

GM Questions

1	<p>Can TfGM outline the next steps towards Tranche 2 of bus franchising and how it will impact on Bury?</p>	Cllr Moss	Cllr Bayley
	<p>The second tranche of bus franchising – covering Oldham and Rochdale as well as parts of Bury, Salford and north Manchester, goes live on March 24, 2024. In advance of this date, TfGM are working with the successful operators – Stagecoach, Diamond and First – to help them prepare for implementation, including requirements around the transfer of vehicles, depots and staff. Key learnings from the first tranche are being applied to this process and we endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible for customers.</p> <p>For Bury, which had a number of services included in tranche 1 of franchising, the 24th March will see more services brought under local control - with the majority operated by Stagecoach from the Queens Road Depot.</p> <p>In addition to the continued roll out of franchising, further improvements are also planned. This includes the delivery of a further 50 zero-emission buses and enhancements to the Bee Network app. Taken together, this will mark another key milestone for the Bee Network and Greater Manchester’s ambitions for integrated and inclusive transport.</p> <p>TfGM continue to offer opportunities for elected members to learn more about this process and ask questions of the programme team, this includes a monthly drop-in session hosted on Teams. Please email Public.Affairs@tfgm.com if you require more information on these sessions.</p>		
2	<p>In December 2023 the Greater Manchester Combined Authority launched their Greater than Violence strategy under the Serious Violence Duty. How will this impact on Bury?</p>	Cllr D Quinn	Cllr Gold
	<p>The Greater Manchester <i>Greater Than Violence Strategy</i> is a 10-year commitment from the Greater Manchester Mayor and Deputy Mayor to prevent violence from happening and respond swiftly and appropriately when it occurs. This strategy aims to ensure all regional approaches to violence reduction incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-led approaches 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early and timely interventions • Partnerships for change • Equality, equity, and justice • Trauma-responsive workforce <p>The Strategy involved consultation with strategic partners from each locality and also community representatives including across Bury. To ensure local context and priorities were addressed for Bury and other local authority areas in terms of the Serious Violence Duty, the Deputy Mayor (in consultation with local strategic partners), agreed that each locality would produce their own delivery plan against Serious Violence. This has been a 12-month process, assisted by the Violence Reduction Unit. Bury's delivery plan will follow the five principles of the regional strategy and the delivery of this is being overseen by Bury's Community Safety Partnership, including an update at the next CSP meeting on 26th January 2024</p>		
3	How many GMP officers based in Bury and Greater Manchester as a whole have been sent to deal with any suspected violent incidents on their own during 2023?	Councillor Jack Rydeheard	Cllr Gold
	<p>Greater Manchester Police has a crewing policy and procedure, adopting the default position of risk-assessed crewing, which is the normal policing style for uniform patrol officers either on foot or in vehicles.</p> <p>Each district, including Bury, has, as a minimum, one double crewed vehicle per radio channel.</p>		
4	Can TfGM outline what efforts it is taking to lobby Government around changes to the speed camera criteria?	Cllr Rizvi	Cllr Bayley
	<p>The criteria for the siting of speed cameras is defined within the Department for Transport's Circular 1/2007. Greater Manchester Police and, by extension, the 10 GM Local Highway Authorities comply with this. The 2020 Roads Policing inspection report by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) recommended that by 1 August 2021, the Department for Transport, in consultation with the Home Office and the Welsh Government should review and refresh Department for Transport Circular 1/2007.</p> <p>To date this reviewed and refreshed Circular has not been published. Whilst DfT officials have confirmed that there is a positive commitment to producing a</p>		

	<p>revised draft of the Circular, we have no clear date to when that will be.</p> <p>Given the delays to the publication of the refreshed Department for Transport Circular 1/2007, the Vice Chair of the Greater Manchester Bee Network Committee (BNC), is writing to the Secretary of State for Transport, Mark Harper MP, to request an update on progress and when the revised draft is likely to be published (the draft of this letter is currently being circulated to BNC Members).</p> <p>Once we have revised criteria it is the intention to develop a GM guide to the deployment and use of safety cameras following the spirit of new guidance within an updated Circular. This work will be a necessary action as part of the emerging GM Vision Zero strategy.</p>		
5	<p>How many drink driving offences took place in Bury during Operation Limit?</p>	<p>Councillor Jackie Harris</p>	<p>Cllr Gold</p>
	<p>During the month of December, Greater Manchester Police participated in Operation Limit, the national drink and drug driving campaign which targets high-risk drivers who ignore the rules and put lives unnecessarily at risk. The data available as of 16th January 2024 is available at Force level only, a district breakdown will be sought and shared once available.</p> <p>From the start of December to New Year's Day officers from Greater Manchester Police's Specialist Operations, specifically from the Safer Transport Team arrested 507 motorists for drink or drug driving offences. In addition to arrests, traffic offence reports were also handed out to drivers for offences ranging from using mobile devices behind the wheel, not wearing a seatbelt and speeding, all of which, alongside drink and drug driving, make up the 'Fatal Four'. On Christmas Eve, 19 motorists were arrested, with 13 on Christmas Day and 43 on New Year's Eve.</p>		
6	<p>What action is being taken by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Policing to ensure the huge backlog of Freedom of Information requests received by Greater Manchester Police are cleared?</p>	<p>Councillor Liam Dean</p>	<p>Cllr Gold</p>
	<p>The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and wider Combined Authority are aware that GMP were served with an FOI Enforcement Notice by the Information Commissioners Officer on 14th December 2023, which to summarise, was due to the number of outstanding requests that hadn't been responded to within the statutory time period. The GMP SIRO released a</p>		

	<p>statement stating that GMP planned to publish their Action Plan in January 2024 which would set out how they intend to address their backlog and improve compliance. More details are to be released in the public domain shortly to this effect. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will liaise closely with GMP as the Action Plan is delivered.</p>		
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