

## GM LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

SUBJECT: GM LEP Annual Delivery Plan

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FROM: Lou Cordwell, Chair of GM LEP

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## PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on the 2021/22 Annual Delivery Plan which sets out the key activities that will help GM LEP realise its strategic ambitions with a focus on the GM Economic Vision over the period to March 2022 and beyond.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The LEP is asked to approve and provide feedback on the Annual Delivery Plan before it is finalised in consultation with the Chair including:

- i. Approving the updated ESG Framework and the choice of UN SDGs
- ii. Noting the updated LEP Economic Monitoring Dashboard
- iii. Approving the draft LEP Deliverables Dashboard
- iv. Approving Vimla Appadoo as LEP Diversity Champion

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### **Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:**

The GM Economic Vision provides a blueprint for remodelling the city-region's economy. It includes a range of long-term initiatives to help businesses innovate more effectively and become more productive, creating a greener and more resilient Greater Manchester.

This includes a clear commitment to tackle inequalities, embrace diversity and recognise the importance of civil society with actions aiming to encourage diversity in company leadership and workforce and turn Greater Manchester into a living wage city-region.

The Vision also builds on GM's bold target of carbon neutrality by 2038 and will support Greater Manchester in driving the UK as a global leader in low carbon innovation.

**Risk Management:** N/A

**Legal Considerations:** N/A

**Financial Consequences – Revenue:** There are no specific financial consequences in terms of revenue associated with this work.

**Financial Consequences – Capital:** There are no specific financial consequences in terms of revenue associated with this work.

**Number of attachments to the report:** 3

**Background Papers:** N/A

# 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 GM LEP published its last Annual Delivery Plan in 2020 setting out the key actions and performance indicators require to realise the ambitions of the Greater Manchester Strategy and Local Industrial Strategy.
- 1.2 It outlined the key activities the 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 2020/21.
- 1.3 The LEP is now looking to produce a similar plan for 2021/22 which was to be published earlier 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 draft plan by September 2021.
- 1.4 The report sets out the draft Annual Delivery Plan for the Board to discuss and approve before it is finalised in consultation with the Chair.

# 2. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2021/22

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The Plan sets out the key activities that will help GM LEP realise its strategic agenda over the period to March 2022 and beyond with a focus on delivery of the GM Economic Vision which forms the main framework of action for the LEP in 2021/2022.
- 2.3 The Plan highlights the strategic and policy context for the implementation of the Vision along with the role of the LEP Board and partners in driving delivery and the governance that has been put in place to ensure the LEP is able act as a transparent, accountable and high performing team.
- 2.4 The plan is therefore set out to reflect these key themes of Strategy, Performance and Governance as follows:
  - **Strategy:** outlines the key activities the GM LEP will lead on to drive the strategic development of Greater Manchester
  - **Performance:** outlines key milestones for LEP projects between April 2021 and March 2022 including the GM Economic Vision, Local Growth Fund, Get Building Fund and LEP Capacity Fund
  - **Governance:** outlines how the GM LEP will operate and develop as a Strategic Board in 2021/22

# 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Recommendation are set out at the front of this report.