

Report to Council



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Greater Manchester Transport Committee - Roles and Responsibilities

Executive Summary

1. This report outlines the current Greater Manchester (GM) transport governance arrangements. In the context of the Devolution Agreement and specifically the GMCA Transport Order 3, it then presents some broad revised terms of reference for a reconstituted GM Transport Committee, options for its structure, responsibilities and examples of how it might work in practice.

Recommendation

1. To approve the establishment of the new GM Transport Committee as a joint committee of the 10 districts, GMCA and Mayor.
2. To approve the Terms of Reference and Operating Agreement for the Committee as set out in Schedule 1 of the report.
3. To delegate the functions as set out in the Terms of Reference to the Transport Committee.
4. To appoint one Member, Councillor Burke and one substitute Member, Councillor Shah Wazir to the Transport Committee for 2019/2020.

Reason for Recommendation

3. To ensure that Rochdale Borough Council is represented on the Greater Manchester Transport Committee

Key Points for Consideration

- 3.1 The report is proposing a structure for GM transport governance. Appendix 1 provides further information on the operation of the Committee.
- 3.2 The Mayor and GMCA: are to continue to undertake all strategic decision-making in relation to policy, strategy (LTP), funding and scheme decision-making.

3.3 The new joint Transport Committee: refocused role as transport user champion – performance monitoring/management of all modes and highway network, holding operators to account, oversight on delivery (eg capital and other schemes) and ensuring the integration of transport policy within the parameters set by the Local Transport Plan (ie Transport Strategy 2040) and existing policy. A well briefed and informed Committee will be in a strong position to make recommendations to the Mayor, GMCA and Districts, as appropriate.

3.4 Greater Manchester Scrutiny: Scrutiny of Mayoral, GMCA and Transport Committee decisions as above, including wider integration with spatial issues, housing, environment, is currently undertaken by the Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Transport budget issues are scrutinised by the Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Alternatives Considered

The operating arrangements for the Greater Manchester Transport Committee are defined by the Devolution Agreement and GMCA Transport Order 3, therefore no alternatives are able to be considered.

Costs and Budget Summary

5. Not applicable

Risk and Policy Implications

6. Not applicable

Consultation

7. Each local authority in Greater Manchester has been consulted on the proposals for a Greater Manchester Transport Committee

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
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