

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A
MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF
THE GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED
TRANSPORT AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY, 5
JUNE 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors Dylan Butt, Matthew Colledge, Yvonne Creswell*, Peter Davison*, Jim Dawson*, Andrew Fender, Alan Godson, Roland Griffin, David Jones, Richard Knowles, Ian Macdonald, Eddie McCulley*, David Sandiford, Peter Scott, Val Stevens*, Barry Warner, David White, Keith Whitmore and Craig Wright

* Denotes substitute

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Zulfiqar Ali, Norman Critchley, Doreen Dickinson, and Eunice Smethurst

EC/09/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

**EC/09/2 MAJOR TRANSPORT SCHEME PRIORITISATION AND
FUNDING STRATEGY**

A report was submitted updating members on the recommendations agreed by the AGMA Executive in relation to the Major Transport Scheme Prioritisation and Funding Strategy at a meeting on 12 May 2009.

With regard to proposals to bring forward a delivery plan for the prioritised list of schemes by July 2009, including detailed business plans to be agreed with the DfT, a member said that there should be an opportunity for the GMITA to be involved in the construction of the delivery plan. The process needed to be iterative. He added that not all schemes were covered by the DfT requirement for business plans, for example, Metrolink Rochdale and Oldham town centre schemes. The Deputy Clerk clarified that the delivery of road schemes rested with the district councils

A member moved an amendment to the recommendations in the report as follows:

Recommendation 1. delete the word 'welcome' and substitute the word 'note' and amend '..and the establishment of a Greater Manchester Transport Fund' to read '.. and to welcome the establishment of a Greater Manchester Transport Fund'.

Recommendation 4 delete the words 'report on' and insert the words 'agree with the ITA for a delivery plan for the public transport schemes...'

Following a vote (Opposition Group abstaining)
it was:

RESOLVED/-

1. That the outcome of the AGMA Major Transport Scheme Prioritisation process be noted and the establishment of a Greater Manchester Transport Fund be welcomed.
2. That the economic, social and environmental benefits that the package will bring to Greater Manchester be noted and welcomed.
3. That the financial implications for the GMITA of the Fund be noted and that further information be requested on the outcome of the review of residual LTP resources in due course.
4. That the Chief Executive of GMPTE be requested to agree with the GMITA for a delivery plan for the public transport schemes by early July 2009.
5. That the officers be requested to report back to the GMITA and to AGMA on the detailed governance arrangements in relation to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund.

**EC/09/3 FUNDING OF METROLINK SERVICE IMPROVEMENT AND
CITY CENTRE TRACK PROJECTS**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval for the borrowing and reserves funding for Metrolink Service Improvements Projects (SIP) and City Centre works as recommended by the Development and Operations Committee at its meeting on 1 May 2009.

RESOLVED/-

That, in relation to capital works for Metrolink SIP and City Centre track works:

1. approval be given for the utilisation of the £2.9 million Useable Capital Receipts Reserve
2. approval be given for the utilisation of £2.9 million from the Metrolink Service Improvement Programme Reserve, which includes £1.4 million, originally earmarked for TIF expenditure, that was transferred from the Development Costs Reserve to the Metrolink Service Enhancement Programme Reserve at year ended 31 March 2009.
3. approval be given for £4 million of borrowings that forms part of the funding structure for City Centre Track Works. These borrowings will be serviced from future Metrolink net revenues.

4. That it be noted that in making the approvals requested, a review of the optimum mix of borrowings and revenue reserves will be undertaken prior to the closure of the 2009/10 Accounts.

EC/09/4 GMITA COMMITTEE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Consideration was given to a report back on the work of the Committee Improvement Project Members Working Group. The report set out the Working Group's recommended revisions to the Authority's committee arrangements for adoption in the 2009/10 municipal year, subject to the further approval of the Annual Meeting of the Authority on 19 June 2009.

It was suggested by a member and agreed that the reference to a committee chair being responsible for the 'supervision' of the report management process should be changed to 'oversight' of the report management process.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the summary of the work and conclusions of the Committee Improvement Project Members Working Group be noted.
2. That the Annual Meeting of the Authority be recommended to approve the proposed protocol and revised committee structure and terms of reference, as set out in the report and appendix.
3. That the Authority be recommended to approve the proposed calendar of meetings set out in the report
4. That the further arrangements to be made to assist members' information processes during 2009/10 be noted.

EC/09/5 ANNUAL REPORT

A report informing members of the production of the second Annual Report was submitted. Delegated authority was sought to approve the report in advance of its publication on 30 June 2009.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That responsibility for approving the report in advance of its publication on 30 June 2009 be delegated to the Clerk and Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of Development and Operations Committee, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chair of the Performance Management Committee.