

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GMITA CYCLES ON TRAMS WORKING
GROUP HELD ON THE 19 MARCH 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Richard Knowles (in the Chair)
Councillor Doreen Dickinson
Councillor Andrew Fender
Councillor David Jones
Councillor Alan Rigby
Councillor Craig Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Morris, Interim Chief Operating Officer, GMPTE
Philip Purdy, Metrolink Director
Simon Warburton, Policy Manager, GMITA
Chris McDermott, Principal Committee Officer, GMITA
Joel Sawyer, Press Office, GMPTE

1. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR

Nominations for the Chair of the GMITA Cycles on Trams Working Group were invited.

Councillor Richard Knowles was nominated and seconded.

RESOLVED/-

That Councillor Richard Knowles be appointed as Chair of the GMITA Cycles on Trams Working Group.

(Councillor Knowles took the Chair)

2. APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consideration was given to the draft Terms of Reference for the Working Group.

The Working Group considered the proposed timescales for the review and agreed that, in order to complete the activities set out in the Terms of Reference and carry out a robust consultation exercise with key stakeholders, the review would be completed within an 8 months timescale, with a final report being presented to a meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee in November 2010.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That the Terms of Reference for the Working Group be approved; and
- 2) That the review be completed within 8 months, with a view to a final report being presented to the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee in September 2010.

3. NEXT STEPS FOR THE REVIEW AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The Working Group discussed the next stages of the review, particularly the need to seek evidence from key stakeholders at the earliest possible opportunity.

RESOLVED/-

- 1) That officers be requested to write to key stakeholders seeking written submissions on the carriage of cycles on trams;
- 2) That the next meeting of the Working Group be convened to take place in late May/early June 2010; and
- 3) That cycling stakeholder groups be invited to provide evidence in person to the next meeting of the Working Group.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Motorised Scooters on Trams

The Metrolink Director, GMPTE, drew the Working Group's attention to a recent incident regarding a motorised scooter on the tram network. He explained that it was the current policy not to permit the use of motorised scooters on the network.

In response, the Working Group reaffirmed support for the existing policy with regard to the use of motorised scooters on the tram network and that the policy should be consistently applied by the operator Stagecoach Metrolink. The Group also suggested that further clarification was needed on the classification and type of motorised scooters.