

GMCA QUESTIONS

1	Can TfGM provide an update on the impact of recent investments into tackling fare evasion and anti-social behaviour on the tram network?	A Arif	Cllr Quinn
<p>The GM TravelSafe Partnership (TSP) works to ensure a safe and secure transport network. It is a strategic partnership built on collaboration and shared tools/capabilities.</p> <p>The TSP deploys a variety of resources and tactics based on data and intelligence comprising of: police reports, reports from bus operators and TfGM Interchange staff, reports from the tram operator.</p> <p>As part of roll out of the Bee Network we have also recruited a team of TravelSafe Support and Enforcement Officers (TSEOs) to support safety at bus interchanges and on bus.</p> <p>Bury Specifics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekly sharing of all crime/ASB information with the Community Safety Team – TfGM attendance at all Bury community safety meetings - 12 dedicated TravelSafe Operations so far this year - Support to Purple Flag re-application and assessment - Support to Knife Angel community engagement - Installation of anti-climb spikes at Radcliffe through the Safer Streets Fund - Installation of bleed boxes donated by the Rotary Club at Bury Interchange and all tram stops within Bury - Educational message delivered to all primary year 6 pupils through Crucial Crew. - Registered to the secondary school ‘Be Safe’ programme for next year 			
2	Can TfGM outline the latest progress on the Bury Interchange investment plans?	G Staples-Jones	Cllr O’Brien
<p>Following a successful Strategic Outline Business Case, TfGM have been developing a RIBA Stage 2 Design and Outline Business Case (OBC) working closely with council officers to ensure that the designs are aligned with town centre regeneration proposals and the aspirations of the Local Transport Strategy.</p> <p>The OBC is on track for submission to Government later in the year in line with retained case requirements. Subject to ongoing Government support, TfGM will continue to progress design work and is aiming to submit a planning application during 2025, initially for a new southern access to Metrolink with the main interchange to follow. The redevelopment of the Interchange is planned to be completed by 2030 but opportunities for acceleration of this timeframe are being explored. A parallel feasibility study is underway to investigate the viability of incorporating a residential scheme on the site.</p>			

3	On how many occasions in this calendar year have GMP Bury used stop and search powers?	Councillor Roger Brown	Cllr Walmsley
<p>Between 1st July 2023 and 30 June 2024, GMP Bury have used Stop & Search powers on 2,307 occasions across response, investigative and neighbourhood policing, ie this has been a tactic as part of responses to particular incidents and intelligence alongside use in days-of-action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between the same dates there have been 255 positive results from these searches (this doesn't necessarily mean for instance a weapon was seized on this volume of stop/searches), could be a bail check has been completed, seizure of drugs, wanted individuals detained. • I wasn't sure if the question was hinting at how many times Section 60 notices had been issued which allow for additional stop-search powers. In this time period there have been 2 section 60 notices issued (both of which were granted a time-bound extensions), both took place in March 2024 and there were 103 Stop Searches carried out under these conditions. 			
4	How does the number of incidents requiring GMFRS attendance in Bury compare to the rest of Greater Manchester?	Councillor Jack Rydeheard	Cllr Walmsley
<p>Bury routinely has the lowest total number of incidents requiring attendance across the region by Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service. For May, June and the first week of July this year, the number of attendances was 343, the lowest in GM, indeed this is lower than Salford record in May alone. The GM average for this time period was 640 (excluding City of Manchester average was 529)</p>			