

## GM PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMISSION

### 1 ROLE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.1 The role of the Commission is:

*To support Greater Manchester fulfil its vision to become one of the best places in the world to grow up, get on and grow old.*

*To bring together key stakeholders from the planning and housing sectors in support of this vision, helping to create a place in which people are proud of where they live, with a decent home, a fulfilling job, and stress free journeys are the norm.*

1.2 To fulfil this role, the Commission will prioritise a number of shared commitments in the Greater Manchester Strategy:

- Realise the opportunities from our world-class growth and innovation assets, enabled by specific plans including the Places for Everyone plan, Local Growth Plans, and Industrial Strategy to open up opportunities in all parts of the city-region.
- Provide safe, decent, and affordable housing, with no one sleeping rough in Greater Manchester.
- Drive investment into our growth locations, and use that to create opportunities in adjacent town and local centres.
- Enable resilient, safe, and vibrant communities where everyone has access to essential services, with local centres and high streets which are successful and reflective of their populations, and access to high quality leisure spaces.
- 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 carbon neutral commitments and Housing Strategy

1.3 The Commission will also contribute to several other key ambitions in the Greater Manchester Strategy, with particularly strong links to the work of the GM Homelessness Action Work and the GM Low Carbon Hub.

1.4 Amongst the ways in which the Commission will fulfil its role will be to:

- *Commission and publish research and evidence, to inform policy and decisions by the GMCA/AGMA and other GM strategic bodies, e.g the Local Enterprise Partnership as well as individual districts;*
- *Provide advice to the GMCA/AGMA on strategic planning and housing issues;*
- *Ensure that GM Planning and Housing work is clearly communicated to different stakeholder groups, including residents and communities;*
- *Work with a range of agencies and delivery partners to oversee programmes at the GM scale, ensuring that the planning and housing related ambitions in the GM Strategy are taken forward and implemented by a range of partners; and*
- *Working with a range of groups and stakeholders, ensure the alignment of other strategies with our planning and housing ambitions, especially in terms of transport, connectivity and the natural environment.*

## **2 MEMBERSHIP AND ADVICE**

2.1 Commission membership is made up of:

- The GM Portfolio Lead Member for Clean Air, Regeneration and Housing (Chair)
- The GM Portfolio Lead Member for Homelessness & Places for Everyone
- One GM elected member from each of the ten GM districts, nominated annually at the GMCA/AGMA AGM
- A representative of the GM Housing CEO's Group
- A representative of Transport for Greater Manchester
- A representative of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise network in GM
- A representative of GM NHS Integrated Care
- A representative from the private sector

2.2 **A vice chair** is also appointed by the group from within this membership.

2.3 **Private Sector engagement** will be through a private sector member supported by a Panel of stakeholders managed flexibly to engage a much wider network of individuals on relevant aspects of work. The wider Panel will be invited to make reports as appropriate.

2.4 **Local community engagement** will be through individual GM Districts, and the Commission will work with representatives from all 10 Districts to ensure that meaningful opportunities for community engagement are created in the development of GM planning and housing initiatives.

2.5 **Advice and support** to the PHC is provided by the lead Chief Executive for Place Based Regeneration, Housing, Homelessness & Places for Everyone, as well as the GM Planning and Housing Team.

In addition, the Commission can identify and appoint its own advisors to attend meetings or provide written advice on specific issues. Current advisors are appointed from:

- Homes England
- The Environment Agency

### **3 ACCOUNTABILITY**

3.1 The Commission reports to both the GMCA and AGMA Executive Board through its Chair, the GM Portfolio Lead Member Homelessness & Places for Everyone and the lead Chief Executive for Place Based Regeneration, Housing, Homelessness & Places for Everyone.