

Terms of Reference -	GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Function/Purpose	<p>The remit of the overview and scrutiny committee includes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review and evaluate the performance of the Mayor and GMCA, and the way it works with its partners to deliver for local people; • To contribute to policy development in respect of high profile, complex issues affecting the whole of Greater Manchester; • To investigate complex cross-cutting issues with a particular focus on the delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy.
Delegations	None
Accountability	<p>The overview and scrutiny committee shall, within the scope of its remit, exercise the overview and scrutiny functions set out in Schedule 5A of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 (“the Scrutiny Order”) and in particular shall have the following powers and responsibilities (to be exercised in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Section C of Part 5 of the Constitution):</p> <p>(a) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the GMCA;</p> <p>(b) to make reports or recommendations to the GMCA with respect to the discharge of any functions that are the responsibility of the GMCA;</p>

(c) to make reports or recommendations to the GMCA on matters that affect the GMCA's area or the inhabitants of the area;

(d) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the Mayor of any general (but not Police and Crime Commissioner nor fire and rescue) functions;

(e) to make reports or recommendations to the Mayor with respect to the discharge of any general (but not Police and Crime Commissioner nor fire and rescue) functions;

(f) to make reports or recommendations to the Mayor on matters that affect the GMCA's area or the inhabitants of the area;

(g) when exercising the power under (a) or (d) above, to have the power to:

- direct that a decision is not to be implemented while it is under review or scrutiny by the overview and scrutiny committee; and
- recommend that the decision be reconsidered;

(h) to publish details of how it proposes to exercise its powers under (g) above and its arrangements in connection with the exercise of those powers, having obtained the consent of the GMCA to the proposals and arrangements;

(i) to consider matters referred to the committee by one of its members, by a Member of the GMCA, or a member of a Constituent Council, in accordance with Article 6 of the Scrutiny Order;

(j) to consider matters referred to the committee by the GMCA or the Mayor;

(k) to require the Members (including the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor) or officers of the GMCA to attend before the overview and scrutiny committee to answer questions;

	<p>(l) to invite other persons to attend meetings of the overview and scrutiny committee; and</p> <p>(m) to appoint one or more overview and scrutiny sub-committees, and arrange for the discharge of any of the overview and scrutiny committee's functions by any such sub-committee.</p>
Statutory/Decision Making/Informal	Statutory
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty members for the overview and scrutiny committee and a substitute pool of an additional twenty members, appointed annually by the GMCA. • At least one member from each of GM's ten Constituent Councils. • Membership must reflect (as far as reasonably practicable) the political balance of the whole GMCA area. • The GMCA will have regard to any nominations made by Constituent Councils. • Members of the GMCA (including a Substitute Member) may not be a member of the overview and scrutiny committee.
Appointment of Chair	<p>The overview and scrutiny committee will appoint its own chair, who must be a member of one of the Constituent Councils who is an 'appropriate person'. An appropriate person is:</p> <p>(i) A person who is not a member of a registered political party of which the Mayor is a member; or,</p> <p>(ii) If the Mayor is not a member of a registered political party, a person who is not a member of the registered political party who has the most representatives on the GMCA; or,</p>

	<p>(iii) If the Mayor is not a member of a registered political party and two or more parties have the same number of representatives, a person who is not a member of any of those parties.</p> <p>The Committee may choose to appoint a Vice Chair, and they should also be an appropriate person.</p>
Quoracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-thirds, that is fourteen committee members must be present for a meeting to be quorate.
Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each member of the overview and scrutiny committee to have one vote and no member is to have a casting vote. • Whenever a vote is taken at a meeting it shall be by a show of hands, and voting can be recorded at the request of members present at the meeting.
Meeting arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Frequency: Monthly, supported by Task and Finish Groups as required. • Meeting Duration: Usually 2 hours • These meetings are held in public and will be livestreamed (except where confidential or exempt information is being considered).
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Date TOR were approved	<p>27 July 2022 Full Terms of Reference and procedure rules are set out in Section 4E and 5C of the GMCA Constitution - GMCAConstitution2023Final.docx.pdf (greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)</p>