

GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 27th July 2022

Subject: Greater Manchester Strategy - Progress Report

Purpose of Report:

To provide Overview & Scrutiny Committee Members with the first six-month progress report for the refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy, with a view to supporting the development of the forward plan of priorities for the Committee embedding the critical role of the committee in supporting and overseeing the delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS).

Attached is the full progress report which will be considered, and subject to comments, approved by GMCA at their meeting on 29th July. In summary the new GMS sets the direction of travel and strategic frame for the coming 10 years for the whole of the city-region. The attached progress report provides a baseline position at six months into the new strategy, for the whole system, with every part of the public, private and voluntary sectors in GM having a role to play if the shared outcomes and commitments are to be attained. Collated evidence of activity supporting the delivery of the 15 shared commitments, and current use of the ways of working are included. These commitment reports, along with the detailed data dashboards and agreed targets, were used to inform the issues paper, which draws out whole system issues which need to be responded to across GM, and with further work with Government if GMS outcomes and commitments are to be achieved.

The GMS data dashboards have been developed ([GMS performance dashboards \(draft\)](#)) to provide an online resource and central hub for all the progress measures related to the GMS, allowing the monitoring of collective progress and enabling ease of access to data and evidence that can be interrogated by place or population group, enabling better targeting of policies and delivery. The information in the dashboards

will be updated in line with the GMS progress reporting cycle and will be available to access online for Members to support scrutiny activity.

The progress reporting process, including the role of O&S Committee, is intended to drive change and see actions being taken which support whole system responses to the issues identified. Notably, the GMS progress report highlights the need to go further and faster if GM is to meet net zero and equalities ambitions.

The GMCA core team will undertake a dissemination exercise to share the progress report and to provide explanation and discussion with stakeholders, thematic groups and equalities panels. The purpose of this activity will be to ensure the whole system understanding of the nature of the issues identified and that all parts of the system are giving due consideration to what those issues mean to them, and for them to determine the relevant actions they may need to take. This will form the basis of the second progress report (at 12 months).

As the O&S Committee determines its forward work programme, there is a need and opportunity for the Committee in maintaining visibility and scrutiny of the actions that are developed and being taken forward in response to the issues paper, this would add accountability for their overall delivery and progress of individual actions, but also collective progress as the whole system seeks to deliver together against the GMS outcomes and commitments.

Recommendations:

The GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to:

- Comment as to where can scrutiny really add value to the monitoring and implementation of the GMS priorities. Members to agree how scrutiny can question / challenge the extent to which activity in all areas is consistent with GMS outcomes, commitments and ways of working, and in particular in support of the GM net zero target and tackling inequalities.
- Select key areas of the GMS Performance Report to inform the future Work Programme of the Committee
- Consider any future training / information sessions that could strengthen the knowledge base of the Committee as it progresses its work

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