

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE GREEN CITY REGION PARTNERSHIP
MEETING HELD FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER 2021 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Neil Emmott	GMCA Environment Portfolio & Chair (Rochdale Council)
Councillor Alan Quinn	Waste & Recycling Committee (Bury Council)
Councillor Mike McCluster	Salford City Council
Paul Bircham	Electricity North West (Chair Energy Innovation)
Carly McLachlan	University of Manchester (Chair 5 YEP Implementation Forum)
Will Swan	Salford University (Chair Low Carbon Buildings)
Anne Selby	Independent Member (Chair Natural Capital)
Neil Hind	NHS (Vice-Chair Sustainable Consumption & Production)
Chris Matthews	United Utilities (Vice-Chair Natural Capital)
Patrick Allcorn	BEIS
Jessica Bowles	Bruntwood
Sheona Southern	Marketing Manchester
Eric Adams	Carlton Power
Mark Hughes	The Growth Company
Lesley Worswick	Environment Agency
Ben Scott	Environment Agency

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Atherton	GMCA
Sam Evans	GMCA
Jenny Hollamby	GMCA
Sarah Mellor	GMCA
Sean Owen	GMCA
Robyn Smith	GMCA
Mark Turner	GMCA
Megan Black	Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM)

GMGCRP/17/21 INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Emery (Paul Bircham, Substitute), Phil Korbel, Andy Gibson, Bernard Magee, Roger Milburn, Simon Nokes, Chris Oglesby, Liz Price, Sarah Price, Anne Selby, Pam Smith, and Simon Warburton.

Mark Hughes from the Growth Company had been invited to the meeting as an Observer.

GMGCRP/18/21 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair reported that the final Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan and Policy had been agreed by the ten Greater Manchester Local Authorities. Funding had been secured via the Clean Air Plan proposals to support the uptake of zero emission capable taxis. The funding ranged between £6k to £10k dependent on the vehicle type.

GMGCRP/19/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

GMGCRP/20/21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING DATED 29 JULY 2021

RESOLVED/-

- a) That the minutes be approved as a correct record.
- b) That an item on lobbying priorities developed by the Strategic Infrastructure Board and the retrofit accelerator project would be considered at the meeting on 27 January 2022.
- c) That Councillor Alan Quinn (Bury) be appointed as Vice-Chair and would also represent the Green City Region Partnership on the Greater Manchester Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee and Air Quality Administration Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

GMGCRP/21/21 PROGRESS REPORT 5 YEAR ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (5 YEP)

The report provided the usual update on progress of the Green City Region Partnership for the second quarter of 2021/22. The GMCA's Director of Environment, drew out the main points for Members.

The Partnership discussed deadlines and capacity, the role of the Elected Member, retrofitting buses, BEIS and tracking progress.

RESOLVED/-

That the Partnership noted and commented upon the progress outlined in the report and latest position set out in the dashboard attached at Annex 1 (5 YEP - Performance Overview).

GMGCRP/22/21 WORK PROGRAMME 2021 AND CHALLENGE GROUP UPDATES

The report outlined the progress made by the 5 YEP Challenge Groups in developing their key priorities through Task and Finish Action groups. The presentation that accompanied the report provided an updated overview of the Challenge Group priorities and how they were being delivered through Task and Finish Action Groups.

The Partnership discussed blue and green hydrogen, heat pumps and infrastructure, heat pump barriers and myth busting, noise and planning authorities, awareness raising, what future towns would look like, hogweed and invasive species, the English Waste Strategy, domestic heating and transport, and lobbying asks.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Partnership noted the progress in developing the mission-based approach and the associated Challenge Group and Task and Finish Action Group activity.
2. That the Communications and Engagement Challenge Group consider updated messages, raising awareness and myth busting.

3. That the 5 YEP Implementation Forum consider lobbying messages and added value.

GMGCRP/23/21 TRAFFORD ENERGY PARK

The Partnership considered a presentation about the Trafford Energy Park by Carlton Power. It was reported the GMCA had committed to explore the energy innovation potential for the wider Carrington site via a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in October 2021. This would seek to explore further storage, energy generation and green hydrogen production. Partners to the MoU included the GMCA, Trafford Council, Carlton Power, Electricity North West (ENWL), Cadent Gas and Manchester Metropolitan University. Carlton Power had submitted a planning application and an expression of interest to the recent Department for International Trade (DIT) call for the global investment summit. The total investment opportunity was just under £600m across three schemes, with £17m secured.

The Partnership discussed an on-site Greater Manchester bus depot, hydrogen powered buses and the MoU.

RESOLVED/-

That the presentation be received and noted.

GMGCRP/24/21 WATER MANAGEMENT – WHOLE CATCHMENT APPROACH

A presentation was received about working towards a resilient future in Greater Manchester from the Environment Agency.

The Partnership discussed austerity and flooding.

RESOLVED/-

That the presentation be received and noted.

GMGCRP/25/21 RETROFIT GREATER MANCHESTER PLAN (DRAFT)

One of the Greater Manchester Mayor's manifesto commitments was to establish a retrofit taskforce. This had been done and the taskforce had met three times. Some Members of the Partnership were also Members of the taskforce.

The report considered today provided the draft of the Greater Manchester Retrofit Action Plan, produced as an action from the Mayoral retrofit taskforce.

RESOLVED/-

The Partnership noted the first draft of the Greater Manchester Retrofit Action Plan and endorsed the direction of the draft plan at Annex 1 of the report.

GMGCRP/26/21 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members received the COP26 Preparation and Green Summit report and Green Spaces Fund report for information.

RESOLVED/-

That the COP26 preparations and Green Summit and Green Spaces Fund be received and noted.

GMGCRP/27/21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED/-

That the next meeting would take place virtually on 27 January 2022 at 10.00 am.