

Manchester City Council Report for Resolution

Report to: Executive – 12 September 2018
Constitution and Nomination Committee – 1 October 2018

Subject: Transport for Greater Manchester Committee

Report of: City Solicitor

Summary

To agree a reduction in the size of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (TfGMC) to 23 members.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- Agree the reduction in size of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (TfGMC) to 23 members;
- Agree that each of the 10 Greater Manchester district councils shall:
 - appoint one member to the TfGMC (save for Manchester City Council which shall appoint two members),
 - nominate one further member to be appointed to the TfGMC by Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to ensure political balance;
- Agree that the GMCA shall appoint one member;
- Agree that the Mayor of Greater Manchester shall nominate one further member to be appointed to the TfGMC by the GMCA;
- Agree that the TfGMC Operating Agreement be amended to reflect the above changes;
- Agree that the TfGMC Terms of Reference be amended to ensure that they reflect the Mayor of Greater Manchester's current transport powers; and
- Agree that the Operating Agreement and Terms of Reference of the TfGMC be further reviewed in 2019/20 when the final Mayoral transport powers are agreed by Order.

The Constitution and Nomination Committee is requested to recommend that Council:

- Agree the above recommendations;
 - Appoint two members to the TfGMC; and
 - Nominate one further member to be appointed to the TfGMC by the GMCA.
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Wards Affected

All

| Manchester Strategy outcomes | Summary of the contribution to the strategy |
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| A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities | <p>The Our Manchester Strategy sets out the vision for the city to 2025.</p> <p>The TfGMC is a joint committee of the ten GM district councils and the GMCA (and in future also of the Mayor of Greater Manchester). It is responsible for advising the GMCA on transport policy, recommending how much money is spent on supporting public transport and monitoring the quality and performance of transport services. TfGM (formerly the GMPTE) carries out the transport decisions of the GMCA, the TfGMC and the Mayor of Greater Manchester.</p> <p>The work of the TfGMC will contribute to the Our Manchester Strategy.</p> |
| A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success | |
| A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities | |
| A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work | |
| A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth | |

Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

Financial Consequences – Revenue

Changes to the membership of the TfGMC would be expected to have financial implications in respect of the special responsibility allowances paid under the Council's Members' Allowance Scheme.

Financial Consequences – Capital

None

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

There are no background documents for this report.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 On 29 June 2018 the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) resolved that the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (TfGMC) membership be reduced to 23 members. It further resolved that each of the Greater Manchester district councils be requested to agree the recommendations in this report.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The TfGMC is a joint committee of the GMCA and the ten district councils in Greater Manchester. It is responsible for advising the GMCA on transport policy, recommending how much money is spent on supporting public transport and monitoring the quality and performance of transport services. TfGM (formerly the GMPTE) carries out the transport decisions of the GMCA and the TfGMC.

- 2.2 There are currently 33 members on the TfGMC appointed by the ten GM district councils as follows:

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| Bolton | 3 |
| Bury | 2 |
| Manchester | 5 |
| Oldham | 3 |
| Rochdale | 3 |
| Salford | 3 |
| Stockport | 4 |
| Tameside | 3 |
| Trafford | 3 |
| Wigan | 4 |

- 2.3 Through a series of devolution deals, the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the GMCA now have a broad range of responsibilities, of which transport is just one. At the same time, a new Greater Manchester Strategy is now in place with newly defined priorities recognising the important role of transport in connecting people to jobs and opportunities both at a local and city region level. These changes have presented an opportunity to reflect on existing transport governance arrangements, the new powers of the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the GMCA and the joint working with district councils to ensure these transport governance arrangements are transparent, accountable, modern and efficient.

3.0 Proposal

- 3.1 The GMCA has therefore proposed that the TfGMC remains a joint committee of the ten GM district councils and the GMCA (and in future also of the Mayor of Greater Manchester). The GMCA considers the joint committee route to be necessary if transport is to be dealt with in an integrated way with delegated authority from each district to carry out some of its transport functions. The

TfGMC also requires members with detailed local knowledge of their area to respond to, for example, proposed changes in bus services routes.

3.2 The GMCA has also proposed that the membership of the TfGMC be reduced from 33 to 23 with the appointments to be made as follows:

- Each of the 10 Greater Manchester district councils shall:
 - appoint one member (save for Manchester City Council which shall appoint two members (based on population and therefore financial contribution to the levy)),
 - nominate one member to be appointed to the TfGMC by the GMCA to ensure political balance;
- The GMCA shall appoint one member;
- The Mayor of Greater Manchester shall nominate one further member to be appointed to the TfGMC by the GMCA.

3.3 The GMCA has requested that each of the 10 district councils appoint its Transport and Highways Portfolio Lead to the TfGMC.

3.4 The GMCA has further requested that each of the 10 GM district agree further supplemental proposals that are contained in the recommendations to this report.

4.0 Approval Process

4.1 Because the TfGMC discharges both executive and non-executive functions, the approval of Manchester City Council's Executive and Full Council is required.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 Recommendations are set out at the front of this report.