

# Places for Everyone

Joint Development Plan Document of 9 authorities

Planning & Housing Commission Update

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# Process

- Stockport Council decision to withdraw from GMSF in December 2020 – signalling end to joint plan of the 10 authorities
- Members of the AGMA Executive Committee (11th December 2020) asked officers to report back on the implications and process of producing a joint DPD of the nine remaining Greater Manchester (GM) districts.

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# Rationale for the Joint Plan of the 9

- Provide a framework to manage growth in a sustainable and inclusive way, avoid un-planned development and development by appeal
- Progress the strategic policies in GMSF 2020 which commanded widespread support, for example net zero carbon development, affordable housing and space and accessibility standards for new housing
- continue to maximise the use of sustainable urban/brownfield land and limit the need for Green Belt to accommodate the development needs of the nine
- align with wider Greater Manchester strategies for transport and other infrastructure investment
- utilise the evidence base already commissioned and completed, minimising the cost of producing further evidence
- spread the cost jointly of the independent examination
- meet the requirement for local authorities to have a local plan in place by December 2023.
- meet the Duty to Co-operate in s33A Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

# Progress

- AGMA Executive in February 2021 noted the intention of the 9 districts to collaborate on a new joint plan – Places for Everyone
- A New Joint Committee is required – reports going through councils at the moment

# Role of the Joint Committee

- Terms of reference
  - Scope of the Plan
  - Timetable for the Plan
  - Agreement of the content of the plan and recommendation to districts for consultation
  - Arrangements for Submission (including approach to any issues which arise from the Publication consultation)
  - Arrangements during Examination
  - Arrangements following receipt of the Inspector's report
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- As with the GMSF, each Cabinet/Executive will be responsible for approving the Regulation 19 version of the plan ahead of a period for representations to be made.
  - Again as with the GMSF, the nine full Councils will be responsible for approving the joint plan for submission to the Secretary of State for independent Examination.



# Working with Stockport

- Whilst Stockport Council has withdrawn from the joint planning process of preparing the GMSF, to prepare its own local plan, the Council remains one of the 10 partners which make up GMCA
- All are committed to continuing to work together to deliver a wide range of important strategies for example, the Local Industrial Strategy, the 5 Year Environment Plan and the 2040 Transport Strategy
- Under s33A Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, there is a formal Duty to Co-operate with neighbouring authorities.
- As part of the process of preparing the joint DPD, the nine districts will be required to enter into dialogue with Stockport on matters of strategic, cross boundary significance. The outcome of which will need to be set out in a “Statement of Common Ground”
- This could include strategic matters such as the scale and distribution of housing and employment land and transport infrastructure.

# Next Steps

- Work is ongoing to review the plan and evidence base in the light of Stockport withdrawal
- In the event that the draft joint DPD is considered to have substantially the same effect on the nine districts as the GMSF 2020, the next stage would be publication (Regulation 19 stage).
- First meeting of Joint Committee will be after the elections – will decide timetable