

GM Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: GM Local Enterprise Partnership Update

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on the work of Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership in overseeing delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy and GM Local Industrial Strategy as set out in the Annual Delivery Plan and Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Economy, Business Growth and Skills Scrutiny Committee is requested to note the report and provide any feedback

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Equalities Implications:

The GM LEP Annual Delivery Report 2019/20 sets out GM LEP's commitment to work on behalf of all the people of Greater Manchester and recognises that different people bring different ideas, knowledge and perspectives. In 2019/20, this included refreshing board membership to ensure that it better reflects the diversity of GM's industrial sectors and people along with the appointment of a Diversity Champion to help drive the Board's diversity and inclusion agenda.

The Annual Delivery Plan 2020/21 builds on this approach by including a section highlighting the LEP's plans for driving diversity and inclusion.

Climate Change Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures –

The Annual Delivery Report and Plan highlight the LEP's progress in delivering on the ambitions of the Greater Manchester Strategy and Local Industrial Strategy including the commitment to achieve carbon neutral living in Greater Manchester by 2038 by launching the UK's first city-region Clean Growth mission

Risk Management:

N/A

Legal Considerations:

N/A

Financial Consequences – Revenue:

N/A

Financial Consequences – Capital:

N/A

Number of attachments to the report: 2

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

The Chair of GM LEP has previously appeared before the Committee to update Members on the work of the LEP on 13th July 2018 and 8th November 2019.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership (GM LEP) is a private-sector led, voluntary partnership sitting at the heart of the city region's governance arrangements, ensuring that business leaders are empowered to set the strategic course, determine local economic priorities and drive growth and job creation within the city region.
- 1.2 It works alongside and in partnership with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), offering leadership, insight, guidance and constructive challenge as we take forward our strategic ambitions.
- 1.3 Together, GM LEP and the GMCA provide a robust set of decision-making and governance structures in delivering our shared vision for Greater Manchester to be one of the best places in the world to grow up, get on and grow old.

2. GM LEP ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN AND REPORT

- 2.1 GM LEP published its 2019/20 Annual Delivery Plan in May 2019 setting out the key actions and performance indicators require to realise the ambitions of the Greater Manchester Strategy and Local Industrial Strategy.
- 2.2 It outlined the key activities GM LEP would lead on to drive the strategic development of Greater Manchester forward; the key milestones for LGF projects and wider growth programmes; and set out how the GM LEP would operate and develop as a Strategic Board in 2019/20.
- 2.3 The LEP has now produced an end of year Annual Delivery Report setting out the progress made in realising these ambitions and has updated the Annual Delivery Plan to reflect the LEP's developing priorities for 2020/21.
- 2.4 Both documents were to be published in May this year. However, given the unprecedented impact of the pandemic, Government agreed that LEPs should prioritise responding to the challenges of Covid and could publish the report and plan by the end of 2020.

3. ANNUAL DELIVERY REPORT 2019/20

- 3.1 The report at Annexe 1 highlights the LEP's progress in achieving its priorities in 2019/20 and, in line with the approach adopted by the LEP in 2019 to structure Board meetings, is set out to reflect the key themes of Strategy, Governance and Performance.
- 3.2 This includes:
 - **Strategy:** Driving the strategic agenda through the Greater Manchester Strategy; GM Local Industrial Strategy; broader policy development; and communications

- **Governance:** Strengthening the LEP's governance procedures through refreshing Board membership; maintaining transparency and accountability; and further developing partnership and engagement
- **Performance:** Delivering on LEP priorities through programmes supported by the Local Growth Fund and LEP Capacity Fund along with projects with key partners such as TfGM, the Growth Company and GMCA

4. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2020/21

4.1 The Annual Delivery Plan at Annexe 2 sets out the key activities that will help GM LEP release its vision over the period April 2020 to March 2021.

4.2 This Annual Delivery Plan sits alongside a number of other Greater Manchester documents that collectively provide a comprehensive framework for strategy development, project delivery, and performance management.

4.3 The key points include:

- **Strategy:** Driving the strategic agenda through the Greater Manchester Strategy; GM Living with Covid Resilience Plan; GM Local Industrial Strategy; and the GM LEP Economic Proposition
- **Governance:** Maintaining the LEP's unique governance model and role in policy oversight; exploring diversity and inclusion; and strengthening local and national engagement
- **Performance:** Delivering on LEP priorities through programmes supported by the Local Growth Fund, Get Building Fund and LEP Capacity Fund along with projects with key partners such as TfGM, the Growth Company and GMCA

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Recommendations appear at the front of this report.