

## Council Meeting – 1 April 2015

### Joint Authority Questions:-

#### 1. Councillor Pickstone

Following the decision by Manchester City Council to cease going forward with the 'Prestwich City View Cycle Route due to lack of public support, could the authority's representative(s) on Transport for Greater Manchester Committee confirm that they will work within Transport for Greater Manchester to ensure that part of second tranche of Government cycling money for Greater Manchester is allocated on routes for cyclists going north from Manchester City Centre towards Prestwich and beyond?

(To be answered by Councillor Noel Bayley – Committee for Transport for Greater Manchester Transport representative)

**A. DfT guidance restricts CCAG funding to be spent on specific routes as notified in the bid application for funding. The second tranche of government cycling money (CCAG2) has been allocated for the specific schemes that were put forward by districts in the bid, co-ordinated by TfGM.**

**Bury, Manchester and Salford did not propose any upgrade to the existing cycle facilities or any new facilities going north from Manchester City Centre towards Prestwich and beyond.**

**Within CCAG2, Bury will benefit from making Radcliffe a Cycle Friendly District Centre and linking it via the Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal to Farnworth in Bolton. As well as towpath surface improvements on the canal, other interventions could include cycle lanes, a review of parking, contraflow cycle lanes and cycle priority at junctions.**

#### 2. Councillor Pickstone

Following on from last month's major fire in Salford, could the Authority's representative of Greater Manchester Fire Authority update members on how many fires there have been recently in recycling/waste sites and what the authority is doing to reduce the risk of these fires in the future?

(To be answered by Councillor Matthews – Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority representative)

**A. During 2013/14, there were 19 recycling/waste site fires reported in Greater Manchester. I will attach to this response a breakdown of the location of incidents by Borough, along with the number of appliances that were sent to each incident. The major fires were in Stockport where 364 appliances were sent to the Bredbury recycling site, and as mentioned by Councillor Pickstone, Salford, where 240 appliances were sent was for the waste fire at Asset and Land Group on Duncan Street.**

**As at 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, there have been 10 recycling/waste site fires reported in Greater Manchester during 2014/15. Again, I will provide a breakdown of the location of incidents by Borough, along with the number of appliances that were sent to each incident.**

**I will also attach a report which provides an update with regards to the potential issues related to Waste Transfer Sites and the response of the Fire Authority and Partner Agencies to pre plan for incidents at these premises.**

**Fire incidents at such sites can be recurrent, complex and problematic and have a significant environmental impact. There is extensive legislation governing waste management, the majority of which is regulated by the Environment Agency (EA). The EA issue permits to operate on a two tier system dependent on the risk presented by the site. On issuing the permit the EA commence an inspection regime on a risk based approach to monitor site operations. Where poor performance is identified the EA will, where appropriate, issue suspension notices where site conditions breach the requirements of the permit license.**

**The Fire and Rescue Service actions in response to dealing with the issues related to waste transfer sites supports our purpose and helps us to deliver against our organisational aim of Protection.**

### **3. Councillor Walker**

Could our TfGM representative reassure Bury and Radcliffe, residents reading the 12 March Prestwich Guide article about improving bus services in Besses and Prestwich, that the proposed consequential reduction in frequency of the 98 bus after April 12th will be subject to consultation with the users of this popular service which serves Chapelfield, the Coronation Road/Ainsworth Road areas of Radcliffe and much of Church Ward ?

(To be answered by Councillor Noel Bayley – Committee for Transport for Greater Manchester Transport representative)

**A. The 98 is a commercial service, run by First Buses who have determined the change. As members will be aware, under deregulation, bus operators can make changes to their commercial services at eight weeks notice. TfGM provides a subsidy for the Sunday evening hourly journeys only, and these are provided by Stagecoach.**

**TfGM have been in discussion with First regarding their commercial changes along the Bury corridor and representations that TfGM receive are discussed with the bus operator concerned for them to consider in any future proposals.**

#### **4. Councillor O'Brien**

There has been some confusion over forthcoming changes to bus services in Bury South and particularly in the Prestwich area. Therefore, in the interests of clarity, can the TfGM spokesperson detail the timeline for such bus service changes?

**A. As negotiations with First were ongoing at the time the Bus Network Committee meeting was held on 6 March, TfGM officers had to report verbally at the meeting. It was reported that First were intending to provide additional short journeys. These journeys will provide two buses an hour between Kersal and Prestwich from 12 April 2015, by operating from:**

- **Pendleton to Prestwich;**
- **Prestwich to Kersal; and**
- **Kersal to Bury.**

**Members of TfGMC will be updated at the next Bus Network Committee meeting on 17 April 2015, and the full report which goes to Committee will be circulated to members 5 days before the meeting and available online at [www.tfgmc.gov.uk](http://www.tfgmc.gov.uk).**

(To be answered by Councillor Noel Bayley – Committee for Transport for Greater Manchester Transport representative)