Let’s make Greater Manchester one of the best places in the world

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Our vision is to make Greater Manchester one of the best places in the world to grow up, get on and grow old:

A place where all children are given the best start in life and young people grow up inspired to exceed expectations.

A place where people are proud to live, with a decent home, a fulfilling job, and stress-free journeys the norm. But if you need a helping hand you’ll get it.

A place of ideas and invention, with a modern and productive economy that draws in investment, visitors and talent.

A place where people live healthy lives and older people are valued.

A place at the forefront of action on climate change with clean air and a flourishing natural environment.

A place where all voices are heard and where, working together, we can shape our future.
There is a new plan for Greater Manchester. It’s called Our People, Our Place.

It has been written by all 10 councils, the Mayor, the NHS, transport, the police and the fire service, with help from businesses, voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, and members of the public.

The plan explains our ambitions for the future of our city-region and the 2.8 million of us who live in the towns, cities, communities and neighbourhoods that make up Greater Manchester.

It covers health, wellbeing, work and jobs, housing, transport, skills, training and economic growth. We believe when we look at these things together we can make real changes.
Children starting school ready to learn

Children deserve the best possible start to life, so we’re joining up children’s services to make sure children can start school ready to learn. Their development in these early years will help set them up for the rest of their lives.

Young people equipped for life

All young people should leave school ready for their life ahead, equipped for work and lifelong learning. We’re making sure they get the support they need in schools and health services, helping with travel and transport, improving careers advice, and increasing the number and quality of apprenticeships.
Good jobs, with opportunities for people to progress and develop

We’re working with employers, colleges and other agencies to make sure people can get the skills and qualifications that businesses and employers in Greater Manchester really want. That will mean more local people can get and keep better-paid, suitable jobs. For people who are keen to get back into work, we’re going to give them the support and training they need.

A thriving and productive economy in all parts of Greater Manchester

World-class science, innovation and business takes place in Greater Manchester and we’re investing in it. We’re making it easier for start-ups and existing businesses to find investment to ensure they can grow. We know if we can improve productivity and pay, all our residents will be better off.
World-class connectivity that keeps Greater Manchester moving

We want to be a really well-connected city, both digitally and in real life. We’ll make sure there is superfast broadband across all of Greater Manchester. We’ll also improve the transport network so everyone can get to where they need to go – especially to jobs and opportunities.

Safe, decent and affordable housing

We have plans to build more than 10,000 more homes every year from now until 2035. We’re turning empty houses into new homes, and working with private and social landlords to improve standards. And we’re working together on a long-term plan to tackle homelessness and end rough sleeping for good.
A green city-region and a high-quality culture and leisure offer for all

We’re working to reduce carbon emissions and pollution, use resources more sustainably, and make the most of our outstanding natural environment. We want to create community hubs and places which people can enjoy.

Greater Manchester is a cultural hotspot, and we’re investing to make it even better for visitors and residents. We’re also continuing to invest in sport and leisure to encourage all of us to live healthy active lifestyles.

Safer and stronger communities

We want every community and person in Greater Manchester to feel safe and secure in their daily lives so we’re working with the voluntary sector, communities and businesses to reduce offending, tackle antisocial behaviour, support victims of crime, protect vulnerable people, deal with organised crime, respond to emergencies, and maintain public safety.
Healthy lives, with quality care available for those that need it

We're making radical improvements to mental and physical health services, promoting wellbeing, encouraging healthier lifestyles, and trying to prevent people getting ill in the first place. We're changing the way the NHS and other care and support services work together in communities so people can easily get help and support when they need to.

An age-friendly Greater Manchester

We're pioneering an approach to become the UK’s first age-friendly city-region. We want people to stay well and live at home for as long as possible. That’s why we’re improving health services, tackling loneliness and social isolation, and encouraging community activities and facilities.
Making it happen

This plan sets out an ambitious vision, but we must go further to make it a reality. We can only make Greater Manchester one of the best places in the world if local people are genuinely involved and are given the power to make a difference. Real change has to start at street-level, in our neighbourhoods, so that everyone can play their part.

Devolution means we’ve already taken control of spending and decisions in huge areas of our lives including transport, health and planning. We now make decisions on how £8bn of public money is spent in Greater Manchester.

We will continue to make the case for more influence and control. Making decisions locally gives us the power to make Greater Manchester more productive, so we can tackle social and economic inequalities.

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