



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE GREEN CITY REGION PARTNERSHIP HELD VIRTUALLY ON
THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2022 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Neil Emmott	GMCA Environment Portfolio & Chair (Rochdale Council) (Chair)
Councillor Alan Quinn	Waste & Recycling Committee (Bury Council) (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Steve Adshead	Transport Committee (Trafford Council)
Councillor Mike McCluster	Planning & Housing Commission (Salford City Council)
Harry Catherall	GMCA Environment Portfolio Lead Chief Executive (Oldham Council)
Paul Bircham	(For Peter Emery) 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)
Louise Blythe	BBC Academy, Communication & Engagement (Chair)
Patrick Allcorn	BEIS
Daniel Carolan	Suez
Claire Igoe	(for Sarah Price) GM Health & Social Care Partnership
Hisham Elkadi	University of Salford
Steph Everett	Homes England
Bernard Magee	Siemens
Roger Milburn	Arup
Liz Price	(For Andy Gibson) Manchester Metropolitan University
Nalin Thakker	The University of Manchester
Lesley Worswick	Environment Agency

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Atherton	Director of Environment, GMCA
David Taylor	Executive Director, Waste, GMCA
Sam Evans	Head of Natural Environment, GMCA

BOLTON
BURY

MANCHESTER
OLDHAM

ROCHDALE
SALFORD

STOCKPORT
TAMESIDE

TRAFFORD
WIGAN

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jenny Hollamby	Senior Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Sarah Mellor	Head of Consumption & Production, GMCA
Sarah Holland	Programme & Policy Lead Energy, GMCA
Sean Owen	Head of Low Carbon, GMCA
Michelle Whitfield	Head of Communications and Behavioural Change, GMCA

GMGCRP/01/22 INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Helen Boyle (Cadent), Jessica Bowles and Chris Oglesby (Bruntwood), Mark Easedale (EA), Peter Emery (ENW), Andy Gibson (MMU), Neil Hind (NHS), Phil Korbel (Cooler Projects), Kristina Poole (PHE), Sarah Price (GMHSCP), Councillor Alan Quinn (Bury) and Megan Black and Simon Warburton (TfGM).

GMGCRP/02/22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The following announcements were noted:

1. Harry Catherall, Chief Executive, Oldham Council, had been appointed as lead Chief Executive for the Green City Region Portfolio alongside Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, GMCA (for Air Quality). Harry replaced Pam Smith (Chief Executive, Stockport Council) who had moved to a new role in Newcastle. The Partnership thanked Pam for her leadership over the last year.
2. In January 2022, representatives from Greater Manchester's ten Councils issued a letter to the Environment Secretary requesting he pause the second phase of Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone (CAZ) funding and to conduct a fundamental government review of vehicle supply chain issues with Greater Manchester support.

RESOLVED/-

That a CAZ press release be circulated following the meeting.

GMGCRP/03/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

GMGCRP/04/22 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING DATED 15 OCTOBER 2022

The Partnership was asked to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Whilst most actions were complete, the Director of Environment, GMCA provided an update on the Strategic Infrastructure Board and lobbying priorities, key communication messages, the Retrofit Action Plan and COP26.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the minutes of the last meeting dated 15 October 2022 be approved as a correct record subject to Hisham Elkadi, University of Salford being added to those present.
2. That an item on lobbying priorities developed by the Strategic Infrastructure Board be considered at the next meeting on 18 March 2022.

GMGCRP/05/22 PROGRESS REPORT 5 YEP

The report provided the usual update on progress of the Green City Region Partnership for the first quarter of 2021/22.

The Partnership's attention was drawn to the Go Neutral Smart Energy Call-off Framework, the Green Homes Grant for Phase 1B and Phase 2, Greater Manchester Cycle Hire scheme, the electric vehicle (EV) tariff, Bee Net Zero, the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy, and the Greater Manchester Green Summit. An update about the work taking place in the coming quarter was also provided with a recognition that further escalation of activity would be required to accelerate Greater Manchester's carbon reduction measures.

The Partnership discussed heating networks, the price cap, price increases and sustainability, decarbonisation bids and green financing, TfGM EV charging points, prices and competitors, the One Bin project, and the GM EV Strategy.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Partnership noted and commented upon the progress outlined in the report and the latest position set out in the dashboard attached at Annex 1 (5 YEP Performance Overview) of the report.
2. That the impact of energy cost increases on existing heat network users be investigated and opportunities to reduce costs be reported back to the Member requesting it.
3. That feedback be provided to Councillor Quinn about the cost of TfGM EV charging points compared to competitors.
4. That an item on GM's EV Strategy be considered at the next meeting on 18 March 2022 with a focus on how it could support District plans.
5. That a 'One Bin' briefing be forwarded to Councillor Adshead.

GMGCRP/06/22 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 main points raised were the role of hydrogen in transport, support for the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) approach, receptor sites and funding, the Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Plan, communication and mass messaging, COP, innovative finance models, and transport activity.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Partnership noted the progress in developing the mission-based approach and the associated Challenge Group and Task and Finish Group activity.
2. That the updated work programmes for 2022/23 be presented to the Partnership's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 15 July 2022.
3. That an item on Hydrogen v EV vehicles and the SCP Plan be considered at the next meeting on 18 March 2022.

GMGCRP/07/22 GO NEUTRAL FRAMEWORK

The report and presentation provided an update on the Go Neutral Smart Energy Call-off Framework, to support the City Region's public bodies in optimising renewable energy generation and storage on their estates and assets. The Go Neutral Framework aimed to accelerate the delivery of up to 300MW of renewable generation across the conurbation over the next three-years through the creation of portfolios of smart energy opportunities.

Discussions surrounded utilisation of the Framework and working with Districts on the next pipeline of projects and carbon savings.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Partnership noted the progress made in establishing the Go Neutral – Smart Energy Framework.
2. That Go Neutral be discussed with BEIS outside of the meeting.

**GMGCRP/08/22 SOCIAL VALUE ELEMENTS OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
WASTE CONTRACT**

The Partnership received a presentation that covered Renew Hubs, the Community Recycling Fund and wider social value measures being delivered by Suez as part of the Greater Manchester Household Waste contract (the contract).

Members praised the Renew Hubs, and the Partnership was encouraged to visit their local Renew Hub to witness the incredible work taking place.

RESOLVED/-

That the presentation be received and noted.

GMGCRP/09/22 RETROFIT ACCELERATOR

A presentation regarding Retrofit Greater Manchester – Retrofit Accelerator, development, and delivery options was considered by the Partnership.

Grant funding, scaling up, Member's role in how to promote the programme to the widest possible audience, meaningful consultations and Greater Manchester guarantees were discussed.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the presentation be received and noted.
2. That the Retrofit Accelerator programme be discussed with BEIS outside of the meeting.

GMGCRP/10/22 GREATER MANCHESTER RETROFIT PLAN

The report sought approval for the Greater Manchester Retrofit Action Plan, produced as an action from the Mayoral Retrofit Task Force.

The report would be presented to the January 2022 meeting of GMCA for approval. It was envisaged that, subject to approval, a launch event would be planned for February 2022, potentially to align with the opening on Energy House 2 at Salford University.

A discussion took place about retraining, colleges and their retrofit course provision and qualifications, education work with schools, funding, communications, career change and how the plan recognised the challenge and set out a pathway to find the solution.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the Partnership approved the draft Greater Manchester Retrofit Action Plan and its contents (attached at Annex 1 of the report).
2. That Officers provide Councillor Adshead with feedback on the opportunities available for people retraining into retrofit work.

GMGCRP/11/22 COMMUNICATIONS DASHBOARD

The presentation provided the Communications Dashboard – Environment Quarter 3 October to December 2021.

RESOLVED/-

That the presentation be received and noted.

GMGCRP/12/22 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED/-

That the next meeting take place virtually on 18 March 2022 at 10.00 am.