

**GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
Report for Resolution**

Date: 19 June 2009

Subject: Membership of the Authority and the Nomination of Spokespersons and Observers

Report of: The Clerk to the Authority

Purpose of report

To confirm the membership of the Authority for 2009/2010, incorporating amended appointments made by the Greater Manchester District Councils at their 2009 annual meetings; to nominate Section 41 Spokespersons for Women's Transport Issues, Equalities, and Young People; and to consider granting continued observer status to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and Warrington Council.

Recommendations

1. That the Authority note its membership for 2009/10;
2. That the Authority nominate members, in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985, to answer questions raised in the course of the proceedings of constituent local authorities on the discharge of the functions of the GMITA;
3. That the Authority review the posts of Spokespersons for Women's Transport Issues, Equalities, and Young People for 2009/10 with further advice to be considered at the next meeting of the Authority.
4. That the Authority agrees to the continuation of Observer Status to Blackburn with Darwen and Warrington Borough Councils for 2009/2010.

Background Documents

Letters of nomination from the District Councils (held in the GMITA offices, Room 308, Town Hall, Manchester).

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Introduction

1. Membership of Authority

1.1 The Membership of the Authority for 2009/2010 as amended by the appointments made by the constituent Councils in Greater Manchester at their recent annual meetings, is as follows:

Bolton	(3)	LAB CON LIB DEM	David Chadwick Colin Shaw David Wilkinson
Bury	(2)	CON CON	Yvonne Creswell Barry Theckston
Manchester	(5)	LAB LAB LAB LIB DEM LIB DEM	Andrew Fender Edward McCulley Val Stevens David Sandiford Keith Whitmore
Oldham	(3)	LIB DEM LIB DEM LAB	Richard Knowles John Dillon David Jones
Rochdale	(3)	LAB LIB DEM LIB DEM	Alan Godson Peter Davison Peter Evans
Salford	(3)	LAB LAB CON	Jim Dawson Barry Warner Ian Macdonald
Stockport	(4)	LIB DEM LIB DEM LIB DEM LAB	David White Stuart Corris Craig Wright Peter Scott
Tameside	(3)	CON LAB LAB	Doreen Dickinson Mike Smith Alan Whitehead
Trafford	(3)	CON CON LAB	Brian Rigby Dylan Butt Roland Griffin
Wigan	(4)	LAB LAB LAB CON	Mark Aldred Patricia Holland Eunice Smethurst Michael Winstanley

1.2 The political balance is Labour 15, Liberal Democrat 10, and Conservative 8.

2. Section 41 Spokespersons

2.1 Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 provides that:

“Arrangements shall be made (whether by standing order or otherwise) for enabling questions on the discharge of the functions of a joint authority to be put in the course of the proceedings of any constituent council by Members of that Council for answer by a member of it who is also a Member of the Authority and is nominated by the Authority for that purpose.”

Members detailed below have been recommended by their authorities for nomination by the GMITA to answer questions on ITA matters at District Council meetings, in accordance with S.41 of the Local Government Act 1985. The Authority is requested to consider the recommendations from constituent councils and make the necessary nominations.

Bolton	Councillor Colin Shaw
Bury	Councillor Yvonne Creswell
Manchester	Councillor Andrew Fender
Oldham	Councillor John Dillon
Rochdale	Councillor Peter Evans
Salford	Councillor Ian Macdonald
Stockport	Councillor Craig Wright
Tameside	Councillor Alan Whitehead
Trafford	Councillor Dylan Butt
Wigan	Councillor Mark Aldred

3. Women’s Transport Issues, Youth Transport Issues and Equalities Spokespersons

3.1 The Authority appointed Councillor Sheila Magnall, Councillor David White and Councillor Zulfiqar Ali to represent the Authority as Women’s Transport Issues Spokesperson, Youth Transport Issues Spokesperson, and Equalities Spokesperson, the Committee Improvement Project suggests reviewing these posts, with further advice to be submitted to the next meeting of the Authority.

4. Blackburn with Darwen and Warrington Borough Councils: Observer Status at Meetings

4.1 Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and Warrington Borough Council have previously been granted observer status.

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