

CORPORATE, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL IMPACT OF BUS FRANCHISING SCRUTINY REVIEW
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Scrutiny Review Panel: Cllr McCann (Chair), Cllr Hunter, Cllr Meal and Cllr Stewart

Lead Officers – Michael Cullen, Jonathan Davies, Kora Yohannan and Sue Stevenson

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL IMPACT OF BUS FRANCHISING	
Aims and Objectives	
1. Aim	To provide assurance on the financial impact of bus franchising and any associated risks to Stockport Council.
2. Objective(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding both the capital and revenue aspects of the Greater Manchester bus reform scheme, the funding sources and associated risks; 2. Reviewing the potential implications for Stockport for both capital and revenue financing; and, 3. Identify opportunities to support bus reform / franchising in Stockport and to minimise any adverse financial and risk implications.
Methodology	
4. Timescale	<p>Scoping meeting: Session 1 – 14 November 2023</p> <p>Evidence gathering: Session 2 – 12 December 2023 and session 3 if required</p> <p>Final report to Committee: 21 January 2023 / 4 March 2024</p> <p>Date of final report to Cabinet: 4 February 2024 / 18 March 2024</p>

<p>5. Review Session 1</p>	<p>Date of Meeting: 14 November 2023</p> <p>Purpose of Session: To consider the scope of the review and gain an understanding of the current funding of transport via the transport levy, statutory charge and approach to fares and ticketing, and current key risks. Providing an overview of Bus Franchising and Reform</p> <p>Potential Lines of Enquiry: To review current funding of transport and the revenue and capital implications of bus franchising and any associated risks. To agree future lines of enquiry and additional information requests / briefing notes.</p> <p>Witnesses: Michael Cullen, Jonathan Davies, Kora Yohannan and Sue Stevenson.</p>
<p>6. Review Session 2</p>	<p>Date of Meeting: 12 December 2023</p> <p>Purpose of Session: To look further at the specific key lines of enquiry agreed in the first review session.</p> <p>Potential Lines of Enquiry: To consider the information submitted to date and additional detail and information provided by colleagues from TfGM following lines of enquiry identified at session 1. Look to commence drawing together the conclusions from the review which will look to include a number of recommendations for the Corporate, Resource Management and Governance Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.</p> <p>Witnesses: Colleagues from TfGM and Council Officers as per session 1</p>
<p>7. Additional Evidence Gathering</p>	<p>Witnesses and Invited Guest:</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>Background Papers:</p> <p>TBC.</p>

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