



**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Green City Region Partnership
Held Virtually on Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 3.15 pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mike McCusker (MA)	Bee Committee Representative and Vice-Chair (Chair)
Councillor Steve Adshead (SA)	Waste & Recycling Committee Representative
Councillor Alan Quinn (AQ)	Bury Council
Sue Johnson (SJ)	GMCA Chief Executive Lead for the Green City Region
Wardeh Al-Nasir (WA)	Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Partnership for Better Health Representative
Louise Blythe (LB)	BBC (Chair Green Communications Challenge Group)
Leigh Broadhurst (LB)	Suez (Vice-Chair Sustainable Consumption & Production Challenge Group)
Hisham Elkadi (HE)	University of Salford
Claire Igoe (CI)	NHS Greater Manchester
Andy Judd (AJ)	(for Ian Crewe) Environment Agency (EA)
Paul Killilea (PK)	Electricity Northwest (ENWL)
Chris Matthews (CM)	(for Anne Selby (Chair Natural Capital Challenge Group)) United Utilities (UU)
Carly McLaughlin (CM)	The University of Manchester (Chair 5 Year Environment Plan (5YEP) Challenge Group)
Roger Milburn (RM)	Arup
Liz Price (LP)	Manchester Metropolitan University
Ian Rutherford (IR)	Greater Manchester Faith Communities
Will Swan (SW)	University of Salford (Vice-Chair Low Carbon Challenge Group)
Mike Taylor (MT)	ENWL

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Atherton (MA)	Director of Environment, GMCA
Megan Black (MB)	Head of Logistics & Environment, TfGM
Martin Lax (ML)	Transport Strategy Director, TfGM

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Sam Evans (SE)	Head of Natural Environment, GMCA
Dan Griffiths (DG)	Head of Low Carbon Policy, GMCA
Jenny Hollamby (JH)	Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Inayah Hussain (IH)	Management Trainee, GMCA
Sarah Mellor (SM)	Head of Sustainable Consumption and Production, GMCA
Nick Leslie (NL)	Head of Climate Action Now, Stockport Council
Garry Parker (GP)	Assistant Director - Environment and Regulatory Services, Bolton Council
Jasmine Tebb (TB)	Policy Officer, Low Carbon, GMCA
Robyn Smith (RS)	Project Manager Environment and Low Carbon, GMCA

Minute No	Resolutions	Responsible
GCP/01/24	<p><u>Appointment of Chair of the 2024/25 Municipal Year</u></p> <p>a) To note the appointment of Councillor Tom Ross, Portfolio Leader and Sue Johnson as Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for the Green City Region Partnership.</p>	Noted
GCP/02/24	<p><u>Appointment of Vice-Chair of the 2024/25 Municipal Year</u></p> <p>a) The Green City Region Partnership approved the appointment of Councillor Mike McCusker, Salford City Council as Vice-Chair of the Green City Region Partnership.</p>	Approved/JH
GCP/03/24	<p><u>Introduction, Welcome and Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>a) Apologies were received and noted from Councillor Tom Ross (Chair), Patrick Allcorn (DESNZ), Richard Halsey (Catapult), Paul Hooper (Manchester Metropolitan University), Phil Korbel (Carbon Literacy), Bernard Magee (Siemens), Louise Marix-Evans (Quantum), Chris Oglesby (Bruntwood), Christina Poole (UK Health Security Agency) and Anne Selby (Independent).</p>	Noted

GCP/04/24	<p><u>Agree Terms of Reference for the Green City Region Partnership</u></p> <p>a) The Partnership approved the revised Terms of Reference and governance structure for the 2024/25 Municipal Year including the Chair and Vice-Chair arrangements for the Challenge Groups (Annex 01 of the report).</p> <p>b) The Partnership agreed to accept three new Members (GM Moving plus two Voluntary Sector representatives).</p>	<p>Approved/JH</p> <p>Agreed/JH</p>
GCP/05/24	<p><u>Schedule of Meeting Dates for the 2024/25 Municipal Year</u></p> <p>a) The Partnership noted that all meetings would take place at 10.00 am virtually unless otherwise stated on 17.10.24, 23.1.25, and 3.4.25.</p>	Noted/JH
GCP/06/24	<p><u>Chair's Announcements and Urgent Business</u></p> <p>a) Whilst there were no announcements or urgent business introduced, the Chair explained that ten minutes would be made available during the meeting to discuss the recent elections and new Government.</p> <p>b) The Partnership noted the updates provided around the Green Spaces Fund, the Resilience Project, Trafford Energy Park and the Good Landlord Charter.</p>	Noted
GCP/07/24	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></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/JH
GCP/08/24	<p><u>To Approve the Minutes of the Last meeting</u></p> <p>a) That the minutes of the last meeting dated 4.4.24 be approved as a correct record.</p> <p>b) GCP/30/23/2 – IR reported that the GM Mayor had confirmed the establishment of the Food Programme Board for Greater Manchester. The Terms of Reference and Membership would be shared.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>IR/All</p>

	<p>c) GCP/30/23/3 – CM recommended that little progress had been made and she would advise when an update concerning Green Wash City may be given at a suitable future time.</p> <p>d) GCP/32/23/5 – Members were asked to contact MA should they want a shortened lobbying asks document. MC and LME expressed an interest.</p> <p>e) GCP/32/23/6 – the Partnership approved the continuation of the Green Communications Challenge Group with a rotating Chair. LB to report back should a Vice-Chair be appointed.</p> <p>f) GCP/47/24/C – SC provided an update on discussions with SE and Krista Patrick regarding a new economic model for Greater Manchester that prioritised nature.</p> <p>g) GCP/48/24/B – it was reported that tree planting with the City of Trees took place in spring across two closed landfill sites. Case studies would be shared with the Partnership.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>All</p> <p>Approved/LB</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>MW</p>
GCP/09/24	<p><u>Quarter 4 Progress Report – 5 Year Environment Plan (5YEP)</u></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>b) SC requested additional support in light of the Bee Net Zero commitment roll out in all ten Districts.</p> <p>c) Members objected to the Government's seemingly 'fastest finger first' approach to funding and suggested that this be conveyed.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>SC/All</p> <p>Noted</p>
GCP/10/24	<p><u>Work Programme 2023/24 & Challenge Group Updates</u></p> <p>a) That the progress in developing the Mission Based Approach and the associated Challenge Groups be noted.</p> <p>b) In terms of engagement, it was recommended that messages to residents were more frequent.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed/MW</p>

	<p>c) Officers were asked to raise with Districts, retailers continuing to provide single-use carrier bags in violation of regulations.</p> <p>d) The Partnership agreed to consider electric mobility across the region at the next meeting on 17.10.24 and that the Local Transport Plan refresh be considered at the appropriate time.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>MB/MA</p>
GCP/11/24	<p><u>Behaviour Insights</u></p> <p>a) That the presentation be received and noted.</p> <p>b) It was recommended that a similar study be undertaken for business if not already being done though Bee Net Zero.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>SM</p>
GCP/12/24	<p><u>Greater Manchester Net Zero Accelerator</u></p> <p>a) That the presented be received and noted.</p> <p>b) That the Partnership recognised the support needed from Districts and stakeholders across Greater Manchester to deliver its outcomes.</p> <p>c) That the engagement plans be circulated to the Group.</p> <p>d) That DG speak to RM about the GM Strategic Infrastructure Board and Digital Infrastructure Advisory Group.</p> <p>e) DG to discuss with WS domestic retrofit in detail, including how it aligned with skills development, necessary standards and investment.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>DG</p> <p>DG/RM</p> <p>DG/WS</p>
GCP/13/24	<p><u>Draft 5YEP and Carbon Metrics</u></p> <p>a) That the Partnership received and noted the presentation.</p> <p>b) It was recommended to include numbers/values and percentages in the graphs.</p> <p>c) That RS explore potential outcomes that could be achieved sooner than a five-year timeframe.</p> <p>d) That IR/RS convene an engagement session on the 5YEP to include the VCFSE sector and GM Networks Connect.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>RS</p> <p>RS</p> <p>IR/RS</p>

GCP/14/24	<p><u>Green Summit 2024</u></p> <p>a) It was noted that the Green Summit 2024 would be held at the Lowry on 9.12.24.</p>	Noted
GCP/15/24	<p><u>Implications of the New Government Manifesto Commitments</u></p> <p>a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>b) Officers were commended for providing the analysis.</p>	Noted Noted
GCP/16/24	<p>Green City Region Stakeholder Brief</p> <p>a) That the Stakeholder Briefing be received and noted.</p>	Noted
GCP/17/24	<p>Date and Time of Next meeting</p> <p>a) 17.10.24 at 10.00 am via Teams.</p>	