



Greater Manchester Green City Region Partnership

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Subject: CHALLENGE GROUP UPDATES

Report of: Challenge Group Chairs/Vice Chairs

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to outline the progress made by the 5 Year Environment Plan (5YEP) Challenge Groups in developing their key priorities through Task and Finish Groups.

The accompanying presentation (Annex 10a) provides an updated overview of the Challenge Group priorities and how these are being delivered.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Partnership is asked to:

- Note the progress in developing the Mission Based Approach and the associated Challenge Groups.
- Consider any particular issues raised by the challenge group chairs or vice chairs.

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1.0 INTRODUCTIONS

The purpose of the Challenge Groups is:

- Deliver the 5YEP work programme
- Report back on progress and key challenges/barriers to the Green City Region Partnership
- Utilise lobbying/influencing function when appropriate to drive agenda.
- Work in collaboration with other challenge groups to identify cross cutting issues.

Across the challenge groups, work is ongoing on the development of the 5YEP. We are in the process of bringing the latest draft back to the groups for a second round of feedback.

2.0 GREEN COMMUNICATION DELIVERY CHALLENGE GROUP

Topics discussed

Since the last partnership meeting the challenge group has continued its work on three main work streams:

- 1) Campaign sharing and amplification – a document has been developed to track all partners campaigns.
- 2) Feel the Benefit Campaign – has now been launched and aims at increasing awareness of and engagement with the home energy upgrade support available to GM residents.
- 3) Resident top tips – materials developed by challenge group organisations to communicate top actions for residents is being collated to support alignment of communications to GM residents.

Future priorities/work/topics

- Supporting 5YEP communications.

- Continuing to utilise each other's channels and networks to amplify communications.
- Early engagement in the development of the next Green Summit
- Opportunity to look at influencing behaviours e.g. communicating the top 10 actions people can take.

3.0 LOW CARBON

Topics discussed

The last meeting of the challenge group focused on the energy infrastructure, buildings, and transport elements of the new 5YEP.

Challenges/opportunities raised

- Some of the key feedback on the 5YEP included:
 - Actions around innovation needs to be shown across all the objectives.
 - How action will be financed needs to be shown more clearly.
 - There is a gap in the actions around skills.
 - Language of the actions needs to be stronger.

Future priorities/work/topics

- Retrofit and decarbonisation of heat were identified as the key areas of challenge to explore at future meetings.
- Further comments on the 5YEP will be collated ahead of the next meeting.

4.0 NATURAL CAPITAL GROUP

Topics discussed

The Natural Capital Executive Group's recent meeting included presentations on

- Natural Course Project Wrap Up and IWMP
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- 5YEP Development

Challenges/opportunities raised

- Initial work on the targets for the LNRS were presented and will be brought back to the group when relevant.
- The need to ensure the LNRS and 5YEP are linked up and that the role of each is clearly defined.

Future priorities/work/topics

- Continued engagement on the 5YEP and LNRS
- A Climate Adaptation Plan is being developed that this group will contribute towards.

5.0 SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Topics discussed

At the last meeting the Challenge Group had updates on the following items;

- GM Fashion and Textiles from MMU.
- The 5YEP and had a chance to feedback on the waste and resources section.

Challenges/opportunities raised

- A discussion was held on the new subgroups that are being set up with an ask made to members to consider which task and finish group they would like to join.
- The group provided feedback on the 5YEP development.

Future priorities/work/topics

- Continued engagement on the 5YEP.

6.0 FIVE YEAR ENVIRONMENT PLAN FORUM

Topics discussed

- 5YEP development.
- Results of the ARUP emissions pathway.

Challenges/opportunities raised

- The group provided feedback on the objectives and actions in the plan and will continue to be engaged in further development.

Future priorities/work/topics

- Continued engagement on the 5YEP.
- To bring back the lobbying work and discuss next steps.
- Greenwash free city initiatives.