

GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

- DATE: Friday, 27th September, 2024
- TIME: 10.00 am
- VENUE: Banqueting Room, Leigh Sports Village, Leigh Stadium, Sale Way, Leigh, WN7 4JY

AGENDA

23. Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loans Fund - 1 - 4 Investment Variation Recommendation

Report of City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing First.

24. Greater Manchester Investment Framework, Conditional 5 - 18 Project Approval

Report of Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources & Investment.

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PART B

| 26. | Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loans 3 | 19 - 22 |
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| | Fund - Investment Variation Recommendation | |
| | Report of City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing First. | |
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27.GreaterManchesterInvestmentFramework, 323 - 40Conditional Project Approval

Report of Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead Resources & Investment.

| Name | Organisation | Political Party |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| GM Mayor Andy Burnham | GMCA | Labour |
| Councillor Arooj Shah | Oldham Council | Labour |
| Councillor Tom Ross | Trafford | Labour |
| Councillor Mark Hunter | Stockport | Liberal Democrats |
| Councillor Neil Emmott | Rochdale | Labour |
| Councillor Gerald Cooney | Tameside Council | Labour |
| Councillor Nicholas Peel | Bolton Council | Labour |
| Councillor Eamonn O'Brien | Bury Council | Labour |
| City Mayor Paul Dennett | Salford City Council | Labour |
| Councillor David Molyneux | Wigan Council | Labour |
| Councillor Bev Craig | Manchester CC | Labour |

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Agenda Item 23

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

- Date: 27 September 2024
- Subject: Greater Manchester Housing Investment Loans Fund Investment Variation Recommendation
- Report of: Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing First, and Steve Rumbelow, Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Place Based Regeneration & Housing

Purpose of Report

This report seeks the Combined Authority's approval to a variation of the terms for the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loan detailed in the recommendation below.

Recommendations:

The Combined Authority is requested to:

 Approve a variation to the terms of the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund Ioan detailed in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report;

| BORROWER | SCHEME | DISTRICT | LOAN |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------|----------|
| Manchester New Square | Manchester New | Manchester | £26.700m |
| Limited Partnership | Square | | |

2. Delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer acting in consultation with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

Contact Officers

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Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

The Equalities Impact and Carbon & Sustainability Assessment for the Manchester New Square scheme is given below:

| Impacts Questio | nnai | re | | | | | | |
|---|----------|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Impact Indicator | Result | | | Justificatio | on/Mitigation | | | |
| Equality and Inclusion | | | | | | | | |
| Health | | | | | | | | |
| Resilience and Adaptation | | | | | | | | |
| Housing | G | Central Manchester | r. | | | t is on a brownfield site in | | |
| Economy | G | professional service | es sector. The | development | •• | thin the GM construction & les for on-the-job training, and legislation. | | |
| Mobility and Connectivity | | | | | | | | |
| Carbon, Nature and Environment | | | | | | | | |
| Consumption and Production | | | | | | | | |
| Contribution to achieving GM Carbon Neutral 2038 | | | | | | | | |
| Further Assessment(s): | | Equalities Impact | Assessment | and Carbon A | Assessment | | | |
| Positive impacts over whether long or sho term. | | Mix of positive negative impa offs to conside | cts. Trade- | least one | egative, with at e positive aspect. fs to consider. | positive aspect. Negative impacts overall. | | |
| Carbon Assessm | | | | | | | | |
| | ent | 1 | | | | | | |
| Overall Score | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Buildings | Result | | | | on/Mitigation | | | |
| New Build residential | | | | | uilding Regulations. lose proximity to sig | The development is gnificant amenity. | | |
| Residential building(s) renovation/maintenance | N/A | | | | | | | |
| New Build Commercial/ Industrial Transport | N/A | | | | | | | |
| Active travel and public transport | N/A | | | | | | | |
| Roads, Parking and Vehicle Access | N/A | | | | | | | |
| Access to amenities | N/A | | | | | | | |
| Vehicle procurement | N/A | | | | | | | |
| Land Use | | | | | | | | |
| Land use | N/A | | | | | | | |
| No associated carbon impacts expected. | te an | gh standard in rms of practice nd awareness on rbon. | - | est practice od level of s on | Partially meets best practice/ awarenest significant room to improve. | ss, and/ or insufficient | | |

Risk Management

The security for the loan in order to mitigate risk is set out in the accompanying Part B report.

Legal Considerations

An amendment to the loan facility agreement will be completed.

Financial Consequences – Revenue

The borrower will be required to meet the Fund's legal and due diligence in connection with the variation, and there is no requirement for additional revenue expenditure by GMCA in addition to the approved Core Investment Team budget.

Financial Consequences – Capital

The loan is sourced from the £300m GM Housing Investment Loans Fund, including the recycling of loans repaid to the Fund.

Number of attachments to the report: None

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

None.

Background Papers

- Housing Investment Fund (report to GMCA, 27 February 2015)
- GM Housing Investment Loans Fund Investment Approval Recommendation (report to GMCA, 29 September 2017)
- GM Housing Investment Loans Fund Revised Investment Strategy (report to GMCA, 25 October 2019)
- GM Housing Investment Loans Fund Investment Approval Recommendations (report to GMCA, 30 September 2022)

Tracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

Yes

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

No

1. Variation Approval

- 1.1 At its meeting in September 2017 the Combined Authority approved a £51m loan from the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund ("the Fund") for the development of 351 apartments known as Manchester New Square on Princess Street in Manchester city centre.
- 1.2 In September 2022 the Combined Authority agreed to restructure the development's funding with up to £26.7m of the repayments which had been made to the Fund being re-borrowed.
- 1.3 The borrower Manchester New Square Limited Partnership, a joint venture between GM Pension Fund and Urban & Civic Plc – has requested a variation to the loan terms, which has been recommended for approval by the Fund's Credit Committee. These are detailed in the accompanying Part B report, to be treated as confidential on account of the commercially sensitive nature of the information.



Agenda Item 24

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Date: 27th September 2024

Subject: Greater Manchester Investment Framework, Conditional Project Approval

Report of: Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources & Investment and Steve Wilson, Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Investment

Purpose of Report

This report seeks Greater Manchester Combined Authority ("Combined Authority" and "GMCA") approval of three investments through GMCA's new Advanced Manufacturing and Materials Investment Fund, GM Advance. The GMCA is also asked to agree the update on its loan to Holiferm Ltd contained in the Part B report.

In addition, the GMCA is asked to note that an equity investment of up to £750k to Watercycle Technologies Limited and an update on an existing loan to Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce have been approved under delegation.

Further details regarding the investments and update are included in the accompanying Part B report to be considered in the confidential part of the agenda due to the commercially sensitive nature of the information.

Recommendations

The GMCA is requested to:

- 1. approve an equity investment of £50,000 to NeuWave Technologies Limited.
- 2. approve an equity investment of £50,000 to Verciti Ltd.
- 3. approve an equity investment of £50,000 to H2Origin Ltd.
- 4. agree the changes to the terms of the existing loan to Holiferm Ltd in line with the update provided in the confidential part of the agenda.
- 5. note an equity investment of up to £750k to Watercycle Technologies Limited, approved under delegation.
- 6. note amendments to the terms of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce loan in line with the update provided in the confidential part of the agenda.

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7. delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above loans, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the investments, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investments and loans noted above.

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Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment

| Impacts Question | onnair | e | | |
|---|--------|--|---|---------------------------|
| Impact Indicator | Result | | Justification/Mitigation | |
| Equality and Inclusion | | | | |
| Health | | | | |
| Resilience and Adaptation | | | | |
| Housing | | | | |
| Economy | G | | | |
| Mobility and Connectivity | | | | |
| Carbon, Nature and Environment | G | | | |
| Consumption and Production | | | | |
| Contribution to achievin IGM Carbon Neutral 2038 | - | | | |
| Further Assessment(s |): N | N/A | | |
| Positive impacts ow whether long or sho term. | | Mix of positive and negative impacts. Trade- offs to consider. | Mostly negative, with at least one positive aspect. Trade-offs to consider. | Negative impacts overall. |

A) NeuWave Technologies Limited

| Carbon Assessm | nent | | | | | | - |
|--|----------|--|---|------|---|---|----|
| Overall Score | | | | | | | |
| Buildings | Result | : | Justifica | tion | /Mitigation | | |
| New Build residential | N/A | | | | | | |
| Residential building(s) renovation/maintenanc | N/A | | | | | | |
| New Build Commercial/ Industrial | N/A | | | | | | |
| Transport | | | | | | | |
| Active travel and public transport | N/A | | | | | | |
| Roads, Parking and Vehicle Access | N/A | | | | | | |
| Access to amenities | N/A | | | | | | |
| Vehicle procurement | N/A | | | | | | |
| Land Use | | | | | | | |
| Land use | N/A | | | | | | ij |
| No associated carbon impacts expected. | te ar | igh standard in erms of practice nd awareness on arbon. | Mostly best practice with a good level of awareness on carbon. | | Partially meets best practice/ awareness, significant room to improve. | Not best practice and/ or insufficient awareness of carbo impacts. | |

B) Verciti Ltd

| Recommendatio | on - k | Yey points for decision-makers | | | | |
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| Impacts Questionnaire | | | | | | |
| Impact Indicator | Result | Justification/Mitigation | | | | |
| Equality and Inclusion | G | | | | | |
| Health | | | | | | |
| Resilience and Adaptation | | | | | | |
| Housing | | | | | | |
| Economy | G | Supporting advanced research roles in life sciences in Greater Manchester. Investment will increase skilled work opportunities. Investment will attract inward investment in life sciences. | | | | |
| Mobility and Connectivity | | | | | | |
| Carbon, Nature and Environment | G | The company is focused on supporting the adoption and rollup of green technologies to accelerate the transition to net zero. | | | | |
| Consumption and Production | | | | | | |
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| Contribution to achiev the GM Carbon Neutra target | - | The company is focused on supporting the adoption and rollup of green technologies to accelerate the transition to net zero. | | | | |
| Further Assessment(s) | : | Equalities Impact Assessment | | | | |
| G Positive impacts whether long or term. | - | A Mix of positive and negative impacts. Trade- offs to consider. Mostly negative, with at least one positive aspect. RR Negative impacts overall. | | | | |

| Carbon Assessn | nent | | | | | |
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| Overall Score | | | | | | |
| Buildings | Result | | Justifica | tion | /Mitigation | |
| New Build residential | N/A | | | | | |
| building(s) renovation/maintenan | N/A | | | | | |
| New build non- residential (including public) buildings | N/A | | | | | |
| Transport | | | | | | |
| Active travel and public transport | N/A | | | | | |
| Roads, Parking and Vehicle Access | N/A | | | | | |
| Access to amenities | N/A | | | | | |
| Vehicle procurement | N/A | | | | | |
| Land Use | | | | | | |
| Land use | N/A | | | | | |
| No associated carbon impacts expected. | te ar | igh standard in erms of practice nd awareness on erbon. | Mostly best practice with a good level of awareness on carbon. | | Partially meets best practice/ awareness, significant room to improve. | Not best practice and/ or insufficient awareness of carbor impacts. |

C) H2Origins Ltd

| Recommendation - Key points for decision-makers | | | | | |
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| Impacts Questio | nnai | re | | | |
| Impact Indicator | Result | Justification/Mitigation | | | |
| Equality and Inclusion | | | | | |
| Health | | | | | |
| Resilience and Adaptation | | | | | |
| Housing | | | | | |
| Economy | G | The company is based in GM, and the development of their product is regionally based. As the company matures further jobs will be created locally. The company is based in GM, and the development of their product is regionally based. As the company matures further jobs will be created locally. The investment will support the creation of new work opportunities while the company has commitments for the upskilling of the workforce, enabling people in GM to progress and or retain good employment opportunities. | | | |
| Mobility and Connectivity | | | | | |
| Carbon, Nature and Environment | G | The company is actively looking to promote and educate on the need to reduce the use of single-use plastic bottles, whilst at the same time providing consumer with enhanced water facilities. | | | |
| Consumption and Production | | | | | |
| Contribution to achievi the GM Carbon Neutra target | - | The proposal has a direct impact in the use and consumption of single-use plastic bottles. The company is committed to achieving a carbon neutral operating model, therefore supporting GMCA's ambitions both from a consumer perspective and from an operational approach. | | | |
| Further Assessment(s) | : | N/A | | | |
| G Positive impacts whether long or sterm. | | Mix of positive and negative impacts. Trade- offs to consider.Mostly negative, with at least one positive aspect. Trade-offs to consider.RNegative impacts overall. | | | |

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| Carbon Assessm | ent | | | | | 7 |
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| New Build residential | N/A | | | | | i |
| building(s) renovation/maintenan | N/A | | | | | |
| New build non- residential (including public) buildings | N/A | | | | | |
| Transport | | | | | | |
| Active travel and public transport | N/A | | | | | |
| Roads, Parking and Vehicle Access | N/A | | | | | i |
| Access to amenities | N/A | | | | | |
| Vehicle procurement | N/A | | | | | |
| Land Use | | | | | | i |
| Land use | N/A | | | | | |
| No associated carbon impacts expected. | 1 | High standard in terms of practice and awareness on tarbon. | Mostly best practice with a good level of awareness on carbon. | | Partially meets best practice/ awareness, significant room to improve. | practice sufficient s of carbon |

D) Holiferm Limited

| Recommendation - Key points for decision-makers | | | | | | | | |
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| Impacts Questionnaire | | | | | | | | |
| Impact Indicator | Result | Justification/Mitigation | | | | | | |
| Equality and Inclusion | | | | | | | | |
| Health | | | | | | | | |
| Resilience and Adaptation | | | | | | | | |
| Housing | | | | | | | | |
| Economy | G | Supporting advanced research roles in life sciences in Greater Manchester. Investment will increase skilled work opportunities. Investment will attract inward investment in life sciences. | | | | | | |
| Mobility and Connectivity | | | | | | | | |
| Carbon, Nature and Environment | G | Technology of companies production process is a low carbon alternative to traditional surfactant production processes. | | | | | | |
| Consumption and Production | | | | | | | | |
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| Contribution to achiev the GM Carbon Neutral target | - | The proposal will indirectly contribute to GM's carbon neutral targets. The company has developed a manufacturing process that currently reduces 1.5CO2 tonnes per tonne produced, a 50% reduction when compared to traditional petrochemical products. The Company has a commitment to become net zero, and this will be | | | | | | |
| Further Assessment(s) | : | N/A | | | | | | |
| Positive impacts G whether long or term. | | Mix of positive and A negative impacts. Trade- offs to consider. Mostly negative, with at least one positive aspect. RR Trade-offs to consider. RR | | | | | | |

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| building(s) renovation/maintenan | N/A | | | | |
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E) Watercycle Technologies Limited

| Impacts Question | onnaire | e | | |
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| Impact Indicator | Result | | Justification/Mitigation | |
| Equality and Inclusion | | | | |
| Health | | | | |
| Resilience and Adaptation | | | | |
| Housing | | | | |
| Economy | G | | | i |
| Mobility and Connectivity | | | | |
| Carbon, Nature and Environment | G | | | |
| Consumption and Production | | | | |
| Contribution to achievin IGM Carbon Neutral 2038 | | | | |
| Further Assessment(s |): N/ | /Α | | |
| Positive impacts ow whether long or she term. | | Mix of positive and negative impacts. Trade- offs to consider. | Mostly negative, with at least one positive aspect. Trade-offs to consider. | Negative impacts overall. |

| Carbon Assessm | nent | | | | | |
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| Access to amenities | N/A | | | | | |
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F) Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce

| Impacts Questionnaire | | | | | | | | |
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| Impact Indicator | Result | | | Justificat | tion/Mitigation | | | |
| Equality and Inclusion | | | | | | | | |
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| Resilience and Adaptation | | | | | | | | |
| Housing | | | | | | | | |
| Economy | G | | | | s Greater Manchester across Greater Mancł | nester | | |
| Mobility and Connectivity | | | | | | | | |
| Carbon, Nature and Environment | | | | | | | | |
| Consumption and Production | | | | | | | | |
| Contribution to achiev Carbon Neutral 2038 ta | _ | N/A | | | | | | |
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| New build non- residential (including public) buildings | N/A | | | | | | | |
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| Roads, Parking and Vehicle Access | N/A | | | | | | | |
| Access to amenities | N/A | | | | | | | |
| Vehicle procurement | N/A | | | | | | | |
| Land Use | | | | | | | | |
| Land use | N/A | | | | | | | |
| No associated | High st | andard in | Mostly bes | t practice | Partially meets best | Not best practice | | |

Risk Management

The investments recommended in this paper will be governed under the existing investment framework which includes several levels of review and ongoing monitoring of performance.

Legal Considerations

The legal agreements will be based upon the existing templates for the GM Investment Fund, amended for the specific requirements of the individual funding arrangements and commensurate with the level of investment for GM Advance Micro-Equity investments.

Financial Consequences – Revenue

Any dividend income received from these equity investments will be applied to revenue reserves.

Financial Consequences – Capital

Proposed equity investments from GM Advance will be funded from Investment Zone capital grant. The proposed equity investment to Watercycle will be funded from capital receipts. Any sale of shares in the future will result in a capital receipt for the Authority.

Number of attachments to the report

None.

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

Tracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution?

Yes

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

No.

Bee Network Committee

N/A

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

N/A

1. Introduction/Background

1.1. Background:

- 1.1.1. The Combined Authority maintains and develops a pipeline of projects submitted by applicants seeking funding from the Combined Authority's Investment Funds allocation. These projects are assessed against criteria based on the GM Investment Strategy, developed to underpin the economic growth of Greater Manchester. A condition of investment is that the companies sign up as (at a minimum) a supporter of the Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter.
- 1.1.2. In June 2024, as part of GMCA's Investment Zone package, an allocation of £10m was made to establish a Revolving Investment Fund to directly invest in the Advanced Manufacturing and Materials sector, named GM Advance. This report includes the first recommendations for investment from this allocation.
- 1.1.3. Recommendations in this report follow on from:
 - an appraisal by the GM Investment Team; and
 - a review by an investment sub-group which includes independent, expert advisors.
- 1.1.4. In addition, the GMCA is asked to note approvals given under delegation granted on 12th July 2024 for the period 13 July 2024 to 26 September 2024 to the Combined Authority Chief Executive and the Combined Authority Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead Leader for Investment and Resources in lieu of an August meeting.

2. Investments Recommended for Approval in Principle

2.1. GM Advance Micro-Equity Recommendations

Sector: Advanced Manufacturing & Materials

2.1.1. GMCA issued its first call for projects through its GM Advance Micro-Equity product (£20-50k) in June 2024, with applications closing in early August. These applications have now been assessed and three projects are recommended for approval as below:

- 2.1.2. NeuWave Technologies Limited (£50k) This is a software start-up building on research completed at University of Manchester looking to drive transition of offshore renewables by increasing the quality of accurate sea wave data through the supply chain. A £50k investment from GM Advance will support the business to scale up development as part of a wider fundraise.
- 2.1.3. H2Origin Limited (£50k) H2Origin was founded in 2022 with the mission of dramatically improving and increasing water dispensing facilities in high footfall locations, to reduce the use of disposable bottles. They supply tech-enabled refilling stations that monitor consumption and ESG metrics, encouraging the reduction of single-use bottles through data monitoring and reporting. The £50k investment through GM Advance will support further development of the product and commercial roll-out alongside equity and grant funding.
- 2.1.4. Verciti Limited (£50k) The project will create a disruptive Educational Technology platform to scale-up volume delivery of industrial digitisation, automotive electrification and net zero skills training using immersive technologies. This will act as an enabler for the Advanced Manufacturing sector in the region. The £50k investment from GM Advance will support the development and roll-out of the platform alongside InnovateUK grant funding.
- 2.1.5. Further details regarding these equity investments are included in the accompanying Part B report to be considered in the confidential part of the agenda due to the commercially sensitive nature of the information.

2.2. Holiferm Limited, Manchester Sector: Life Sciences

2.2.1. GMCA provided a loan of £1m to Holiferm Limited in June 2023 to scale its research and development team at its headquarters in Manchester. An update on the loan to Holiferm Limited is included in the accompanying Part B report to be considered in the confidential part of the agenda due to the commercially sensitive nature of the information.

3. Investments approved under delegation

3.1. Watercycle Technologies Limited, Manchester Sector: Advanced Manufacturing and Materials

- 3.1.1. An equity investment to Watercycle Technologies Limited ("Watercycle") has been approved under delegation. GMCA will invest up to £750k out of a larger investment round.
- 3.1.2. Watercycle designs end-to-end mineral recovery systems which extract highpurity minerals and metals from a wide range of inputs, including geothermal brines, end-of-life batteries and industrial wastewater.
- 3.1.3. The business was established in 2017 following research at the University of Manchester. Since then, the business has developed prototypes at the Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre and developed a full-scale pilot production facility. The pilot project has successfully processed inputs from eight customers, including lithium brines, wastewater and recycled batteries – successfully extracting high value metals at commercially acceptable levels of purity.
- 3.1.4. The business has various patents over its proprietary technology to protect its processes which offer several important advantages over its competitors.
- 3.1.5. It has several strong customer leads for it to progress in the short, medium and long term. The business is undertaking a fundraise to support its move to commercial scale processing and to capitalise on the early customer traction. It will use the funds to support organisational scale-up, increased R&D capacity, working capital and production facilities.
- 3.1.6. Further details regarding the equity investment are included in the accompanying Part B report to be considered in the confidential part of the agenda due to the commercially sensitive nature of the information.

3.2. Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Manchester Sector: Business Support

3.2.1. An update on the amended terms for Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce that were approved under delegation are included in the accompanying Part B report to be considered in the confidential part of the agenda due to the commercially sensitive nature of the information. This page is intentionally left blank

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