

SUMMARY OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE (TFGMC)

A.

It is suggested that the following functions of the GMITA might be referred by the CA to the TfGMC in order for them to make recommendations to the CA in respect of:

1. Preparing the CA's transport budget, including the provision for capital and revenue programmes and transport schemes, to enable the CA to set its transport budget, fix the transport levy and determine appropriate borrowing limits.
2. Developing policies for the promotion and encouragement of safe, efficient and economic transport facilities and services;
3. Formulating general policies with respect to the specification of public passenger services;
4. Producing a Local Transport Plan.
5. Operation of the Greater Manchester Transport Fund and approval of new transport schemes.
6. Appointment of Director General/Chief Executive of TfGME

B.

It is suggested that the following functions of the GMITA might be delegated to the TfGMC, subject to the TfGMC exercising these functions in accordance with any transport policies of the CA, the Local Transport Plan and the CA's agreed transport budget and borrowing limits:

1. Monitoring and overseeing the activities and performance of TfGME;
2. Ensuring that the TfGME secures the provision of appropriate public passenger transport services;
3. Considering the creation and development of Quality Partnership Schemes, Quality Contracts Schemes, Ticketing Schemes and concessionary travel schemes;
4. Determining what local bus information should be made available, and the way it should be made available;

5. Ensuring that the TfGME implements proposals for promoting the economic, social and environmental well-being of Greater Manchester and its residents;
6. Making appointments to the Board of the TfGME (except the Chief Executive, whose appointment will need to be ratified by the CA);
7. Monitoring the CA's transport budget;
8. Approving releases for capital schemes within the agreed capital programme;
9. Monitoring performance against the Local Transport Plan and other CA transport policies;
10. Formulating, developing and monitoring procedures for public consultation of, and lobbying for, the CA's transport policies including taking responsibility for the active promotion of Greater Manchester's transport interests;
11. Determining issues arising from Metrolink contracts;
12. Determining variations in concessionary bus and Metrolink fare levels;
13. Considering issues arising from the rail franchising process;
14. Considering issues arising from the implementation of the CA's schemes for the introduction of Smartcards;
15. Authorising the disposal of any land by the TfGME;
16. Determining the operation, performance, contract management and development of tendered bus services, bus stations/stops, and passenger transport services;
17. Approving the level of support of local rail services over and above that in the baseline franchise specification;
18. Determining the operation, performance and development of the Authority's accessible transport provision;
19. Monitoring the performance of Metrolink services and initiating appropriate action;
20. Monitoring the operation and performance of bus and local rail services and influencing accordingly.

C.

It is proposed in the draft scheme that the following transport related functions of the constituent councils should be delegated to the CA. It is further suggested that they might then be sub-delegated to TfGMC, subject to the TfGMC exercising these functions in accordance with any policies of the CA, the Local Transport Plan and the CA's agreed transport budget and borrowing limits:

1. Preparing reports containing an assessment of the levels of road traffic in the CA's area and a forecast of growth in those levels;
2. Functions of the constituent councils as local traffic authorities in relation to traffic signals (but not other traffic signs).

D.

It is proposed in the draft scheme that the following transport related functions of the constituent councils should be delegated directly to the TfGMC, subject to the TfGMC exercising these functions in accordance with any policies of the CA (as local transport authority), the Local Transport Plan and the terms of the delegation from the constituent councils:

1. Carrying out actions to facilitate the performance by local traffic authorities of their duty to manage their road network with a view to securing the expeditious movement of traffic on their own roads and facilitating the same on other local authorities' roads;
2. Preparing and carrying out a programme of measures to promote road safety, including road safety studies, accident prevention schemes and provision of information and advice.

E.

Dealing with the transport functions of the Secretary of State which are delegated to the CA subject to the conditions of the Secretary of State's delegation.

[These will need to be agreed with the Secretary of State in due course].