

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY
RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE GREATER
MANCHESTER INTEGRATED TRANSPORT
AUTHORITY HELD ON 24 JULY 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Macdonald (in the Chair)

Councillors Dylan Butt, Doreen Dickinson, John Dillon*, Peter Evans, Andrew Fender, Alan Godson, Roland Griffin, David Jones, Brian Rigby, David Sandiford, Colin Shaw, Eunice Smethurst, Barry Warner, Alan Whitehead, Keith Whitmore, David Wilkinson and Craig Wright.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Richard Knowles, Peter Scott and Val Stevens.

*Indicates nominated deputy.

P/09/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dillon declared a personal interest in the item relating to the East Lancashire Railway (Greater Manchester Transport Fund – Proposed delivery Strategy and Financial Arrangements report) as an unpaid employee and member of the East Lancashire Railway.

P/09/2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE 2009/10

RESOLVED/-

That the membership of the committee for 2009/10 be noted as follows:

1.	Councillor Andrew Fender	Lab
2.	Councillor David Jones	Lab
3.	Councillor Barry Warner	Lab
4.	Councillor Peter Scott	Lab
5.	Councillor Eunice Smethurst	Lab
6.	Councillor Alan Godson	Lab
7.	Councillor Val Stevens	Lab
8.	Councillor Alan Whitehead	Lab
9.	Councillor Roland Griffin	Lab
10.	Councillor Richard Knowles	Lib Dem
11.	Councillor Keith Whitmore	Lib Dem
12.	Councillor David Wilkinson	Lib Dem
13.	Councillor Peter Evans	Lib Dem
14.	Councillor Crag Wright	Lib Dem
15.	Councillor David Sandiford (Vice Chair)	Lib Dem
16.	Councillor Ian Macdonald (Chair)	Con
17.	Councillor Dylan Butt	Con
18.	Councillor Doreen Dickinson	Con
19.	Councillor Colin Shaw	Con
20.	Councillor Brian Rigby	Con

Substitutes:

1.	Councillor David Chadwick	Lab
2.	Councillor Mike Smith	Lab
3.	Councillor Jim Dawson	Lab
4.	Councillor Patricia Holland	Lab
5.	Councillor Barry Theckston	Con
6.	Councillor Yvonne Creswell	Con
7.	Councillor David White	Lib Dem
8.	Councillor John Dillon	Lib Dem
9.	Councillor Peter Davison	Lib Dem

P/09/3 TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED/-

That the Terms of Reference of the Committee for 2009/10, as approved at the Annual meeting of the Authority on 19 June 2009, be noted as follows:

- a) To formulate and review the policies of the Authority with reference to all matters within the functions of the Authority.
- b) To formulate the policies of the Local transport Plan.
- c) To monitor the operation, impact and effectiveness of the Authority's policies.
- d) To advise the Authority on the determination of its Policy Priorities and, under delegated authority, review and ensure their effective delivery.
- e) To monitor performance, under delegated authority, against key performance indicators/targets as set out in the Authority's Annual Report and the Local Transport Plan and to consider the implications for future policies and budget priorities.
- f) To formulate, monitor and develop, under delegated authority, procedures for public consultation on the policies adopted by the Authority.
- g) Without prejudice to the delegated powers of the Capital Projects Committee, the Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee and the Rail and Metrolink Networks Committee, to consider all financial questions relating to the functions of the Authority.
- h) To prepare the capital and revenue budgets of the Authority and make recommendations to the Authority on the amount of the levy to be billed to the District Councils in Greater Manchester.
- i) To monitor under delegated authority expenditure on the revenue budget.

j) To consider all matters concerned with the relationship between the Authority and the Executive including the:

- appointment and organisation of the Executive;
- capital and revenue programmes of the Executive and the making of revenue grants to it;
- variations in concessionary bus, rail and Metrolink fare levels;
- approval, under delegated authority, of the disposal of any land by the Executive;
- formulation of general policies with regard to public transport services the Authority considers it appropriate for the Executive to secure to meet any unmet requirements; and
- formulation of policies concerned with measures to be taken by the Executive to promote the availability of public transport and the convenience of the public (including elderly and disabled people) in using passenger transport services.

(k) To consider any other matters relating to the direction and operation of the Authority's business not otherwise referred to any other committee.

P/09/4 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED/-

That the following programme of meetings for the Committee for 2009/10 be noted:

- Friday 11 September 2009
- Friday 20 November 2009
- Friday 22 January 2010
- Friday 19 March 2010

Each of the above meetings to commence at 10.30 am.

P/09/5 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 5 June 2009 were submitted.

RESOLVED/-

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 5 June 2009 be approved as a correct record.

P/09/6 GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT FUND – PROPOSED DELIVERY STRATEGY AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to a report presenting an outline delivery strategy and proposed financial arrangements in support of the Major Transport Scheme

Prioritisation Strategy agreed by AGMA Executive on 12 May 2009 and GMITA on 5 June 2009.

The Chair pointed out that the accelerated package shown in the report was not necessarily listed in the final order. He informed the Committee that arrangements were in hand for a seminar to be held at the rise of the Policy and Resources Committee in September 2009 to familiarise Members, particularly those new to the Authority, with the schemes in the package.

A Member referred to the discussion at the last meeting of the Policy Committee about the allocation of SEMMMS Minor funding carried forward from 2008/09 and said he had asked whether some of that funding could be used on a tram-train scheme in the Stockport area. He asked whether this was included as part of the on-going modelling work referred to in the report now before the Committee.

In response the Interim Chief Executive said that it was not part of the current package but would be considered separately.

RESOLVED/-

- a) That approval be given for the total investment package of £1,512 million, funded from £448 million of Regional Funding Allocation; £165 million grant from the Department for Transport in relation to the SEMMMS road scheme; a £147 million 'top slice' from the Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Block LTP funding over a period of 9 years from 2010/11; up to £775 million from a combination of borrowings, to be undertaken by GMITA, and partly from local/third party contributions as detailed in the report submitted.
- b) That approval in principle be given for the proposals for GMITA borrowings and the proposals for repayment , and that the appropriate borrowing limits be agreed and borrowing consents be secured from DfT.
- c) That it be agreed that GMPTE should proceed with the projects in the accelerated package and with the other public transport projects listed in the report, subject to further approvals being obtained on a project-specific basis, prior to the award of any contract for the implementation of any of the public transport schemes.
- d) That it be agreed that GMITA can borrow up to £38 million for the development of public transport projects in 2009/10 and will incur interest costs of circa £0.2 million which can be met from the existing ITA financing budget for 2009/10.
- e) That it be agreed that the implementation of the investment programme will be monitored by the AGMA Wider Leadership Team, which will report regularly to AGMA Executive Board and GMITA on the status of the Fund and the implementation of the programme.
- f) That a report be submitted to the Capital Projects Committee on 18 September 2009 setting out progress on the accelerated package.

P/09/7 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

A report informing Members of the latest position in respect of the 2009/10 revenue budget and the Revenue Budget outturn for 2008/09 was submitted.

RESOLVED/-

1. That it be noted that the 2008/09 revenue budget outturn resulted in a surplus of £3.27 million, subject to audit, compared to a budgeted break even position, and a forecast surplus, at 3 April 2009 of £3.00 million and that, of this, £3.19 million had been transferred to a Finance Reserve, as previously forecast and advised to Members.
2. That it be noted that the latest revenue forecast for 2009/10 is currently projecting a break even position, in line with budget.

P/09/8 PROGRESSING GMITA POLICY PRIORITIES FOR 2009/10

Consideration was given to a report setting out proposed approaches for progressing the 2009/10 Policy Priorities, which were agreed by the Authority at its meeting on 19 June 2009.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the proposed arrangements for progressing the Authority's previously agreed 2009/10 policy priorities be approved.
2. That a further composite report on the progression of policy priorities be brought to the November meeting of this committee.
3. That the possible benefits of renewing the Authority's membership of West Coast 250 be reviewed.

P/09/9 PERFORMANCE TARGETS 2009/12

Consideration was given to a report outlining the process used for approval of the key performance indicators (KPIs) and targets for the period 2009-12, as previously discussed and agreed with Members at the Performance Management Committee on 10 February 2009. The report sought formal approval of the suite of KPIs and targets for the period 2009-12 that were considered by Members at the Performance Management Committee on 7 April 2009. Members were asked to note that the KPIs are being developed in a number of areas to reflect the GMITA's Policy Objectives.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the proposed suite of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and targets for the period 2009 -12, as discussed at the Performance Management Committee on 7 April 2009, be approved.
2. That it be noted that further KPIs are being developed in a number of areas to reflect the ITA's Policy Objectives.

P/09/10 GREATER MANCHESTER SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL CITY BID

A report was submitted informing Members of the bid submitted to DfT for Greater Manchester to be selected as a 'Sustainable Travel City'. It was noted that if the bid is successful, Greater Manchester will receive up to £29 million of revenue funding, giving a huge boost to the marketing and integration of public transport, cycling and walking in Greater Manchester and to put Greater Manchester at the forefront of national developments in sustainable travel.

RESOLVED/-

That the bid be noted.

P/09/11 FUNDING OF HEAVY RAIL ENHANCEMENTS

A report was submitted informing Members of new guidelines clarifying when the DfT will consider accepting responsibility for funding revenue costs associated with GMITA investment in the heavy rail network.

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted.

P/09/12 YOUTH STRATEGY UPDATE

A report was submitted to update Members on the progress of the implementation of the Youth Strategy 2008-11.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress being made to implement the Youth Strategy be noted.
2. That a further progress report be submitted in July 2010.

P/09/13 UPDATE ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Consideration was given to a report setting out the findings of the review of new mechanisms established by the Authority in November 2007 for direct engagement with public transport users in Greater Manchester and recommending an approach for engagement going forwards.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the increased numbers of people engaging with their local transport operators through the new mechanism be noted.
2. That the increased numbers of people accessing information via the GMITA website be noted.
3. That the Authority's ongoing duty to communicate and publicise its work to all residents in Greater Manchester be met through continued use of the following mechanisms:
 - i) Transport Drop-In Sessions in each district, managed by GMPTE

- ii) Transport Conferences to be held at appropriate times to deal with topical transport issues
- iii) Periodic meetings with transport interest groups held as appropriate to ensure continued engagement with this sector of local communities
- iv) Consultation and engagement with members of the public through the GMITA/GMPTE Websites via a wide range of on-line facilities
- v) One-off meetings and/or consultations to address any unplanned occurrences that might take place requiring a response from GMITA
- vi) Twice yearly publication of Interchange, the GMITA/GMPTE Newsletter circulated as widely as possible.

4. That possible ways of engaging with constituent district council consultation mechanisms, such as the Salford Garden Party in September 2009, be explored.

P/09/14 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 this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

P/09/15 FINAL KICKSTART BID SUBMISSION

Consideration was given to a report providing a final update on the bid submission for Kickstart funding from DfT.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Kickstart bid and the schemes submitted, including operator and Authority-led bids, and the continuation of Authority financial support on those services with existing subsidy be noted.
2. That it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the Committee once DfT announce their awards.