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# Planning for a place worth living in.

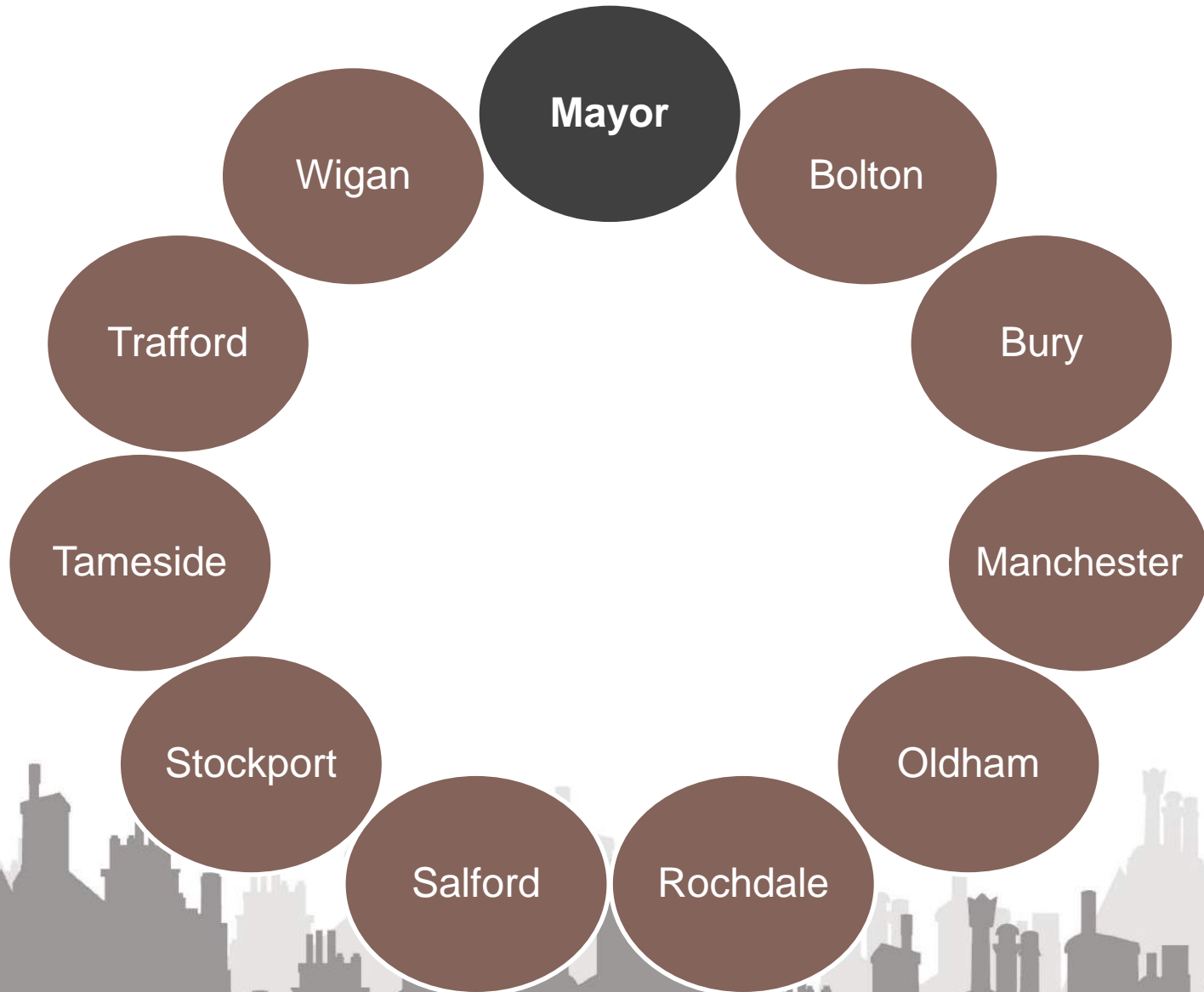
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A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely Vancouver, with numerous illuminated buildings and a Ferris wheel. The foreground shows a residential area with streetlights and trees. The sky is dark blue.

# Who we are....GMCA and the Mayor



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# our people our place

The Greater Manchester Strategy

**Let's make**



1 Children starting school ready to learn



2 Young people equipped for life



3 Good jobs for people to progress and develop



4 A thriving economy in Greater Manchester



5 World-class connectivity

**Greater Manchester**

**one of the best**



6 Safe, decent and affordable housing



7 A green city for all



8 Safe and strong communities



9 Healthy lives and quality care



10 An age-friendly Greater Manchester

**places in the world**





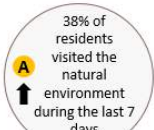
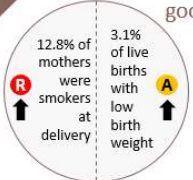
# Living well in Greater Manchester ...

Key	
Performance	Direction of travel
G Exceeding ambition	↑ Improving
A Below ambition	↓ Declining
R Significantly below ambition	↔ Unchanged

WAP = working-age population (16-64)

## START WELL

a healthy start, with supported parents and good early development



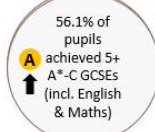
good early years provision in a caring environment

places to play, develop and learn

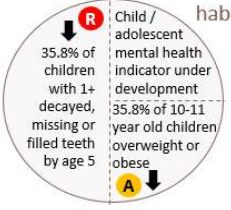
children who are school ready at 5 years old



successful transition to secondary school, and continued good attendance and attainment



children learning healthy life habits

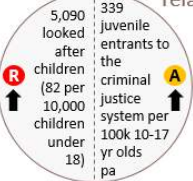


good primary education, with children attending and attaining at school

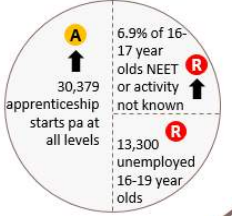


## LIVE WELL

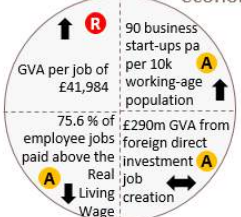
stable families and strong relationships



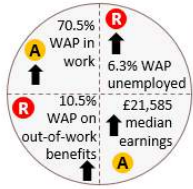
educational, training and employment opportunities on leaving school



a thriving, productive and inclusive local economy



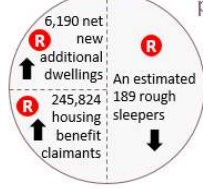
good jobs, and the opportunity to progress and develop



a good work / life balance, with opportunities to enjoy a vibrant and diverse cultural offer



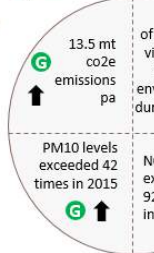
a safe, decent and affordable home, in a place where people want to live



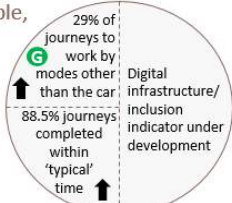
a safe and secure community, with little fear of crime and victimisation



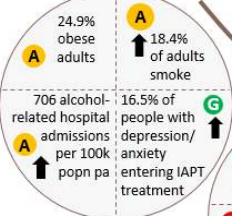
access to green space, and a high quality local environment



good connectivity – transport that works and is affordable, and effective digital infrastructure



a healthy lifestyle, with quality care available if needed



happy, confident and resilient citizens

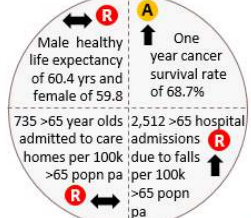


## AGE WELL

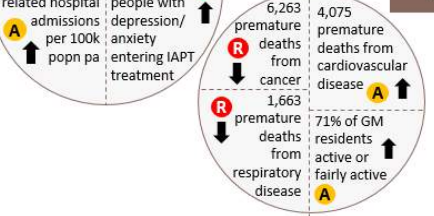
continued social participation and social connections



support to stay well and remain living in your own home



dignity at the end of life



# Look beyond the usual places.....

**Priority 7:  
A green city  
region and a  
high quality  
culture and  
leisure offer  
for all**

Our natural environment, and the ecosystem services it provides, needs to be both protected and, where possible, enhanced in light of increasing pressures from people, the economy and a changing climate. We will seek to protect our existing green spaces by pursuing a brownfield and town centres first approach to housing and employment site development and improving the quality of our parks, rivers and canals.

**Priority 1:  
Children  
starting  
school ready  
to learn**

Places to play, develop and learn. We need our children to have great places to play and enjoy. We will therefore ensure the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework promotes access to good quality community green spaces for children to play and ensure we have accessible green space right across the region.

# Priority 7 – A green city region for all

## **Outcomes:**

- Reduced carbon emissions and air pollution, increased resilience, more sustainable consumption and production, and an outstanding natural environment
- Increased local, national and international awareness of, pride in, and engagement with Greater Manchester's culture, leisure and visitor economy

## **Targets:**

- By 2020, Greater Manchester will have reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to 11mt, down from 13.6mt in 2014
- By 2020, 50% of waste in Greater Manchester will be recycled and 90% diverted, up from 44.6% and 89.3% respectively in 2016/17
- By 2020, we will have halved the gap with the national average<sup>7</sup> for the proportion of Greater Manchester residents reporting that they visited the natural environment at least once during the previous seven days
- By 2020, participation at cultural events and venues will be growing by at least 5% pa<sup>8</sup>
- By 2020, the Greater Manchester visitor economy will be valued at £8.8bn, up from £7.9bn in 2015<sup>9</sup>



## **Greater Manchester CA Portfolios:**

- Green-City Region
- Culture, Arts & Leisure
- Safer & Stronger Communities
- Planning, Housing & Homelessness

## **Greater Manchester Strategies:**

- Greater Manchester Spatial Framework
- Climate change and Low Emissions Implementation Plan
- Greater Manchester Visitor Economy
- Air Quality Action Plan
- Greater Manchester Moving
- Integrated Risk Management Plan

## **Ambitions:**

- Greater Manchester will be a national leader in protecting and strengthening the natural environment
- Greater Manchester will be a carbon neutral city-region
- Ensure that Greater Manchester offers a vibrant, stimulating environment for people to live, work, study and play, supported by a world-class cultural and leisure offer



# Active design - places and spaces for people

## Greater Manchester Moving: Priorities

### 6> Age well

Make active ageing a central pillar within the Greater Manchester Ageing Hub supporting the Greater Manchester ambition for an age friendly city region, which will lead to better health, wellbeing and independence.

#### Priority actions:

- 6.1 Support 'age friendly community' approaches across the whole system, to reduce social isolation, and the risk and effects of long term conditions through active ageing
- 6.2 Embed physical activity consistently into care pathways for those with long term conditions with appropriate support and provision available locally
- 6.3 Create a shared Greater Manchester understanding of good practice in falls prevention exercise and physical activity, through a standardised evidence based approach, to support local implementation

### 7> Place

The role of 'place' is significant in a whole system approach to population scale behaviour change. In Greater Manchester, solutions are sometimes possible across the city region, sometimes at locality, town, or neighbourhood level.

We will encourage our residents to lead active lives, putting in place the infrastructure required to enable more people to walk or cycle and redesigning our streets to meet the needs of all users, establishing Greater Manchester as a world-leading cycle city.

### What will success look like?

The design and layout of places across Greater Manchester play a vital role in how active people are. In the future, planners, urban designers, developers, transport planners, housing associations and health professionals will help to design and create environments which help people get more active, more often.

We will develop more active and sustainable environments and communities.



#### Priority actions:

- 7.1 Ensure the principles of active design are embedded as essential elements of planning policy and decision making across Greater Manchester, supporting active daily life from early years to older age
  - 7.1.1 Ensure that the Spatial Framework for Greater Manchester supports and enables more active lives, healthier, more resilient places and communities through high quality spatial planning
  - 7.1.2 Establish a 'Greater Manchester standard', informed by the ten principles of Active Design and other evidence/best practice, supporting Greater Manchester partners to work through the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and Local Plans
  - 7.1.3 Ensure that master planning for all developments consider Active Design from the start
- 7.2 Support transformational growth in active travel patterns across Greater Manchester so that everyone, regardless of age or economic circumstance, considers cycling and walking to be accessible, desirable, safe and effective choices for short journeys (supporting the development of a Greater Manchester Active Travel Plan and Greater Manchester Transport Plan). This includes:
  - 7.2.1 Working with a Greater Manchester Commissioner to encourage cycling and promote other forms of active travel
  - 7.2.2 Investing in cycling and walking infrastructure and programmes to support active travel. Ensure that the needs of people walking and cycling are factored in to all transport infrastructure investment and that our streets and neighbourhoods are walking and cycling friendly
- 7.3 Maximise the potential of outdoor environments to support and inspire people to live active lives by creating a Greater Manchester Moving Active Outdoors network, in doing so contributing to key environmental outcomes for Greater Manchester such as the Low Emission Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan. This includes: the development of the Active Forest initiative, creating green connections, utilisation of neighbourhood parks and green spaces for formal and informal recreation
- 7.4 Develop Greater Manchester wide plans to further engage people in walking, running and cycling as priorities to support a social movement
- 7.5 Develop integrated wellness hubs including the co-location of health, community and wellness services
- 7.6 Continue to develop more sustainable models of indoor and outdoor community, sports and leisure facility provision and management supported with investment strategies to ensure a fit for purpose asset base across Greater Manchester that serve the whole population and addresses inequalities in engagement

# Why?

- Liveable City Region – Quality of place and quality of life
- NPPF - emphasise enhancing and improving the places in which people live their lives
- Connection with nature
- Health benefits (physical and mental)
- Biodiversity, ecological networks
- Green transport opportunities
- Socio-economic benefits





# What is the Plan..What's the Story?

- We are working together to produce a joint development plan to manage the supply of land for jobs and new homes across Greater Manchester.
- Our Plan will ensure that we have the right land in the right places to deliver the homes and jobs we need.
- It will identify the new infrastructure (such as roads, rail, Metrolink and utility networks) required to achieve this and
- Will consider environmental capacity of land and ecosystems in Greater Manchester, setting out how we will enhance and protect the quality of the natural environment, conserve wildlife and tackle air quality, reduce carbon emissions and flood risk issues.



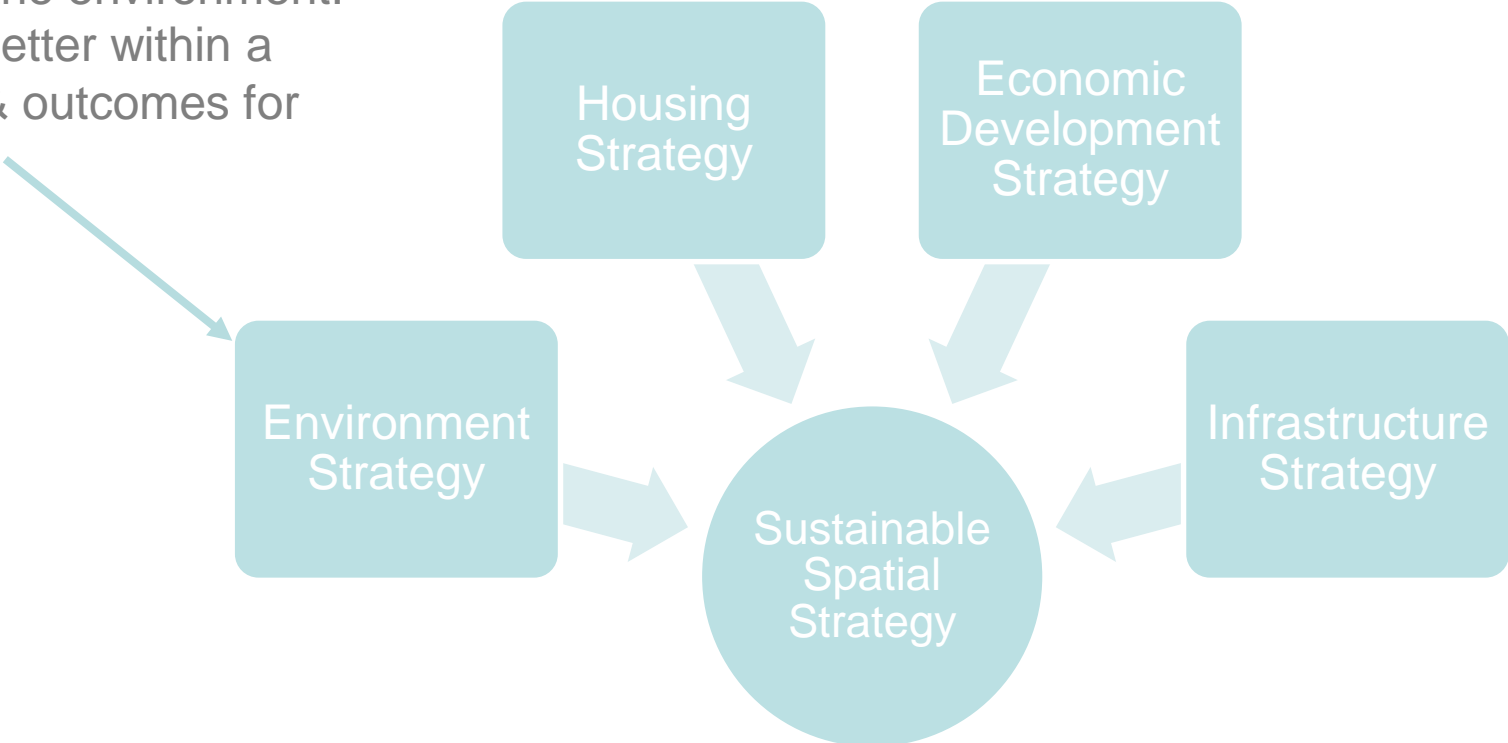
# Taking a placed based and partnership approach to the environment

- Ensure inputs and a steer from the Natural Capital Group – Greater Manchester’s Local Nature Partnership.
- Utilise the opportunity provided by Urban Pioneer to unlock resources from the Defra family.
- Developing principles to reflect the Natural Course approach ‘spatially’ in other catchments.
- Developing a new and different relationship with United Utilities to shape an outcomes framework for Greater Manchester that can inform future investment plans and integrated drainage strategies.
- Work with Natural England and OS to identify the existing greenspace position and future policy options.



# An integrated Spatial Strategy

A vision for the environment.  
To make it better within a  
generation & outcomes for  
places



# Work Plan – November 2017

Consultation,  
communication  
and engagement

Transport

Land for  
housing, offices  
and  
warehousing

Individual  
allocations

Assessment and  
selection of sites

Green Belt

Economic  
Strategy

Strategic flood  
risk assessment

Infrastructure  
(Incl  
infrastructure  
plan)

Integrated  
Assessment

Housing  
Strategy  
(SHMA)

Accessible  
green space

Green  
Infrastructure /  
ecological  
framework

Landscape  
character and  
sensitivity  
assessment

Low Carbon  
Targets and  
(buildings)

Resilient cities





# National Planning Policy Requirements..

Paragraph 73 states: *“Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and qualitative or quantitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreation facilities in the local area. Information gained from the assessment should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required.”*

We have to inspire a generation and provide them with hope for the future?



**Be radical in our approach.....**

