

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE BUS NETWORK AND GMPTE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY, HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2009

**PRESENT:** Councillor White (in the Chair).

Councillors Corris, Davison, Dillon, Fender\*, Godson, Jones, Macdonald\*, Shaw, Theckston, and Whitehead.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Creswell, McCulley, Smith and Warner

\*Indicates a nominated substitute for an absent committee member.

### **BN/09/28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **RESOLVED/-**

There were no declarations of a personal or prejudicial interest made by a Member in respect of any matter to be discussed on the agenda.

### **BN/09/29 MINUTES**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting of the Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee held on 7 August 2009.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee, held on 7 August 2009 be approved as a correct record.

### **BN/09/30 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES 2009/10**

A report was submitted which updated Members on progress towards public transport provision during the 2009/10 Christmas & New Year period.

A Member requested that any revisions to last train services during the Christmas & New period be clearly publicised at stations and on timetables.

The Committee was informed that further information on the retail Christmas and New Year opening times would be circulated to Members for information after the meeting.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

- 1) That the contents of the report in respect of the provision of bus, rail, tram and information services during the 2009/10 Christmas & New Year period be noted; and

- 2) That a further progress report on the matter be submitted to the meeting of this Committee in November 2009.

### **BN/09/31 CRITERIA AND DECISION SUPPORT TOOL FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES**

Members received a report and presentation on the criteria tool for the assessment of subsidised bus services.

A Member enquired whether the criteria tool was also applied to the assessment of cross-boundary subsidised bus services. In response, the Operational Service Planning Manager, GMPTE, explained that the criteria tool was primarily used for the assessment of Greater Manchester services and its application to cross-boundary services was difficult as other Authorities used their own methods of assessment. Cross-boundary services would be assessed on an individual basis and any decision to support a service would be dependent on the levels of benefit to Greater Manchester residents.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

- 1) That the information in the report and presentation regarding the criteria for assessment of subsidised bus services be noted; and
- 2) That periodic update reports on the use of the criteria be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

### **BN/09/32 FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO THE BUS NETWORK**

Consideration was given to a report which set out the changes that had taken place to the bus network since the last meeting of the Committee and the consequential action taken or proposed by the GMPTE.

A Member expressed concern that the changes to the S50, 41, 337 and 343 services could result in a reduction in services to the residents of Tameside.

Members also expressed concern at the operator's rationale for the proposed withdrawal of peak journeys on commercial services and suggested that this action would not assist the development of future partnership arrangements between the GMITA/PTE and bus operators.

A Member requested further information on the proposal to revise the 370/371 service to operate via Brooklands to Sale. In response, the Operational Service Planning Manager, GMPTE, undertook to update Members on the proposal after the meeting.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

- 1) That the changes to the commercial network and the proposals not to replace the de-registered commercial services as set out in appendix A to the report be approved;
- 2) That the proposed actions in respect of the de-registered commercial services as set out in appendix B to the report be approved; and

- 3) That the proposed changes to existing general subsidised services as set out in appendix C to the report be approved.

#### **BN/09/33 EXCLUSION OF THE 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.

#### **BN/09/34 REVIEW OF SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES BUDGET**

A report was submitted which updated Members with regard to the current position on the 2009/10 subsidised bus services budget.

##### **RESOLVED/-**

That the report be noted.

#### **BN/09/35 FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO THE BUS NETWORK – FINANCIAL ISSUES**

The Interim Bus and Rail Director submitted a report which informed Members of financial and contractual information with regard to changes to bus services 32, 41, 337, 181/182, 331, 333, 343, 440, 533, 597 (Wigan Community Transport) and (Manchester and District) Transport for Sick Children.

##### **RESOLVED/-**

That the recommendations with regard to the above services, as set out in the report, be approved.

#### **BN/09/36 SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICE PERFORMANCE**

A report was submitted which informed Members of the performance of subsidised bus contracts in Greater Manchester.

##### **RESOLVED/-**

That the report be noted.

#### **BN/09/37 ITA POLICY PRIORITY – ORBITAL BUS SERVICES UPDATE**

A report was submitted that informed Members of the progress relating to the implementation of the Orbital Bus Services policy priority.

##### **RESOLVED/-**

- 1) That the implementation of the policy priority for introducing orbital bus services in Greater Manchester be noted;
- 2) That further progress reports be submitted to future meetings of the Committee; and

- 3) That the publicity and marketing arrangements for the new links, as set out in section 4 of the report, be approved.

## 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
ST MR TD	<b>23</b> Stockport – Chorlton – Stretford – Urmston – Davyhulme – Trafford Centre	Stagecoach Manchester	On Service 23 the Monday to Friday evening journeys between Stockport and Chorlton will be extended to / from Trafford Centre.  An hourly Sunday daytime service will be introduced.	30/8/09	----	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
ST MR TD	<b>23A</b> Stockport – Chorlton – Stretford – Lostock – Davyhulme – Trafford Centre	Stagecoach Manchester	Service 23A Sunday daytime, currently operates every 30 minutes.  This service will reduce to hourly.	30/8/09	----	Although Service 23A reduces to hourly, the introduction of a Sunday service on Service 23, detailed above, maintains the current 30 minutes frequency between Stockport and Stretford.  The section of route between Stretford and Trafford Centre will reduce to hourly.  <b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
BY OM RE	<b>56</b> Rochdale – Milnrow – Shaw – Oldham – North Manchester General Hospital	First	New Service operating every half hour.	26/10/09	----	A new orbital link reported elsewhere on the agenda in Part B of this Committee

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RE OM BY	<b>58</b> Rochdale – Milnrow – Shaw – Oldham – Middleton – (Heywood – Bury)	First Manchester	Extension of service every half hour on Monday to Saturday daytimes	26/10/09	----	A new orbital link reported elsewhere on the agenda in Part B of this Committee
BY MR	<b>98</b> Bury – Radcliffe – Whitefield – Manchester	First Manchester	The Monday to Saturday daytime service currently operates every 10 minutes.  The Monday to Saturday frequency will be reduced to every 15 minutes.  On Monday to Friday the short early morning Whitefield to Bury journeys will be withdrawn and the early morning journeys between Manchester and Bury will be retimed to give a more evenly spaced timetable.	25/10/09	----	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
MR RE	<b>123/124</b> Manchester – Blackley – Middleton - Langley	First Manchester	Monday to Saturday daytime frequency reduced to every 15 minutes. Service re-routed via Queen's Road and Cheetham Hill Road to serve Manchester Fort Shopping Centre.	25/10/09	----	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>

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TD	<b>245</b> Flixton – Urmston – Stretford - Altrincham	Arriva	Extended to Manchester Airport via Hale and Halebarns on Monday to Saturday daytimes every half hour and hourly on evenings and Sundays	25/10/09	----	A new orbital link reported elsewhere on the agenda in Part B of this Committee
MR TD	<b>250</b> Manchester – Trafford Bar – Trafford Centre	Stagecoach Manchester	The Sunday daytime frequency will increase from every 15 to every 10 minutes.	30/8/09	----	This increased frequency will operate until January and cover the festive period.  <b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
BN BY	<b>273</b> Bolton – Ramsbottom – Rawtenstall	Rossendale Transport	Minor timing changes; on Saturdays 0832 Stubbins – Bolton withdrawn; 1813 Bolton – Rawtenstall withdrawn.  Service extended to Todmorden	02/11/09	Other journeys operate at 0750 and 0850 ex Stubbins, and at 1748 ex Bolton.	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
BY RE	<b>444</b> Rochdale- Norden Way	Rossendale Transport	Monday to Saturday early morning journeys retimed and other minor changes	02/11/09	----	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>

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RE	<b>445</b> Rochdale - Shawfield	Rossendale Transport	This Monday to Saturday daytime only half-hourly service is withdrawn	02/11/09	Service 444 on Edenfield Road, but Shawfield Estate would be unserved,	The lower half of Shawfield Estate is within 400 metres of the alternative services at Edenfield Road, but Ellis Fold is approximately 700 metres walk from the alternative service. However, operator and GMPTE data shows only 2 persons per trip using the service, with none boarding / alighting at Ellis Fold.  <b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
RE	<b>446 / 466</b> Rochdale - Shawclough - Wallbank	Rossendale Transport	Monday to Saturday daytime services revised to omit Wallbank (in Lancashire) but evening and Sunday tendered journeys remain.	01/11/09	Customers will have to access services at Healey Corner / Market Street in Whitworth, Lancs.	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b> (Does not directly affect GM residents but Wallbank is 950 metres from the alternative main road high frequency service 464)
RE	<b>454</b> Rochdale – Smallbridge – Littleborough – Shore – Stansfield	First Manchester	Service 454 operates Monday to Saturday daytime, every 30 minutes.  Saturday 0740 from Rochdale to Stansfield withdrawn.	25/10/09	Service 590 at 0725, or Service 528 at 0748 from Rochdale to Smallbridge and Littleborough	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
RE	<b>457</b> Rochdale – Stansfield - Littleborough	First Manchester	Frequency to Stansfield maintained, but there will be fewer “short” Rochdale to Littleborough journeys during the morning peak hours and afternoons.	25/10/09	Other journeys remain.	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>

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BY RE	<b>461</b> Bury – Heywood - Rochdale	Rossendale Transport	Monday to Saturday early morning journeys retimed and other minor changes	02/11/09	----	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
RE BY	<b>469</b> Tottington – Bury – Jericho – Bamford – Rochdale	First Manchester	Service 469 operates every 20 minutes between Tottington and Rochdale and every 10 minutes between Tottington and Jericho.  Journeys between Tottington and Rochdale will reduce from every 20 minutes to every 30 minutes. The journeys between Tottington and Jericho will remain at every 10 minutes.	25/10/09	----	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
BY	<b>473, 482, 483</b> Fairfield Hospital – Bury – Rawtenstall - Burnley	Rossendale Transport	Timing changes to some early and late journeys.	01/11/09	Services 472 and 474 between Bury and Ramsbottom provide alternative facilities for the majority of links.	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>

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BY RE	<b>475</b> Bury - Heywood <b>476</b> Ramsbottom – Bury - Fairfield Hospital - Norden	Rossendale Transport	Service 476 will omit Topping Fold and the section of route will be replaced by diverted and additional journeys on service 475, but maintaining a frequency of 30 minutes. However, the first bus into Bury will be 0827 instead of the current 0741. Half-hourly service 476 will also extend beyond Mill Bridge to Norden Way. other minor timing changes to specific journeys.	01/11/09	----	A survey has been carried out on the 0741 Topping Fold to Bury journey which carried no passengers.  <b>No GMPTE action at this stage</b>
BY	<b>484 485</b> Bury – Ramsbottom – Haslingden - Accrington	Rossendale Transport	On Mondays to Fridays the 0529 and 0554 Ewood Bridge to Ramsbottom and Bury via Walmersley services are withdrawn. Service 485 journeys re timed by 25 minutes and the number of journeys reduces from 7 interpeak on Monday to Fridays to 6. On Saturdays the 0629 from Ewood Bridge to Bury via Walmersley is withdrawn.	02 /11/09	Alternative service exist on circular services 472 and 474 between Bury, Walmersley and Ramsbottom at 0529 and 0615 (via Ramsbottom) and 0642 direct; and on Saturdays at 0635 via Ramsbottom.	Some GM residents in Shuttleworth would have to access these early morning “positioning” journeys at the top of Bury New Road in Shuttleworth, approximately 1000 metres away.  <b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>

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BN	<b>561 / 562</b> Bolton – Tonge Fold – Withins – Breightmet Circular	First Manchester	Circular services 561 & 562 each currently operate every 15 minutes, giving a combined 7 / 8 minute frequency.  The frequency of each of these services will be reduced to every 20 minutes, giving a reduced combined frequency of every 10 minutes.	25/10/09	----	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
BN	<b>571 / 572</b> Bolton – Great Lever Circular	First Manchester	Circular services 571 & 572 each currently operate every 15 minutes, giving a combined 7 / 8 minute frequency.  The frequency of each of these services will be reduced to every 20 minutes, giving a reduced combined frequency of every 10 minutes.	25/10/09	----	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>
TE MR	<b>S50</b> Hey Farm – Mossley – Ashton – Droylsden – Manchester	Speedwell Bus	Service S50 operates Monday to Saturday daytime, every 20 minutes.  This service will be curtailed to operate between Hey Farm and Ashton only, every 20 minutes.	12/10/09  (but subsequently revised to start 31/08/09)	Frequent Service 216 covers all links to Ashton. Links beyond Ashton are covered by frequent service 350 between Ashton and Hey Farm	The direct link between Hey Farm, Micklehurst, Mossley and Manchester will be lost.  This service was only introduced in August 2009.  <b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>

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MR TD	<b>X50 (Limited Stop)</b> Piccadilly – Deansgate Station – Old Trafford – Trafford Park – Trafford Centre	Stagecoach Manchester	Additional seasonal service which will terminate after Christmas 2009.	25/10/09	----	<b>No GMPTE action at this stage.</b>

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE COMMERCIAL NETWORK

## ANNEX B

The Committee is requested to agree that action is taken regarding the following changed or deregistered services:

Dist	Service No. and Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services	Comments/GMPTE officer recommendations
MR SD WN	<b>32</b> Piccadilly – Mosley Common – Tyldesley – Atherton – Castle Hill – Hindley – Wigan	First Manchester	<p>Service 32 currently operates Monday to Saturday daytime, every 30 minutes.</p> <p>This service will be reduced to hourly during the daytime (off-peak). The following Monday to Friday peak journeys will also be withdrawn:</p> <p>0808 Manchester – Wigan. 0722 Wigan – Manchester. 0851 Wigan – Manchester. 1705 Wigan – Manchester.</p> <p>The first Saturday journey from Wigan (0651) – Manchester is also withdrawn.</p>	25/10/09	<p><u>Manchester – Wigan</u> 12 at 0754 from Manchester provides links to Tyldesley and Atherton.</p> <p>X34 at 0812 from Manchester as far as Ellenbrook.</p> <p>685 - SDO 0830 from Mosley Common as far as Tyldesley or Mon-Fri 0858 from Mosley Common as far as Tyldesley.</p> <p>132 - 0830 from Tyldesley – Wigan or SHO 0900 from Tyldesley – Wigan.</p> <p><u>Wigan – Manchester</u> 12 – 0740 or 0810 from Leigh cover Atherton (at 0751 or 0821) – Sale Lane/Mort Lane and also provides links to Manchester.</p>	<p>The withdrawal of peak journeys will result in gaps in excess of 1 hour.</p> <p><b>Members are recommended to approve the retention of the affected journeys on service 32, including the half-hourly frequency, costs for which are shown in Part B of this agenda.</b></p>

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MR SD WN	<b>32</b> Piccadilly – Mosley Common – Tyldesley – Atherton – Castle Hill – Hindley – Wigan	First Manchester			X34 - 0727 from Lowton covers Ellenbrook – Manchester.  12 0900 or 0930 from Leigh provides links from Atherton and Tyldesley to Manchester.  132 0845 from Wigan as far as Mosley Common.  654 0948 Ex Mosley Common to Walkden to connect with services to Manchester.  X34 0912 Ex Leigh covers Ellenbrook – Manchester.  12 1737 from Leigh provides links from Atherton and Tyldesley to Walkden for connections to Manchester.  132 SDO 1705 or SHO 1715 from Wigan – Tyldesley.	

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MR SD WN	<b>32</b> Piccadilly – Mosley Common – Tyldesley – Atherton – Castle Hill – Hindley – Wigan	First Manchester			<p>685 1730 from Leigh journey is at 1749 from Tyldesley to Mosley Common.</p> <p>X34 1727 Ex Leigh covers Ellenbrook – Manchester (arrives Manchester 1827)</p> <p>12 Sat 0723 from Leigh links Atherton and Tyldesley with Manchester.</p> <p>Service 540 covers Wigan to some parts of Castle Hill, service 559 links Hindley with Castle Hill Road (journeys at 0735, 0835, 1735 and SHO 0935 from Hindley and SHO 0850 from Bolton), but Sandy Lane, Hollins Road and Long Lane (between Crossdale Road and Atherton Road) have no alternatives at these times.</p>	

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TE	<b>41</b> Ashton – Dukingfield – Tennyson Avenue	Speedwell Bus	Service 41 operates commercially every 30 minutes, Monday to Friday daytime.  This service will be withdrawn.	5/10/09	----	<p>The Saturday daytime service every 30 minutes, hourly evenings and hourly Sunday services are provided with the support of GMPTE.</p> <p>This service will be operated by First Manchester under emergency tender between 5<sup>th</sup> October and 11<sup>th</sup> December 09. Officers have issued an invitation to tender to all operators for replacement of this service from 13<sup>th</sup> December 09.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve the replacement of Service 41, to be funded from the Bus Services Budget.</b></p>

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TE	<b>331</b> Ashton – Smallshaw – Hurst Cross – Ashton	First Manchester	Service 331 operates commercially every 20 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime. The following Monday to Friday peak journeys will be withdrawn: 0748, 0808, 0828, 1508, 1548.	26/10/09	Only certain sections of the route are covered as follows :  Hourly service 408 between Broadoak and Ashton College half-hourly service 393 between Henrietta Street and Broadoak Road.	<p>The hourly Monday to Saturday evening journeys and hourly Sunday service are provided with the support of GMPTE.</p> <p>Survey data for the affected journeys indicate an average of 13.5 passengers per journey.</p> <p>Officers would propose a retention of the above journeys on an emergency basis until 23 January 2010 to allow a substantive tender to be advertised and awarded.</p> <p>Costs are shown in Part B of this report.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve the retention of the affected journeys and receive a further report at the 13 November meeting of this Committee.</b></p>

Dist	Service No. and Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services	Comments/GMPTE officer recommendations
TE	<b>333</b> Ashton – Hurst Cross – Smallshaw – Ashton	First Manchester	Service 333 currently operates every 20 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime. The following Monday to Friday peak journeys will be withdrawn: 0738, 0758, 0818, 0838, 1458, 1518, 1538.	26/10/09	Only certain sections of the route are covered as follows :  Hourly service 408 between Broadoak and Ashton College half-hourly service 393 between Henrietta Street and Broadoak Road.	Survey data for the affected journeys indicate an average of 13.5 passengers per journey.  Officers would propose a retention of the above journeys on an emergency basis until 23 January 2010 to allow a substantive tender to be advertised and awarded.  Costs are shown in Part B of this report.  <b>Members are asked to approve the retention of the affected journeys and receive a further report at the 13 November meeting of this Committee.</b>

Dist	Service No. and Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services	Comments/GMPTE officer recommendations
TE	<b>337</b> Ashton – Crowhill - Taunton	Speedwell Bus	Service 337 operates commercially every 30 minutes, Monday to Friday daytime.  This service will be withdrawn.	5/10/09	----	<p>The Saturday daytime service every 30 minutes, is provided with the support of GMPTE.</p> <p>This service will be operated by First Manchester under emergency tender between 5<sup>th</sup> October and 11<sup>th</sup> December 09. Officers have issued an invitation to tender to all operators for replacement of this service from 13<sup>th</sup> December 09.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve the replacement of Service 337, to be funded from the Bus Services Budget.</b></p>

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OM TE	<b>343</b> Oldham – Lees – Mossley – Stalybridge - Hyde	Speedwell Bus	Service 343 operates commercially hourly Monday to Friday daytime.  This service will be withdrawn.	5/10/09	----	<p>The hourly Saturday daytime service, hourly evenings and hourly Sunday services are operated with the support of GMPTE.</p> <p>This service will be operated by First Manchester under emergency tender between 5<sup>th</sup> October and 11<sup>th</sup> December 09. Officers have issued an invitation to tender to all operators for replacement of this service from 13<sup>th</sup> December 09.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve the replacement of Service 343. Costs are shown in Part B of this report.</b></p>

Dist	Service No. and Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services	Comments/GMPTE officer recommendations
RE	<b>440</b> Rochdale – Rochdale Infirmary – Syke – Rochdale	Rossendale Transport	Service 440 currently operates commercially Monday to Saturday every 30 minutes.  The Saturday daytime journeys will be withdrawn.	7/11/09	Syke, with the exception of Newark Road / Gale Street, will be served by hourly Service 441, with a last journey at 1631. This leaves a 2 hour gap on Mondays to Fridays until the start of the evening GMPTE supported journeys on service 440.  Howard Street / Whitehall Street will not be served.	There are no changes to the hourly evenings and Sunday journeys on this service, which are operated with GMPTE support.  Officers are obtaining passenger data to establish usage / travel patterns and assess the need for replacement journeys.  <b>Members will be updated on progress at the meeting.</b>
RE	<b>445</b> Rochdale - Shawfield	Rossendale Transport	This half hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service is withdrawn	1/11/09	Shawfield and Nordale Park would become unserved.  The Rochdale to Cutgate section of route is covered by services 444 and 461 each half-hourly. The furthest point from Shawfield is approximately 700 metres from the alternative service.	Officers are obtaining passenger data to establish usage / travel patterns and assess the need for replacement journeys.  <b>Members will be updated on progress at the meeting.</b>

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BN	<b>533</b> Bolton – Bromley Cross – Tonge Moor – Bolton	First Manchester	Service 533 operates hourly Monday to Saturday daytime.  The following Monday to Friday journeys will be withdrawn:  0735 & 0850 from Bolton to Egerton and  0804 from Egerton to Bolton.	25/10/09	Between Bolton and Tonge Moor:  Service 541 at 0738 Service 273 at 0743  Between Bolton and Egerton:  Service 225 at 0718 and 0747  Between Egerton and Bolton, Service 225 at 0748 & 0813	Officers have surveyed the affected journeys and established that 23 pupils use the 0804 journey with only 3 and no unique passengers using the 0735 and 0850 journeys respectively.  <b>Members are asked to agree the retention of the 0735 and 0804 journeys costs for which are discussed in Part B of this report.</b>

## 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
RE OM MR	<p><b>181/182</b></p> <p>Rochdale - Shaw – Chadderton - Manchester</p>	<p>The early introduction of replacement services in preparation for the Oldham – Rochdale Loop Line closure has enabled officers to assess possible future requirements to cater for increasing patronage. As a result of this assessment officers have introduced the following two additional Saturday morning journeys between Shaw and Manchester:</p> <p>Service 181, 0601 from Shaw Wrens Nest to Manchester Piccadilly, and Service 182, 0631 from Shaw Wrens Nest to Manchester Piccadilly.</p> <p>Additional service 181 journeys will be introduced on Monday to Saturday evenings, providing a half-hourly frequency between Manchester and Rochdale. These journeys are to be funded from the Metrolink budget.</p> <p>The criteria score for this service is 4.5, representing low scores for deprivation, and that it passes few category 1 interchanges and facilities.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to note the introduction of these additional journeys with effect from Monday 5 October 2009.</b></p>
MR	<p><b>188</b></p> <p>Ryder Brow – Clayton – Beswick – Manchester</p> <p><i>Speedwell Bus</i></p>	<p>Service 188 operates hourly, daytime and daily. The service has been diverted for 12 months as a result of major highway works in the Ancoats area. Work has now concluded at the junction of Old Mill Street and Great Ancoats Street but further works are underway at Pollard Street / Great Ancoats Street.</p> <p>On Mondays to Fridays the first two morning journeys and last two evening journeys from Ryder Brow to Manchester at 0651 &amp; 0751 and 1601 &amp; 1701, will operate along Fairfield Street and Palmerston Street, instead of Viaduct Street due to the high level of peak period traffic around Old Mill Street. Avoiding the use of Viaduct Street into Manchester at peak times will assist punctuality of the service.</p> <p>During off-peak hours when congestion is less, the service will operate via Old Mill Street and Ducie Street / Store Street to better serve the local community</p>

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		<p>and Doctor's surgery in New Islington / Ancoats.</p> <p>The criteria score for this service is 6.8, represented by high areas of deprivation and its servicing of multiple local facilities.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve the above recommendations, which would commence 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009.</b></p>
TD	<p><b>260</b></p> <p>Sale – Carrington – Partington</p> <p><i>Arriva</i></p>	<p>Service 260 operates Monday to Saturday, hourly between the peaks.</p> <p>This service currently operates along Moss Lane, Bucklow Avenue and Hardwick Road in Partington and has suffered ongoing punctuality problems due to difficulty in access through the estate due to parked cars. Officers from GMPTE and Trafford Council have investigated the problem on Bucklow Avenue and Hardwick Road but have been unable to find a solution.</p> <p>As a result the service will be rerouted to operate directly along Moss Lane, no longer serving Bucklow Avenue and Hardwick Road. The nearest stop will be on Moss Lane, distance of 250 metres, for the diverted hourly service 260.</p> <p>The criteria score for this service is 4.6 which reflects that the area carries a low deprivation index, and a mid-point score on the range of facilities served.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to note the above route alteration, which would commence 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009.</b></p>
OM/TE	<p><b>353</b></p> <p>Ashton – Mossley – Uppermill – Carrcote</p> <p><i>Speedwell Bus</i></p>	<p>Service 353 operates every 2 hours Monday to Saturday daytime.</p> <p>It is proposed that daytime journeys are diverted in Greenfield to operate from Shaw Hall Bank Road via Chew Valley Road, Wellington Road, Queensway, Beech Avenue and Carr Lane.</p> <p>This action will provide residents of Wellington Road, Queensway, Beech Avenue, Carr Lane and the new older persons housing complex at Wood Square with an hourly daytime service (combined with service 354) providing links to Ashton, Stalybridge, Mossley, Uppermill and Delph.</p> <p>The section of Oldham Road between Carr Lane and Shaw Hall Bank Road will</p>

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ST TD	<p><b>370 /371</b> Stockport – Cheadle / Didsbury - Altrincham</p>	<p>no longer be served, however there are no recognised destinations between these points. This section of route is served by frequent services 180 and 184.</p> <p>Passengers wishing to access Greenfield Railway Station may board or alight service 353 on Shaw Hall Bank Road. The nearest stops are approximately 170 metres from the Manchester bound platform.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to approve the above recommendations, which would commence 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009</b></p> <p>As part of the proposals for orbital bus links to be reported in part B of this Committee, services 370 and 371 will be revised to operate via Brooklands to Sale. The effects of this proposal will be to link Stockport with Sale by bus (a missing orbital link); however, customers in the Northern Moor area wishing to travel to Altrincham will be required to use service 18 or 41 which have longer journey times (Northenden to Altrincham by service 18 is 40 minutes; by service 41 is 31 minutes; and by service 370 is 19 minutes.)</p> <p>These services carry a criteria score of 5.0, which reflects the higher levels of deprivation en route, and a higher rating for centres served.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to note the above route alteration which will commence wef 25 October 2009.</b></p>
WN	<p><b>597</b> Leigh – Marshall Street – Leigh Sports Village Circular</p>	<hr/> <p>The 597 service contract is due for expiry wef 24 October 2009. The service currently operates via the small Marshall Street estate but is quite well used with an average of 10 users per journey. Officers have sought option prices from operators to include the current off-peak only hourly frequency, a diversion via Leigh Sports Village, a half-hourly option also via the Village, and a peak only service to both provide new earlier and later trips for Marshall Street estate and to replace a current peak period only Section 19 service, known as 'LSV GO' to the adjacent Leigh Sports Village and Wigan and Leigh College. This latter</p> <hr/>

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service, which carries approximately 6 passengers per trip was originally funded by Section 106 Agreement . This has expired with funding now supplied, on a temporary basis, by the College. The majority of the residential estate is within 400 metres of high frequency services on St Helen’s Road. The cheapest option to renew the expiring contract for service 597 represents an increase of 177%, albeit the frequency for this off-peak only service would double to every 30 minutes and the service would also operate via the College and Leigh Sports Village. However, the College and Wigan MBC are investigating the potential for supporting the improved service to also operate across the peaks using external funds. Full details of the costs of the options are shown in Part B.

**Members are asked to approve the recommendation shown in Part B.**

RE **Kingsway Local Link Service (Rochdale)**

Current operating areas are Kirkholt, Newbold, Stoneyfield, Milkstone / Deeplish, Belfield and Balderstone.

This, externally funded, service for employees of Kingsway Business Park, in Rochdale, was introduced in September 2008.

A review of the service indicates that resource is available to expand the current service area to also include Smallbridge, Buckley and Kirklee estate.

Further it will also be possible to use the same vehicles and drivers to introduce a new DRT Local Link service in the Newbold, Belfield, and Smallbridge areas of Rochdale linking to Rochdale Infirmary, Rochdale Bus and Rochdale Train stations.

Both services will be wholly funded by Rochdale MBC from the existing Section 106 funding received from developer Wilson Bowden for the Kingsway Business Park.

The proposed service will also operate extended hours between 0730 – 1400 and 1630 - 1830 Monday to Friday (previously 0730 - 0930, 1200 -1400 and 1630 - 1830 Monday to Friday).

Two vehicles for the service have already been provided by Rochdale SRB5 funding.

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**Members are asked to approve the officer recommendations that: -**

- 1. The existing service to Kingsway Business Park be expanded to serve Smallbridge, Buckley and Kirklee estate;**
  - 2. that a new Local Link service; the Newbold, Belfield and Smallbridge Local Link Service, be introduced for an initial period of 12 months from 26th October 2009, and**
  - 3. that, subject to satisfactory review and on-going partner funding, this arrangement should continue thereafter.**
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