

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET- SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: THE BEE NETWORK - IMPROVING GREATER MANCHESTER'S TRANSPORT GOVERNANCE

Report to Cabinet

Date: 27.06.23

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services

Key Decision: (b) Y

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

Local control of the GM transport network, and bus franchising in particular, will change the type and number of decisions being made. GM therefore needs to change the make-up of its decision-making bodies so as to ensure GM's new responsibilities are discharged in an effective and transparent way. This report clarifies how GM intend to do this and requests a member for the committee representing Stockport be agreed.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

I recommend that as a part of Greater Manchester Combined Authority the council agree to the recommendations of the report. Concerns were raised at the Scrutiny Committee about how decision making, and scrutiny would take place in future.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

The Cabinet is recommended to consider the proposed changes to the governance arrangements for transport in Greater Manchester and agree to the following in so far as they relate to the discharge of executive functions, and recommend to the Council Meeting that it approve the same in so far as they relate to non-executive functions:-

- Agree to the establishment of a new joint transport committee (the Bee Network Committee) of the GMCA, the Mayor and the ten Greater Manchester constituent councils.
- Approve the appointment of members to the Bee Network Committee as set out in Appendix 1 and appoint the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services, and 1 substitute member to the Bee Network Committee.
- Approve the Terms of Reference of the Bee Network Committee as set out in Appendix 2.
- Note the delegation of the functions of the GMCA as set out in the Terms of Reference to the Bee Network Committee and note the delegation of Mayoral functions as set out in the Terms of Reference, attached at Appendix 2.
- Agree the delegation of the functions of the Local Authority Constituent Councils as set out in the Terms of Reference, attached at Appendix 2 (which for the avoidance of doubt are the same delegations given to the former Transport Committee).
- Approve the Rules of Procedure for the Bee Network Committee as set out in

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(e)**
Communities & Transport

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(f)**

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'Urgent Business': (g) **/ No (Please circle)**

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.
