

Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel

26 July 2022

Commenced: 6.00pm

Terminated: 7.15pm

Present: Councillors Cartey (Chair), Chadwick, Glover, Robinson, Roderick

Apologies: Councillors Gosling, A Holland, Mills

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by members of the Scrutiny Panel.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel held on 8 March 2022 were approved as a correct record.

3. TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

The Panel welcomed Councillor Jan Jackson, Executive Member (Transport, Planning & Connectivity); Nick Fenwick, Interim Director of Place; Ian Palmer, Head of Modelling and Analysis, TfGM; and Rosalind O'Driscoll, Head of Policy, TfGM, to receive an update on regional strategy and priorities, to include key projects and developments with a focus on transport and infrastructure in Tameside.

Members received an update of transport policy, strategy development, challenges and opportunities. This included detail specific to the:

- Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040
- 5 year environment plan
- Capital programme
- Network update
- Bus reform
- Clean Air
- Decarbonisation

The panel heard that the strategic vision is for 50% of all journeys in Greater Manchester (GM) to be made by walking, cycling and public transport by 2040. A number of network principles, key assumptions and policies have been identified and factored within the strategy. This includes the ambition and requirement of zero net traffic growth.

Mr Palmer introduced the Five Year Transport Delivery Plan (2021-2026), which forms part of the wider strategy. The delivery plan identifies the correlation between the overarching vision, network principles and a more customer-focused transport system. This includes aspects such as reliability, safety, integration, maintenance and environmental responsibility.

It was reported that Local Implementation Plans (LIPs) are live documents, with a focus on supporting local trips within neighbourhoods and to town centres. Tameside's LIP summarises key local transport issues and opportunities. This provides the added layer of local detail to support the required transport mix and carbon reduction targets. Further detail was provided on

the future examination in public of Tameside's LIP.

Transport accounts for around one-third of carbon emissions in GM. In addition to a regional commitment and credible infrastructure plan, this requires a significant and rapid shift to active travel and public transport, in order to reduce traffic volume and schemes to support transition to zero emission vehicles.

Members reviewed Tameside schemes that form part of the City Region Sustainable Transport settlement (CRSTS). This includes the:

- Streets for All Programme
- Bus Programme
- Rail Programme

As part of a capital programme there is an accelerated priority list to come from district areas. Mr Palmer provided detail on the priority investment maps, separated to show projects for delivery in the next five years; projects to complete a business case in the next five years; and options for projects to be developed in the next five years.

The Executive Member and officers responded to a number of questions from the Panel on:

- TfGM's current and future engagement methods with elected members and the local authority to inform both strategy and delivery plans.
- The role of TfGM to improve access to public transport, affordability, review the network and future accountability of service providers.
- Clean air and plans to establish a reduced and zero emission bus fleet across GM.
- Opportunities that may arise as part of future devolution arrangements.
- Electric vehicle ownership and charging, including the challenges and barriers for local residents and the number of properties with on-street parking in Tameside.

Resolved: That Cllr Jackson, Mr Fenwick, Mr Palmer and Ms O'Driscoll be thanked for attending the meeting.

4. CORPORATE PLAN SCORECARD

The Panel received the Corporate Plan Scorecard for information.

5. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

Tameside Scrutiny Panels are required to publish an Annual Work Programme of planned activity. Scrutiny will continue to adopt a combination of approaches to review service and performance updates, respond to formal consultations, focus reports of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and areas in need of more in-depth review.

The Chair presented the agreed Annual Work Programme for the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel. Discussion followed on the priority of topics and the timetable for future meetings. The Chair confirmed that the following topics will now be explored to inform future updates and review:

- Next steps for town centres and regeneration
- Delivery of environmental and climate change improvements

The Chair also advised members that certain aspects of activity would continue to take place outside of the formal meetings.

6. CHAIR'S UPDATE

The Chair updated members on the following matters.

- Scrutiny and Overview Chairs received role specific training, delivered by the Local Government Association (LGA) on 20 July.
- Scrutiny reports well received at Overview Panel on 25 July 2022, with a paper providing the summary of work completed during the 2021/22 municipal year.
- All Scrutiny members invited to attend a training session delivered by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny on 5 September 2022. A choice of two training sessions at 1pm and 6pm offered.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel will take place on Tuesday 20 September 2022.

8. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

CHAIR