



GREATER MANCHESTER PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: 15 January 2024

Subject: Integrated Water Management Plan

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Purpose of the report

To provide a briefing to the Planning and Housing Commission on the [Greater Manchester Integrated Water Management Plan](#): (a) Integrated investment examples and (b) Lessons learnt to date.

Recommendations

Planning and Housing Commission members are requested to:

1. Provide comments/feedback and identify areas where additional clarity or added value could be provided.
2. Consider whether there are any issues highlighted in the report which are relevant to the commission's work or within their local authority.
3. To agree to receive a future report on progress of the workstreams relevant to the Commission.

Contact Officers

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1. Introduction / Background

- 1.1 A briefing on the Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP) was presented to the Planning and Housing Commission when it met on the 31 October 2023.
- 1.2 The Integrated Water Management Plan (2023) is a joint Plan between the GMCA, the Environment Agency and United Utilities.
- 1.3 The outcomes that the Plan and associated workstreams are working to achieve are:
 - Integration and embedding investment programmes within the identified strategic growth locations to leverage multiple benefits.
 - Accelerate the implementation of sustainable drainage interventions in locations identified through the Integrated Water Management Plan and in doing so reducing carbon emission, increasing climate resilience whilst providing benefits to nature, society, and pride in our places.
 - Reduce the operation of storm overflows by attenuating or disconnecting rainwater in urban areas and preventing it from entering the combined system, reducing pollution, benefitting local waterways in Greater Manchester.
 - Creating new jobs, developing skills and apprenticeship roles that benefit residents in Greater Manchester
- 1.4 The GMCA agreed at the September 2023 GMCA meeting that the main outputs that will be delivered by March 2024 are:
 - a. Establishment of the Integrated Water Management Team, implementation of team culture and charter and sharing of resources across GMCA, EA and UU.

- b. Further development of the living integrated opportunity programme (projects and interventions within geographical locations and catchments).
- c. Identification and progression (from concept to business cases) of the first tranche of geographical clusters to demonstrate the impact and delivery of better outcomes.
- d. Confirmation of the skills and graduate/apprenticeship programmes across the CA, UU, and EA for integrated water management to commence in September 2024.
- e. Review of the existing GMCA governance structures to strengthen accountability, scrutiny and provide clarity of responsibility in accordance with the principles for good governance
- f. Establishment of the partnership board in accordance with the governance framework.
- g. A communication and engagement plan outlining who will be engaged, when and how during 2023-24.

2. Lessons Learnt

- 2.1 This briefing provides an overview and update on the following outputs (See Annex A):
- Workstream 1 (living integrated opportunity programme)
 - Workstream 2 (digital platform)
 - Workstream 7 (communication and engagement plan).

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Recommendations appear at the front of this report.

ANNEX A - Presentation attached separately.

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