

1. Background

At its meeting on 19 June 2009, the Authority requested that the Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee continued the work of the Transport Network Committee to review closely all changes to the subsidised network and ensure that the cost of subsidised general services was kept within cash limits. This report informs Members of the latest advice from operators about their intention to register/deregister services and recommends whether or not specified services should be supported, and informs on changes to the subsidised network.

2. Changes to Commercial Services (Annex A)

Annex A to this report lists changes to commercial services which, in the view of GMPTE, are not sufficiently significant to require the provision of subsidised replacements. Brief details of the implications of the changes are provided.

3. Changes to Commercial Services (Annex B)

There are no changes to report in Annex B.

4. Changes to General Subsidised Services (Annex C)

Annex C to this report lists, by service number, proposals for changes to general subsidised services on which the views of Members are requested. Information is also given about the reasons for proposing these changes.

5. Financial Implications

Annex A presents no financial implications.

Annex B presents no financial implications.

Annex C, financial implications will be discussed in Part B of this meeting.

6. Reports from Operators

Members will be aware that operators have been invited to submit reports on forthcoming strategy changes to their operations. At the time of printing this agenda no reports have been received.

Members must be mindful that reports are provided by the bus operator with no editorial changes by officers.

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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE COMMERCIAL NETWORK

ANNEX A

The Committee is requested to note or agree the following changes to the commercial network and the proposals not to replace de-registered commercial services:

Dist	Service No. and Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services	Comments/GMPTE officer recommendations
BY SD MR	138 Bury – Redvales - Pilsworth – Hollins Community Centre – Unsworth – Hillock – Besses Station – Heaton Park – Cheetham Hill – Bury New Road - Shudehill	First Manchester	Service 138 operates hourly every evening and every 30 minutes during Sunday daytime. The 1850 Sunday journey from Shudehill to Bury will be withdrawn. The 1920 journey from Shudehill will be renumbered from 138 to 137.	19/7/09	Alternative journeys are provided by Service 93 between Shudehill, Hillock, Redvale and Bury. Service 98 between Shudehill, Lower Broughton and Bury. Service 135 between Shudehill, Cheetham Hill, Heaton Park, Besses Station, Redvales and Bury.	Service 137 provides the Monday to daytime service every 20 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime. The withdrawal of the Sunday 1850 from Shudehill will leave the following areas with a 2 hour gap in service: Great Cheetham Street East / Leicester Road – alternative over 600 metres. Mersey Drive / Kennedy Drive – alternative within 250 metres. Hollins Lane / Croft Lane – alternatives over 600 metres. Pilsworth – alternative over 800 metres. Surveys carried out on the 1850 Sunday journey showed an average of 4 passengers travelling on the unique sections of route. No GMPTE action at this stage.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE COMMERCIAL NETWORK

ANNEX B

The Committee is requested to agree that the following deregistered services are replaced:

Dist	Service No. and Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services	Comments/GMPTE officer recommendations

There are no services to report at this time.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE SUBSIDISED NETWORK

ANNEX C

The Committee are invited to consider officer's proposals on the following services:

Dist	Service Number, route and operator	GMPTE officer comments and recommendations
MR	149	Service 149 operates every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime and hourly in the evenings and on Sundays.
OM	Manchester Lever Street – Waterloo Road – Cheetham Hill – North Manchester General Hospital – Crumpsall Green – Victoria Avenue East – Moston – Morrison's – Coalshaw Green – Chadderton – Heron Street – Oldham – Alt Estate – Abbeyhills – Holts Estate <i>First Manchester</i>	This service has suffered punctuality problems due to increased congestion along the route. Following investigations officers are recommending that the service be re-routed in the Cheetham Hill area to reduce the overall running time and improve timeliness of the service. The service would be re-routed directly along Cheetham Hill Road, no longer serving Waterloo Road and Great Ducie Street (Strangeways). Waterloo Road and Great Ducie Street are served by Service 59 every 15 minutes in the daytime and every 30 minutes / hourly in the evening, providing links to Manchester, Cheetham Hill, and Oldham.
		Members are asked to approve the recommendation to re-route Service 149 directly along Cheetham Hill Road, no longer serving Waterloo Road and Great Ducie Street (Strangeways). This change would commence on 19th July 2009.
RE	435	Service 435 operates commercially every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime and is supported hourly in the evenings and on Sundays.
OM	Rochdale – Kingsway – Turf Hill – High Crompton – Shaw & Crompton Rail Station – Buckstones <i>Rossendale Transport</i>	At the Transport Network Committee meeting of 20 th February 2009 officers recommended the withdrawal of the evening and Sunday Service 435 due to the low level of use. Surveys carried out on the supported Monday to Saturday evening and Sunday journeys show an average of 3 passengers per journey Monday to Saturday (all unique) and an average of 4 passengers per journey on Sunday (3 unique). At that meeting a Member requested that consideration of service 435 be deferred to the next meeting to enable members to understand if this service would be required as part of a rail replacement service. Officers can report their intention to cover the links provided by Service 435 with a dedicated rail replacement service, which will operate from Shaw to Rochdale via

