

Combined Authority Running Order

1	<p>Please can an update be provided on GMP Response Times in relation to high threat/high harm [Grade 1] calls at a force and specifically Bury district level? What further steps can be made to improve this?</p>	Cllr Rizvi	Cllr Farooq
<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>I can confirm that grade 1 response rates for Bury, measured as the proportion of incidents attended within 15 minutes, stands at 91.8% for the last full month of data which is above the force average of 84.2% and is actually the best in force.</p> <p>For the most recent week the local figure is 95.7%</p> <p>Response times at Bury are consistently the best in Force which local colleagues have worked hard to maintain through local structure review and tight governance processes.</p> <p>Whilst this is positive news, GMP Bury are keen not to be complacent and there are further commitments made through their Plan on a Page programme boards to further improve response to incidents and emergencies. One of the program boards is undertaking a review of response policing. The program board have presented their early considerations which include the creation of several support functions such as secondary investigation teams who will progress criminal investigations which have initially been recorded by the response teams- thereby allowing response officer the capacity to focus on their response to incidents and emergencies.</p> <p><i>For info Grade 2 response times have improved month-on-month and is currently 83.2% of grade 2 incidents attended within one hour, with the GMP force average at 58.7%</i></p>			
2	<p>Following the introduction of the cap on bus fares what are the plans to increase patronage on the busses?</p>	Cllr Bayley	Cllr Peel
<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>The Following response was provided by TfGM – Councillor Peel as TfGM representative, requested further information, once received this will be shared with Elected Members.</p> <p>As part of TfGM’s work to increase patronage and respond to the cost-of-living crisis, new caps on the cost of certain fares for bus travel within the city region</p>			

	<p>have been introduced one year earlier than originally planned. Single journey fares now cost no more than £2 for adults and £1 for children, and passengers may make unlimited journeys across all bus operators for no more than £5 (adult) or £2.50 (child) a day.</p> <p>In addition, opportunities are also being explored to extend the cap to other ticket types, for example weekly passes. New caps will benefit current bus users and are forecast to grow patronage and begin to increase revenue to build the system's overall sustainability over time.</p>		
3	<p>Can an update be provided as to the current status of Greater Manchester police and the HMIC intervention?</p>	<p>Councillor Khalid Hussain</p>	<p>Cllr Farooq</p>
	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>Greater Manchester Police have continued to take positive strides in addressing the cause for concerns which resulted in them being placed into special measures. Through embedding their Plan on a Page force strategy, this is delivering sustainable improvements in policing performance and service delivery for victims and communities across Greater Manchester.</p> <p>HMICFRS have expressed their satisfaction with the work on record keeping and concluding of crimes. Improved call handling and response/attendance times have been secured to maximise public service standards, safeguarding opportunities and crime standards. Increased crime recording, improving standards of investigations and focus on solved outcome improvement is being delivered for victims and communities.</p> <p>In total 174 areas for improvement and recommendations have been progressed and closed, superseded or 'no further actioned' since December 2020. The Force has reduced its open recommendations from the start of HMICFRS engagement in December 2020 by almost three quarters, from over 120 to now just 32 recommendations.</p> <p>Force wide revisits are due to take place this month with regard to engagement and special measures provision of the standards of investigation across GMP. Positive outcomes of these inspections would continue a trajectory of improvement and be a major step in progress towards being taken out of special measures, though it is important we wait for the results of these inspections.</p>		
4	<p>Following concerns about the significant drop in metrolink patronage, what work is being done to lobby the government to extend the financial support package reflecting the impact the pandemic has had on the network</p>	<p>Cllr Green</p>	<p>Cllr Peel</p>

	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>A package of funding support from central government has been agreed up to the beginning of October 2022. DfT / HMT have indicated that no further recovery funding will be provided beyond this point. TfGM is engaged in ongoing dialogue with DfT in an effort to secure a partnership to sustain the network beyond the expiry of recovery funding.</p> <p>Greater Manchester Local Authority Leaders were briefed on Bee Network delivery and financial planning on Tuesday 20 September.</p> <p>As a last resort, if required and with appropriate approvals GMCA has sufficient reserves available to temporarily fund Metrolink's forecast net deficit for the remainder of 2022/23. In parallel, a Financial Sustainability Plan is being prepared, which will include a strategy for Metrolink to cover its operating, renewals and financing costs in the medium to long term, including replenishing the reserves.</p>		
5	<p>Can an update be provided as to the current status of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service cause for concern position?</p>	<p>Councillor Liam Dean</p>	<p>Cllr Farooq</p>
	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>Following an inspection by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) in April and May 2021 a Cause for Concern letter was issued. The cause was in relation to GMFRS having its own marauding terrorist attack (MTA) response that is resilient, timely and cost effective. It was noted this should be prepared as part of a multi-agency response to terrorist incidents and be understood by all staff and properly tested.</p> <p>On 1st November 2021, GMFRS provided HMICFRS with a comprehensive business case detailing how the service intended to improve the capacity and capability of its response to terrorist incidents. It detailed how all staff in the service would be trained, equipped and supported to carry out agreed MTA activity in accordance with the MTA joint operating principles.</p> <p>GMFRS and HMICFRS have been in regular contact since the issuing of the cause of concern and on 15th May 2022, HMICFRS revisited the service. HMICFRS were pleased to see the service had reviewed its policy and standard operating procedures for MTA capability and that it had made sure that all staff were aware of them. Also, that it had developed a training programme that will be introduced to all members of staff. This training programme includes a number of exercises that will be carried out by both the police and ambulance services.</p>		

	On 2nd September the inspectorate published a letter detailing the removal of the Cause for Concern. I'd like to thank local GMFRS colleagues for supporting in this activity.		
6	What have been the passenger numbers for Manchester Airport during the past 3 months?	Councillor Jack Rydeheard	Cllr O'Brien
	<p>Thank you for your question, I can report that passenger number continue to increase;</p> <p>June – 2,423,576 July – 2,609,592 for Manchester this was 82% of pre Covid numbers August – 2,732,718</p> <p>The traffic figures are published every month on the MAG website</p> <p>Operational performance also continues to improve, with 93% of passengers at Manchester Airport clearing security in 30 minutes or less in July. More than two-thirds – 69% – passed through in 15 minutes or less.</p> <p>This positive trend was maintained into the first week in August, with 99% of passengers clearing security in less than 30 minutes and 84% in less than 15 minutes.</p>		