Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Meeting:

GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2040, OUR FIVE YEAR DELIVERY PLAN (2020-2025) AND LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Alongside work to prepare a refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS) and the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) has been working with the GMCA, the ten Greater Manchester councils and the Greater Manchester Mayor to prepare new, and updated, transport strategy documents that cover our entire city-region.

1.2 This work includes a refreshed version of our long-term, statutory local transport plan - the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 - and a final version of Our Five-Year Delivery Plan (2020-2025) which sets out the practical actions planned to deliver the Strategy over the next 5 years. In addition, ten new Local Implementation Plans have also been prepared (one for each Greater Manchester council).

1.3 The purpose of this report is to provide details of the content and publication arrangements for the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040, Our Five Year Delivery Plan (2020-2025) and Local Implementation Plans. The report considers these documents alongside other planned strategic activities.

1.4 Members are recommended to endorse the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 and the final version of Our Five-Year Delivery Plan for approval by GMCA and publication in November 2020, alongside GMSF.

1.5 Members are also recommended to approve the publication of the supporting Stockport Local Implementation Plan as an appendix to Our Five-Year Delivery Plan, acknowledging that these are “live” documents and will be subject to regular review and update as appropriate.

2 THE GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2040

2.1 First published in February 2017, the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 (hereafter referred to as the “2040 Transport Strategy”) is our city-region’s statutory transport plan. Over three years after the Strategy was first published, its 2040 Vision - for Greater Manchester to have ‘**World class connections that support long-term, sustainable economic growth and access to opportunity for all’** – remains highly relevant. The steps that need to be taken to achieve this Vision have evolved significantly, however.

2.2 The initial version of the 2040 Strategy made clear that we would ‘review our Strategy on a regular basis to respond to changing trends and new

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opportunities and priorities'. The Strategy has therefore undergone a 'light touch' policy refresh to reflect work undertaken, and the changed context, since 2017.

2.3 In particular, the refreshed 2040 Transport Strategy will include reference to: the "Right-Mix" ambition for at least 50% of all journeys to be made by active travel and public transport by 2040; details of the GM Mayor's 'Our Network' plan to create an integrated, modern and accessible transport network; an increased emphasis on the importance of cycling and walking; the climate emergency declared by GMCA and all ten councils; and the development of the GM Clean Air Plan.

2.4 The document has also been updated to reflect the contemporary devolution agenda, including publication of the Bus Reform business case and GM Rail Prospectus; ongoing work to develop our 2040 sub-strategies including: Streets for All, City Centre Transport Strategy, Local Bus Strategy, Rapid Transit Strategy, Freight Strategy; and further development of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, including the growing emphasis placed on regenerating town centres.

2.5 The refreshed 2040 Transport Strategy will be published in early November.

3 OUR FIVE-YEAR DELIVERY PLAN

3.1 The long-term approach to planning our transport network, set out in the 2040 Transport Strategy, is underpinned by a series of five-year Delivery Plans. The first Delivery Plan (2016-2017 to 2021-2022) was published in 2017, alongside the 2040 Transport Strategy.

3.2 An updated, draft Delivery Plan was published for consultation – alongside the first version of the GMSF - in January 2019. A final version of this document has now been prepared.

3.3 Our Five-Year Delivery Plan sets out the practical actions planned, over the next 5 years, to deliver the 2040 Transport Strategy and achieve the transport ambitions of the GMCA and the Mayor, in parallel with the development of the GMSF. Together, these documents offer an integrated approach to transport and land use planning, by identifying the strategic transport interventions required to deliver the scale of growth set out in the GMSF.

3.4 The Delivery Plan also helps to inform the continued development of the Greater Manchester Infrastructure Programme (GMIP). It provides details of GM's updated transport asks of government when it comes to funding, powers and functions.

3.5 Our Five-Year Delivery Plan supports the implementation of "Our Network", a ten-year plan to create an integrated, modern and accessible transport network for Greater Manchester. It brings together different modes of public transport - bus, tram, rail, tram-train - and cycling and walking, in an integrated, easy-to-use system with seamless connections, and simplified ticketing and fares. The Delivery Plan document also provides updates on

Clean Air Plan proposals; Streets for All scheme delivery; the Bee Network and measures to support bus and rail reform.

3.6 Our Five-Year Delivery Plan will be published in support of the GMSF consultation in early November.

4 LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

4.1 Our Five-Year Delivery Plan is supported by ten Local Implementation Plans (LIPs) covering the period 2020 to 2025. Each of the ten councils that make up Greater Manchester has its own LIP. The LIPs are designed to:

- Complement the 2040 Transport Strategy and Our Five Year Delivery Plan, providing details of how their outcomes will be achieved locally in each council area, focusing particularly on supporting local trips within neighbourhoods and to local centres;

- Support wider GM and council strategy and policy documents (e.g. Local Plans, town centre masterplans, GM Clean Air Plan, GMSF);

- Summarise key local transport issues and opportunities in each local authority, providing an added layer of local detail that is not provided in the 2040 Transport Strategy document.

4.2 It is also hoped that the LIPs will enable us to better articulate the local transport and minor works interventions that need to be delivered or developed in the short term, to support Right-Mix and Carbon Reduction targets. They are also helpful when it comes to setting out a programme of priority local transport and minor works interventions for the next five years, and will help to provide a basis against which future local transport and minor works funding is allocated for local delivery.

4.3 The LIPs will be included in an appendix to the final version of Our Five-Year Delivery Plan. They will be 'live' documents for a period of time, and will be updated as councils develop and publish transport plans and strategies, or as new schemes are developed or delivered.

5 IMPLICATIONS FOR STOCKPORT

5.1 The Stockport Local Implementation Plan has been drafted to summarise the key local transport issues and opportunities specific to Stockport, and the transport interventions that need to be delivered or developed in the next 5 years.

5.2 This document will help clearly articulate the borough's immediate transport investment priorities and will support the allocation of future local transport funding.

5.3 The document aligns fully with the principles and projects set out in the draft SEMMMS Refresh, which was subject to public consultation in 2018. The document also reflects the Council's wider strategic ambitions relating to air quality, climate change and active communities.

5.4 The document will be a live document and will be updated as scheme development work is undertaken on individual schemes.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Members are recommended to endorse the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 and the final version of Our Five-Year Delivery Plan for approval by GMCA and publication in November 2020, alongside GMSF.

6.2 Members are also recommended to approve the publication of the supporting Local Implementation Plan as an appendix to Our Five-Year Delivery Plan, acknowledging that these are "live" documents and will be subject to regular review and update as appropriate.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Sue Stevenson, Head of Highways and Transportation on telephone number 0161 474 4351 or alternatively email sue.stevenson@stockport.gov.uk