



Greater Manchester Green City Region Partnership

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Subject: 5YEP FIRST YEAR DELIVERY & PROPOSED GOVERNANCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

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

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.
- Provide comment and feedback on the proposed delivery method going forward and draft 1st Year YEP Actions (Annex 06a).

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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
- Work in collaboration with other challenge groups to identify cross cutting issues.

The challenge groups have provided feedback on the mission-based approach and how it can be improved going into delivery of the new 5YEP. The challenge group work programme and task and finish groups will reflect the feedback and first year priority actions outlined in the accompanying presentation.

2.0 GREEN COMMUNICATION DELIVERY CHALLENGE GROUP

Topics discussed

The last challenge group meeting continued to focus on campaign sharing and amplification and further development of the challenge groups

Future priorities/work/topics

- Supporting 5YEP communications.
- Continuing to utilise each other's channels and networks to amplify communications.
- Opportunity to look at influencing behaviours e.g. communicating the top 10 actions people can take.
- Engagement with new contacts collected through the green summit workshop.

3.0 LOW CARBON

Topics discussed

The last meeting of the challenge group had presentations on the following:

- Mission Based Approach update
- NZA – WP5a Energy Generation & Storage Update
- Integrated Settlement – Retrofit Pillar update
- Sector Development Plan
- PfE Net Zero Guidance

Future priorities/work/topics

- Hydrogen deep dive including Hynet, wider industrial decarbonisation and hydrogen strategy development
- Next steps for the mission based approach

4.0 NATURAL CAPITAL GROUP

Topics discussed

The Natural Capital Group's most recent meeting focused on two key items:

- An update on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) including consultation and next steps to publication. This provided an overview of the current status, the outcomes of the consultation, and the planned steps leading to publication.
- A further discussion on the role/remit of NCEG in LNRS implementation. This built on the discussion at the last meeting and how to further refine and solidify the NCG's understanding of how they will contribute to the successful implementation of the LNRS.

Future priorities/work/topics

- Continue discussion around LNRS delivery and NCG role.

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.

Future priorities/work/topics

- Review priorities and establish task and finish groups

6.0 FIVE YEAR ENVIRONMENT PLAN FORUM

Topics discussed

- Next steps for the mission based approach and the role of the 5YEP Forum
- Introduction to the work of a new PhD student working with Tyndall and GMCA on the mission based approach.
- Feedback on the 5YEP Executive Summary

Future priorities/work/topics

- Sharing resources with the group that are being developed to summarise the actions within the 5YEP for businesses and residents ahead of publication
- Further work on community engagement including mapping current activity and setting up a face to face event.

7.0 MISSION BASED APPROACH REVIEW AND NEXT STEPS

The new 5YEP committed to continuing the existing mission based approach governance structure while exploring new methods of delivery to allow more voices to be heard and increase the scale of delivery.

It is proposed that the challenge groups will align with the aims within the 5YEP as outlined in the diagram in Annex 6a. Within each challenge group, task and finish groups will be established to align with the 5YEP objectives and delivering against the actions within the 5YEP. It is also proposed that the challenge groups will move to meeting every 6 months, perhaps with a wider audience and the task and finish groups will meet at least every 1-2 months.

Subject to feedback and approval of the new approach from the GCR Partnership, GMCA Officers and Challenge Group Chairs/Vice Chairs will prioritise the 5YEP actions to be delivered in the first year. This will then be discussed and agreed by challenge group members and leads/members for each task and finish group will be agreed. A PhD researcher from University of Manchester will work with GMCA on our Mission based Approach over the next 3 years.