



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
GREEN CITY REGION PARTNERSHIP  
HELD VIRTUALLY ON FRIDAY 21 JULY 2023 AT 10.30 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Tom Ross (TR)	Portfolio Leader for the Green City Region
Councillor Mike McCusker (MK)	Transport Committee and Planning & Housing Commission Representative (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Steve Adshead (SA)	Waste Committee Representative
Patrick Allcorn (PA)	Energy Security
Louise Blythe (LB)	BBC (Chair Communication & Engagement Challenge Group)
Peter Cole (PC)	Transport for the North (for Agenda Item 11)
Steve Connor (SC)	Creative Concern
Mark Easedale (ME)	(for Ian Crewe) Environment Agency (EA)
Andy Green (AG)	Homes England
Richard Halsey (RH)	Catapult (Chair Low Carbon Challenge Group)
Paul Hooper (PH)	Manchester Metropolitan University (Chair Sustainable Consumption & Production Challenge Group)
Mark Hughes (MH)	The Growth Company
Claire Igoe (CI)	Greater Manchester NHS Integrated Care
Phil Korbel (PK)	Cooler Projects
Louise Marix-Evans (LME)	Quantum (Vice-Chair 5 Year Environment Plan (5YEP) Forum)
Carly McLachlan (MC)	University of Manchester (Chair 5YEP Forum)
Ian Rutherford (IR)	Greater Manchester Faith Communities
Mike Taylor (MT)	(for Steve Cox) Electricity North West (ENWL)

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Thomas Addison (TA)	Local Economic Strategy Principal (Low Carbon Economy), GMCA
Mark Atherton (MA)	Director of Environment, GMCA

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Megan Black (MB)	Head of Logistics & Environment, TfGM
Oliver Fenton (OF)	Assistant Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Todd Holden (TH)	Programme & Policy Lead, GMCA
Jenny Hollamby (JH)	Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Martin Lax (ML)	Transport Strategy Director, TfGM
Anees Mank (AM)	Programme Policy Lead (Retrofit), GMCA
Sarah Mellor (SM)	Head of Sustainable Consumption & Production, GMCA
Garry Parker (GP)	Assistant Director, Environment and Regulatory Services, Bolton Council
Sean Owen (SO)	Head of Low Carbon Policy, GMCA
Robyn Smith (RS)	Project Manager Environment and Low Carbon, GMCA

<b>Minute No</b>	<b>Resolutions</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
	<b>Blue Links = Link to Livestream (available for 6 month)</b>	
<b>GC/01/23</b>	<b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> Apologies were received and noted from Ian Crewe (EA), Steve Cox (ENWL), Chris Oglesby (Bruntwood), Nalin Thakker (University of Manchester), Bernard Magee (Siemens), Liz Price (Manchester Metropolitan University), and Anne Selby (Independent).	Noted
<b>GC/02/23</b>	<b><u>CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS OR URGENT BUSINESS</u></b> That the updates be noted.	Noted
<b>GC/03/23</b>	<b><u>REVIEW AND APPROVE TERMS OF REFERENCE</u></b> 1. That the appointment of Councillor Tom Ross as Chair of the Green City Region Partnership for the 2023/24 Municipal Year be noted. 2. That the revised Terms of Reference for the Partnership for the 2023/24 Municipal Year and governance structure (Annex 01 and 01b of the report) be approved. 3. That the Vice-Chair arrangements and the Terms of Reference for the Challenge Groups for the 2023/24 Municipal Year be agreed (Annexes 02-06 of the report).	Noted JH MA/JH

GC/04/23	<p><b><u>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></b></p> <p>1. That the minutes of the last meeting dated 17 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.</p>	Noted
GC/05/23	<p><b><u>FAITH COMMUNITY PROJECTS</u></b></p> <p>1. That Members endeavor to attend the <a href="#">Our Faith Our Planet Our Commitments</a> event on Thursday 14 September 2023 at 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm at the Manchester Museum.</p> <p>2. That the commitments detailed at the meeting be launched at the Green Summit 2023 to encourage all sectors to accelerate and increase their contributions towards net zero.</p>	All  IR
GC/06/23	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.</p>	Noted
GC/07/23	<p><b><u>QUARTER 1 PROGRESS REPORT – 5 YEAR ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (5YEP)</u></b></p> <p>1. That the progress outlined in the report and dashboard attached at Annex 01 of the report be noted.</p> <p>2. That the Director of Environment provide the timeline around Trafford Park hydrogen facility to the Waste Committee Representative following the meeting.</p> <p>3. That the uptick in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across Greater Manchester be noted.</p> <p>4. That air quality metrics be included in the data source.</p> <p>5. That the business questionnaire covers climate adaptation.</p> <p>6. That link between clean air and net zero be strengthened in future narratives.</p>	Noted  MA  Noted  MA/RB SC  LME/CI/SC
GC/08/23	<p><b><u>WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24 AND CHALLENGE GROUP UPDATES</u></b></p> <p>1. That the progress in developing the Mission Based Approach and the associated Challenge Groups be noted.</p>	Noted

	<p>2. To undertake a deep dive on the work to deliver the Bee Network, it was agreed that the Transport Commissioner be invited to the next meeting on 19 October 2023.</p> <p>3. That the concerns raised by the Low Carbon Challenge Group Chair (interconnectivity, low carbon heat progress, retrofit agenda and grid infrastructure) be acknowledged and explored.</p> <p>4. That the Low Carbon Challenge Group give thought to what a good public awareness and engagement campaign would look like and how good news stories be shared.</p> <p>5. The Waste Committee Representative welcomed the work on textiles and asked that in terms of public awareness examples of reuse/end markets be shared.</p> <p>6. That the Chair of the Communications Challenge Group invited Challenge Group colleagues to discuss the shared narrative of delivery and mechanisms for collaboration.</p> <p>7. That the Chair of the 5YEP Forum to report back to the Partnership with proposals for a Greenwash Free City Charter.</p>	<p>MA/JH/MB</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH/LME</p> <p>PH/SA</p> <p>All Challenge Group Chairs</p> <p>CM</p>
<p><b>GC/09/23</b></p>	<p><b><u>DOMESTIC RETROFIT: LOCAL ENERGY ADVICE DEMONSTRATOR</u></b></p> <p>1. That the Partnership noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the successful award of £2.14m to deliver the Domestic Local Energy Advice Demonstrator Project.</li> <li>b. The appointment of Improveasy, Next Energy, and 0800 Repair to deliver EC04, GBIS, and LA Flex.</li> <li>c. The availability of Your Home Better for willing to pay residents who were not eligible for grant funded schemes.</li> </ul> <p>2. That the Partnership promote the above through their relevant networks.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>3. That a way be developed to discourage traders from using the project to target residents for their own benefits.</p> <p>4. That learning from the Bristol City Leap Partnership be applied especially around contracting and social values.</p>	<p>TH/AM</p> <p>SO/CM/LME</p>
<b>GC/10/23</b>	<p><b><u>DELIVERY OF THE LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLANS</u></b></p> <p>1. That the proposed approach to delivering the outcomes from the GM Local Area Energy Plan be noted.</p> <p>2. That the Partnership endorsed the following:</p> <p>a. The investigation and development of outline businesses cases to accelerate inward investment.</p> <p>b. The development of regional delivery structure, operating model and required capacity.</p> <p>c. The need for additional dedicated resource to support development of new commercial and finance solutions.</p> <p>d. The GMCA submitting and acting as the accountable body for a circa £5m bid to Innovate UK Net Zero Living: Pathfinder Places, to support delivery of the above.</p> <p>3. That social barriers be addressed and learning from previous projects be adopted moving forward.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Endorsed</p> <p>SO</p>
<b>GC/11/23</b>	<p><b><u>STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PLAN</u></b></p> <p>1. Concerns were noted around the reduction of car journeys, protecting nature and about Transport North's near zero target by 2045, which was not aligned with Greater Manchester's ambition of net zero by 2038.</p> <p>2. That the Partnership provide feedback on the Strategic Transport Plan at <a href="#">Strategic Transport Plan   Transport for the North - Transport for the North</a></p> <p>3. That the presentation be received and noted.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>All</p> <p>Noted</p>

<b>GC/12/23</b>	<p><b><u>GREEN SUMMIT</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Partnership noted the progress of the Green Summit 2023.</li> <li>2. That the updated slide deck be shared with the Partnership.</li> </ol>	<p>Noted</p> <p>SM</p>
<b>GC/13/23</b>	<p><b><u>GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY (LNRS)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Partnership noted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The requirement for Greater Manchester to produce a LNRS and what it needed to contain (Sections 2 and 3 of the report).</li> <li>b. The governance arrangements being put in place to develop the Greater Manchester LRNS in a collaborative way (Section 4 of the report).</li> <li>c. The proposed timeline for developing the Greater Manchester LNRS (Section 5 of the report).</li> <li>d. The proposed approach and process for signing off the Greater Manchester LNRS at the consultation and final strategy stages (Section 6 of the report).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Noted</p>
<b>GC/14/23</b>	<p><b><u>DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</u></b></p> <p>That all meetings be held virtually unless otherwise stated on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 October 2023 at 10.30 am</li> <li>• 25 January 2024 at 1.00 pm</li> <li>• 4 April 2024 at 10.30 am</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p>