Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Date: 28th July 2023

Subject: Atom Valley Mayoral Development Zone (MDZ) Business Plan 2023 - 2024

Report of: Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester

Purpose of Report

To seek approval from the GMCA for the Atom Valley MDZ Business Plan 2023 - 2024

Recommendations:

The GMCA is requested to:

Approve the Atom Valley MDZ Business Plan 2023 - 2024 (Appendix A)

Contact Officers

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Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

Insert text

Impacts Questionnaire

Impact Indicator	Result	Justification/Mitigation
Equality and Inclusion	G	The Business Plan will drive forward long-term transport improvements across the Atom Valley MDZ
Health		
Resilience and Adaptation	G	Integrating environmental sustainability into all projects being brought forward is a key tenet of the Atom Valley MDZ Integrating environmental sustainability into all projects being brought forward is a key tenet of the Atom Valley MDZ Ensuring sustainable design of new green and blue infrastructure, as well as improvements to the existing will be promoted for all projects within the Atom Valley MDZ
Housing	G	Development of 7,000 homes across Atom Valley MDZ will boost supply and help ease the housing crisis Via the creation of homes with an affordable tenure, and also affordable to run (via low-carbon / NZIO) Via the creation of 7,000 new-build, low-carbon / NZIO homes
Economy	G	The subject Business Plan will drive forward the long-term development of 1.6m sqm of of employment space and the creation of 20,000 new good quality jobs Via the creation of 20,000 new, good quality jobs Proposals will ensure that existing local residents have the skills to benefit from the new jobs available Via an Atom Valley-specific innovation strategy Via an Atom Valley innovation strategy that will encompass the support and promotion of R&D Key target is to attract local and international inward investment Business Plan will drive forward engagement with education and skills providers and also influence the curriculum's to ensure the right skills are available in the local work force for employers Business Plan will help progress the delivery of 1.6m sqm of employment space over the long term
Mobility and Connectivity	G	Business Plan will drive forward proposals to ensure the correct digital infrastructure is delivered across Atom Valley Significant transport infrastructure improvements across a wide-range of modes is a key tenet of the Business Plan Business Plan will drive forward these proposals Significant SRN improvements are required, outcome of this is not yet known with regards to congestion Improvements will be brought forward across a range of transport modes Active travel and public transport improvements are a key tenet of the Atom Valley MDZ SRN and local highway improvements will be undertaken across the MDZ
Carbon, Nature and Environment	G	Any impacts have not yet been quantified Any impacts have not yet been quantified, however the ambition is to improve sustainability and the environment Any impacts have not yet been quantified Any impacts have not yet been quantified Any impacts have not yet been quantified Any impacts have not yet been quantified Business Plan will ensure that all schemes improve biodivesity Changes will occur but can not yet be quantified Business Plan strives to deliver low-carbon employment space and housing as well as improvements to public transport accessibility
Consumption and Production	G	Cannot yet be quantified, however Business Plan seeks innovation to reduce waste and improve recycling across all activities within the MDZ Cannot yet be quantified, however Business Plan seeks innovation to reduce waste and improve recycling across all activities within the MDZ Innovation and R&D activities will provide a focus on this

G	**Positive** impacts overall, whether long or short term.	A	**Mix of positive and negative** impacts. Trade-offs to consider.	R	**Mostly negative**, with at least one **positive** aspect. Trade-offs to consider.	RR	**Negative** impacts overall. Trade-offs to consider.

Contribution to achieving the GM Carbon Neutral 2038 target	n/a	
Further Assessment(s):		Carbon Assessment

Carbon Assessment

Overall Score		

Buildings	Result	Justification/Mitigation
New Build residential	TBC	
Residential building(s) renovation/maintenance	N/A	
New build non-residential (including public) buildings		Range of buildings and final EPC's not yet known as designs are still being developed Number of projects are seeking energy efficiency improvements and operational carbon reduction through refurbishment works Range of buildings being brought forward with individual energy and heating systems in each. Final proposals are not yet known as designs are still being developed Not known as each building will have its own individual costs and target improvement works once designs are complete. Some projects (inc. Stockport) are targeting high BREEAM ratings No biodiversity assessments undertaken Projects (inc. Bolton) targeting improvement to active travel access As the projects are still in the design stage the number of EV charging points across the buildings cannot be ascertained as yet Projects (inc. Bolton) targeting improvement to active travel access As the projects are still in the design stage the number that will include on-site renewables is not yet known

Transport

No associated carbon impacts expected.	High standard in terms of practice and awareness on carbon.	Mostly best practice with a good level of awareness on carbon.	Partially meets best practice/ awareness, significant room to improve.	Not best practice and/ or insufficient awareness of carbon impacts.

Access to amenities	TBC
Vehicle procurement	N/A

Land Use

Land use	TBC

Risk Management

See paragraphs 2.2 to 2.3

Legal Considerations

There are no legal considerations.

Financial Consequences – Revenue

There are no direct financial consequences to the GMCA

Financial Consequences – Capital

There are no direct financial consequences to the GMCA

Number of attachments to the report: 1

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

N/A

Background Papers

- Establishment of the Atom Valley MDZ – Paper to GMCA on 29 July 2022
- Updated Greater Manchester Strategy

Tracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

Yes

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

GM Transport Committee

N/A

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

N/A

1. Introduction / Background

1.1 In July 2022 the GMCA agreed to the establishment of a Mayoral Development Zone within the Atom Valley Growth Location (at the time called the North East Growth Location). It was agreed to call the new entity the Atom Valley Mayoral Development Zone.

1.2 The Atom Valley MDZ is focused on three principal growth sites; Northern Gateway, Kingsway Business Park / AMPI and Stakehill. These three projects have the potential to provide 20,000 new jobs, 7,000 new homes and 1.6 million square metres of employment space through public-private partnership. The Atom Valley MDZ has a focus on creating an "Advanced Materials City" and establishing a national leading Advanced Materials "mega cluster" for Greater Manchester, building on the existing manufacturing supply chains and skills base. Atom Valley will create and retain jobs, offer better job opportunities and enable training and skills development to increase the number of residents in employment.

1.3 The designation of an MDZ was to ensure there is a clear mechanism to align public and private sector investment and ensure that there is commitment to the principle to delivering inclusive and sustainable growth across the three sites and the adjoining towns.

1.4 Under the terms of its establishment the Atom Valley MDZ was to form a Board (set out in Section 2) that would oversee the development of a Business Case (currently in progress) and an annual Business Plan as well as drive forward the vision set out in 1.2 and 1.3 above. The Business Plan must be approved by the GMCA and Bury, Rochdale and Oldham Councils on an annual basis prior to it being adopted formally by the Atom Valley MDZ.

2. Governance and Accountability of the MDC

2.1 The MDZ is governed by its Board, which is chaired by Paul Ormerod, an economist and visiting professor in the Computer Science department at University College London. The other Board members are:

- Andy Burnham – Mayor of Greater Manchester
- Cllr Eamonn O'Brien – Leader of Bury Council
- Lynn Ridsdale – Chief Executive of Bury Council
- Cllr Arooj Shah – Leader of Oldham Council
- Harry Catherall - Chief Executive of Oldham Council

- Cllr Neil Emmott – Leader of Rochdale Council

- Steve Rumbelow – Chief Executive of Rochdale Council

- Lynda Shillaw - Chief Executive of the Harworth Group PLC

- Dr Peter Thompson – Chief Executive of the National Physical Laboratory

- Gareth Russell – Joint Managing Director of Russells

- Andrew Russell – Joint Managing Director of Russells

- Richard Jones – Vice-President for Regional Innovation and Civic Engagement at the University of Manchester

2.2   The MDZ Board has formed the following Sub-Groups that are tasked with the delivery of their specified area of focus:

- Northern Gateway

- Kingsway Park (incorporating AMPI)

- Stakehill

- Engagement, Communications and Promotion

- Skills

- Innovation

2.3   The MDZ Board meets quarterly and provides an oversight role of all activity as well as providing expertise, managing risk and addressing issues as appropriate.

2.4   The preparation of an annual Business Plan by the MDZ Board enables the GMCA and the three District Councils to exercise oversight and control of the MDZ and be assured that the MDZ is acting in a manner which is consistent with their priorities.

3.   Business Plan 2023 - 2024

3.1   The Atom Valley Business Plan 2023 – 2024 is attached at Appendix A and details the key strategic projects which have been prioritised over the plan period to deliver the long-term ambitions and vision of Atom Valley. The Business Plan also includes further detail on the individual Sub-Group workstreams and target outputs.

4.   Recommendations

4.1   Recommendations are found at the beginning of this report.