

## GMCA QUESTIONS

1. Across the country there has been several vetting breaches that have occurred within the police service. Have any taken place within GMP?  
**(Councillor Brown)**

The term 'vetting breaches' is open to interpretation and a fuller answer can be provided if the Councillor could provide examples of that they are specifically referring to.

In the first instance any breach of the police standards of professional behaviour concerning a GMP officer or member of police staff, that would also include matters that call into question the continued holding of vetting clearance, would be brought to the attention of the Professional Standards Branch (PSB) for initial assessment and recording. Information from the PSB Management Information Officer has been requested and will be shared at the earliest opportunity.

2. Can TfGM provide an update on the development of the Greater Manchester Bus Strategy? **(Cllr G McGill)**

[The Greater Manchester Bus Strategy](#) has now launched, following GMCA approval on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023. It sets out Greater Manchester's vision for the future bus network, namely, to make the bus the first choice for more journeys as part of the Bee Network: the city region's integrated transport system. It also establishes specific targets for the bus system to aim towards by 2030, including a 30% growth in patronage. The document also sets out the process for multi-modal network reviews, which will support the Bee Network's development over the coming years.

3. The GMCA has recently launched a new campaign through the Gender Based Violence Executive. What are GMCA doing to help change the behaviour of men in terms of reduce violence against women and girls and how will Bury continue to benefit from this activity? **(Cllr B Ibrahim)**

#Isthisok? is the core promotional campaign of the Gender Based Violence (GBV) Strategy, of which Bury plays an active part on the GBV Executive. The campaign, featuring a number of powerful videos highlighting the experiences women and girls experience in their daily lives is aimed at men and boys – challenging their behaviours to tackle sexual harassment and misogyny. The film series has been watched over 850,000 times across the bespoke campaign social media channels.

On 6<sup>th</sup> September the campaign launched a series of podcast videos, showcasing honest discussions between men about their views and experiences of gender-based violence, with promotion via Spotify and YouTube. The film series was trailed at ParkLife festival in Heaton Park earlier in the summer and has been showcased at recent meetings of the Bury Faith Forum and Bury Community Safety Partnership this month.

The GMCA GBV Communications Manager is a member of Bury's Women & Girls Safety group which locally is co-ordinating engagement and activity, from healthy behaviours and relationships in school settings and colleges; to promotion through sports as part of local White Ribbon activity to tackle GBV in the Borough.

**4. What is the current GMP performance for burglary, robbery and vehicle theft?  
(Councillor Harris)**

Responding to, reducing, and combating neighbourhood crime (burglary, robbery, vehicle theft) is a key focus for Greater Manchester Police as a Force and for the district command here in Bury.

In the 12 months to July 2023, GMP recorded 49,446 neighbourhood crimes, a reduction in 10.8% on the previous year. Of this there was a 26.5% increase in GMP recorded solved outcomes in relation to neighbourhood crime.

By neighbourhood crime type:

- Residential burglary: 13,904 crimes recorded, a reduction of 24.1%, with an increase in solved outcomes of 32.8%
- For personal robbery GMP recorded 4,585 crimes, an annual reduction of 4.1% with an increased in solved outcomes of 19.9%
- For theft from motor vehicle, GMP recorded 12,686 crimes, a 7% reduction on the previous year, with an increase in solved outcomes of 29.4%
- For theft of motor vehicle GMP recorded 6,693 crimes, a reduction of 11.4% on the previous year, with an increase in solved outcomes of 32.0%

Local neighbourhood crime figures remain low and below rolling averages from previous years.

5. Is there any information available to determine whether the £2 capped bus fare has had a positive impact for Bury residents? **(Councillor Rydeheard)**

An annual review of the £2 capped bus fares in GM was undertaken earlier this year: [Delivering the Bee Network: Annual Review of Capped Bus Fares](#). The evaluation was GM-wide and does not breakdown results below city region level. However, key findings of the evaluation have shown significant positive impacts for many bus users:

- The introduction of the maximum bus fares has reduced the average cost of travel for bus users by almost 20%.
- The maximum bus fares offered have contributed to an increase in bus patronage of 12%.
- Residents surveyed continue to feel the new fares save them money (76%) and that they have been helpful to combat the cost-of-living crisis (72%).
- There has also been a positive impact on travel horizons, as two thirds of those responding to the survey agreed that the new fares mean that they can travel more often, to more places and as often as they want.
- 55% of respondents that have used one of the new maximum fare products say that the offers have meant they have travelled by bus more.