

Meeting:	The Council
Meeting date:	18 January 2023
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 December 2022.
- 1.2 Since the last update there has been two meetings of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

2 Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses: Procurement Update

- 2.1 At the [25th November meeting of GMCA](#), members decided:
- 2.2 That the outcome of the process to procure a preferred service provider to operate the Bolton Large Local Service Contract and the Wigan Large Local Service Contract in Sub-Area A of the Scheme be noted and agreed.
- 2.3 That the proposed key contractual arrangements of the Bolton Large Local Service Contract and the Wigan Large Local Service Contract be noted.
- 2.4 That in relation to the Local Service Contracts required for the implementation and operation and Sub-Areas B and C of the Scheme:
 - 2.4.1 That the commencement and procurement process be agreed

- 2.4.2 That authority be delegated to TfGM to undertake and manage the procurement process on behalf of the GMCA subject to the following condition:
- 2.4.2.1 TfGM will recommend a preferred bidder in relation to each Local Service Contract; in relation to large Local Service Contracts the decision to award will be taken by the GMCA and in relation to small Local Service Contracts and contracts for schools, the decision to award will be taken in accordance with the contract award delegations as set out in the GMCA Constitution.
- 2.5 That in relation to Sub Area A, it be agreed that TfGM will manage the implementation and operation of the Scheme and the Local Service Contracts awarded in relation to Sub Area A following their award on behalf of the GMCA, subject to the following conditions:
- 2.6 TfGM will manage the above contracts in accordance with the provisions of an agreed Protocol with the GMCA.
- 2.7 That authority to agree the final terms of the above Protocol and any other associated necessary legal agreements on behalf of the GMCA be delegated to the Monitoring Officer.
- 2.8 That authority to complete and execute the Protocol and any other necessary legal agreements be delegated to the Monitoring Officer.
- 2.9 That TfGM be authorised to enter into the agreements referred to in section 4 of this report for the purposes of establishing and implementing the Residual Value Mechanism on behalf of the GMCA.
- 2.10 That the comments of the Scrutiny Committee as reported, be noted.

3 Transport Capital Programme: City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement Drawdown

- 3.1 At the 25th November meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 3.2 That the funding draw-down requests for the schemes, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be approved.
- 3.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to procure a further 50 Zero Emission Buses for deployment within Tranche 2 of bus franchising using the Crown Commercial Services national framework RM6060, to be funded from GMCA's City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement.

4 TFGM Executive Board - Appointment Of Non-Executive Directors

- 4.1 At the 25th November meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 4.2 That extensions to the appointments of Tracey Matthews and Jo Kaye as Non-Executive Directors of TfGM until 31 January 2026 be approved.

- 4.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to formalise the terms of the extended appointments.

5 Greater Manchester Civic Leadership Programme

- 5.1 At the 25th November meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 5.2 That the programme's first year outputs, outcomes and case studies be noted.
- 5.3 That the commissioning of a year two programme, funded from the Mayoral Budget, and the areas of focus and delivery, be endorsed.
- 5.4 That the GMCA consider practical ways to support this year's participants, and next year's programme delivery and participants.
- 5.5 That, ahead of the first Civic Leadership Programme Graduation event, the GMCA will prepare a report on the actively to support the programme by bringing through opportunities post-graduation.
- 5.6 That the GMCA will look at the feasibility of Civic Leadership becoming a 'Programme of the 11' going forward.
- 5.7 That each GM local authority be requested to nominate an individual as lead contact for the Programme going forwards.
- 5.8 That other key partner bodies within GM, including GMP and the Magistrates Court, should also be encouraged to nominate individuals to act as lead contacts for their organisations and support the Programme.
- 5.9 That the nominated individual contact leads be requested to assist in developing and shaping clear key targets for the programme going forward.

6 Homelessness Update

- 6.1 At the 25th November meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 6.2 That the £460,000 investment into A Bed Every Night being made by the Greater Manchester Mayor from within current resources be noted.

7 Greater Manchester European Social Fund Co-Financing Programme Update (Key Decision)

- 7.1 At the [16th December 2022 meeting of GMCA](#), members decided:
- 7.2 That the progress made in relation to the GMCA ESF Programmes be noted.
- 7.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Lead Member and Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work, Apprenticeships and Digital (and subject to considerations around any conflicts of interest which might arise), to take forward the final ESF commissioning, including the procured element, to contract award where required.

- 7.4 That the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Treasurer be requested to ensure that the GMCA continues to comply with all of its obligations in relation to the Greater Manchester European Social Fund Co-Financing Programme, including its obligations to retain records relating to the use of ESF monies for the required period following the end of this Programme in September 2023.

8 Delivering The Bee Network: Weekly Bus Fares (Key Decision)

- 8.1 At the 16th December 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 8.2 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to cap weekly bus fares in Greater Manchester at £21 for adults and £10.50 for children from January 2023, subject to agreement with bus operators and Greater Manchester Travelcards Limited (GMTL).
- 8.3 That it be noted that the development of a sustainable funding model will be a key part of the annual review of the existing and proposed bus fare caps, to be undertaken in Summer 2023.
- 8.4 That the recommendations raised by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny be noted and welcomed.
- 8.5 That the GMCA commits to providing monthly updates as we move through 2023.

9 Transport Capital Programme (Key Decision)

- 9.1 At the 16th December 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 9.2 That Strategic Outline Business Case submission for Bury Interchange Redevelopment to DfT and HM Treasury in November 2022, as part of the retained case process, and the importance of maintaining momentum on this scheme prior to Government's response be noted.
- 9.3 That the drawdown of £2.6 million of CRSTS funding to facilitate the progression of the Bury Interchange Redevelopment Outline Business Case (i.e. single preferred option) activity, with the intention being that this will enable the scheme to continue to be developed (including throughout the DfT's assessment of the SOBC as a retained scheme) be approved, noting that a further update will be submitted to the GMCA in due course.
- 9.4 That the overall Local Contribution, financed by borrowings, for the Bury Interchange Redevelopment for the current CRSTS tranche (to March 2027) is £10.8 million be noted and endorsed.
- 9.5 That the update on the Minor Works / Road Safety (previously ITB) funding be noted.

10 Greater Manchester Active Travel Programme (Key Decision)

- 10.1 At the 16th December 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:

- 10.2 That the release of up to £7.209 million of MCF delivery funding for the Manchester to Chorlton Area 3 scheme be approved.
- 10.3 That the release of up to £3.451 million of MCF delivery funding for the GM SpotSpeed Safety Camera scheme be approved.

11 Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM) update

11.1 Christmas tree recycling

11.2 R4GM have been reminding residents in Bury how to recycle their real Christmas trees. As well as recycling in their brown food and garden bin, larger trees can be taken to recycling centres, across Bury, free of charge. R4GM were running targeted advertising to ensure the process is as straightforward as possible for residents. Additionally, they're supporting a scheme where Bury residents can donate their old Christmas trees. A team of volunteers collected Christmas trees from the following postcodes: BL0, BL8, BL9, M25, M26 and M45, and also picked up in Ainsworth, Bradley Fold, Harwood and Bradshaw. All funds raised through recycled trees go to support Bury Hospice.

11.3 Ongoing messaging

11.4 The volume of waste generated by households through the festive period means January is a very busy time for bin crews and staff at recycling centres. R4GM are focusing on core messages over the coming month; encouraging residents to maximise their recycling, limit contamination and make the most of their bins throughout the period. They're also reminding Bury residents that they can visit their local recycling centres at Every Street, Cemetery Road and Lumns Lane if they have more waste than normal. Councillors can support our work by speaking to residents online and offline about the options available to them with their waste.

11.5 Extended Producer Responsibility

11.6 In the coming months local authorities will gain a greater understanding of the proposed introduction of the Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) through a number of workshops hosted by Defra. The EPR will see the packaging supply chain take some financial responsibility for the collection, processing, recycling and disposal of packaging waste. We should also see the Government's comments in response to the consultation on consistent waste collections and a deposit return scheme for beverage containers. These will inform the future direction of waste collection in Greater Manchester and contribute to the development of a revised waste strategy.

12 Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) Update

12.1 Is This Okay? Campaign

12.2 On Friday 16 December the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester launched the next phase of the multi-award-winning #IsThisOK? campaign. The campaign was launched with a short video, which shows the types of behaviours that happen in public (a pub, tram stop and takeaway restaurant)

and contribute to gender-based violence, such as sexual harassment and unwanted sexual comments. The film makes clear that these behaviours make women and girls unsafe and uncomfortable and that they are not socially acceptable.

- 12.3 This timely campaign reinforces the need for further discussion about gender-based violence experiences and steps we can all take to make everyone feel safer.
- 12.4 Following the announcement of TfGM's White Ribbon Accreditation, we've delivered a series of workshops to engage residents across GM about safety on the transport network. A Safer Transport Network engagement series looks to explore the practical steps TfGM can take to enable everyone – particularly those who identify as men or boys – to create an environment that encourages feelings of safety among those who identify as women or girls, on public transport and in our streets.
- 12.5 Previous workshops in this series have focused on the different experiences of gender-based violence, particularly those perpetrated by men towards women. However, we recognise that this dynamic is not always the case so want to build on this conversation to learn more about LGBTQ+ people's perspectives and unique experiences. Upcoming workshops will be delivered in collaboration with LGBT Foundation on 10 and 11 January.
- 12.6 Additional workshops – some of which will be delivered in person and with children and young people - are scheduled for delivery in early 2023. More information on these will be released shortly.
- 12.7 **Local Link and Ring and Ride Services**
- 12.8 TfGM have developed a promotional toolkit for Local Link and Ring and Ride to help raise awareness of the services. Including newsletter text, social media assets, and a leaflet, the toolkit is available here, please feel free to share these assets across your own channels, networks, and platforms where you think the information may be of benefit to your audiences.
- 12.9 TfGM's Local Link offers a flexible transport service for local journeys in areas where public transport services are limited. Passengers can book a shared minibus to travel anywhere within one of the Local Link service areas: Dunham Massey, East Manchester, Heald Green, Heywood, Middleton, Partington, Saddleworth and Mossley, Timperley and Wythenshawe. Local Link is available to everyone, there are no restrictions, once passengers are registered for the service they can book their journeys by phone or online, between 1 hour and 7 days in advance.
- 12.10 TfGM's Ring & Ride provides accessible, low-cost transport to disabled people and older people with walking difficulties. If passengers qualify, they can book a Ring & Ride accessible minibus to take them, and an accompanying adult, door to door for journeys of up to 6 miles in Greater Manchester.

- 12.11 Ring & Ride minibuses are suitable for taking wheelchairs, and all drivers have had special accessibility and disability-awareness training. The service operates between 8am and 10:45pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 10:25pm on Sundays.
- 12.12 **TravelSafe and Foundation92 extend partnership**
- 12.13 A collaboration between the TravelSafe Partnership and one of the region's leading charities is being extended to strengthen efforts to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) on public transport.
- 12.14 Following the pandemic, youth related ASB on public transport spiked – notably during the school holidays. Therefore, we teamed up with Foundation92, a charity formed by the Class of 92 and an official partner of Salford City FC – who've been supporting communities to improve their lives through sport, education and bespoke programmes since 2018.
- 12.15 A six-week pilot got underway in the Summer, engaging with young people at key locations across the network. A total of 17 sessions were delivered across nine districts, which made use of the charity's mobile hub – fitted with a TV and games console – to provide a safe space for young people to meet and socialise. Feedback from the pilot was overwhelmingly positive, with conversations conducted with over 200 young people, with an agreement now reached to extend the scheme – until at least April.
- 12.16 **GM domestic burning campaign**
- 12.17 Earlier this year, GM successfully secured Defra Air Quality Grant funding for a two-year research / behaviour change project around the risks of air pollution (PM10 and PM2.5) from domestic burning wood and coal, whether in a burner, stove, open fire or outdoors.
- 12.18 TfGM is supporting this work through a GM-wide public awareness campaign this winter to make people aware of the health impacts from domestic burning, and what they can do to minimise the risks by: using the cleanest possible fuels; and ensuring equipment is in the best possible condition.
- 12.19 This campaign is now underway, and health leaders are urging residents in Greater Manchester to follow advice on minimising air pollution from woodburning stoves and open fires this winter. You can support the campaign by sharing messages through your own channels, a toolkit and selection of assets.

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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