

GREATER MANCHESTER ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, 14th January, 2022

TIME: 10.30 am

VENUE: Boardroom, GMCA, Broadhurst House, 56 Oxford
Street, Manchester M1 6EU

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATION AND URGENT BUSINESS**
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** 1 - 4
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To consider the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee, held on 10th December 2021, as a correct record.
- 5. GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE** 13 - 22

To receive an update on the implementation of the GM Local Industrial Strategy.
- 6. REGISTER OF KEY DECISIONS** 23 - 38

Members are asked to note and comment on the GMCA Register of Key Decisions for the period 1st January 2022 to 30th April 2022.

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BURY	OLDHAM	SALFORD	TAMESIDE	WIGAN

7. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

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Members are asked to note and comment on the Committee Work Programme.

8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Friday 4th February 2022, commencing at 10:30 am

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Councillor Ray Dutton	Rochdale	Labour
Councillor Susan Haworth	Bolton	Labour
Councillor Michael Holly	Rochdale	Conservative
Councillor Stephen Homer	Tameside	Labour
Councillor George Hulme	Oldham	Labour
Councillor Jim King	Salford	Labour
Councillor Charles Rigby	Wigan	Labour
Councillor Samuel Rimmer	Bolton	Conservative
Councillor Becky Senior	Stockport Council	Liberal Democrats
Councillor Greg Stanton	Manchester	Labour
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Councillor Michael Winstanley	Wigan	Conservative

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Declaration of Councillors' Interests in Items Appearing on the Agenda

GMCA Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 14 January 2022

Name -

Agenda Item Number	Type of Interest - PERSONAL AND NON PREJUDICIAL Reason for declaration of interest	NON PREJUDICIAL Reason for declaration of interest Type of Interest – PREJUDICIAL Reason for declaration of interest	Type of Interest – DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST Reason for declaration of interest

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1. where the wellbeing, or financial position of you, your partner, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association (people who are more than just an acquaintance) are likely to be affected by the business of the meeting more than it would affect most people in the area.
2. the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

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MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, HELD ON FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2021

Present:

Bury:	Councillor Mary Whitby
Manchester:	Councillor Greg Stanton
Oldham:	Councillor George Hulme Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani (substitute)
Rochdale	Councillor Michael Holly (Chair) Councillor Raymond Dutton
Salford:	Councillor Jim King
Trafford	Councillors Barry Brotherton
Wigan:	Councillor Charles Rigby Councillor Debra Wailes (substitute)

In attendance:-

Andy Burnham, GM Mayor
Councillor Elise Wilson, GM Portfolio Lead for Economy and Business

Officers in attendance: -

GMCA	Joanne Heron, Statutory Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
GMCA	John Wrathmell, Director of Strategy, Research & Economy GMCA
GMCA	Gemma Marsh, Director Education, Skills & Work, GMCA
GMCA	Sharon Kelly, Education, Skills & Work, GMCA
GMCA	Kevin Lee, GM Mayor's Office
GMCA	Oliver Fenton, Governance and Scrutiny, GMCA
GMCA	Paul Harris, Governance and Scrutiny, GMCA

EO&S21/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Michael Winstanley, Susan Haworth, Stephen Homer, Kate Butler and Becky Senior.

Apologies were also received and noted from, Simon Nokes, Executive Director, Policy and Strategy, GMCA and Karen Clarke, GMCA.

EO&S21/17 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

a. Face Coverings

The Chair reminded Members in respect of the new guidance on the wearing of face coverings.

b. Urgent Business

The Chair explained that he had allowed consideration of the Devolved Adult Education Budget item as urgent business in order for the Committee to as a supplement to the agenda.

This report will be considered at the upcoming GMCA meeting. I have allowed this item to be brought to this committee as urgent business to ensure that this Committee to is able to review and comment on the report prior to its consideration by the Combined Authority.

EO&S21/18 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

That the appointment of Councillor Samuel Rimmer (Bolton, Con) as a member of the committee as a replacement for Andrea Finney (Bolton, Con) for the remainder of the 2021-2022 municipal year, be noted.

EO&S21/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by any member in respect of any of the items on the agenda.

EO&S21/20 APPOINTMENT OF A VICE CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE

The Chair sought nominations for the appointment of Vice Chair to the Committee for the remainder of the 2021-2022 municipal year. In his absence, a nomination of Councillor Samuel Rimmer was moved and seconded.

There were no other nominations received.

RESOLVED/-

That the Committee be minded to approve the appointment of Councillor Samuel Rimmer as the Vice Chair to the Committee, subject to a discussion between the Chair and Councillor Rimmer.

EO&S21/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th JULY 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee, held on 9th July 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee, held on held on 9th July 2021, be approved as a correct record.

EO&S21/22 GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY REFRESH

The GM Mayor introduced a presentation which provided the Committee with an update on the work to date and progress made in the refreshing of the Greater Manchester Strategy.

A draft version of the Greater Manchester Strategy – A good place for all, was appended to the report. It was noted that the draft strategy’s vision identifies Greater Manchester as a great place to grow up, get on and grow old; a great place to invest, do business, visit and study.

The report highlighted that the strapline of “Good Lives For All” had been included in response to and demonstrating the commitment to deliver on the Independent Inequalities Commission and the Build Back Fairer reports with Greater Manchester seeking to support all residents to achieve their vision of a good life.

Members noted that in developing the draft strategy, the draft text positions Greater Manchester to be a greener, fairer and more prosperous city-region, delivered through our unique and distinctive neighbourhoods, towns and cities, coming together in a vibrant successful Greater Manchester. The strategy sets out shared outcomes and commitments to be attained over the period of the strategy and are underpinned by collective ways of working.

The report explained that the draft strategy provides a ten-year vision and direction of travel for Greater Manchester, leading our recovery and renewal as the city-region comes out of the pandemic and learns to live with the ongoing implications. Members noted that the Strategy will be accompanied by a three-year Delivery Plan, which will initially capture those specific programmes of activity being delivered which support the shared outcomes and commitments in the Strategy, with a proposition for the further development of a more comprehensive delivery planning process.

It was noted that in respect of progress monitoring, a basket of measures, will be included, some of which will be monitored, some targeted, and some assurance measures around the adoption and embedding of our ways of working. The performance framework will draw on a range of data and intelligence sources, and will include community insight, as a mechanism to ensure our interventions are responsive to the lived experience of Greater Manchester’s residents. For the first time, the new performance framework will also include a few measures to be targeted at neighbourhood or community level and will introduce minimum standard approaches – below which would trigger a policy review and response.

The following points were made:-

- It was suggested that greener can be a catalyst for a fairer society where a more affordable public transport system can become a real alternative to the car. Better, more energy efficient housing will lower energy bills. Some GM districts are currently developing low carbon homes for social rent.
- Retrofitting properties will improve homes, reduce energy costs and create jobs.

- A target for zero carbon GM by 2038 is in place.
- It was noted that the first tranche of bus franchises have been advertised for expressions of interest. The process is also to be linked to the “Good Employment Charter”. A greener, more affordable public transport system will help to sustain and grow the economy in Greater Manchester.
- The upcoming implementation of the GM Clean Air Zone will enable for GM to be cleaner and greener. It was noted that the government has provided £120 million support to transport industries. Work was continuing to support the compliance for vans in order to balance up greener and fairer.
- A Member asked what powers members have to ensure new build properties are carbon free in the future. In response, it was noted that this matter was included as part of the planning framework and new planning policy within Places for Everyone, which will cover 9 of the 10 GM districts. A date of 2028 will seek for all properties to be zero carbon. This policy proposal will be submitted to the Secretary of State in early 2022.
- A Member highlighted the potential impact on HGV companies that may struggle financially to convert their vehicles to comply with the new Clean Air Zone regulations. The member enquired if there was any funding to support HGV operators to change or retrofit existing vehicles. In response, it was noted that the GM Growth Company has established a clean air service to provide support to companies. In addition, it was noted that new or more efficient vehicles will provide longer-term financial savings for companies. The establishment of a Clean Air Zone is a legal mandate from Government, and GM will try and support businesses through the transition. The Mayor asked the Member to provide information in respect of a local issue so that he could follow it up.
- A suggestion was made to explore how larger HGV operators may be able to support smaller businesses.
- A Member highlighted that the strategy needs to be flexible to be able to adapt to emerging green technology and infrastructure.
- The early adoption of greener skills on the journey to the zero carbon by 2038 will enhance opportunities for businesses.
- A Member noted that given the level of elite sporting and arts venues across Greater Manchester, reference to this should be referenced in the Strategy.
- A member commented that under climate change, water shortages will be more likely. The Member also highlighted concerns on the behaviour of utility companies and the impact infrastructure failure may have on liveability. In response, it was noted that the resilience of energy systems was important. Members noted that GM is the first region in the UK to map energy generation, storage and transmission. This work will provide a street by street picture of energy supply in districts and will provide a picture of where any gaps may be.
- The Mayor highlighted the Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) programme in Stockport as an example of good liveability, where zero carbon transport is linked to zero carbon housing.
- It was noted that Electricity NW is supportive of the 2038 target. The Mayor also noted that the work of HyNet North West which will produce, store and distribute hydrogen across the region and could be a big step towards carbon neutrality.

- A Member suggested that modular nuclear reactors may be a way forward to address energy gaps in the City Region. The Mayor noted that this proposal was raised at the recent COP26 event, but that while a range of zero-carbon energy generation should be considered, he would need persuading on the siting and safety of this method of energy generation.
- A Member welcomed the levelling up plans within Greater Manchester to address the north and south differences. In response, Members noted the benefits of the Northern Gateway to generate economic growth in and around the area where it is located.
- A member asked how much of the retrofitting works will be undertaken, without the support from Government, in order to meet GM's targets. In response, it was noted that a retrofit taskforce has been established to look at retrofitting and a process is already underway for public buildings and also social housing. Net Zero North West have calculated that retrofitting could create 80,000 green jobs in the city region.
- A Member asked what the GM Pension Fund can do to support investment into low carbon areas.
- Councillor Wilson highlighted that the GMS is a strategy for the whole city region. The delivery of the strategy through neighbourhoods will drive GM ambitions. Local level measures and data can help make an impact on challenges and opportunities to make tangible differences.
- A Member asked if there was anything further that can be done to encourage residents to take up green energy plans. In response, the current challenges facing energy suppliers was noted, and the need to consider the issue of energy top ups from non-sustainable energy sources before wider promotion is undertaken.
- A partnership between the GMCA and Octopus Energy has been announced.
- An overview of the Stockport MDC was provided which explained the location, the development of an intergenerational community and transport links, which will include the potential for Metrolink and enhanced BeeNetwork active travel routes. Where home improvements are being undertaken, advice will be available to help home owners and businesses can include de-carbonising measures.
- The impact of the Integrated Rail Plan and changes to Northern Powerhouse Rail was highlighted and a Member asked if the GMS needed to be updated to include these changes. In response, the Mayor highlighted that Government's decision was the wrong solution and that a separate East-West railway line to serve Bradford, Leeds, Manchester and Liverpool was needed. The proposed overground HS2 arrangements in at Manchester Piccadilly were being challenged. Transport for the North had identified that the as the best and preferred solution for HS2 in that area would for an underground approach. Discussions were continuing with Government in relation to developing funding options through land value capture.

RESOLVED/-

That the draft Greater Manchester Strategy text and the proposed approach to the development of the supporting delivery plan, be noted.

EO&S21/23 GROWTH AND PROSPERITY THROUGH DECARBONISATION

Councillor Elise Williams, Lead Member for Economy and Business, introduced a presentation which informed the Committee on growth and prosperity through decarbonisation.

The presentation reiterated some of the discussion from the previous GMS item, in particular the priorities of the Strategy to :-

- a) create a carbon neutral Greater Manchester by 2038, with better air quality and natural environment;
- b) realise the opportunities from our world-class growth and innovation assets, driven by our Local Growth Plans / Industrial Strategy to open up opportunities in all parts of the city-region and
- c) to support the creation of better jobs and good employment that has a purpose beyond growing shareholder value, utilising the opportunity to positively impact on our communities.

The presentation set out the 2038 mission, outlined industry backed science-based targets and provided examples of action that had been undertaken, particularly in relation to GM Growth Company support to green sector companies, retrofitting programmes and highlighted the role of a carbon neutral transport system.

The following points were made:-

- The potential of bus franchising in GM will not only enable greener public transport but also opportunities for business generation in Greater Manchester.
- Green efficiencies and links to digitalisation requires processes to keep people and data safe online.
- A Member welcomed the report and noted the progress made.
- A Member highlighted the gaps in supply for charging points for electric vehicles and suggested that this will challenge the progress towards net zero travel. In response, it was noted that there is a plan in place to deliver support for electric vehicles. A Member noted that bus franchising and other transport modes need to be more attractive for people to reduce car usage and that investment in infrastructure required a long term plan.

RESOLVED/-

That the presentation be received and noted with thanks.

EO&S21/24 YOUNG PERSONS' GUARANTEE

The Chair explained that this item will be deferred to a future meeting of this Committee.

EO&S21/25 DEVOLVED ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET - PROPOSED PRIORITIES AND APPROACH FOR 2022/2023 ONWARDS

Members received a report and presentation which provided an overview of the progress against the planned priorities since the inception of GM's devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) programme.

An outline of the proposed process for continuing plan-led grant funding agreements and extensions to the procured contracts for 2022/2023 (academic year) was presented, together with an outline of the proposed refreshed objectives for the Adult Education Programme, in preparation for implementation from 2022/2023 (academic year).

Members noted that the final recommendations will be published at the upcoming meeting of the GM Combined Authority on 17 December 2021.

The following points were made:-

- The positive impact of devolution has allowed for GM to work with a concentrated group of skills providers.
- Better collaborative working has helped bring programmes together, such as the Working Well programme.
- Work taking place to enable residents to understand those offers available, for 2022/2023.
- A Member welcomed the work to support residents with high needs and disabilities to lead independent lives. The Member enquired if this would also allow support for employment.
- A Member asked if work would take place to enable skilled refugees to be able to use their expertise transferable in the UK. In response, any assessment will require an understanding of attainment and where there may be gaps, the individual may be offered appropriate training.
- The Chair welcomed opportunities for life-long learning.
- Following an enquiry from a Member, officer noted that some community learning can be accessed for individual training needs.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the GM Skills Team be thanked for their work on this initiative.
2. That the information contained within the presentation, including progress and impact of the devolved AEB, arrangements for 2022/2023 (academic year) onwards and refresh of the AEB objectives, be supported.

EO&S21/26 REGISTER OF KEY DECISIONS

Members are asked to note and comment on the GMCA Register of Key Decisions for the period 1st December 2021 to 31st March 2022.

RESOLVED/-

That the register of key decisions be noted.

EO&S21/27 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2021-2022

Members considered the committee work programme for the 2021-2022 municipal year.

RESOLVED/-

That the Committee Work Programme be noted.

EO&S21/28 DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED/-

That the future programme of meetings, as set out below, be noted:-

Friday 14 January 2022, Friday 4 February 2022, Friday 11 March 2022.

All meetings will commence from 10:30 am.

EO&S21/29 SEASONAL MESSAGE

The Chair wished Members and Officers a merry Christmas and a happy, safe and healthy 2022. Those sentiments were reciprocated.

Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 14 January 2022

Subject: Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy Implementation Update

Report of: Councillor Elise Wilson, Portfolio Lead for Business & Economy, Joanne Roney, Lead Chief Executive for Business & Economy and Lisa Dale-Clough, Head of Industrial Strategy, GMCA

PURPOSE OF REPORT

On 13th June 2019 the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy was jointly launched with Government. Since then, work has been underway to implement the strategy via a phase 1 Implementation Plan, and to establish delivery structures including an overarching Programme Delivery Executive. This report provides the Committee with a further update on implementation following the report to the 05 February 2021 meeting. This report emphasises key highlights from 2021, as well as introducing the changing context for delivery of the strategy, including the COVID-19 pandemic and EU-Exit.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members are asked to:

- Note and comment on the report

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Equalities Implications: The Local Industrial Strategy recognises the significant social, economic and spatial disparities across GM. The Local Industrial Strategy Implementation Plan looks to create opportunities across Greater Manchester, to create an economy fit for the future, that leads to prosperous communities filled with opportunity for all across the whole city-region.

Climate Change Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures: The GM Local Industrial Strategy Implementation Plan works towards GM's ambition to achieve carbon neutral living in the city-region by 2038. This includes actions amongst other actions aimed to accelerate carbon neutral retrofitting and new builds, accelerate innovative local renewable energy generation and to support businesses to accelerate the implementation of energy and material efficiency measures in the design and production of products and services

Risk Management – n/a

Legal Considerations – n/a

Financial Consequences Revenue– n/a

Financial Consequences Capital – n/a

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

- Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy. Available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/greater-manchester-local-industrial-strategy>
- Greater Manchester Independent Prosperity Review. Available here: <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/economy/greater-manchester-independent-prosperity-review/>
- Greater Manchester Independent Prosperity Review: One Year On. Available here: https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/media/3408/gmipr_one-year-on.pdf
- Greater Manchester Combined Authority Local Industrial Strategy Implementation One Year Review, October 2020. Available here: <https://democracy.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/documents/s10606/16%20LIS%20UPDDATE%20GMCA%20NOV%202020.pdf>

1. Background

- 1.1. In June 2019 Greater Manchester (GM) and Government jointly launched the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy (GM LIS), one of the first Local Industrial Strategies in England.
- 1.2. The GM LIS is a direct response to the evidence base created through the GM Independent Prosperity Review and supports the implementation of the Greater Manchester Strategy and its objective to make GM one of the best places in the world to grow up, get on in life and grow old.
- 1.3. Effective implementation of the GM LIS also depends on a number of other plans. These include Places for Everyone and the Stockport Council Development Plan, the white paper on Unified Public Services for the People of GM, the Health and Social Care Prospectus, and the 5-Year Environment Plan, as well as the GM LEP Economic Vision.
- 1.4. Following the launch of the strategy, significant work was undertaken to develop the governance channels to oversee implementation and to define the capacity and resources to deliver against the actions outlined in the first Implementation Plan for the strategy, which covers 2019-2022.
- 1.5. The implementation of the GM LIS is a core priority for the GMCA, and robust programme governance arrangements were put in place to ensure effective delivery. As such:
 - The GM Growth Board (reporting to the GMCA) and GM Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) have joint accountability for implementing the strategy. The GM Growth Board is responsible for overseeing the delivery of actions in the Implementation Plan; coordinating Local Authority implementation; ensuring alignment across policy themes; and integrating the priorities in the GM LIS with key investment portfolios. The GM LEP is responsible for providing strategic leadership and challenge; overseeing key initiatives; and ensuring strong links with the private sector.
 - A GM LIS Programme Delivery Executive has been operating since Autumn 2019, chaired by the GM Lead Chief Executive for Economy and Business, and made up of lead officers from the GMCA and key delivery organisations, including GM local authorities. The Executive is responsible for providing senior officer oversight of all of the actions in the GM LIS and establishing specific sub-groups and other activity as appropriate to ensure that key priorities are progressed. The GMCA Executive Director for Policy and Strategy is the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) with overarching responsibility for GM LIS implementation and sits on the LIS Programme

Delivery Executive.

- 1.6. Milestones for Years 2 and 3 of implementation were agreed by GMCA on 25 October 2020. This included a preliminary assessment of the impact of Covid-19 for delivery at this point, including where actions were to be accelerated, paused or reorientated in response to the pandemic.

2. Implementation Plan

- 2.1. The GM LIS sets out a wide range of cross-cutting actions to strengthen the city-region's economy, improve the foundations of productivity, and ensure that growth benefits all people and places. The Implementation Plan mirrors the structure of the Local Industrial Strategy in that actions are divided across 9 key pillars as listed below:

- **People:** We will ensure that the education, skills and employment system allows everyone to reach their potential and employers have access to the skills required to deliver the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy.
- **Infrastructure:** Greater Manchester will put in place the integrated 21st century infrastructure needed for digitally connected, clean and inclusive growth, and to facilitate international trade and investment.
- **Ideas:** Driving prosperity and leading industrial, social and economic transformation through innovation, partnerships and investment.
- **Business Environment:** The productivity of businesses in Greater Manchester will be radically improved by strengthening their leadership and management, increasing innovation commercialisation, adoption and diffusion, and raising levels of exports, foreign direct investment (FDI) and inward investment.
- **Place:** All parts of Greater Manchester will be supported to realise their full potential, cementing Greater Manchester's role in rebalancing the UK economy and reducing regional disparities.
- **Health Innovation:** Greater Manchester aims to lead the UK and the world in the roll-out of innovative new health and care solutions improving local population health.
- **Advanced Materials and Manufacturing:** Greater Manchester will aim to be a world-leading region for innovative firms to experiment with, develop and adopt advanced materials and Made Smarter technologies in manufacturing, facilitating the design of new products and processes. It will support other national centres to build the UK's leadership in tomorrow's technologies.
- **Digital and Creative Media:** Greater Manchester will be a leading European digital city-region, with the infrastructure, skills, and networks needed to digitalise all sectors, and internationally significant clusters in broadcasting, content creation and media, and cyber security.

- **Clean Growth:** Greater Manchester’s 5-year Environment Plan sets out its long-term environmental vision “to be carbon neutral by 2038”. Greater Manchester will launch the first city-region mission to achieve this. Government welcomes this locally led mission, which will support the delivery of the government’s Clean Growth Grand Challenge.
- 2.2. There are interdependencies across all pillars and actions. Coordinating delivery so that knowledge and resources can be identified and proactively shared, has been and will continue to be critical to unlocking the full potential impact of the LIS.
- 3. Delivery Highlights 2021**
- 3.1. A wide range of LIS activity has continued throughout 2021. This section draws out some key highlights, but this update is not intended to cover every element of delivery activity undertaken by GMCA and partner organisations.
- 3.2. In other countries where SME productivity is higher (e.g. US and Germany), SMEs are known to much more readily engage in leadership and management training, and the UK Productivity Review found this to be one of the key opportunities to boost UK productivity (as well as tech adoption). GM has continued to develop and refine a new and innovative **SME Leadership and Management** programme which will go live in 2022. The programme will support SMEs across GM via a combination of online learning delivered by Alliance Manchester Business School, Salford Business School, Manchester Metropolitan University and University of Bolton, with wrap-around Executive Development and other support from the GM Growth Company.
- 3.3. A new GM **Energy Innovation Agency** (which was seed-funded through the Local Industrial Strategy) has been created and has set out its first key priorities. They include providing a SME energy innovator validation and scale-up service; non-domestic building decarbonisation, retrofit and smart energy projects, and supporting public sector innovation funding bids for domestic building decarbonisation projects. The aim of the agency is to close the energy innovation gap for carbon emissions reductions between where existing solutions will take us and where we need to be to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038. The agency is a partnership between GMCA, Growth Company, Manchester Metropolitan University, University of Manchester, University of Salford, Bruntwood Ltd, Hitachi Europe Ltd and SSE Utility Solutions Ltd.
- 3.4. The **North West Made Smarter Adoption Pilot programme**, run by the growth Company and GMCA across the region, supported manufacturing businesses to implement technological solutions to increase their productivity.

The success of the Pilot saw it extended and rolled out to other regions in March 2022, and funding for a further three years was secured in the Autumn 2021 Comprehensive Spending Review.

- 3.5. A unique piece of research - “**Accelerating the Rate of Innovation Among Greater Manchester’s Advanced Manufacturing Base**” – was commissioned by the Greater Manchester Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Alliance (GAMMA), a public-private alliance that includes representation from local businesses and Government and is chaired by Juergen Maier. The research used new techniques to provide a detailed understanding of the Advanced Materials & Manufacturing landscape across Greater Manchester, as well as a series of clear recommendations for GM to further grow its thriving advanced manufacturing sector.
- 3.6. Work has been commissioned to examine the case for establishing a **Materials Catapult Centre** to help drive innovation and adoption of new Materials science in GM. The purpose of a materials catapult in the city-region would be to shorten the materials innovation cycle. This would accelerate opportunities for GM and UK firms to commercialise materials research that, in turn, supports net zero and other environmental commitments. It could also support SMEs to faster adopt advanced digital technologies, helping boost their productivity as well as catalyse a cluster of R&D intensive advanced materials and manufacturing firms to support levelling up.
- 3.7. The GMCA has agreed a new version of the **Greater Manchester International Strategy**, which embeds the sectoral, productivity and export-related priorities of the Local Industrial Strategy within its structures. The new strategy has 4 core ambitions including to: “*Position Greater Manchester at the heart of the UK’s global competitiveness and forefront of innovation with world-leading strengths in Digital/Cyber, Health Innovation, Advanced Materials, Manufacturing and Low Carbon Technology, driving investment in these sectors, improving our ability to turn research in to solutions that are shared with the world and enable us to become a greener and fairer place*”.
- 3.8. Work has begun on developing a programme of support for the city-region’s **Foundational Economy, which includes many of GM’s key workers and essential services**. The original ambitions for this work have been amended in response to the pandemic which affected the Foundational Economy in particular. A key part of this is the Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter and Living Wage City-Region campaign. Further work is underway to understand what GM could do to promote innovation and new progression routes in industries including hospitality, social care, early years and local retail.

- 3.9. In 2021 GM completed our **Local Data Review** which outlined the main open data challenges for the city region and identified 12 essential deliverables for overcoming these challenges. These deliverables include developing a roadmap to ‘level up’ organisations – taking them through the progression from the initial release of open data, to increasing the quantity, quality, and usage of that data.
- 3.10. A range of activity is also underway as part of promoting Greater Manchester’s economy and Local Industrial Strategy to attract investment and partnerships. This includes:
- **Powering Innovation campaign:** a new media partnership with a U.S based publication ‘Innovation & Tech Today’ to promote GM’s innovation ecosystem to a global audience. A new release - *Space habitat revealed as Manchester takes next graphene-enhanced leap* - demonstrated how GM’s advanced materials expertise could help meet future demand for human settlements in Space.
 - **Digital in our DNA campaign:** an eCommerce promotional campaign took place in October and November 2021, and future activity will focus on case studies of Manchester tech businesses including Peak AI and Rezzil.
 - **Greener Greater Manchester:** content and news stories are being uploaded to a new website www.greenergreatermanchester.com. The content was widely circulated during COP26.
 - A filming project is underway to create new content to position the frontier sectors in the Local Industrial Strategy, our foundational economy, and the city-region’s innovation and business ecosystem. The first films were premiered at Progress 21 and are available online:
 - Innovation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7W5hH96Quhg>
 - Digital: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtgYvQkBAck>
 - Green: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJJiObQsW68>
 - Tourism, hospitality and leisure: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOJlea3wS2M>

4. **A changing context for delivery: Covid 19 and EU-Exit**

- 4.1. Since March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused large scale and rapid disruption to our health, social, economic and community infrastructure. In GM, the learning of 450,000 people was disrupted and the number of residents in receipt of unemployment benefits rose by 93% from March 2021 to August 2021. As nationally, GM’s hospitality, leisure and tourism sector has been most severely affected, which accounts for circa £1.7bn of Gross Value Added (GVA) and 80,000 jobs locally.
- 4.2. Measures were introduced to buffer the blow to incomes and jobs include support to retain employees, business loans to maintain cashflow and liquidity, and grants for businesses worst affected by public health restrictions.

New national business support schemes were also introduced (e.g. Help to Grow), alongside new skills and education policies (e.g. Kickstart). New Government funding for infrastructure, construction and retrofitting has also been introduced as part of longer-term stimulus efforts.

- 4.3. Whilst the impacts have been severe, we have also seen a positive response from the business community, who have in many instances innovated, digitalised and pivoted the way they work so that they can continue to operate through disruptions, as well as helping to shape GM's response to the pandemic. We have also seen the start of a recovery in jobs and opportunities, and between November 2020 and November 2021 claimants of unemployment benefits fell again by 23%. However, businesses have reported severe skills shortages, and the unpredictable trajectory of the pandemic and the rising costs of doing business means we will need to continue to monitor and respond to changes.
- 4.4. In addition, the UK's exit from the European Union is also having an effect on our economy. The total number of export documents processed by the GM Chamber of Commerce is currently 19.9% less than in September 2020, although there is some evidence that the value of the goods being exported by UK businesses in each transaction is increasing. The COVID-related increase in the cost of international transportation and haulage are also part of the difficulties UK firms are currently facing accessing international markets.
- 4.5. In addition, national economic policy has shifted significantly in the past 12-18 months, with the national Industrial Strategy being replaced by a series of other policy documents including Build Back Better: Our Plan for Growth, UK Innovation Strategy, the Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener, the forthcoming Enterprise Strategy and the forthcoming Levelling Up White Paper.
- 4.6. Inevitably, these changes will affect the delivery of the GM Local Industrial Strategy: both in terms of our ability to achieve its ambitions, and the policy and resources available for doing so.
- 4.7. Work has recently begun to assess and respond to these issues as we consider implementation beyond the lifespan of the current Implementation Plan.
- 4.8. A report will be brought to this Committee in Spring 2022 setting out the plan for this work for the Committee's consideration.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1. Recommendations are set out at the start of this report.

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ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 14th JANUARY 2022

SUBJECT: GMCA REGISTER OF KEY DECISIONS

REPORT OF: JOANNE HERON, STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER, GMCA

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Members of those items listed in the GMCA Register of Key Decisions, for the period 1st January 2022 to 30th April 2022, that have particular relevance to the work of the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

In addition, the report also includes those key decisions not within the remit of this Committee for information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members are invited to note the report.

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Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

n/a

Risk Management

n/a

Legal Considerations

n/a

Financial Consequences – Revenue

n/a

Financial Consequences – Capital

n/a

Number of attachments to the report: 1

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The report seeks comments from Overview and Scrutiny Members

Background Papers

Report to the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10th December 2021.

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

GM Transport Committee

Not required

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To be considered 14th January 2022

<p>What is a Register of Key Decisions?</p> <p>The Register is a published list of the key decisions which are due to be taken by the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Manchester Elected Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Joint GMCA & AGMA Executive Board <input type="checkbox"/> Transport for Greater Manchester Committee; <input type="checkbox"/> GMCA Resources Committee; <input type="checkbox"/> GMCA's Waste & Recycling Committee; <input type="checkbox"/> Key decisions delegated to officers <p>These decisions must be published on the Register at least 28 clear days before the decision is to be taken, whether in public or private. The Register is updated at least once a month.</p> <p>This Register of Key Decisions has been prepared in accordance with Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 ('the Order').</p> <p>The Register is published on the GMCA's website www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk and hard copies are available at the offices of:</p> <p>Greater Manchester Combined Authority & Greater Manchester Mayor Churchgate House Oxford Street Manchester M1 6EU</p>	<p>What is a Key Decision?</p> <p>A key decision defined by 'the Order' is a decision which, in the view of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, would result in any of the decision makers listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) incurring expenditure over £500,000, or making significant savings of £500,000 or more relating to the budget for the service area to which the decision relates; or (ii) be significant in terms of its effects on persons living or working in an area of more two or more wards or electoral divisions of Greater Manchester. <p>The GMCA's has three thematic Scrutiny Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Issues and Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Economy, Business Growth and Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Housing, Planning and Environment <p>These Committees' role is to contribute to the development of GMCA's strategies and policies, to scrutinise decisions of the decision-makers listed above and to consider any matter affecting those who live, work, study or run businesses in Greater Manchester.</p>	<p>How to find out more on these proposed decisions</p> <p>The report (other than those which contain confidential or exempt information) relating to these decisions will published on the GMCA's website five working days before the decision is to be made see www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk.</p> <p>For general information about the decision-making process please contact:</p> <p>GMCA Assistant Director Governance, Scrutiny & Business Support Julie Connor julie.connor@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</p>
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Key Decisions that are pertinent to the work of the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

Decision title	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	What is the decision?	Documents to be considered	Officer Contact
Approval of the GM Night Time Economy Adviser's Night Time Economy Blueprint	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jan 2022 and 31 Mar 2022	Approval of the night time economy blueprint	Report with recommendations	Alison Gordon alison.gordon@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
KEY DECISIONS OUTSIDE THE REMIT OF THE ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:-					
Devolved Adult Education Budget - 2022/2023 Academic Year	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	25 Mar 2022	To approve the recommended indicative allocations to skills providers for the 2022/2023 academic year, for Local Authorities; FE College and procured skills providers. Agreement that final allocations are approved under delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer & GMCA Director – Education, Skills & Work (Policy,	Report with Recommendations	

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	What is the decision?	Documents to be considered	Officer Contact
			Strategy & Delivery) in consultation with the Leader & Chief Executive Portfolio Leads for Skills, Work & Digital.		
Devolved Adult Education Budget - National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer -2022/2023 Academic Year	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	25 Mar 2022	<p>To approve the recommended indicative allocations to skills providers for the 2022/2023 academic year, for Local Authorities; FE College and procured skills providers.</p> <p>Agreement that final allocations are approved under delegated authority to the GMCA Treasurer & GMCA Director – Education, Skills & Work (Policy, Strategy & Delivery) in consultation with the Leader & Chief Executive Portfolio Leads for Skills, Work & Digital</p>	Report with Recommendations	

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Lifecycle replacement of rail wagons	Greater Manchester Waste & Recycling Committee	January 2022	To include provision in the capital programme for replacement of 10 rail wagons for waste transport each year from 2022 to 2026	Report with Recommendations	David Taylor david.taylor@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
ZEBRA submission	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	28 Jan 2022	<p>Approve the submission of a full business case bid for the DfT for the ZEBRA fund</p> <p>Approve the proposed allocation of £11.2m local funding contribution</p> <p>Agree the final allocations are approved under delegated authority of GMCA Treasurer and Chief Executive.</p>	Report with Recommendations	Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	What is the decision?	Documents to be considered	Officer Contact
RetrofitGM Delivery vehicle for domestic/SME buildings retrofit	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	28 Jan 2022	The approval to proceed with the procurement of the retrofitGM Delivery vehicle via an established NW based dynamic purchasing Framework The contract value subject to the decision is £200,000	Report with Recommendations	Mark Atherton mark.atherton@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
GM One Network	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	11 Feb 2022	To agree and award the contract for GM One Network design, build and operate.	Report with Recommendations	Phil Swan Phil.Swan@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Information Strategy	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	17 Dec 2021	To approve the draft Greater Manchester Information Strategy	Draft Greater Manchester Information Strategy	Andrew Lightfoot andrew.lightfoot@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
GMP Site, Chester Road Trafford.	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 26 Nov 2021 and 17 Dec 2021	To seek approval to establish a joint venture between GMCA, Trafford Council and a Development Partner and related activity to		Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcintosh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	What is the decision?	Documents to be considered	Officer Contact
			enable the redevelopment of the Chester House site, Old Trafford.		
Greater Manchester Retrofit Action Plan	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	26 Nov 2021	Approve the Greater Manchester Retrofit Action Plan	Report with Recommendations	Mark Atherton mark.atherton@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Clean Air Plan (CAP) Taxi	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	29 Oct 2021	To grant Capital Programme Entry and grant approval to release funding in line with the business case and delivery plans submitted to JAQU.	Report with Recommendations	Simon Warburton simon.warburton@tfgm.com
Large Scale Foam Making Equipment (Firefighting)	Treasurer GMCA	Between 1 Oct 2021 and 30 Nov 2021	Approval to award successful bidders a place on a Framework for use by North West FRS's which will also be available for National FRS's to utilise.	Contract Award Report	Leon Parkes parkesl@manchesterfire.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Working Well Working Health Programme: JETS ((formally WW	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	24 Sep 2021	To approve a variation to the Working Well Health Programme Contract. To utilise additional	Report with Recommendations	Mat Ainsworth Matthew.Ainsworth@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk;

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Lite) - Contract Extension Page 31			<p>funding allocated made available by HMT/DWP for the WW HP JETS initially introduced in October 2020 for one year and one year possible extension</p> <p>GMCA now wish to extend the existing service offer to continue to support people impacted by unemployment due to the impact of CV19 and the move into employment</p>		
Clean Bus Fund (CBF) - Replacement	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	24 Sep 2021	To grant Capital Programme Entry and grant approval to release funding in line with the business case and delivery plans submitted to JAQU.	Report with Recommendations	Simon Warburton simon.warburton@tfgm.com
Rapid Transit Strategy	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Sep 2021 and 31 Dec 2021	Approval of the GM Rapid Transit Strategy	Report with Recommendations	Simon Warburton simon.warburton@tfgm.com

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	What is the decision?	Documents to be considered	Officer Contact
Greater Manchester Resource and Waste Strategy - Outline Proposals	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Sep 2021 and 31 Dec 2021	To agree outline proposals and to commence public consultation	Report with Recommendations	David Taylor david.taylor@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Intra-city Transport Settlement grant	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	September 2021	Approve the addition of £8.6m to the 2021/22 Transport revenue budget for the Intra-City Transport Settlement grant from Department for Transport	Report with Recommendations	Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Appointment of biowaste treatment contractors 2022-2026	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 23 Jul 2021 and 30 Sep 2021	To appoint biowaste treatment contractors to manage 15 'tonnage packages' (lots) of biowaste collected from households across Greater Manchester from 2022 to 2026	Report with Recommendations	
Revenue and capital budget updates	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jul 2021 and 28 Feb 2022	Approve revisions to revenue budget and capital programme	Report with Recommendations	Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Salford Bolton Network	Greater Manchester	Between 1 Jul 2021 and	Funding Approval	Report with Recommendation	Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	What is the decision?	Documents to be considered	Officer Contact
Improvements - Bolton Delivery Package 5 Phase 4 Bradshawgate	Combined Authority	31 Oct 2021		ns	
National Skills Fund: Construction/Retrofit Skills Bootcamp	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jul 2021 and 30 Sep 2021	Award of contract to a provider to deliver a construction/retrofit skills bootcamp. Which will support 200-250 unemployed GM residents to enter the construction industry and gain the skills to work on retrofit projects.	Report with Recommendations	Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Local Growth Deal (1, 2 and 3) six monthly progress update	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jul 2021 and 30 Apr 2022	To grant Full or Conditional Approval and/or release funding / approve expenditure and allocate/reallocate funding across the programme for schemes within the Growth Deal 1,2,3 and/or the Transforming Cities Fund.	Report with Recommendations	Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com
Development Support to Districts	Greater Manchester Combined	Between 1 Jun 2021 and 31 Aug 2021	To agree approach to providing development support to districts	Report with recommendations	Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcintosh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	What is the decision?	Documents to be considered	Officer Contact
	Authority				
Land Acquisition	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jun 2021 and 31 Jul 2021	Approval to acquire a site and the cost of acquisition be included into the Capital Programme	Report with Recommendations	Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com
Clean Funds Scheme (CFS)	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Jun 2021 and 31 Aug 2021	To grant Capital Programme Entry and grant approval to release funding in line with the business case and delivery plans submitted to JAQU.	Report with Recommendations	Simon Warburton simon.warburton@tfgm.com
GM Active Travel Fund Governance Update	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 May 2021 and 31 Jul 2021	To approve the proposed governance and scheme of delegation for the GM Active Travel Fund	Report with recommendations	Simon Warburton simon.warburton@tfgm.com
Forthcoming Changes to the Bus Network in Greater Manchester	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 May 2021 and 31 Jul 2021	To approve forthcoming changes to subsidised bus services.	Report with Recommendations	Stephen Rhodes stephen.rhodes@tfgm.com
Transforming Cities Fund 2 - Challenge Fund	Greater Manchester Combined	Between 1 May 2021 and 31 Jul 2021	To grant Programme Entry, Full or Conditional Approval and/or release	Report with Recommendations	Steve Warrener steve.warrener@tfgm.com

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	What is the decision?	Documents to be considered	Officer Contact
Approval and Funding	Authority		funding for cycling and walking schemes within the Transforming Cities Fund – Challenge Fund.		
GM Infrastructure Programme	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 May 2021 and 31 Dec 2021	Decision to utilise retained business rates to fund work in relation to a GM Infrastructure Programme.	Report with Recommendations	Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcintosh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
GM Business Growth Hub	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 May 2021 and 31 Jul 2021	To agree GMCA funding	Report with Recommendations	Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
GMCA Gas supply contract	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 May 2021 and 31 Jul 2021	Agree to the procurement of a gas supply contract via a Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) framework with a contract duration of 4 years	Report with Recommendations	Steve Wilson Steve.Wilson@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Clean Air Funding Plan	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 May 2021 and 31 Jul 2021	To grant approval to release funding for all GM Clean Air Plan measures in line with the business case and delivery plans submitted to JAQU and approved	Report with Recommendations	Simon Warburton simon.warburton@tfgm.com

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	What is the decision?	Documents to be considered	Officer Contact
			by the GM Authorities.		
Receipt and Award of HE Revenue Funding to Great Places Housing Group	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 May 2021 and 30 Sep 2021	To award revenue grant funding from HE to Great Places Housing Group to progress the next stage of MMC investigations and the Business Case.	Report with Recommendations	Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcintosh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Business Funds	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Apr 2021 and 31 Dec 2021	To conditionally approve business investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments, including where relevant negotiated settlements.	Report with Recommendations	Kirsteen Armitage kirsteen.armitage@greatermanchestre-ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Housing Funds	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Apr 2021 and 31 Dec 2021	To conditionally approve housing investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments	Report with Recommendations	Andrew McIntosh andrew.mcintosh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Property Funds	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Apr 2021 and 31 Dec 2021	To conditionally approve property investments to proceed to due diligence and/or note commercial changes to existing investments.	Report with Recommendations	Kirsteen Armitage kirsteen.armitage@greatermanchestre-ca.gov.uk

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Planned Decision Dates	What is the decision?	Documents to be considered	Officer Contact
ESF Skills for Growth Commissioning	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Apr 2021 and 31 Mar 2022	To proceed with the procurement and contracting of providers and activity relating to the GM Skills for Growth programme.	Report with Recommendations	Gemma Marsh gemma.marsh@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
Next Steps for a Tobacco Licensing System and Extending Smoke Free Spaces in Greater Manchester	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Between 1 Mar 2021 and 31 Dec 2021	To agree the process to take forward a tobacco licensing system and extend smoke free spaces in Greater Manchester in line with the Making Smoking History Strategy, including funding.	Report with Recommendations	Carolyn Wilkins carolyn.wilkins@oldham.gov.uk

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ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 14th JANUARY 2022

**SUBJECT: ECONOMY BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS WORK PROGRAMME
2021/2022**

REPORT OF: JOANNE HERON, STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER, GMCA

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide a work programme of suggested items to focus the work of the Committee during 2021/2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members are invited to note comment on the content of the Committee work programme.

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Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

n/a

Risk Management

n/a

Legal Considerations

n/a

Financial Consequences – Revenue

n/a

Financial Consequences – Capital

n/a

Number of attachments to the report: none

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The report seeks comments from Overview and Scrutiny Members

Background Papers

Report to the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10TH December 2021.

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

GM Transport Committee

Not required

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To be considered 14th January 2022

2021/22 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
FOR ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS SCRUTINY

The table below sets out the Economy, Business Growth & Skills Scrutiny’s work programme for the full meeting for Members to develop, review, and agree. It is important that over the next 12 months, the work programme has enough space for consideration of relevant Covid recovery plans and is focused on reducing risks, increasing resilience and ultimately building back better.

This is a ‘live’ document and will be reviewed and, if necessary, updated at each meeting to ensure that the Committee’s work programme remains current.

For information, those items considered previously to Economy, Business Growth & Skills Scrutiny in 2020/21 are listed in appendix 1.

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	CONTACT OFFICER
14 January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Industrial Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Nokes/John Wrathmell
4 February 2022 Mayor attending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIDAS/Marketing Manchester International & Marketing Programme GM Local Enterprise Partnership Update. Business Support Digital Progress Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Hughes/Growth Company/ Tim Newns/Sheona Southern Simon Nokes/Dave Rogerson/LEP Chair Mark Hughes/Growth Company Phil Swan
11 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Area Energy Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Atherton

To be programmed

- Young Persons’ Guarantee Update
- Night time Economy Blueprint

Items considered by the Committee 2021/22

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	CONTACT OFFICER
9 July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Impacts of Covid & Brexit (Economy Dashboard); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Nokes/John Wrathmell
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living with Covid Plan & Refresh of the Greater Manchester Strategy; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Nokes/John Wrathmell/Amy Foots
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian MacArthur (Growth Company)
10 September 2021 Cancelled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills & Work Plan / Young Persons' Guarantee Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gemma Marsh
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Manchester Strategy Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Nokes/John Wrathmell/Amy Foots
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture Recovery Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Gordon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022/23 Culture Funding Update (Part B) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Gordon
8 October 2021 Cancelled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Manchester Strategy Update. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Nokes/John Wrathmell/ Amy Foots
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive Spending Review, Levelling Up and Innovation & Science. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Nokes/John Wrathmell
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture Recovery Update. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Nokes/John Wrathmell
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Persons' Guarantee Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Clarke
12 November 2021 Cancelled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Strategy/Trade & Investment; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Nokes/John Wrathmell
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of the GM Independent Inequalities Commission recommendations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Foots/John Wrathmell
10 December 2021 Mayor attended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Manchester Strategy Update. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Foots/John Wrathmell
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Growth & the Environment; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Nokes/John Wrathmell
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Manchester Strategy Update. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Nokes/John Wrathmell

Appendix 2

Items considered in 2020-21 by the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	CONTACT OFFICER
10 July 2020	Local Industrial Strategy	Simon Nokes
	Innovation and Science	Steven Heales/John Wrathmell
11 September 2020	Work and Skills	Gemma Marsh
	GM Living with Covid Resilience Plan	Simon Nokes
	International Strategy/Trade and Investment	Simon Nokes
9 October 2020	Business Support inc productivity update	Mark Hughes/Growth Company
	Northern Growth Body/Comprehensive Spending Review	Simon Nokes
	Development of the Women and Girls' Panel Inc consideration on the report of the Fawcett society on women's employability.	Amy Foots/John Wrathmell
13 November 2020	Labour Market & Business Impacts of Covid-19 and Developing a GM Response	Simon Nokes
	Culture Recovery Plan	Alison Gordon
		<u>GM Mayor was in attendance</u>
4 December 2020	GM Local Enterprise Partnership Update (deferred to March 2021)	Simon Nokes
	Young Person's Guarantee	Gemma Marsh/Nicola McLeod
5 February 2021	Recovery plan update –look at progress.	Simon Nokes
	Local Industrial Strategy	Simon Nokes

	Brexit - Potential Economic Implications for GM	Simon Nokes <u>GM Mayor was in attendance</u>
12 March 2021	Adult Education Budget	Gemma Marsh
	Digital	Phil Swan
	Local Enterprise Partnership Update	Simon Nokes/Dave Rogerson
	MIDAS/Marketing Manchester 3 Year International & Marketing Programme	Mark Hughes