**Expression of Interest for**

**GM Green City Region Partnership**

**Introduction**

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**Objectives**

The purpose of the Greater Manchester Green City Region Partnership (the Partnership) is to provide strategic oversight of the delivery of the Greater Manchester 5 Year Environment Plan through a Mission Based Approach. In essence, the Mission Based Approach requires setting an ambitious Mission ‘Carbon Neutral City Region by 2038’ and breaking this down into manageable challenges. Rather than focusing on particular sectors, this approach focuses on problem specific challenges facing society, which will require many different sector’s involvement to solve.

The Partnership is responsible, on behalf of the GMCA, for overseeing the monitoring and delivery arrangements for the Greater Manchester 5 Year Environment Plan and related elements of the Greater Manchester Strategy.

The Partnership will:

* Work with partners to ensure that Greater Manchester can achieve the vision and objectives of the 5 Year Environment Plan, including the achievement of our longer-term target of carbon neutrality by 2038.
* On behalf of GMCA, oversee the development and implementation of delivery programmes which contribute to achievement of Greater Manchester priorities articulated in the 5 Year Environment Plan.
* Ensure that activities being undertaken are in line with local and national priorities.
* Ensure that there is a robust evidence base for decision-making.
* Regularly evaluate performance against Greater Manchester targets and priorities and support the identification of risks and opportunities.
* Ensure that the work and investments of the Green City Region Partnership is integrated with and contributes to broader Greater Manchester priorities, communicating regularly with other Greater Manchester commissions and Boards (eg, Planning and Housing Commission, Transport, Waste, Infrastructure Committees and Local Enterprise Partnership/Business Board).
* Influence local, national and international policies, legislation and programmes in order to deliver a secure, low carbon future for Greater Manchester.
* Broker agreement at strategic level to resolve apparent barriers to delivery.
* Identify potential resources and provide a strategic overview to ensure that all available resources are utilised to enable the city region to deliver its ambitious vision for carbon neutrality by 2038.
* Actively engage with the ten districts and other Greater Manchester Authorities to act as a conduit for the sharing and adoption of good practices.
* Identify and undertake communication activities to engage with Greater Manchester stakeholders and communities on the 5 Year Environment Plan, acting within the scope of the GMCA Communications Strategy.

**Representation**

The Chair of the Partnership is the Green City Region Portfolio Holder – Councillor Tom Ross. Portfolio Holders are appointed by the GMCA in June/July each year.

The Lead Chief Executive is appointed to the Partnership as part of the GMCA process – Sue Johnson.

The Vice-Chair/Portfolio Assistant will be appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Partnership in July each year.

Appointments from other Committees are made at their Annual Meetings in June/July each year. These are the Waste and Recycling Committee, Transport Committee, and the Greater Manchester Business Board.

Membership List:

TBC after the GM Green City Partnership AGM on Tuesday 16th July 2024.

**Membership Responsibilities**

It is expected that Partnership Members will:

* Regularly attend and contribute to meetings.
* Thoroughly review papers and inform the work of the Partnership.
* If appropriate, Chair or Vice-Chair one of the Challenge Groups and regularly report on progress to the Partnership.
* Individually lead specific programmes that contribute to strategic objectives where appropriate.
* Actively identify and advise upon the adoption of good practice.
* Act as a conduit to and represent on the Partnership, the organisation and/or professional field they come from.
* Ensure that they maintain full accountability and transparency to the Partnership on any activities carried out on behalf of the Partnership.
* That any comment or activity undertaken in their capacity as a Partnership Member is aligned with and endorsed by the Partnership.
* Support and enable communication with wider stakeholders about the work of the Partnership, acting as advocates for the Partnership’s work.

**Meetings**

The Partnership will meet on a quarterly basis. Meeting dates will be set once a year in advance and proposed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Partnership will normally be held in July each year.

Meetings will be held in public and non-confidential papers will be published on the GMCA website in advance. Papers will be issued five working days before meetings, and a meeting note will be issued within two weeks of the meeting date. The GMCA constitution describes the criteria which an item must meet in order for it to be considered in private. Reports which meet those confidentiality or exemption criteria will be considered in a Part B section of the meeting which excludes the public, as permitted under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**Feedback Mechanisms**

Nominated representatives will be responsible for providing feedback to the GM VCSE Leadership Group, this can be either through notes from the board meeting shared via GM VCSE Leadership Group secretariat contacts Kassandra.banks@vsnw.org.uk and anna.cooper@vsnw.org.uk and (or where more appropriate/required due to time-sensitivity) informally through the GM VCSE Leadership Group WhatsApp group.

**Governance**

The Partnership will be accountable to the GMCA. The Partnership will not make decisions, financial or otherwise, that require GMCA approval, but will refer and make recommendations to GMCA as appropriate.

**Criteria Required**

The Partnership are looking to appoint 1 or 2 VCSE Representatives, ideally representing networks, infrastructure organisations or communities themselves that are currently under-represented in environment work and the green agenda. Specifically, the partnership is hoping to offer positions to those who can represent diverse equalities voices and inclusion groups.

**Timescales**

Tuesday 9th July 2024 – Applications close

Members of the GM VCFSE Leadership Group will be sent EoI’s and vote on candidates.

A decision will be made on Friday 12th July, with applicants notified shortly after.

**How to make an expression of interest**

If you would like to be considered for membership of the Green City Region Partnership, please complete the following Expression of Interest form and return to Kassandra Banks Kassandra.banks@vsnw.org.uk by 4pm on Tuesday 9th July.

Before completing this form, please ensure that you have read the above information and criteria regarding the group and are able to commit to regular meetings and any additional work that may arise as part of the role as a member of the Green City Region Partnership.

**Expression of Interest**

1. **Applicant**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Organisation Name** |  |
| **Organisation website** |  |
| **Brief description of organisation and service users***Max 200 words* |  |
| **Current role** |  |
| **How long have you worked in this role?** |  |
| **Which Greater Manchester district do you operate in?***Please tick all that apply* |

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| Bury |  | Rochdale |  | Trafford |  |
| Bolton |  | Salford |  | Wigan |  |
| Manchester |  | Stockport |  | ALL |  |
| Oldham |  | Tameside |  |  |  |

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| **Do you currently serve on any other boards in Greater Manchester? If yes please tell us** |  |
| **Do you have expertiese in or are able to represent any diverse or under-represented communities through your work?**  |  |

1. **Please describe the relevant skills, knowledge and experience that you hold, which would make you a valuable member of the Green City Region Partnership (200 words max).**

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1. **Please describe your current networks locally, across Greater Manchester and/or nationally that might help you to fulfil your role as a VCSE sector member of the** Green **City Region Partnership (200 words max).**

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1. **Please provide any additional information that explains how you meet the criteria above or support your expression of interest (200 words max).**

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