



**MINUTES OF THE  
GREEN CITY REGION PARTNERSHIP  
HELD VIRTUALLY ON FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023 AT 13.00 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
Councillor Alan Quinn (AQ)	Bury Council
Nasir Dad (ND)	(for Harry Catherall), Oldham Council
Patrick Allcorn (PA)	Department Energy Security Net Zero
Leigh Broadhurst (LB)	Suez (Vice-Chair Sustainable Consumption & Production Challenge Group)
Steve Connor (SC)	Creative Concern & Business Board
Mark Easedale (ME)	(for Ian Crewe) Environment Agency (EA)
Richard Halsey (RH)	Energy Catapult (Chair Low Carbon Challenge Group)
Paul Hooper (PH)	Manchester Metropolitan University (Chair Sustainable Consumption & Production Challenge Group)
Claire Igoe (CI)	Greater Manchester NHS Integrated Care
Phil Korbel (PK)	Cooler Projects
Carly McLachlan (MC)	University of Manchester (Chair 5YEP Forum)
Ian Rutherford (IR)	Greater Manchester Faith Communities
Jonny Sadler (JS)	(for Steve Cox) Local Authority Support Officer, Electricity
Will Swan (SW)	University of Salford (Vice-Chair Low Carbon Challenge Group)
Nalin Thakker (NT)	University of Manchester

**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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Rachel Berman (RB)	Principal Researcher (Environment), GMCA
Megan Black (MB)	Head of Logistics & Environment, TfGM
Sam Evans (SE)	Head of Natural Environment, GMCA
Nick Fairclough (NF)	Senior Policy Manager, TfGM
Oliver Fenton (OF)	Assistant Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
John Gregory (JG)	Head of Service for Environmental Assets, Bolton Council
David Hodcroft (DH)	Infrastructure Lead (Place Directorate), GMCA
Jenny Hollamby (JH)	Governance & Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Sarah Holland (SH)	Programme & Policy Lead (Energy), GMCA
Martin Lax (ML)	Transport Strategy Director, TfGM
Sarah Mellor (SM)	Head of Sustainable Consumption & Production, GMCA
Garry Parker (GP)	Assistant Director, Environment and Regulatory Services, Bolton Council
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/15/23</b>	<b><u><a href="#">APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</a></u></b> Apologies were received and noted from Louise Blythe (BBC), Helen Boyle (Cadent), Harry Catherall (Oldham Council), Steve Cox (ENWL), Ian Crewe (EA), Jon Dyson (Bolton Council), Steph Everett (Homes England), Vernon Everitt (TfGM), Andy Gibson and Liz Price (Manchester Metropolitan University), Bernard Magee (Siemens), Louise Marix-Evans (Quantum), Roger Milburn (Arup), Chris Oglesby (Bruntwood) and Anne Selby (Independent).	Noted
<b>GC/16/23</b>	<b><u><a href="#">CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS OR URGENT BUSINESS</a></u></b> 1. That the Challenge Group Chairs, Vice-Chairs, the Environment Directorate, and all those involved be thanked for a successful Green Summit 2023.	Noted

GC/17/23	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>1. Councillor Alan Quinn declared a personal interest in Item 6 - Work Programme by virtue of him being a City of Trees Interim Board Member.</p>	Noted
GC/18/23	<p><b><u>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></b></p> <p>1. That the minutes of the last meeting dated 21.7.23 be approved as a correct record.</p>	Approved
GC/19/23	<p><b><u>QUARTER 2 PROGRESS REPORT – 5 YEAR ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (5YEP)</u></b></p> <p>1. That the progress outlined in the report and latest position set out in the dashboard attached at Annex 01 of the report be noted.</p> <p>2. That the two page summary of Chris Skidmore’s, Independent Review of Net Zero report be circulated to the Partnership.</p>	Noted  MA
GC/20/23	<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> <p>2. That the State of Nature communications friendly format report to be shared with the Partnership.</p> <p>3. That the Partnership consider a report on 25.1.23 about the GM Environment Fund and Green Spaces Fund, the impact, take up, projects, dispersed communities and the next steps.</p> <p>4. SM to speak to Suez and the Challenge Group about solutions for single use vapes in the waste stream.</p> <p>5. IR to speak to SM and SA about setting up a GM Food Programme Board for the Food Security Action Network.</p> <p>6. Anybody interested in becoming the Vice-Chair of the Green Communications Challenge Group contact LB.</p> <p>7. CM to report back to the Partnership on a Greenwash Free City.</p>	Noted  SE  SE  SM  IR/SM/SA  All/LB  CM

<p><b>GC/21/23</b></p>	<p><b><u>GREATER MANCHESTER 5YEP TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the presentation be received and noted.</li> <li>2. That the activities undertaken by TfGM to deliver the 5YEP in respect of transport and travel be noted.</li> <li>3. That climate and transport highlights be reported to the Partnership.</li> <li>4. That messaging be captured in the 5YEP.</li> <li>5. That comments about Metrolink refurbishments in terms of safety would be fed back to the Team.</li> <li>6. That MB and CL continue the conversation around incentivising people out of their cars.</li> </ol>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB/RS</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB/CL</p>
<p><b>GC/22/23</b></p>	<p><b><u>GREEN SUMMIT REVIEW, 5YEP AND BEHAVIOUR INSIGHTS</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Partnership noted the progress updates across all presentations.</li> <li>2. That the Faith Sector be involved in the 5YEP refresh and wider listening events. The Faith and Belief Advisory Board and Our Faith Our Planet to be involved.</li> <li>3. That the Partnership approved the approach to develop updated carbon emissions pathways as part of the 5YEP refresh with a focus on the actions needed by others with sections on what LAs would do.</li> <li>4. That CI contact SM about being involved in the Challenge Groups.</li> <li>5. That the Partnership was comfortable with the planned approach but asked that thought be given to the language used in future communications.</li> <li>6. That the Partnership agreed the approach to behaviour change being shaped by the insights work and asked that support be provided for individuals.</li> </ol>	<p>Noted</p> <p>IR/SM</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>CI/SM</p> <p>MA and Team</p> <p>MA and Team</p>

<b>GC/23/23</b>	<p><b><u>INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Partnership noted the decision made by the GMCA on 30.6.23 and 29.9.23 in relation to the Integrated Water Manchester Plan.</li> <li>2. The Partnership noted how Scrutiny Committee recommendations would be taken forward through the Integrated Water Management Plan.</li> <li>3. The Partnership noted the summary of the Annual Business Plan as presented on 11.9.23.</li> <li>4. That the main outputs to be delivered by March 2023 be noted.</li> </ol>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<b>GC/24/23</b>	<p><b><u>SCHOOLS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Partnership noted the contents of the slide deck and resources.</li> <li>2. That the Partnership promote through their wider network and partnerships.</li> <li>3. That the presentation be shared with the Partnership.</li> <li>4. That an update be provided in 12 months' time.</li> </ol>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Members</p> <p>SH</p> <p>SH</p>
<b>GC/25/23</b>	<p><b><u>PUBLIC SECTOR DECARBONISATION SCHEME VIDEOS</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Partnership noted the contents of the slide deck and resources.</li> <li>2. That the Partnership promote through their wider network and partnerships.</li> </ol>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Members</p>
<b>GC/26/23</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>• 25.1.24 at 1.00 pm</li> <li>• 4.4.24 at 10.30 am</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p>