

Meeting:	The Council
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Title of report:	Update on Greater Manchester Joint Authorities Activity
Report by:	Leader of the Council
Decision type:	Non key decision
Ward(s) to which the report relates:	All
Summary:	This report provides an update on the activity of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

1 Background

- 1.1 This report provides an update on work of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and other Greater Manchester joint authorities following an update to Council in September 2022.
- 1.2 Since the last update there has been two meetings of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

2 Cost of Living and Economic Resilience in Greater Manchester

- 2.1 At the [30th September meeting of GMCA](#), members decided:
- 2.2 That the latest assessment and emerging response, be noted.
- 2.3 That the GMCA's views on the next steps of the response, be noted.
- 2.4 That representatives of the GM Disabled People's Panel be requested to present the findings of the GM Big Disability Survey 2022 to the October 2022 meeting of the GMCA.
- 2.5 That the future iterations of the Cost-of-Living Dashboard incorporate the wider health impacts arising from the crisis.

- 2.6 That the GMCA makes a commitment to reporting on the tangible work undertaken each month to improve the lives of the region's residents within the context of the cost-of-living crisis.
- 2.7 That it be noted that the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee welcomed the work undertaken on the cost of living crisis.
- 2.8 That the recommendations made by the GM Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.
- 2.9 That it be noted that the Mayor of Greater Manchester and Councillor Amanda Chadderton intended to meet with the UK's five biggest energy suppliers to discuss the issue of pre-payment meters and the impact on residents.
- 2.10 That it be noted that a progress report would be submitted to the October 2022 meeting of the GMCA on the progress on the potential partnership with Amazon to recycle household goods, as per a model pioneered in Fife, Scotland.

3 Future Of GM Local Enterprise Partnership

- 3.1 At the 30th September meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 3.2 That the impacts of the proposal on equalities, carbon and sustainability as set out in the Decision Support Assessment, be noted.
- 3.3 That it be agreed that the report be used as the basis of the Integration Plan proforma to be submitted to Government.
- 3.4 That it be agreed that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Economy, Business & International and the Chair of the GM LEP, to submit the completed proforma.
- 3.5 That it be agreed that the role of 'a strong, independent and diverse business voice', as set out in para 4.21 of the report, be included in the Constitution as part of the functions of the GMCA.
- 3.6 That it be agreed that subject to the feedback received, a further report be submitted to the October 2022 meeting of the GMCA detailing any required proposed amendments to the GMCA Constitution.

4 Delivering The Bee Network: Bus Network Stabilisation, Bus Fares, Our Pass, Franchising And Depots

- 4.1 At the 30th September meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 4.2 That the progress made towards delivering the Bee Network be noted.

- 4.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, to agree the final terms of leases of bus depots to be granted to TfGM and the terms of all subleases of the depots, both in respect of interim leaseback arrangements to existing operators and the franchise depot subleases to be granted to the franchise bus operators.
- 4.4 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to complete and execute all leases of bus depots to be granted to TfGM.
- 4.5 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, to manage, maintain and insure the bus depots, on behalf of GMCA, by way of lease of the bus depots granted by GMCA to TfGM.
- 4.6 That it be noted that the Mayor of Greater Manchester had requested consideration by given to a proposal for a further amendment to the bus fare structure to introduce a weekly fare cap.
- 4.7 That the confirmed dates for the remaining tranches of the Bee Network be noted.
- 4.8 That the collaboration work between TfGM and GMP on Operation AVRO be noted.
- 4.9 That the need for consistent lobbying of Government, to secure long term funding, for bus franchising be noted.
- 4.10 That it be noted that the bus fare structure would be subject to annual review.
- 4.11 That the need for strong representation to Government, from GMCA, Transport for the North and partners across the region, on the Avanti Trains West Coast mainline contract renewal be agreed.

5 Bus Service Permit Scheme Consultation

- 5.1 At the 30th September meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 5.2 That the report be noted.
- 5.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive officer GMCA & TfGM to undertake the consultation on a service permit scheme pursuant to the Franchising Scheme (Service Permits) (England) Regulations 2018.

6 City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Governance And Assurance

- 6.1 At the 30th September meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 6.2 That the proposed governance arrangements for CRSTS funded schemes, which include the assurance route and the funding allocation and draw-down

approvals in relation to the Scheme List agreed by the GMCA on 24 June 2022, be approved.

- 6.3 That it be noted that progress on scheme development and delivery would be reported through regular updates to GMCA, the GM Transport Committee and the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 6.4 That, subject to the approval of the proposed governance arrangements, the release of up to £1.8 million of CRSTS funding to facilitate the development of the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Rochdale-Oldham-Ashton Quality Bus Transit (QBT) scheme be approved.

7 Greater Manchester Active Travel Programme

- 7.1 At the 30th September meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 7.2 That the release of up to £3.37 million of MCF delivery funding for the two Wigan MBC schemes, set out in section 2 of the report, in order to secure full approval and enable scheme delivery through the signing of the necessary supporting legal agreements, be approved.
- 7.3 That the award of up to £0.08 million of revenue funding to Wigan MBC, for the development of a Mini-Holland feasibility study, following a successful Expression of Interest submission to the Department of Transport, and a subsequent GM prioritisation exercise, as set out in section 3 of the report, be approved.

8 Working Well Work And Health Programmes And Specialist Employment Service Contract Extensions

- 8.1 At the 30th September meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 8.2 That the proposed Working Well: Work and Health Programme contract extension be approved, in principle.
- 8.3 That the proposed Working Well: Specialist Employment Service contract extension for the continued delivery of the existing contracts be approved, in principle.
- 8.4 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to agree the final terms of the contract extensions and execute all necessary documentation.
- 8.5 That it be noted that the Chair of GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee had agreed that the report was exempt from call-in for the following two reasons:
 - 8.5.1 Working Well and Health Programme: GM is required to extend the delivery of the WHP alongside DWP from 31st October (as per the legally binding requirement of the shared MoU between DWP and GMCA).

- 8.5.2 Working Well Specialist Employment Service: the programme is due to cease referrals from 30th September 2022. The extension will need to progress for referrals to continue from 1 st October 2022.

9 Greater Manchester Local Area Energy Plans

- 9.1 At the 30th September meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 9.2 That the draft GM Local Area Energy Plan, its contents and the research undertaken to inform its development be noted.
- 9.3 That the GM Local Area Energy Plan for design & publication as included in Annex 1 to the report be approved.
- 9.4 That the next steps in delivering the city-regions Local Area Energy Plan(s) be approved.
- 9.5 That the GM Pension Fund Board be requested to consider further opportunities for investment in renewable energy schemes.

10 Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme 3b Opportunities

- 10.1 At the 30th September meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 10.2 That the opportunity to bid for circa £20m from Salix (NPBD) under the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Phase 3b be noted.
- 10.3 That the receipt and defrayment of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding, with delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to sign all necessary legal agreements (subject to successful award) be approved.

11 Greater Manchester Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (Wave 2)

- 11.1 At the 30th September meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 11.2 That the forthcoming funding opportunity presented by the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) be noted.
- 11.3 That the current delivery of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund through the initial award of £10m grant from SHDF (Wave 1) be noted.
- 11.4 That the proposed application approach, with GMCA acting as the accountable body for the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (Wave 2) be approved.
- 11.5 That, if successful, authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead, to:
- 11.5.1 Sign a Grant Funding agreement with BEIS to receive grant funding for a GM Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 2 retrofit programme.

- 11.5.2 Expend the awarded grant funds by defraying agreements via the funding partners i.e. ~17 Registered Providers and/or Local Authorities.

12 Cost Of Living And Economic Resilience In Greater Manchester

- 12.1 At the [28th October meeting of GMCA](#), members decided:
- 12.2 That the latest assessment, including the findings of the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel 2022 Survey be noted.
- 12.3 That the GMCA record its thanks to both Rick Burgess and Michele Scattergood for the presentation of the Disabled People's Panel survey results.
- 12.4 That the GMCA record its thanks to Councillor Amanda Chadderton for leading on the mobilisation of 306 'warm banks' across GM ahead of the winter period.
- 12.5 That the GMCA would lobby government ahead of the 'fiscal event' on 17th November on the pressing need to ensure that benefits rise in line with current rates of inflation to combat the further entrenchment of poverty, and that Council budgets be protected to ensure they were able to provide suitable levels of support.
- 12.6 That the GM Mayor invite a representative of the GM Disabled People's Panel to join him in the conversation he was seeking with the 'Big Five' energy providers on agreeing a moratorium on disconnection from energy supplies over the winter period.
- 12.7 That the GMCA continues to consider the cost-of-living crisis as a specific item each month.

13 Challenge Poverty Week England And Wales - Feedback From The GM Launch Event

- 13.1 At the 28th October meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 13.2 That the feedback and suggestions made by cross-sector partners and residents who attended the third party 'Challenge Poverty Week' GM partnership event be noted.
- 13.3 That it be noted that the report was viewed with reference to and alongside the GMCA Cost of Living Resilience update, recognising that those responses were immediate, and that the report pointed to the need for GMCA to consider the medium to long term anti-poverty approach across the city-region, and that all recommendations would be addressed at the right level.
- 13.4 That the GMCA record its thanks to Revered Ian Rutherford for his presentation of the report.

- 13.5 That the work of GM Poverty Action, particularly the report being prepared at present, be fully incorporated into the range of work taking place through the Tackling Inequality Board.
- 13.6 That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the GMCA highlighting improvements in bus patronage following the introduction of the £2 single fare cap.
- 13.7 That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the GMCA setting out plans around homelessness and the expansion of 'A Bed Every Night'.
- 13.8 That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the GMCA providing further detail around the establishing of Wigan as an initial site for replicating the joint venture being rolled out in Scotland between Fife and Amazon.

14 GM Cultural Investment Approach 2023 Onwards

- 14.1 At the 28th October meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 14.2 That the consultation response to the proposed new approach to GMCA's cultural investment be noted.
- 14.3 That the new approach to GMCA's cultural investment be approved.
- 14.4 That an indicative investment period of three years subject to annual review and approval of the Culture Fund as part of the GMCA annual budget setting process, be approved in principle..
- 14.5 That the timeline for the GMCA Culture Fund to open for bids in preparation for the new investment approach starting from April 2023, be approved.
- 14.6 That the decision of the impact tool be noted and that it also be noted that the proposed approach will support equality inclusion, health outcomes and the economy in Greater Manchester.

15 Create Growth Programme

- 15.1 At the 28th October meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 15.2 That the Create Growth Programme in GM be supported.
- 15.3 That the proposal GMCA act as the accountable body with the DCMS for the Create Growth Programme in Greater Manchester funded from a £1.275million Section 31 grant over the period 2022/23 – 2024/25 be approved.
- 15.4 That the GMCA enter into a grant agreement with the Growth Company for £1.2m to deliver the programme, as set out in the bid.
- 15.5 That the decision of the impact tool be noted, and it also noted that the proposed approach will support equality inclusion, health outcomes and the economy in Greater Manchester.

16 Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4)

- 16.1 At the 28th October meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 16.2 That the forthcoming funding opportunity presented by Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4) and specifically the Flexible Eligibility element be noted.
- 16.3 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to: a. Conduct an ECO4 Approved Application Process to produce a list of GM wide ECO4 delivery installer(s). b. Centralise the management of ECO4 Flexible Eligibility on behalf of the 10 districts. c. Receive and defray any concession received to cover internal costs over the ECO4 period.
- 16.4 That the GM Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent (Annex 1) be approved and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to sign the Statement of Intent on behalf of the GMCA and all 10 GM LAs be approved.
- 16.5 That the co-benefits assessment of this proposal suggests this project will directly reduce emissions from domestic buildings, in particular the worst performing properties be noted.

17 Implementation Of Greater Manchester VCSE Accord And Creation Of GM VCSE Forum

- 17.1 At the 28th October meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 17.2 That the progress update be noted.
- 17.3 That the proposal to create a system-wide GM VCSE Forum and provide nominations to join the Forum be endorsed.
- 17.4 That local authorities and partners be encouraged to make nominations to the Forum as detailed in the terms of reference.

18 Innovation Greater Manchester And Innovation Accelerator Pilot

- 18.1 At the 28th October meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 18.2 That the progress in developing Innovation Greater Manchester, which is supporting the Greater Manchester Strategy commitment to "Realise the opportunities from our world class growth and innovation assets" be noted.
- 18.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Leads and Lead Chief Executives for Economy and Work & Skills, the decision making and sign-off authority for local selection and oversight of the projects to be funded through the Innovation Accelerator pilot. Decisions will be informed by consultation with the Innovation Greater Manchester Board.
- 18.4 That it be noted that the innovation accelerator pilot was expected to have direct positive impacts on equality and inclusion, health, resilience and

adaptation, economy, and mobility and connectivity. There will be indirect positive impacts on carbon emissions.

19 Greater Manchester Active Travel Programme

- 19.1 At the 28th October meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 19.2 That the release of up to £745,000 of MCF delivery funding for the Oldham Chadderton Improvement scheme, set out in section 2 of this report, be approved in order to secure full approval and enable scheme delivery through the signing of the necessary supporting legal agreements be approved.
- 19.3 That the revised GM Local Authority budget allocations for the Active Travel Fund (Tranche 2), following a re-profiling exercise agreed by the Active Travel Programme Board, as set out in section 3 of the report be noted.
- 19.4 That the release of up to £225,508 of development cost funding for the 2 Active Travel Fund (Tranche 3) schemes, set out in section 4 of the report, be approved.
- 19.5 That Dame Sarah Storey be invited to the next meeting of the GMCA to provide an update on 'refreshing the mission' around active travel.

20 Delivering The Bee Network: Bus Franchising And Fares, Metrolink Fleet, Rail Integration And Operation Avro

- 20.1 At the 28th October meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 20.2 That the progress made towards the delivery of the Bee Network be noted.
- 20.3 That the comments raised by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be noted.
- 20.4 That TfGM be requested to submit an update report to the November GMCA meeting and a final report at the December GMCA meeting on the progressing of franchising arrangements
- 20.5 That the statement made by Northern City Region Mayors calling for action in the short, medium and long term to address specific issues raised in the minutes on the national rail network be noted.

21 Transport Capital Programme And Local Growth Deal

- 21.1 At the 28th October meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 21.2 That the progress made in relation to the Local Growth Deal Transport schemes as set out in Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the report, be noted.
- 21.3 That the progress made in relation to the Non-Transport Skills Capital and Economic Development and Regeneration (ED &R) programmes, as set out in Section 5 of the report, be noted.

- 21.4 That the funding draw-down request for the SBNI Salford Package 7 (A580 Junctions), as set out in Section 5 of the report, be approved.
- 21.5 That the use of returned Life Sciences funds to proceed with Life Sciences 2, as set out in Section 6.5 of the report, be noted.
- 21.6 That the funding draw-down request for Farnworth Streets for All, as set out in Section 7 of the report, be approved.

22 Greater Manchester Uk Shared Prosperity Fund - Investment Plan

- 22.1 At the 28th October meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 22.2 That 10GM £1,663,571 of GM's UKSPF allocation to deliver activity to support VCSE sustainability and infrastructure across GM to March 2025, as set out within the 10GM proposal, outlined at Section 3 of this report, be granted.
- 22.3 That the GM Business Growth Hub £500,000 of GM's UKSPF allocation in 2022/23 to deliver a programme of activity in 2022/23 to support GM businesses with the Cost of Doing Business challenges, as set out within the proposal, outlined at Section 5 of this report, be granted.
- 22.4 That a £15m UKSPF funded GM SME (Small and Medium Size Enterprises) Workspace Fund be established and administered by GMCA which will prioritise local authority proposals for the creation of SME workspace in city and town centres and high streets in GM to March 2025. Prioritised proposals within this programme will come to GMCA for agreement in due course.
- 22.5 That £2,744,408 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Bolton Council.
- 22.6 That £1,662,478 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Bury Council.
- 22.7 That a grant be awarded to Manchester City Council for £2,886,652 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, noting that Manchester City Council will submit a further proposal for their remaining allocation to the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board in due course.
- 22.8 That £2,295,803 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Oldham Council.

- 22.9 That £2,163,860 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Rochdale Council.
- 22.10 That £2,243,026 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Salford Council.
- 22.11 That £2,454,134 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Stockport Council.
- 22.12 That £1,768,032 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, be granted to Trafford Council.
- 22.13 That £1,050,000 of GM's UKSPF allocation be granted to Wigan Council over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal by March 2025, as outlined at Annex A, noting that Wigan Council will submit a further proposal to the GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board for their remaining allocation in due course.
- 22.14 That Subject to GM UKSPF Local Partnership Board recommendation, delegate GMCA approval of Tameside Council's proposal for their UKSPF allocation to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, GMCA Treasurer and Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Resources and Investment Portfolio Leader to grant up to £1,979,141 of GM's UKSPF allocation over 2.5 years to deliver the activity, expenditure, outcomes and outputs that will be set out in their UKSPF Communities and Place proposal.

23 Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM) update

- 23.1 **Paper and card:** We're now in the final stages of our campaign tackling contamination in the paper and card stream in Radcliffe and Whitefield. In the last few months, we've focused on direct engagement with residents who have been putting incorrect items in their paper and card bins. Our recycling officers have knocked on the doors of 230 residents in Whitefield who have continued to contaminate, despite interventions. Of these 230, around 50 answered the door to us and our team had lots of positive conversations about the importance of recycling right. We've also been able to gather data on residents' relationship with waste which should help inform services and communications going forward.
- 23.2 **#RecycleWeek:** This year's rescheduled national #RecycleWeek took place in October. Organised by WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme), this year's theme was 'Getting Real about Recycling'. Activity focused on busting common waste myths and highlighting resident's individual responsibility to recycle correctly. We provided all districts with social media toolkits to share messages

from councils owned social media channels;. We also promoted the campaign through digital billboards outside supermarkets in Bury during #RecycleWeek.

23.3 Walking Aids Collection: During #RecycleWeek, we partnered with the NHS to launch a new national initiative to act as a collection point for walking aids.. Residents can now take items such as zimmer frames, crutches, walking sticks and collapsible wheelchairs to the Donate containers at their local recycling centres, including sites at Every Street and Cemetery Road. From there, they'll be taken to our Renew Hub in Trafford Park where they can be cleaned, repaired and returned to the NHS.

23.4 Recycling Centres hours changed: Our household waste recycling centres at Every Street and Cemetery Road have reverted to their winter opening hours. Recycling centres across Greater Manchester now open from 8am to 6pm every day, only closing on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. As we prepare for the busiest time of the year at recycling centres, we've been promoting the updated opening hours as well as reminding residents that the service is free to use, accessible and beneficial to the environment.

23.5 Recycling Centre Rates

Site	Month (%)	Year to date
Cemetery Rd, Radcliffe	53%	54%
Every St, Fernhill	56%	52%

24 Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) Update

24.1 Get on Board Festive Activity and Travel Planning

24.1.1 TfGM and partners will be running giveaways on social media and across the Metrolink network during the festive period as part of our #GetOnBoard campaign to promote sustainable travel.

24.1.2 A virtual advent calendar will run from 1 December until Christmas Day, which will include tickets for events and days out, overnight hotel stays, free food and drink, and much more. Escape to Freight Island, Rudy's Pizza, and Lightopia are amongst some of the partners involved. TfGM will also be working with waste management company SUEZ to donate repurposed bikes to charities and community groups in GM.

24.1.3 TfGM have also launched a dedicated webpage which maps Christmas events and activities and helps people work out the best way to get there, including Christmas lights switch-ons, winter festivals, family days-out, Christmas shopping, places to eat, and sporting and music venues.

24.1.4 TfGM's major works and events hub is also being kept updated with the latest travel advice for those heading out to events, or just into town to do some shopping or attend a Christmas party.

24.2 New Bike Libraries

- 24.2.1 TfGM have launched a new 'Bike Libraries' scheme providing bikes to local communities across Greater Manchester. Bike libraries allow people to borrow a bike and aim to encourage people who may not own a bike to take advantage of the new cycling routes being delivered as part of the Bee Network across Greater Manchester.
- 24.2.2 15 bike libraries are currently live, in Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, and Stockport, with 13 more set to launch over the coming months. Community organisations, including primary schools and Page 3 of 6 healthcare providers, have received grants to help set up a bike library, as well as funding to access cycling training and bike maintenance.
- 24.2.3 Cycling, walking, and wheeling are central to the future of transport in the city-region and access to bikes, through schemes like bike libraries or the GM Cycle Hire scheme, is important to the delivery of the fully integrated Bee Network transport system.

24.3 It's Not a Game Campaign

- 24.3.1 Football fans in Greater Manchester are being urged to think before they drink and avoid getting behind the wheel after consuming alcohol or taking drugs while watching the World Cup this winter. It's Not a Game, a new campaign by Safer Roads Greater Manchester, warns of the consequences of drink and drug driving throughout the tournament and during domestic fixtures over Christmas.
- 24.3.2 Between 2017 and 2021, a total of 3,569 people were killed or seriously injured on Greater Manchester's roads, with 249 incidents involving a driver impaired by alcohol or drugs. Most of the people killed or injured – 62% – were drivers or passengers, but pedestrians are also seriously at risk, making up 15% of the casualties.
- 24.3.3 TfGM will be working with partners to bring this number down. More information about the campaign is available on TfGM's dedicated webpage and more information on road safety laws is available here: the government's THINK website.
- 24.3.4 A partner toolkit for the campaign, which includes more details and adaptable social media copy and assets, is attached with this briefing. Please feel free to use this toolkit to promote the campaign across your networks, platforms, and channels and please pass the toolkit on to other organisations or community groups whose audiences may find the information beneficial.

24.4 A Safer Transport Network: Engagement Workshops

- 24.4.1 The safety of women and girls is a local priority and the existing research and evidence highlight how critical the issue is on the transport network in Greater Manchester. Findings from our Destination: Bee Network (D:BN)

Public Conversation show that women feel less safe on public transport and on our streets.

- 24.4.2 To build on this conversation TfGM are hosting a series of engagement workshops to explore the practical steps TfGM can take to enable everyone – particularly men and boys – to create an environment that encourages feelings of safety among women and girls on public transport and in our streets.
- 24.4.3 The first workshop in the series is “A Safer Transport Network: Women’s Workshop”. This workshop will inform the delivery of the “A Safer Transport Network: Men’s Workshop” - which will cover similar topics from a male perspective. The final workshop - “A Safer Transport Network: Workshop for All” - aims to bring all participants together to explore similarities and differences in feedback themes and identify practical next steps to support safe travel for all.

24.5 Metrolink Christmas safety campaign

- 24.5.1 Passenger and staff safety, as well as the safety of pedestrians and cyclists travelling or moving around trams and stops on the network, is a critical priority for TfGM and operator KeolisAmey Metrolink (KAM). Metrolink passengers are being urged to stay safe and take extra care around trams while travelling on the network over Christmas as part of a new campaign.
- 24.5.2 With services expected to be busier over the holidays with the Christmas parties, the markets and high-profile events taking place, as well as the dark nights drawing in, the #MindTheTracks campaign will be promoting a range of safety messages aimed at encouraging safe behaviour around moving trams and Metrolink infrastructure including tram crossings.
- 24.5.3 Posters carrying the safety messaging will be appearing across the network during the Christmas period, alongside bespoke safety announcements on the network and social media activity – which partners are being encouraged to share across their own channels

24.6 “See the Rider not the Bike” Campaign Launches

- 24.6.1 Safer Roads Greater Manchester have recently launched a new campaign: “See the Rider not the Bike”, which uses images of people going about everyday journeys, and reminds motorists of the Highway Code requirement for them to leave at least a 1.5 metre gap when overtaking cyclists at 30mph, or a bigger gap at higher speeds.
- 24.6.2 Research shows that people see the behaviour of other road users as the biggest barrier to cycling regularly, with close passing and inattentive driving being two of the most frightening experiences for people riding their bike. Over the next four weeks, TfGM’s social media accounts will be reminding drivers of the Highway Code updates that were made earlier this

year and the role they play in driving responsibly – making Greater Manchester’s roads safer for all road users, particularly cyclists.

- 24.6.3 A partner toolkit for the “See the Rider not the Bike” campaign, which includes more details and adaptable social media copy and assets, is attached with this briefing. Please feel free to use this toolkit to promote the campaign across your networks, platforms, and channels and please pass the toolkit on to other organisations or community groups whose audiences may find the information beneficial.

24.7 Parcel Lockers at Metrolink Park and Ride and Bus Stations

- 24.7.1 TfGM will be working with InPost, the parcel locker service, to operate parcel lockers across Metrolink Park and Ride locations and bus stations. Having lockers at these TfGM locations support wider goals relating to decarbonization and reducing congestion by reducing the need for delivery vehicles on roads, as well as providing a useful asset at locations which commuters pass through regularly when using public transport.

- 24.7.2 InPost parcel lockers have been installed at the following Metrolink stops: East Didsbury, Prestwich, Stretford, Derker, and Milnrow, as well as at bus stations at Radcliffe, Horwich Parkway, Bolton Interchange, Wythenshawe Interchange, Oldham Central bus station, Wigan bus station, Leigh bus station, and Rochdale Interchange.

24.8 TravelSafe Partnership Operation AVRO outcomes

- 24.8.1 Operation AVRO is a regular operation run by GMP with a particular focus on the transport network hubs. On 27 and 28 September approx. 400 police officers and 200 TravelSafe Partnership officers were out in force, patrolling public places such as Victoria Station to make weapon searches and clamping down on traffic offences.
- 24.8.2 Alongside the TravelSafe Partnership, GMP officers made 41 arrests, carried out 69 stop searches, and recorded 406 traffic offences and 530 speed offences. Over the two-day operation around 1,500 Metrolink fines were also issued for fare evasion as part of targeted deployments across the tram network.

24.9 Community Rail Awards 2022 – winners announced

- 24.9.1 The Community Rail Awards, which is jointly sponsored by Northern and TfGM, took place on Thursday 06 October and was hosted in Manchester for the first time. The awards shine a light on the significant projects and initiatives delivered by community rail groups, partnerships and volunteers who work on a voluntary basis alongside train operators to help people get the most from their railways and improve stations and facilities. Many of the groups engage with schools, colleges, and other local networks to help educate and secure passengers of the future.

24.9.2 A total of four GM community rail groups were presented with awards:

24.9.2.1 South East Lancashire Community Rail Partnership received 1st place for Community Creative Projects and Station Art

24.9.2.2 Julie Levey who volunteers for South East Lancashire Community Partnership and Bolton Station Community Partnership received 1st place for her Outstanding Volunteer Contribution

24.9.2.3 Friends of Irlam Station received 1st place in the Photo Competition for the Best Image Capturing the Essence of Community Rail

24.9.2.4 Friends of Hindley Station received 3rd place for the Station Friends and Adopters at the Heart of Communities award for supporting and reaching out to a community in a crisis

25 Recommendation

25.1 That Council note the updates from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Transport for Greater Manchester, and Recycle for Greater Manchester, with further updates to be presented to future Council meetings.

List of Background Papers:-

None identified

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