

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED
TRANSPORT AUTHORITY HELD ON 17
APRIL 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Colledge (in the Chair)

Councillors Mark Aldred, Zulifiqar Ali, Dylan Butt, David Chadwick, Stuart Corris, Yvonne Creswell, Norman Critchley, Peter Davison, Jim Dawson, Doreen Dickinson, John Dillon, Barry Fagan, Andrew Fender, Alan Godson, Roland Griffin, David Jones, Richard Knowles, Ian Macdonald, Sheila Magnall, Eddie McCulley, Stephen Rock, David Sandiford, Peter Scott, Eunice Smethurst, Mike Smith, Val Stevens, Barry Warner, David White, Alan Whitehead, Keith Whitmore and Craig Wright

APOLOGIES: Councillor Patricia Holland

GMITA/09/36 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair reported that he had agreed to the presentation of a petition by pupils from Canon Slade School regarding an increase in concessionary fares from 70p to 80p from 1 April 2009. The petition sought a reduction to a 50p fare. Josh Martin and Emma Beasley presented the petition on behalf of the school and the Chair accepted it on behalf of the Authority.

GMITA/09/37 URGENT BUSINESS

Proceedings of the Performance Management Committee

December 2009 Rail Timetable – Final Outcomes

GMITA/09/38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

GMITA/09/39 MINUTES

RESOLVED/-

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Authority meeting held on 20 March 2009 be approved as a correct record.

GMITA/09/40 TRANSPORT NETWORK COMMITTEE

RESOLVED/-

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Transport Network Committee held on 27 March 2009 be received.

GMITA/09/41 BUS SHELTERS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED/-

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Bus Shelters Committee meeting held on 27 March 2009 be received.

GMITA/09/42 AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED/-

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Audit Committee meeting held on 30 March 2009 be received.

GMITA/09/43 POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED/-

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting held on 3 April 2009 be received.

GMITA/09/44 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED/-

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Performance Management Committee meeting held on 7 April 2009 be received.

GMITA/09/45 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09 AND 2009/10

A report advising the Authority on the status of the 2008/09 Capital Programme to 28 February 2009 and presenting the Outline Minor Works Capital Programme for 2009/10 was submitted.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the status of the 2008/09 Capital Programme be noted.
2. That the Outline Minor Works Capital Programme for 2009/10 be approved.
3. That approval be given for the following releases into the detailed Minor Works Capital programme:

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4. That the officers be further requested to review the presentation of the Capital Programme for reporting in 2009/10.

**GMITA/09/46 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT
AND BORROWING LIMITS FOR 2009/10 TO 2011/12**

Consideration was given to a report seeking full approval to the Treasury Management Strategy report following the initial consideration at the last meeting of the Authority. At that meeting the Authority had deferred consideration of the report pending consideration by the Audit Committee but, in the meantime, had agreed that the previous Strategy be continued with the addition of reinvestments with local authorities.

The Audit Committee had considered the report on 30 March 2009 and agreed that:

1. the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement be approved;
2. the Prudential Indicators listed in the report be approved;
3. the Borrowing Requirements listed in the report be approved;
4. a final report recommending the approval of the proposed Treasury Management Strategy be submitted for consideration to the Authority meeting on 17 April 2009.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement be approved.
2. That the Prudential Indicators listed in the report be approved.
3. That the Borrowing Requirements listed in the Strategy be approved.

**GMITA/09/47 'DELIVERING A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT
SYSTEM' CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

A report on the Authority's response to the Delivering a Sustainable Transport System consultation was submitted.

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

**GMITA/09/48 WORK OF THE AGMA BRUSSELS OFFICE –
PRESENTATION**

Catherine Feore, AGMA Brussels Office, gave a presentation on the work of the office. Catherine summarised the work done between April 2008 and April 2009. This had included a response to the Green Paper on Urban Mobility and in-depth briefings. The Action Plans for 2009/10 were outlined.

The Chair commented that there was a lot the Brussels office could do to help the Authority eg by improving communications and looking at what was needed to be done through the Office to tap into the significant amounts of funds available from Europe. Catherine agreed to take this on board. She added that she had agreed with the Director Finance to look at the funding programmes.

RESOLVED/-

That Catherine be thanked for her informative presentation.

**GMITA/09/49 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT (LGIU)
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Consideration was given to a report seeking the Authority's views on whether the subscription to the Local Government Information Unit should be renewed for 2009/10.

RESOLVED/-

That the subscription to the Local Government Information Unit for 2009/10 at a cost of £4945 inc VAT be approved.

GMITA/09/50 TRANSPORT SEMINAR 11 MAY 2009

A report setting out proposals for a public seminar on 11 May 2009, as part of the Authority's on-going consultation programme, was submitted.

RESOLVED/-

That the proposal to hold a public consultation seminar on 11 May 2009 be approved.

GMITA/09/51 CONFERENCES/EVENTS

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report backs from the following conferences be received:
 - Annual Tram-Train Conference, 10 March 2009
 - Connecting Northern City regions, The Crucial role of Transport, 17 March 2009
 - Tim for High Speed Rail, 25 March 2009
2. That no action be taken on the 'Best Practice in Transport Conference to be held at Leeds Town Hall on 28 April 2009.

GMITA/09/52 COMMITTEE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Consideration was given to a report setting out the context for initial work undertaken to develop improvements to the Authority's working arrangements

in advance of the 2009/10 municipal year so as to gather members' views on the scope of the work and its initial conclusions; and to establish processes for member overview of the work over the coming weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting of the Authority on 19 June 2009.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the concept and scope for the committee improvement project, as set out in the report, be approved.
2. That the officers' initial conclusions detailed in the report be noted.
3. That the next steps for the project as set out in the report be approved.
4. That, based on proportionality, Councillors Colledge, Jones, Macdonald, Knowles, Fender, White, Whitehead, Whitmore and Scott be nominated to sit on the proposed Members' Working Group.

GMITA/09/53 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED/-

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

GMITA/09/54 DECEMBER 2009 RAIL TIMETABLE – FINAL OUTCOMES

A report providing an update regarding the development of the December 2009 Rail timetable was submitted.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the service improvements listed in the report be progressed further for implementation.
3. That further reports be submitted as development of the December 2009 timetable progresses.