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Planning

Transport for Greater Manchester E-Scooter Trial

Transport for Greater Manchester

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Scope

Description

Greater Manchester is building the Bee Network; an integrated transport network across Bus, Tram Active Travel and eventually rail, by 2028. Greater Manchester has a developing network of micromobility schemes, which have grown in a patchwork regulatory environment. Greater Manchester is at a critical juncture with regards to the provision of bike and e-scooter hire. The English Devolution Bill sets out new regulations for micromobility licensing, and with a framework due in the near future. Before this legislation comes into force, the Department for Transport has offered local authorities the opportunity to apply to run e-scooter trials in their areas up to 2028.

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Salford City Council have a non-proprietary e-scooter trial, provided by Lime, in Salford. The operator takes responsibility for setting prices and branding through a concession. TfGM are in the process of understanding the current appetite from districts to launch e-scooter trials, through the latest Department for Transport call for new rental e-scooter trial areas, which are likely to be approved if they demonstrate innovation or learning

opportunities.

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Respondents must be an accredited operator as approved by CoMoUK.

Total value (estimated)

- £207,720 excluding VAT
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Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 1 June 2028
- 2 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 34000000 - Transport equipment and auxiliary products to transportation
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

4 March 2026

Engagement process description

Transport for Greater Manchester is looking to conduct an e-scooter trial on behalf of the 6 districts within the Greater Manchester area. This notice is to ready the market for an Request for Information/Expression of Interest which will be published in the next fortnight.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

5 March 2026

Contracting authority

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