

GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

REPORT FOR RESOLUTION / INFORMATION

COMMITTEE: Bus Network and GMPTE Services
DATE: 13th November 2009
SUBJECT: Forthcoming Changes to the Bus Network
REPORT OF: Interim Bus and Rail Director, GMPTE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1) To inform Members of the changes that have taken place to the bus network since the last Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee meeting and report on consequential action taken or proposed by GMPTE.
- 2) To seek guidance from Members on proposed GMPTE action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to consider the report and to: -

- 1) Note or comment as appropriate on the changes to the commercial network and the proposals not to replace the de-registered commercial services as set out in Annex A.
- 2) Note or comment as appropriate on the proposed actions in respect of the de-registered commercial services set out in Annex B.
- 3) Note or comment as appropriate on the proposed changes to existing general subsidised services set out in Annex C.
- 4) Delegate final authority to the Clerk to the Authority and Interim Chief Executive GMPTE, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee for proposals which may require action in December 2009.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Previous reports to the Authority and the Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee.

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1. Background

At its meeting on 19 June 2009, the Authority requested that the Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee continues the work of the Transport Network Committee, to review closely all changes to the subsidised network and ensure that the cost of subsidised general services was kept within cash limits. This report informs Members of the latest advice from operators about their intention to register/deregister services and recommends whether or not specified services should be supported, and informs on changes to the subsidised network.

2. Changes to Commercial Services (Annex A)

Annex A to this report lists changes to commercial services which, in the view of GMPTE, are not sufficiently significant to require the provision of subsidised replacements. Brief details of the implications of the changes are provided.

3. Changes to Commercial Services (Annex B)

Annex B to this report lists changes to commercial services and provides brief details of the implications of these changes, which officers believe are of sufficient importance to require action by GMPTE. Details of the proposed actions are also provided.

4. Changes to General Subsidised Services (Annex C)

Annex C to this report lists, by service number, proposals for changes to general subsidised services on which the views of Members are requested. Information is also given about the reasons for proposing these changes.

5. Financial Implications

Annex A presents no financial implications.

Annex B, financial implication will be reported in Part B.

Annex C, financial implication will be reported in Part B.

6. GMPTE Comments

Services 331 and 333

At the October meeting of this Committee officers reported the commercial withdrawal of Monday to Friday peak journeys on Services 331 and 333. At that meeting Members approved the retention of the affective journeys and asked officers to report back to the November Committee meeting.

The Monday to Friday journeys have now been retained with First Manchester until 23rd January 2010. Invitations To Tender have been issued to all operators for replacement of these journeys and are due to be returned on 20th November 2009. A further report on progress will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.

7. Reports from Operators

Members will be aware that operators have been invited to submit reports on forthcoming strategy changes to their operations. At the time of printing this agenda no reports have been received.

Members must be mindful that reports are provided by the bus operator with no editorial changes by officers.

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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
MR RE	17 Manchester – Blackley – Middleton – Castleton - Rochdale	JP Travel	<p>Introduction of new journeys on:</p> <p>Monday to Thursday evenings between Manchester and Rochdale every 30 minutes. Currently these journeys are only operated on Fridays.</p> <p>Friday evening between Manchester and Middleton every 30 minutes.</p> <p>Saturday daytime between Manchester and Middleton every 15 minutes, and evening between Manchester and Rochdale every 30 minutes.</p> <p>Sunday daytime between Manchester and Middleton every 15 minutes, and evening between Manchester and Rochdale every 30 minutes.</p>	20/11/09	----	No GMPTE action at this stage.

Dist	Service No. and Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services	Comments/GMPTE officer recommendations
MR	77 Lever Street – Phillips Park Cemetery – Newton Heath - Moston	JP Travel	Introduction of evening journeys every 30 minutes between 1855 and 2300, on Friday and Saturday evenings.	20/11/09	----	No GMPTE action at this stage.
MR BY	135 Piccadilly – Shudehill – Cheetham Hill – Heaton Park – Whitefield – Bury	JP Travel	Introduction of early morning journeys on Saturdays and Sundays, operating every 30 minutes between 00:25 and 03:25.	20/11/09	----	No GMPTE action at this stage.
MR	156 Shudehill – North Manchester General Hospital – Bank House – Rhodes – Middleton - Langley	JP Travel	This change re-introduces the service along Bowness Road and Windermere Road, which had been withdrawn on 7 th September 2009.	20/11/09	----	No GMPTE action at this stage.

Dist	Service No. and Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services	Comments/GMPTE officer recommendations
BY	473 Bury – Ramsbottom – Edenfield – Rawtenstall – Waterfoot – Edgeside - Water	Rossendale Transport	The following journeys have been changed: <u>Monday to Friday</u> – 0543 from Ramsbottom to Rawtenstall and 0620 from Bury to Rawtenstall withdrawn. <u>Monday to Saturday</u> – 2305 from Rawtenstall to Ramsbottom extended to Bury. 2318 Ramsbottom to Rawtenstall to commence at Bury at 2335. <u>Saturday</u> – 0655 Bury to Rawtenstall withdrawn.	1/11/09	Service 472 provides early morning journeys from Bury along Walmersley Road.	No GMPTE action at this stage.
BN	514 Bolton – Ladybridge – Middlebrook Circular	South Lancs Travel	New Service 514 will operate hourly Monday to Saturday daytime.	14/12/09	----	No GMPTE action at this stage.

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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
BN	526 Bolton – Halliwell – Smithills Hall	Maytree Travel	<p>Service 526 operates Monday to Saturday, hourly daytime.</p> <p>This service has been extended to serve Barrow Bridge via Moss Bank Way, Captain's Clough Road, Moss Lane and Barrow Bridge Road.</p>	25/10/09	Barrow Bridge Local Link currently serves the Barrow Bridge & Moss Bank Park area on Mondays to Saturdays between 0730 and 1830.	<p>Service 526 is a supported service between Bolton and Smithills. The extension to Barrow Bridge has been provided commercially.</p> <p>The GMPTE supported Barrow Bridge Local Link service area is now being served by the extended Service 526. Local Link carries an average of 13 passengers per day, at a cost of £3.60 per passenger, 11 of which are able to make the same journey using Service 526.</p> <p>The unique link to Church Road Post Office would be lost, however Service 526 serves the Halliwell Road Post Office.</p> <p>As Service 526 provides an alternative service, officers would recommend withdrawal of the Local Link service and further details will be discussed in Part B of this meeting.</p> <p>Members will be given costs and asked to approve the recommendation for withdrawal in Part B.</p>

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
TD	<p>277</p> <p>Gorse Hill – Stretford, Arndale – Humphrey Park Station – Urmston, Somersfield – Trafford General Hospital</p>	<p>Service 277 operates hourly Mondays to Saturdays, between the peaks. Tenders have been invited for this service, which is due to expire on 23rd January 2010. The bids received and associated costs will be discussed with Members in Part B of this meeting.</p> <p>The criteria score for this service is 6.3, represented by high areas of deprivation and servicing of multiple facilities.</p>
<p>Members will be asked to approve the recommendation shown in Part B.</p>		
BN	<p>525 / 527</p> <p>Bolton – Halliwell – Smithills - Sharples – Astley Bridge – Hall l'th' Wood – Ainsworth Lane – Bolton Circulars</p>	<p>Circular services 525 / 527 operate daily, hourly daytime and evening.</p> <p>These services, previously only serving Smithills Hall in the evenings and on Sundays, were enhanced to include Smithills Hall during Monday to Saturday daytime. This improved level of service to Smithills Hall commenced on Monday 26th October 2009, at no additional cost to the Bus Services Budget.</p> <p>The criteria score for this service is 6.4, represented by high areas of deprivation and servicing of multiple facilities.</p>
<p>Members are asked to note the improved level of service, which commenced on Monday 26th October 2009.</p>		
OM	<p>Oldham Shopping Local Link Service (Oldham)</p>	<p>GMPTE officers are recommending an expanded service, which will provide a weekend shopping service to residents of areas west of Oldham to Tesco Supermarket (Chadderton) for fresh food shopping.</p> <p>The extension will be wholly funded by Oldham MBC from Section 106 developer contributions.</p> <p>The proposed service will operate between the hours of 8am to 10 pm on Saturdays and 10am to 2pm on Sundays.</p> <p>The existing service will continue to run on Mondays to Fridays between 9.30am to 5.30pm.</p> <p>The GMPTE funded vehicle to be used is already used for the existing Oldham</p>

Dist	Service Number, route and operator	GMPTE officer comments and recommendations
		shopping service.
		<p>Costs of the expansion will be provided in Part B to this meeting and Members will asked to approve the above recommendation for an extended Oldham Shopping Link Service to be introduced for an initial period of 12 months and that, subject to satisfactory review, this arrangement should continue thereafter.</p>