

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 10/12/25

Subject: Economic Inactivity Trailblazer Update

Report of: Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Portfolio Lead for Technical Education and Skills and Sara Todd Portfolio Lead Chief Executive for Education Work and Skills

Purpose of Report

Greater Manchester was selected to be one of 8 Economic Inactivity Trailblazer (EIT) areas as outlined in the DWP Get Britain Working White Paper required to test and learn new approaches to tackling economic inactivity.

Responding to Economic Inactivity is a key part of our ambitions for Live Well and is one of the major focuses of work for the Prevention Demonstrator. We know, however, that the underlying causes of and challenges around Economic Inactivity are fully interrelated with other areas (physical health, mental health, skills, housing, safety, family relationships and so on) all of which are priorities for Live Well and crossover with other key cohorts for the Prevention Demonstrator (in addition to Economic Inactivity).

This report will Deep Dive into the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer (EIT) highlighting the activity to date, setting out the ambition over the coming months and demonstrating how we will move beyond the trailblazer as a standalone programme towards its potential role, impact and delivery for the Prevention Demonstrator, Live Well, the wider skills and employment system and most importantly our residents.

Recommendations:

The GMCA is requested to:

1. Recognise the achievements to date of all partners happening as a result of the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer
2. Endorse the integration of the Live Well Journey to Employment across all localities.

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Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

Impacts Questionnaire		
Impact Indicator	Result	Justification/Mitigation
Equality and Inclusion		
Health		
Resilience and Adaptation		
Housing		
Economy	G	
Mobility and Connectivity		
Carbon, Nature and Environment		
Consumption and Production		
Contribution to achieving the GM Carbon Neutral 2038 target		N/A
Further Assessment(s): Equalities Impact Assessment		
G	Positive impacts overall, whether long or short term.	A Mix of positive and negative impacts. Trade-offs to consider.
R	Mostly negative, with at least one positive aspect. Trade-offs to consider.	RR Negative impacts overall.

Carbon Assessment		
Overall Score		
Buildings	Result	Justification/Mitigation
New Build residential	N/A	
Residential building(s) renovation/maintenance	N/A	
New build non-residential (including public) buildings	N/A	
Transport		
Active travel and public transport	N/A	
Roads, Parking and Vehicle Access	N/A	
Access to amenities	N/A	
Vehicle procurement	N/A	
Land Use		
Land use	N/A	
No associated carbon impacts expected.	High standard in terms of practice and awareness on carbon.	Mostly best practice with a good level of awareness on carbon.
Partially meets best practice/ awareness, significant room to improve.	Not best practice and/ or insufficient awareness of carbon impacts.	

Risk Management

N/A

Legal Considerations

N/A

Financial Consequences – Revenue

The total value of the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer is £10m. We are currently anticipating that the full allocation will be utilised.

Financial Consequences – Capital

N/A

Number of attachments to the report: 1

Economic Inactivity Trailblazer Update slide deck

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

N/A

Background Papers

N/A

Tracking/ Process

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

No

Exemption from call in

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

N/A