

TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AND POLICY
SUB COMMITTEE, HELD ON 3 JULY 2015 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Councillor Guy Harkin	Bolton (in the Chair)
Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton
Councillor Andrew Fender	Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul*	Manchester
Councillor David Hibbert	Oldham
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford
Councillor Syd Lloyd*	Stockport
Councillor Iain Roberts	Stockport
Councillor Warren Bray*	Tameside
Councillor Peter Robinson	Tameside
Councillor Michael Cordingley	Trafford
Councillor Eunice Smethurst	Wigan

* indicates substitute Member.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jon Lamonte	Chief Executive Officer, TfGM
Peter Cushing	Metrolink Director, TfGM
Peter Boulton	Head of Programme Management, TfGM
Julie Gaskell	GMIST

CPP15/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Robin Garrido (Salford), Shakil Ahmed (Rochdale), Doreen Dickinson (Tameside), Dean Fitzpatrick (Stockport), James Grundy (Wigan) and Joan Grimshaw (Bury).

CPP15/02 URGENT BUSINESS AND CHAIR'S ANOUNCEMENTS

There were no items of urgent business reported or any announcements made by the Chair.

CPP15/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of a pecuniary or personal interest made in relation to any item on the agenda.

CPP15/04 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE 2015/16

Resolved/-

That it be noted that TfGMC, at its meeting on 12 June 2015, appointed the following Members to the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee and their substitutes:-

Cllr Shakil Ahmed	Lab	(Rochdale)
Cllr Michael Cordingley	Lab	(Trafford)
Cllr Doreen Dickinson	Con	(Tameside)
Cllr Andrew Fender	Lab	(Manchester)
Cllr Dean Fitzpatrick	Lab	(Stockport)
Cllr Robin Garrido	Con	(Salford)
Cllr Joan Grimshaw	Lab	(Bury)
Cllr James Grundy	Con	(Wigan)
Cllr Guy Harkin (Chair)	Lab	(Bolton)
Cllr Stuart Haslam	Con	(Bolton)
Cllr David Hibbert	Lab	(Oldham)
Cllr Roger Jones	Lab	(Salford)
Cllr Iain Roberts	LD	(Stockport)
Cllr Peter Robinson	Lab	(Tameside)
Cllr Eunice Smethurst (Deputy Chair)	Lab	(Wigan)

Substitutes:

Cllr Geoff Abell	LD	(Stockport)
Cllr Noel Bayley	Lab	(Bury)
Cllr Warren Bray	Lab	(Tameside)
Cllr Norman Briggs	Lab	(Oldham)
Cllr Patricia Holland	Lab	(Wigan)
Cllr Syd Lloyd	Con	(Stockport)
Cllr Chris Paul	Lab	(Manchester)
Cllr June Reilly	Con	(Trafford)

CPP15/05 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Resolved/-

That it be noted that at its meeting on 12 June 2015, the TfGMC approved the following Terms of Reference for the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee:-

It is proposed that this Sub Committee meets six times per year, with the following Terms of Reference:-

The Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee, in accordance with the Committee's policies for integrated public transport:

1. Approves **under delegated authority** releases for capital schemes within the GMCA's transport capital programme provided that the overall cost of any scheme does not exceed the budget allocated to it in the Capital Programme.
2. Monitors and, where appropriate, considers and resolves, **under delegated authority**, issues arising from the implementation of all capital schemes within the GMCA's minor works capital programme, provided that the cost of any scheme does not exceed the budget allocated to it in the Capital Programme.
3. Monitors and, where appropriate, refers to TfGMC or GMCA for resolution issues arising from the implementation of the public transport schemes prioritised for delivery under the Greater Manchester Transport Fund.
4. Reviews the arrangements adopted by TfGM for the procurement of a representative cross section of capital projects, including the procurement routes and contractual arrangements used to ensure that they deliver best value.
5. Reviews the processes used for the evaluation and selection of design and delivery teams including the methods of assessment used to evaluate design and contractor bids and the arrangements proposed for the effective co-ordination of the design and delivery process.
6. Examines the internal TfGM arrangements for managing, developing and supporting the delivery of capital projects.
7. Considers issues arising from the tendering and implementation of all Metrolink capital contracts, and where appropriate refers them for resolution to TfGMC or GMCA.
8. Monitors on behalf of TfGMC all external transport capital projects agreed by Department for Transport and/or other agencies, to which the GMCA has no direct funding responsibility.
9. Considers and advises TfGMC on proposals for future capital programmes.
10. Undertake key elements of work on new policy development referred by TfGMC, for example, considering new fare regimes for Metrolink or concessionary fares but it will be for TfGMC to determine and approve any changes to fares.
11. Undertake and receive reports relating to the monitoring functions with regard to the new, additional highways functions, including network management, road safety, traffic signals and traffic forecasting.

CPP15/06 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Resolved/-

That it be noted that at its meeting on 12 June 2015, TfGMC approved the following 2015./16 programme of meetings for the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee:-

- Friday 3 July 2015 (2.00 PM)
- Friday 2 October 2015
- Friday 6 November 2015
- Friday 5 February 2016
- Friday 4 March 2016
- Friday 15 April 2016

It was also noted that the meetings were to commence at 10.30 am unless indicated.

CPP15/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Sub Committee meeting held on 10 April 2015 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To approve the Minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting held on 10 April 2015.

CPP15/08 METROLINK: THE CARRIAGE OF NON-ASSISTANCE DOGS

Members considered a report which provided them with the background to the work conducted by TfGM officers which led to the public consultation on whether to change the existing Byelaws and Conditions of Carriage on the Metrolink network in relation to the possible carriage of non-assistance dogs. The report set out details of the risk management exercise undertaken and Members noted the outcome of the options appraisal, as set out in Section 5 to the report.

A Member suggested that that the recommendations which proposed a trial period were overtly cautious.

With regard to the current arrangements a Member noted that there had not been any incidents with the carriage of non-assistance dogs which were travelling on the network to access the PDSA veterinary care in Old Trafford.

A Member suggested that in addition to the content of the report, consideration was also needed as with regard to safety and security issues regarding the muzzling of dogs, passengers who may be allergic to dogs, peak-time travel and whether a charging structure should be implemented or the carriage of dogs on

the Metrolink network. A Member also highlighted the lack of comparative information on this matter.

A Member highlighted that there were still a number of issues unresolved in the report regarding the risks associated with the carriage of non-assistance dogs on the Metrolink network. In light of this a motion was moved and seconded for the deferment of the report to the November meeting of the Sub Committee in order for such matters to be addressed.

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the report regarding the work undertaken by TfGM in relation to the carriage of non-assistance dogs on the Metrolink network and the public consultation process.
- 2) To agree that consideration of the carriage of non-assistance dogs on the Metrolink network be deferred to the November 2015 meeting of this Sub Committee.

CPP15/09 METROLINK CAPITAL UPDATE

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the progress to date of the Metrolink Capital programme, including the work on the extensions and the enhancements to the existing network. The progress of individual projects, including Tram Management System (TMS), the Metrolink Second City Crossing (2CC) and the Airport and Trafford Park lines was also presented.

Officers were thanked for the smooth transition (other than operational issues on Monday 29 June) on the tram system at Deansgate-Castlefield.

In response to a query raised by a Member, Officers reported that works being carried out at Corporation Street should be completed by the end of 2015.

Resolved/-

To note the progress made on the delivery of the new Metrolink lines, together with other works associated with the network expansion and improvements.

CPP15/10 BUS PRIORITY UPDATE

Members considered a report which provided them with an update on the recent progress of the Bus priority Programme, the Better Area Bus Fund Programme and the Bolton- Salford Quality Bus Network Programme in Greater Manchester.

Resolved/-

To note the contents of the report and the progress which has been made on the Bus Priority schemes in recent months.

CPP15/11 RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the recent progress in respect of a number of rail station infrastructure schemes and initiatives in Greater Manchester. . These included:-

- The Rail Station Improvement Strategy (RSIS);
- Northern Rail's Minor Station Improvements;
- Rail Station Accessibility;
- National Stations Improvement Programme (NSIP);
- Manchester Victoria - Major Scheme Enhancements;
- Salford Central Rail Station;
- Hattersley Rail Station;
- Rail Station Based Park and Ride;
- Cycle Hubs at Rail Stations; and
- Altrincham Interchange.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers confirmed that the ticket counter at Newton for Hyde station would be installed shortly.

With regard to the rail station accessibility, officers noted that the potential to provide funding for accessibility improvements at those prioritised stations set out in the report, as part of the rail devolution programme were being explored.

A discussion arose concerning the issues around funding and the London/Greater Manchester discrepancy. It was felt that funding models across GM needed to be re-examined.

A Member drew attention to the poor condition of rail shelters in particular Cheadle Hulme. It was reported that officers had previously raised this issue with Northern Rail and will do so again.

A Member highlighted to the Sub Committee of the launch of the "Cycle Hub" scheme to be held at Salford Central on 15 July 2015.

Officers were thanked for the work undertaken at Manchester Victoria, in particular noting the retention of a Grade 2 listing and the retention of the "Soldiers Gate".

Resolved/-

- 1) To note the contents of the report and the progress made on the various rails schemes and initiatives in recent months.
- 2) To note that a further update report will be submitted in November 2015.