passenger journeys across both the Metrolink and Bus network⁴, the graph below depicts this trend over the course of the last 30 months.</p> <p>Across the last 12 months the following observations have been noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents reported on the Bus network decreased in line with patronage; • Metrolink maintained a higher number of reported incidents despite the reductions, likely linked to a small minority of persistent individuals unlikely to adhere to any restrictions; • During the first and third national lockdowns there was a marked increase in the 'rate' of reported incidents on the network; • Rising youth-related ASB⁵ has been a common theme of note with incidents having risen significantly during 2020/21 and currently

¹ Established in 2015.

² TfGM, GMP and BTP plus operators from; KeolisAmey Metrolink, Stagecoach, First Manchester, Go North West, Arriva, Diamond and Northern Rail

³ A range of 'tools' are utilised including staff and police deployments, target hardening, sharing of data and intelligence, school's prevention work, days of actions and marketing campaigns on safer travel behaviours.

⁴ Bus Network incl. Bus Stations and Interchanges, At Stop and also On Bus.

⁵ A number of factors differentiate lockdowns and in turn the effect on reported incidents, in particular during the first and third lockdowns schools were closed to the majority of pupils.

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			<p>accounting almost half of all incidents reported to the Partnership across all modes, this is compared with 25% in the same period in 2019⁶.</p> <p>Every year, the TSP undertakes an extensive programme of school/college engagement, in response to particular issues and successfully as a preventative measure⁷.</p> <p>Before the school holiday the TSP managed to support delivery of Crucial Crew sessions for Salford and Bury, engaging with 2188 young people.</p>	
5	Labour	Cllr Boroda	<p>With Parklife set to take place on the 11th and 12th September this year, could council give an update for what support is in place from GMP protect local residents against anti-social behaviour and keep all those involved safe?</p>	
	Combined Authority Representative: Cllr Gold		<p>In addition to the standard Parklife Operation which involves policing the event itself, this year Bury GMP have an enhanced Community Policing offer as well.</p> <p>Following consultation with residents to help identify hotspot areas and pinchpoints, GMP have secured additional resources to help Police the entire weekend. There will be four times the number of Community Policing Officer when with previous Parklife events.</p> <p>GMP have committed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated patrols for specific beats around the event, ensuring all areas affected are covered with high-visibility Policing • Static patrols on key hotspot areas • 6 bike units to enable rapid deployment to issues as they are reported 	

⁶ Figures used are based on the latest six-months compared to the same period in 2019.

⁷ In 2019 the reach for this was over 30,000 young persons

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed Mobile Police Station on Kings Road <p>Police are also exploring ways to enable key community contacts to report issues directly in real-time to enable a quicker response.</p>	
6	Conservative	Cllr. Jordan Lewis	<p>Diesel vehicles can be converted to a very low emission vehicle by adapting them with a hydrogen injection system. This reduces harmful emissions by around 85%. Given the Greater Manchester region will have a Clean Air Zone implemented, will there be a ULEZ grant exemption to any diesel vehicle fitted with a hydrogen injection system?</p>	
	Combined Authority Representative: Cllr Quinn		<p>All retrofit technology must be approved by the government's Energy Savings Trust. The Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme supports the operation of Clean Air Zones and addresses the air pollution emissions from buses, coaches, heavy goods vehicles, mini-buses, taxis and vans.</p> <p>If the technology is approved by this scheme then vehicles with the system would be exempt. A full list of manufacturers and devices can be found here: https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/20210716CVRAS-Approved-Devices-Open-List-Version-39.pdf</p>	
7	Lib Dem	Councillor M Powell	<p>Could the Council's spokesperson on the Greater Manchester Transport Committee inform members what proportion of active travel capital investment has been so far been made or committed in each of the ten districts?</p>	

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	Combined Authority Representative: Councillor Peel		 Bury Council Transport Questions	
8	Conservative	Cllr Lancaster	Following the introduction of the 'GM Transport Commissioner' what will be the focus of this role and how will success be measured against the GM Mayor's strategies?	
	Combined Authority Representative: Councillor Peel		The GM Transport Commissioner will advise the Mayor on the delivery of the Bee Network vision - an integrated, co-ordinated and easier to use transport system in GM with common branding and livery; work collaboratively with TfGM, the 10 districts and delivery partners such as Network Rail and Highways England; and lead on engaging with HM Government to make the case for the necessary powers and resources to deliver the Bee Network. Success will be measured against these responsibilities.	
9	Conservative	Cllr. Jack Rydeheard:	How many emergency vehicles have encountered difficulties in accessing streets in estates where Low Traffic Neighbourhoods have been implemented across the Greater Manchester Region broken down by Borough	
	Combined Authority Representative: Councillor Peel		TfGM is not of aware of any difficulties encountered by emergency vehicles.	
10	Conservative	Cllr Cropper	Greater Manchester has a Clean Air Plan and aims to be Carbon Neutral by 2038. To achieve this there is a plan to deploy EV chargers across the region, how many will the Borough of Bury be allocated and when can these be expected to be installed?	
	Combined Authority Representative: Cllr Quinn		There are currently 20 chargers in Bury. This includes 8 Be.EV chargers. The GM authorities take the opportunity of	

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			<p>using different funding sources for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) roll-out as they become available.</p> <p>The Rock and Millgate have recently had rapid chargers installed.</p> <p>6 charging points will be installed in Bury in 2022 using a mixture of OZEV and Clean Air Plan funding solely for taxi charging. These will be installed near to taxi waiting areas.</p> <p>We are also working with Bury Council officers on a bid for fast chargers in Local Authority car parks. It is likely that Tranche 1 of this bid will include an additional 5 chargers with additional chargers in later tranches.</p> <p>We understand Bury Council has an allocation for additional EVCI projects.</p>	
11	Conservative	Cllr Yvonne Wright	<p>Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham has commented on privacy issues around the use of live facial recognition technology in public places, duly expressing "deep concern" about the potential for such technology to be deployed "inappropriately, excessively or even recklessly. What step have you taken to address these concerns in Greater Manchester?</p>	
	Combined Authority Representative: Cllr Gold		<p>Any implementation of surveillance technology such as facial recognition technology would need to be done in line with the legislation governing the use of personal data, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Human Rights Act 2000. The Data Protection Act 2018 requires that a Data Protection Impact Assessment is completed for high risk processing, including the installation of public surveillance equipment, and this assessment should take into account how the technology could be introduced in compliance with the principles of data</p>	

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			<p>protection. It is Data Protection Impact Assessments which Elizabeth Denham refers to in her blog post when she speaks about organisations needing “to understand and assess the risks of using a potentially intrusive technology and its impact on people’s privacy and their lives”.</p> <p>At the present time, it is unlikely that the technology available would enable fair and lawful use due to the limitations on accuracy, particularly in identifying women and people of particular ethnic origin leading to misidentification and the ramifications that may have.</p> <p>At present GMCA are not aware of any intended installation of such systems, but it would be expected that any team considering facial recognition technology would engage with their organisation’s Information Governance Team at the earliest opportunity (and certainly before procurement of such systems) so that they can support them in completing a Data Protection Impact Assessment. Completed Data Protection Impact Assessments are reviewed by the statutory Data Protection Officer who is legally required to give their opinion on the proposed processing (including where the proposed processing may not be lawful), and the DPIA will usually be signed off by the Information Asset Owner responsible (usually a Director or Head of Service in the appropriate service area), and/or the Senior Information Risk Owner (depending on each authorities Information Governance structures and policies).</p> <p>If the processing still involves high risks, such as high incidences of misidentification which cannot be mitigated, the Data Protection Impact Assessment is legally required to be sent for consultation with the</p>

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			<p>Information Commissioner. Usually no processing will be allowed to continue, and it is entirely possible for the ICO to order the authority not to proceed if these risks cannot be mitigated. It is unusual to get to this stage, as usually mitigation is possible, or the Authority in question may decide not to proceed if the Senior Information Risk Owner is not prepared to take the risk</p> <div data-bbox="767 667 820 725" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p data-bbox="692 730 895 784" style="text-align: center;">Facial Recognition and Data Protection</p>	
12	Lib Dem	Councillor M Tegolo	<p>Could the Council's spokesperson on the Greater Manchester Waste Committee inform members what proportion of plastic waste in Greater Manchester is incinerated, and what proportion (if any) is exported?</p>	
	<p>Combined Authority Representative: Quinn</p>		<p>GMCA can confirm that we do not export unsorted plastic waste abroad. In Greater Manchester, currently only plastic bottles are collected for recycling. All types of plastic bottles are accepted including shampoo, shower gel, and cleaning bottles. This is because the plastics they are made from are a high-grade plastic and there are well-established sustainable markets for bottle derived plastic.</p> <p>All recyclable material from Greater Manchester is sold to reprocessing facilities in the UK and Europe, over half of which is sent to facilities in the North West of England. Plastic bottles are a valuable resource as they are processed into plastic flakes and used in manufacturing to make new products.</p> <p>The trading of recyclable material is a global market, with demand for plastic highest in countries that do a large amount of manufacturing, where the plastic is made</p>	

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			<p>into new products.</p> <p>Other types of plastic packaging (such as plastic pots, tubs and trays) are made up of a wider range of polymers and colours, the end markets for which are still developing. For that reason, plastic pots, tubs and trays are currently collected in the general waste bin which is sent by rail to an Energy from Waste plant (combined heat and power plant) in Runcorn where it is burned to generate electricity and steam that is used in the operation of the neighbouring plant. Any additional electricity is fed back to the national grid.</p> <p>Last year we collected 11,500 tonnes of plastic bottles for recycling. Waste compositional analysis data suggests that within the general waste stream there are a further 9,298 tonnes of plastic bottles, so therefore we are capturing 66% of recyclable plastic bottles and 34% are sent to the Energy from Waste plant within the general waste stream.</p> <p>300 tonnes of sorted plastic recyclate (therefore a raw material – not a unsorted waste stream) was sent to Turkey for use in manufacturing processes representing 2.6% of targeted plastics.</p>	
13	Conservative	Cllr Bernstein	Will Councillor Gold and the Police and Crime Panel seek from the Mayor or Deputy Mayor in the public interest the terms of Ian Hopkins departure as Chief Constable of GMP?	
	Combined Authority Representative: Cllr Gold		In discussion with The Bury Community Safety Manager, Cllr Gold will write to the Deputy Mayor and formally raise this question	
14	Conservative	Cllr Caserta	In October 2018 Greater Manchester Police unveiled their Citizens Contract . The following November meeting held by GM Police Panel the report was hailed by the committee as a great piece of work. In the	

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			light of GMP's newest Chief Constable Stephen Watson as a lad of tosh. Would Councillor Gold like to apologise to the people of Bury on behalf of the Labour controlled committee, Beverley Hughes and in particular Andy Burnham?											
	Combined Authority Representative: Cllr Gold		The committee at the time considered the plan presented from GMP but it is now clear that significant improvement must take place. I welcome the appointment of the new Chief Constable, and his commitment to turning around the performance of GMP, and look forward to hearing more from him about how he plans to improve GMP.											
15	Conservative	Councillor Brown	For each year financial year, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 how many police staff were sanction or warned for accessing information on police databases without good reason to do so?											
	Combined Authority Representative: Cllr Gold		GMP have provided the information below showing the number of police staff (this includes PCSO's but does not include police officers) who attended Misconduct Proceedings & were sanctioned or warned for accessing information in the last five financial years. Please note that due to COVID 19 Misconduct Proceedings were halted for several months during 2020.											
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16	Conservative	Cllr LJ Dean	Please can you provide a breakdown of the Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications budget for 2021/22 and what initiatives are planned for the year											
	Combined Authority Representative: Quinn		Please see Recycle for Greater Manchester Communications Plan 2021/22 attached. Our main focus this year is on a GM wide											

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			<p>food waste campaign called Buy, Eat, Keep, Repeat, a paper and card contamination campaign and on joint communications with our contractor; SUEZ on promoting the new Renew shops and Renew hub which forms a significant part of their social value plan.</p> <p> R4GM Comms & Behavioural Change</p>	