

Housing First, Planning and Infrastructure Commission – Terms of Reference

Portfolio	Planning & Housing Commission
Function/Purpose	The role of the Commission is: To support Greater Manchester (GM) fulfil our collective vision for the next decade, a thriving city region that is resilient to climate change impacts, where everyone can live a good life. With all partners working together, we have a once in a generation opportunity to take a Housing First approach to tackle spatial, demographic and socio-economic inequalities, grow people's skills and confidence, and improve their health and wellbeing so everyone and every place in our city-region can live well, fulfilling their potential and sharing in success. To bring together key stakeholders from the planning, housing and infrastructure sectors in support of this vision, helping to create a place in which people are proud of where they live, with a decent home, a fulfilling job, and stress-free journeys are the norm. To create a thriving city-region where everyone can live a good life, we will deliver: • Healthy homes for all • Safe and strong communities • A transport system for a global city-region • A clear line of sight to high quality jobs • Everyday support in every neighbourhood • A great place to do business • Digitally connected places and people • Places resilient to climate change

	The Commission will also contribute to several other key ambitions in the Greater Manchester Strategy, with particularly strong links to the work of the GM Homelessness Action Work and the GM Low Carbon Hub. Amongst the ways in which the Commission will fulfil its role will be to: • Commission and publish research and evidence, to inform policy and decisions by the GMCA/AGMA and other GM strategic bodies, e.g. the GM Business Board and GM districts. • Provide advice to the GMCA/AGMA on strategic planning and housing issues. • Ensure that GM Planning and Housing work is clearly communicated to stakeholder groups, including residents and communities. • Work with a range of agencies and delivery partners to oversee programmes at GM level, ensuring that the planning and housing related ambitions in the GM Strategy are taken forward and implemented by a range of partners; and • Working with a range of groups and stakeholders, ensure the alignment of other strategies with our planning and housing ambitions, especially in terms of transport, connectivity, and the natural environment.
Delegations	Private Sector engagement will be through private sector member(s) supported by a panel of

	stakeholders managed flexibly to engage a much wider network of individuals on relevant aspects of work. The wider panel will be invited to make reports as appropriate. Local community engagement will be through GM districts to ensure that meaningful opportunities for community engagement are created in the development of GM planning and housing initiatives. The VCSE representative will act as a ‘catalyst and connector’ on behalf of the VCSE Sector, to ensure that work of the Commission helps to build a resilient local economy, tackle inequalities and inequities, and improve the health and wellbeing of the people who live, work and study in Greater Manchester. Advice and support to the commission is provided by the relevant Portfolio Lead Chief Executive and the GM Planning and Housing Team. In addition, the Commission can identify and appoint its own advisors to attend meetings or provide written advice on specific issues as required.
Accountability	The Commission reports to both the GMCA and AGMA Executive Board through its Chair, the relevant GM Portfolio Leader(s) and the Portfolio Lead Chief Executive.
Statutory/Decision Making/Informal	Non-Statutory Meetings will be livestreamed on the GMCA website.
Membership	Commission membership comprises:

	• Relevant GM Portfolio Leader(s) (Chair) • One GM elected member from each of the ten GM districts, nominated annually at the GMCA/AGMA AGM • A representative of the GM Housing CEO's Group • A representative of Transport for Greater Manchester • A representative of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise network in GM • A representative of GM NHS Integrated Care • A representative from the private sector • Three North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) Members At the Annual General Meeting, members will appoint: A Vice Chair, and One member to the GM Green City Region Partnership. The Commission can identify and appoint its own advisors to attend meetings or provide written advice on specific issues when required.
Appointment of Chair (and Vice Chair)	At the annual general meeting the relevant Portfolio Leader(s) will be appointed as Chair of the Commission. A Vice-Chair will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting from the Commission membership.
Quoracy	None

Voting	Non-voting
Meeting arrangements	• Meets quarterly. • Meets on Microsoft Teams and livestreamed on the GMCA website. • Thematic sub-groups or Task & Finish Groups can be established and meet as required. Sub-groups can make recommendations for the Commission
Lead contacts	Steve Fyfe, Head of Housing, GMCA Anne Morgan, Head of Planning, GMCA
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