



Minutes of the Green City Region Partnership
Held Virtually on Thursday 4 April 2024 at 10.30 am

PRESENT:

Councillor Tom Ross (TR)	Portfolio Leader for the Green City Region
Councillor Steve Adshead (SA)	Waste & Recycling Committee Representative
Councillor Alan Quinn (AQ)	Bury Council
Councillor Adrian Pearce (AP)	Tameside Council (Observer)
Sue Johnson (SJ)	GMCA Chief Executive Lead for the Green City Region
Patrick Allcorn (PA)	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)
Andy Barrow (AB)	Trust Renewables
Steve Connor (SC)	Creative Concern and GM Business Board
Hisham Elkadi (HE)	University of Salford
Richard Halsey (RH)	Catapult (Chair Low Carbon Challenge Group)
Paul Hooper (PH)	Manchester Metropolitan University (Chair Sustainable Consumption & Production Challenge Group)
Claire Igoe (CI)	NHS Greater Manchester
Andy Judd (AJ)	(for Ian Crewe) Environment Agency (EA)
Phil Korbel (PK)	Cooler Projects
Roger Milburn (RM)	Arup
Liz Price (LP)	Manchester Metropolitan University
Ian Rutherford (IR)	Greater Manchester Faith Communities
Anne Selby (AS)	Independent (Chair Natural Capital Challenge Group)
Dame Sarah Storey (SS)	Active Travel Commissioner (For Item 7)
Will Swan (SW)	University of Salford (Vice-Chair Low Carbon Challenge Group)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Atherton (MA)	Director of Environment, GMCA
Megan Black (MB)	Head of Logistics & Environment, TfGM
Sam Evans (SE)	Head of Natural Environment, GMCA
Jenny Hollamby (JH)	Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Rory Matthews (RM)	Senior Policy and Partnerships Officer, GMCA

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Robyn Smith (RS)

Project Manager Environment and Low Carbon,
GMCA

Claire Stocks (CS)

Active Travel Strategy Officer, GMCA (for Item 7)

Minute No	Resolutions	Responsible
GCP/40/24	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>a) Apologies were received and noted from Louise Blythe (BCC), Ian Crewe (EA), Bernard Magee (Siemens), Louise Marix-Evans (Quantum), Councillor Mike McCusker (Salford City Council), Carly McLaughlin (The University of Manchester), Simon Nokes (GMCA) and Chris Oglesby (Bruntwood).</p>	Noted
GCP/41/24	<p>Chair's Announcements and Urgent Business</p> <p>a) Whilst there were no announcements or urgent business introduced by the Chair, the Partnership noted the updates provided around awards won, the solar array at Wellington High School, and Starling Bank being the bike hire sponsor.</p>	Noted
GCP/42/24	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>a) Councillor Alan Quinn declared a personal interest in Item 6 - Work Programme by virtue of him being a City of Trees Interim Board Member.</p>	Noted
GCP/43/24	<p>To Approve the Minutes of the Last meeting</p> <p>a) That the minutes of the last meeting dated 25.1.24 be approved as a correct record.</p> <p>b) GCP/27/23 – the Partnership was asked to forward membership nominations for the 2024/25 Municipal Year to MA.</p> <p>c) GCP/30/23/2 – IR informed the Partnership that the Food Programme Board was being progressed and update would be provided at the next meeting. It was noted that the GM Networks Connect met on 6.3.24 and Officers were asked to look out for further details.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>All/MA</p> <p>IR/All</p>

	<p>d) GCP/30/23/3 – That CM provide a Green Wash Free City update at the next meeting.</p> <p>e) GCP/32/23/5 – It was reported that a shorter version of lobbying asks document had been produced and would be discussed again at the next meeting.</p> <p>f) GCP/32/23/6 – That LB provide an update about the Vice-Chair of the Communications and Marketing Challenge Group be at the next meeting.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>MA</p> <p>LB</p>
GCP/44/24	<p>Quarter 4 Progress Report – 5 Year Environment Plan (5YEP)</p> <p>a) That the progress outlined in the report and latest position set out in the dashboard attached at Annex 01 of the report be noted.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
GCP/45/24	<p>Work Programme 2023/24 & Challenge Group Updates</p> <p>a) That the progress in developing the Mission Based Approach and the associated Challenge Groups be noted.</p> <p>b) That RH consider grid constraints as part of the Low Carbon Challenge Group.</p> <p>c) That RH and SC discuss accelerated commercial retrofit.</p> <p>d) That PA speak to RH about the accelerator programme.</p> <p>e) That the Natural Capital Challenge Group consider swift bricks and them being included in local plans.</p> <p>f) That a deep dive on EV infrastructure, demand and take up be considered at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH/SC</p> <p>PA/RH</p> <p>AS</p> <p>MB/MA</p>
GCP/46/24	<p>Active Travel</p> <p>a) That the Active Travel fresh update be noted.</p> <p>b) That SC provide Business Board support.</p> <p>c) That CI speak to SS regarding a package of interventions to increase active travel amongst NHS staff.</p> <p>d) SS confirmed that the slide deck could be shared.</p> <p>e) That IR invite SS to the Faith and Belief Advisory Panel.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>SC/SS</p> <p>CI/SS</p> <p>All</p> <p>IR/SS</p>

GCP/47/24	Biodiversity Emergency & State of Nature a) That the Partnership noted the contents of the State of Nature report, progress in developing the Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery and compliance with the biodiversity duty. b) That key bottle necks that allowed for the passage of invasive species be shared with SE. c) That SC/SE discuss Business Board support. d) That work take place around quantifying the work and pressure on local systems.	Noted All SE/SE SE
GCP/48/24	Green City Region Communications a) That the Partnership noted the updated Communications Strategy and provided comments on the proposed communications activity for 2024-25. b) That work would take place with the City of Trees to consider planting trees on closed landfill sites. c) That comments around using Tiktok and Instagram for communication messages be taken on board.	Noted MW MW
GCP/49/24	Local Energy Advice Demonstrator Programme Update a) That the update be received and noted. b) Acknowledged that when letters were sent to residents there was a need to reassure them that the Energy Advisors were legitimate.	Noted Noted
GCP/50/24	Next 5YEP Update a) That the Partnership noted the update. b) That future updates be considered by the Partnership.	Noted MA
GCP/51/24	Dates and Times of Future Meetings a) That dates and times of future meetings be circulated by JH asap.	JH