



UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Greater Manchester

Purpose

This slide pack provides:

- An update on the main elements of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- An overview of Greater Manchester's strategic ambition and how we can use UKSPF to drive the priorities of the Greater Manchester Strategy
- Next steps for GM UKSPF Investment Plan

What is the UK Shared Prosperity Fund?

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is the UK Government's domestic replacement for the European Structural and Investment Programme (ESIF).

The UK Government have set out their overall aim for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund: to support their wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the four parts of the Levelling Up agenda:

- ➔ Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards, especially in those places where they are lagging.
- ➔ Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest
- ➔ Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost.
- ➔ Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency.

The primary goal of UKSPF is to **build pride in place** and **increase life chances** across the UK, while recognising the acute challenges town centres and communities have faced during the Covid pandemic.

This will be achieved across three **Investment Priorities**:

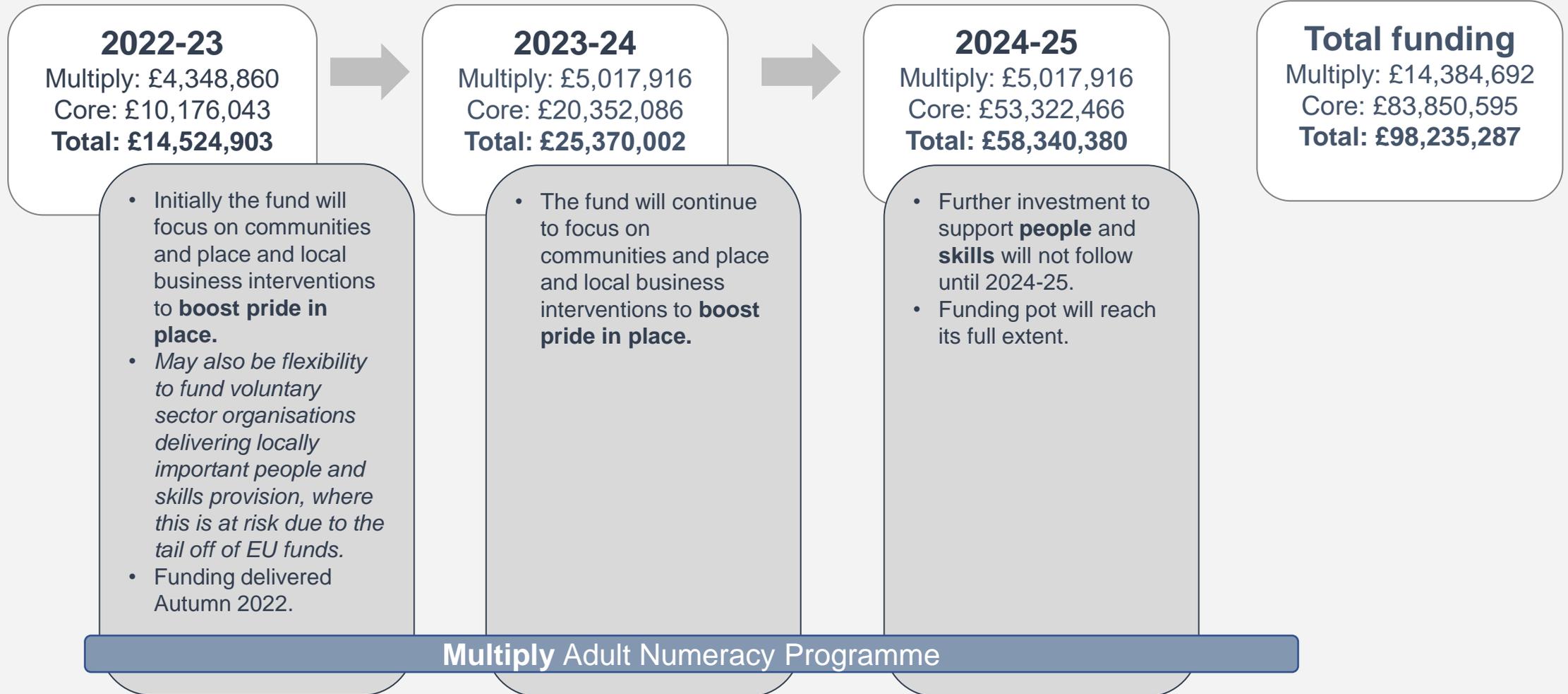
1. Communities and Place

2. Local Business

3. People and Skills

To note: The UKSPF will be split between a core allocation/main fund, and the Multiply Adult Numeracy Programme.

GM UKSPF Funding allocation



Introduction – role of GMCA and Partners in UKSPF

- GMCA have been assigned by government as **lead authority** for the fund in Greater Manchester and will receive the area's allocation to manage. GMCA will have overall accountability for the funding and how it operates, working closely with our LAs and key stakeholders in this role.
- This includes the development of an **Investment Plan** which will set out a series of interventions and outcomes that reflect local needs and opportunities. GMCA is developing this Investment Plan in conjunction with Local Authorities and other key stakeholders. This will need to be submitted to UKG by 1st August.
- Government guidance sets out that MPs should be closely engaged in the design and delivery of UKSPF. MPs should provide an advisory role to lead authorities, and should review the investment plan prior to submission to UKG for sign-off (*more on timescales and process for this later in the briefing*)

Emerging key principles for UKSPF in GM

There are a number of key principles that we want to follow to ensure the fund is maximised in GM;

- The fund should be underpinned by/aligned with the principles of the **Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS)** - the 15 commitments from GMS should be used to help shape GM Investment Priorities and further define the principles of how we use this funding.
- This funding replaces previous **strategic funding** and will focus on programmes of activity that lead to outcomes for people or places - rather than stand-alone/individual projects.
- Need to ensure we maximise the opportunity that comes with having **flexibility** in how we use this funding to ensure the best impact and outcomes for our residents.
- Ensure it will **fund programmes** that complement, provide added value and do not duplicate other activity.
- Ensure it **complements other funding and activity** (where possible) e.g. Towns Fund, LUP etc.

How can UKSPF support Greater Manchester's Strategic Vision?

Greater Manchester
Strategy 2021–2031
good lives for all



Our vision:

Good Lives for All: that Greater Manchester is a great place to grow up, get on and grow old; a great place to invest, do business, visit and study.

Through the delivery of this strategy Greater Manchester is determined to become **greener, fairer and more prosperous**, in all parts of GM

The [strategy](#) sets the interconnected challenges of inequalities and climate emergency at its heart.

Our Shared Outcomes	Our Shared Commitments	Our Ways of Working
<p>The Wellbeing of our People</p> <p>A Greater Manchester where our people have good lives, with better health; better jobs; better homes; culture and leisure opportunities and, better transport.</p> <p>A Greater Manchester of vibrant and creative communities, a great place to grow up get on and grow old with inequalities reduced in all aspects of life.</p> <p>Vibrant and Successful Enterprise</p> <p>A Greater Manchester where diverse businesses can thrive, and people from all our communities are supported to realise their potential.</p> <p>A Greater Manchester where business growth and development are driven by an understanding that looking after people and planet is good for productivity and profitability.</p> <p>Greater Manchester as a leading city-region in the UK and globally</p> <p>Greater Manchester as a world-leading low carbon city-region.</p> <p>Greater Manchester as a world-leading digital city-region.</p>	<p>We will drive investment into our growth locations, and use that to create opportunities in adjacent towns and local centres.</p> <p>We will enable the delivery of resilient, safe and vibrant communities where everyone has access to essential services, local centres and high streets which are successful and reflective of their populations, and access to high quality culture and leisure spaces.</p> <p>We will ensure our local communities, neighbourhoods, villages, towns, cities and districts are protected and strengthened through the Places for Everyone Plan and Stockport Local Plan, with new homes delivered in line with our net zero carbon commitments and Housing Strategy.</p> <p>We will create a carbon neutral Greater Manchester by 2038, with better air quality and natural environment.</p> <p>We will deliver a low carbon London-style fully integrated public transport system across bus, tram, train and bike.</p> <p>We will enable the delivery of world-class smart digital infrastructure.</p> <p>We will realise the opportunities from our world-class growth and innovation assets, driven by our Places for Everyone Plan, Local Growth Plans and Industrial Strategy to open up opportunities in all parts of the city-region.</p> <p>We will support our businesses to grow sustainably, to become as prosperous as they can be.</p> <p>We will 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.</p> <p>We will ensure businesses are able to access the skills and talent they need, by provision of high quality learning and wrapping support around individuals, enabling them to realise their potential - with access to good work for those who can, support for those who could, and care for those who can't.</p> <p>We will ensure all our children and young people leave education and training ready to succeed in the labour market with a balance of academic, technical and 'life ready' skills.</p> <p>We will ensure digital inclusion for all, including under 25s, over 75s and disabled people online.</p> <p>We will ensure the delivery of safe, decent and affordable housing, with no one sleeping rough in Greater Manchester.</p> <p>We will tackle food and fuel poverty experienced by Greater Manchester residents.</p> <p>We will reduce health inequalities experienced by Greater Manchester residents, and drive improvements in physical and mental health.</p>	<p>Leadership – We will adopt a distributed leadership model which is representative, culturally competent and inspiring.</p> <p>Environment – All partners in Greater Manchester already have a clear commitment to taking the actions outlined in the Greater Manchester 5-year Environment Plan. Actions to address the climate emergency should be woven through and underpin everything that we do, and this will support the achievement of this Strategy.</p> <p>Equality – We will eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.</p> <p>Involving stakeholders – We will seek to ensure we put people at the centre of our decision making, and ensure the right stakeholders are involved in all our work, delivering through productive and meaningful partnerships.</p> <p>Effective communication – We will ensure our communication is more than just the exchanging of information. We will be transparent and complete in our communications, delivered in a timely manner.</p> <p>Progressive Procurement and Social Value – We will capitalise on the opportunity to redefine and strengthen the way we use social value, and will use procurement and social value to support our responses to tackling the climate and inequalities challenges.</p> <p>Employing robust quantitative and qualitative evidence-based approaches – We will ensure consistent and systematic use of a robust evidence base underpinning all of our priority setting, decision making and changing what we do. We will adopt principles that data will be disaggregated by geography or cohort wherever possible, to delve below the averages, understanding the variance in outcomes by location and population group.</p> <p>Workforce – We will put in place a comprehensive workforce programme to support organisational and workforce development based on and facilitating a more integrated public facing workforce.</p> <p>Innovation – We will explore and apply new and more effective approaches to maximising Greater Manchester's innovation assets to drive economic development and will support the development of social innovation, enabling greater opportunities for people and places.</p> <p>Thinking for the future – We will wherever possible, embed prevention as part of our standard practices. We want to ensure that Greater Manchester can meet the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.</p> <p>Understanding the impacts of our decisions – We will adopt an assurance framework which assesses our progress on the implementation of the shared ways of working, and the effectiveness of these changes as they are delivered.</p> <p>Enabled via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedding the Greater Manchester model of unified services • Investing in the VCSE sector • The Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter • Greater Manchester's Digital Blueprint.

Alignment of GMS, Levelling Up Missions and UKSPF

- The GMS provides the overarching strategic direction for the whole of the GM system. All partners, agencies, stakeholders and places have a role in its delivery and support in achieving the shared outcomes and commitments.
- The UKSPF, and its objectives across the three investment priorities (Communities and Place, Local Business, and People and Skills) can support how we address some of the gaps, challenges or issues for development in delivering the shared commitments / ways of working.
- In addition, the aims and ambitions of UKSPF are closely aligned with the Levelling Up White Paper objectives, and UKSPF is expected to deliver against a number of the 12 national Levelling Up Missions.
- The next slide demonstrates how we can align the Levelling Up Missions with our GMS Commitments, to start to understand how delivering UKSPF across the three investment priorities in a collaborative, targeted way can help us deliver our shared ambition.

Alignment of GMS, Levelling Up Missions and UKSPF

GMS Shared Commitments

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We will ensure all our children and young people leave education and training ready to succeed in the labour market
We will ensure businesses are able to access the skills and talent they need, and people are able to realise their full potential
We will enable the delivery of resilient, safe and vibrant communities
We will ensure our local communities...are protected and strengthened through the Places for Everyone Plan and Stockport Local Plan
We will ensure the delivery of safe, decent and affordable housing, with no one sleeping rough
We will deliver a low carbon London-style fully integrated public transport system
We will enable the delivery of world-class smart digital infrastructure
We will reduce health inequalities experienced by GM residents, and drive improvements in physical and mental health
We will tackle food and fuel poverty experienced by GM residents
We will create a carbon neutral GM by 2038, with better air quality and natural environment
We will ensure digital inclusion for all

Levelling Up Missions

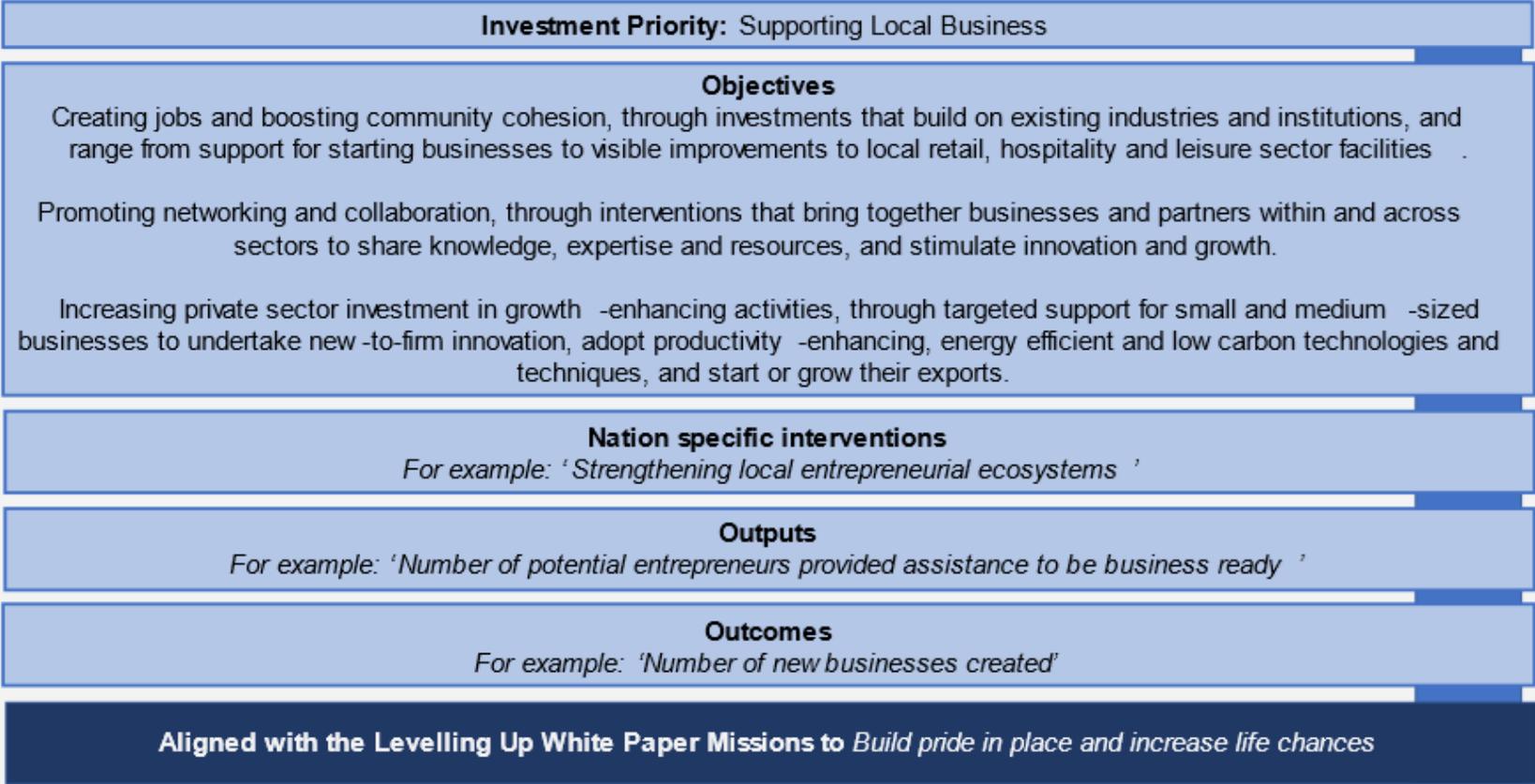
By 2030, pay, employment and productivity will have risen in every area
By 2030, domestic public investment in research and development (R&D) outside the greater south east will increase by at least 40%
By 2030, the number of primary school children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths will have significantly increased
By 2030, the number of people successfully completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every area of the UK
By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK
By 2030, homicide, serious violence and neighbourhood crime will have fallen
By 2030, pride in place... will have risen in every area of the UK
By 2030...the number of first-time buyers increasing in all areas... [and] the number of non-decent rented homes to have fallen by 50%
By 2030, local public transport... will be significantly closer to London standards
By 2030, the UK will have nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G
By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed
By 2030, every part of England that wants one will have a devolution deal with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution

UKSPF is expected to deliver against the national Levelling Up Missions set out in **BOLD** which then align with the GMS Shared Commitments also highlighted in **BOLD**

UKSPF Investment Priorities

Supporting Local Business

Lead authorities and partners are encouraged to review the interventions and identify activities that would support business to thrive, innovate and grow, including any interventions that are best delivered at a larger scale in collaboration with other places, or more locally.



UKSPF Investment Priorities

Communities and Place

The intention of this investment priority is to strengthen the social fabric of communities, supporting building pride in place. Lead authorities are encouraged to identify interventions and activities that will support these objectives in an area.



UKSPF Investment Priorities

People and Skills

There will be no requirement to identify skills and people related interventions for the first two years of UKSPF (with some limited exceptions). The UKSPF guidance also states that local authorities are strongly encouraged to agree and commission people and skills activities over larger geographies.

Investment Priority: People and Skills

Objectives

- Boosting core skills and support adults to progress in work, by targeting adults with no or low level qualifications and skills in maths, and upskill the working population, yielding personal and societal economic impact, and by encouraging innovative approaches to reducing adult learning barriers (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland only. In England, this is delivered through the Department for Education's Multiply programme).
- Reducing levels of economic inactivity through investment in bespoke intensive life and employment support tailored to local need. Investment should facilitate the join-up of mainstream provision and local services within an area for participants, through the use of one-to-one keyworker support, improving employment outcomes for specific cohorts who face labour market barriers.
- Supporting people furthest from the labour market to overcome barriers to work by providing cohesive, locally tailored support including access to basic skills.
- Supporting local areas to fund gaps in local skills provision to support people to progress in work, and supplement local adult skills provision e.g. by providing additional volumes; delivering provision through wider range of routes or enabling more intensive/innovative provision, both qualification based and non-qualification based. This should be supplementary to provision available through national employment and skills programmes.

Nation specific interventions
For example: 'Employment support for economically inactive people'

Outputs
For example: 'Number of people supported to engage in job-searching'

Outcomes
For example: 'Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support'

Aligned with the Levelling Up White Paper Missions to Build pride in place and increase life chances

GM UKSPF Governance

Decision

GM UKSPF Partnership Board.

This GM Partnership Board will include relevant GMCA Portfolio Leaders alongside representatives from the private, civic, voluntary and academic sectors as well as from lead Government departments.

The Board will support GMCA in the development of the GM UKSPF Investment Plan, recommend it for approval to GMCA it prior to submission and will support GMCA on:

- GM's UKSPF routes to market including open calls, allocations, mini-competitions
- Suitability of calls, proposals/applications in terms of strategic fit, VfM and deliverability

And:

- Will offer advice on the management and performance of the UKSPF in Greater Manchester

The Partnership Board's recommendations will require the approval of GMCA as the UKSPF Lead Authority for Greater Manchester

Appraisal

GMCA UKSPF Officer Team – responsible for:

- drafting calls
- Technical appraisal of project proposals/applications in terms of strategic fit, value for money and deliverability
- Performance and contract management in accordance with the GM UKSPF Investment Plan

GM Chief Executives Investment Group UKSPF Appraisal Sub-Group – responsible for:

- Appraising GM UKSPF calls, proposals/applications and performance for accountable body body risk

Next steps and timescales

- GMCA has to submit the GM Investment Plan to Government by 1st August, following sign-off through GM governance arrangements.
- MPs will have the opportunity to review the plan prior to submitting to Government and comment on whether they are supportive of the final plan.
- GMCA is also in the process of establishing a Local Partnership Group, with membership from a range of local stakeholders. Having this in place is a requirement from UKG to provide guidance on strategic fit and deliverability of the fund.

