ITEM 3

DECISIONS OF A MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER (GM) LOW CARBON HUB LCH BOARD (LCHB) HELD ON FRIDAY 2 MARCH 2018, CHURCHGATE HOUSE, MANCHESTER

PRESENT: TO BE UPDATED FOLLOWING THE MEETING

Cllr Alex Ganotis GMCA Portfolio Lead for Green City Region (Chair)
Andy Burnham Mayor for Greater Manchester
Cllr Cheryl Brock Oldham MBC
Brad Blundell Anthesis Group
Matt Rooney Anthesis Group
Anne Selby Wildlife Trust
Cally McLachlan University of Manchester
Patrick Allcorn BEIS
Louise Blythe BBC
Robin Lawler Northwards Housing
William Welfare Public Health England
Phil Korbel Carbon Literacy Project
Mark Pilling Siemens
Mark Atherton GMCA
Emma Stonier GMCA
Helen Smith TfGM

LCH/18/11 INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mark Easedale (Environment Agency), Peter Emery (Electricity North West), Councillor Abdul Jabbar (Oldham), Steve Johnson (M&G Group), Roger Milburn (Arup) Robin Phillips (Siemens), Councillor Eunice Smethurst (Wigan), Councillor Anna-Marie Watters (Bolton) and Carolyn Wilkins (Oldham).

LCH/18/12 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY CONTRACT OR MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

LCH/18/13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2018 AND ACTIONS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting of the LCHB, held on 19 January 2018 were considered.

Arising from minute 18/04 it was noted that there was no Quarterly Performance report at this meeting as it had been brought forward. A combined Q4 and Q1 report will be presented to the July meeting.
Arising from minute 18/06 a representative from the electric car industry will be invited to present to a future meeting of the Board accompanied by a more detailed report on the potential for Electric vehicle uptake in GM.

Resolved/-

That the Minutes of the LCHB held on 19 January 2018 be approved as a correct record.

LCH/18/14 DRAFT ACTIONS FOR PRIORITY 7 OF GMS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Board received report which sought feedback on the draft actions proposed for the Greater Manchester Strategy Implementation Plan (2018-2020).

Annex 1 of the report outlined suggestions for actions and the Board were asked if they were satisfied with the following broad areas;

- Water and land quality;
- Bio-diversity and carbon capture;
- Transport;
- Energy;
- Eco-systems;
- Buildings; and
- Sustainable Consumption Production (SCP)

The Board requested clarity as to the grouping together of bio-diversity and carbon capture. Members were informed this referred to natural carbon capture, such as trees, peat and greenery. This would be made more explicit in the final version. Members also asked what SCP referred to. This included recycling and waste management (including food), process efficiency, influencing consumer choice and behaviour. The Board agreed with these broad thematic areas.

Some key potential areas for inclusion which may arise from the Green Summit were noted as follows; improving water management, sustainable urban drainage (particular in relation to schools, land quality issues, the Urban Pioneer project, environment being included in planning policy and the development of a GM Environment Fund, Northern Forest (extending woodland) and electric vehicles (encouraging their use and ensuring the appropriate infrastructure was in place).

It was highlighted that consideration was required as to how the actions in the GMS Implementation Plan aligned with other consultations and work taking place, such as the development of the Air Quality Plan by TfGM. Further discussions regarding this would take place outside of this meeting.

The proposed actions were highlighted as currently being GMCA focused and as the GMS was a strategy for all of GM the Board were encouraged to forward any further comments and suggestions to Mark Atherton for consideration. The transformational actions would also be revisited following the Green Summit on 21st March.

Resolved/-
1. To note the update;
2. To forward any further feedback/comments regarding the draft GMS Actions for Priority 7 to Mark Atherton;
3. That the actions would be revisited following the Mayor’s Green Summit.

LCH/18/15 MAYORAL GREEN SUMMIT

The Board received a presentation which provided an update on the Mayoral Green Summit.

The presentation highlighted the following items;

- SCATTER (Setting City Area Targets and Trajectories for Emission Reduction) workshops had taken place, these included expert workshops, online surveys and listening events;
- Around 50 listening workshops had taken place and there had been representation from the GMCA at each one;
- An environmental charter was in development and it was anticipated this would be published in late Spring/early Summer 2018;
- That between 500-600 people were expected to attend the Green Summit and 1000 people had registered to attend. Letters would be sent to those who had registered but not secured a place;
- The event will be livestreamed meaning those who cannot attend will be able to engage with the Summit;
- There will be three rooms in total and a world café approach was proposed. Stakeholder feedback from the listening events will be included and attendees will self-select the themes that they are interested in. Thematic actions arising from the listening events will also be summed up;
- It was intended to have roving reporting at the event which will be played back on screens at the Summit;
- Draft agenda for the day was to be confirmed by the Mayor;
- It was intended to have a summary session at the end of the event followed by a reception/networking event;
- The results of the listening events and surveys will be presented at the summit and a picture of how people feel about the current position will start to emerge; and
- Overarching themes will be picked out from stakeholder responses.

Questions and comments from the Board included;

- Members supported and welcomed the Green Summit and the proposals outlined regarding the agenda and set up for the day;
- That there the listening events had revealed enthusiasm for the event and for the time being right to consider and implement change;
- That there was a good mix of attendees expected at the event with representation from businesses, the green movement, influencers, academics and politicians. There was a few attendance gaps in relation to larger manufacturers, places had been held and conversations were taking place with BITC; and
- The BBC had held an event recently and feedback from that had also indicated that holding a Green Summit now was a timely opportunity.
LCH/18/16  LOW CARBON PATHWAY ANALYSIS - PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation provided by the Director of Anthesis Group

The main points referred to were:

- A tool had been developed which demonstrated examples of outputs when different intervention scenarios took place;
- This was a key feature of being able to understand what interventions would deliver the best outputs for GM;
- Scenario modelling had been designed to be easy to use and interpret to enable users to have easy interaction with the tool;
- Potential top emissions savings interventions highlighted were; electricity grid decarbonisation; moving transport to zero emissions and reducing distance travelled by individuals; improving domestic and commercial heating through measures such as home insulation, increasing low carbon heat sources, reducing heat demand for commercial buildings and encouraging the development of green buildings; and
- Some possible priority actions outlined were; a development of a GM scenario, a consultation with an Expert Panel on 7th March on ‘first draft’ outputs and engagement with Core Cities on 9th March.

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, attended the meeting for this agenda item and raised the following comments for discussion and consideration;

- The Green Summit presented an opportunity to make calls on sectors regarding reducing energy use;
- The Clean Air plan and this being the start of an initiative to stimulate behaviour change and the beginning of a journey with options to do things differently. The importance of people buying into this work was also stressed;
- The message used needed to be positive by demonstrating opportunities the Green Agenda presented, for example by creating new jobs and improving health; and
- Ambition for GM to become a leader in this area.

Questions and comments from the Board included;

- That there was opportunities for GM to implement some innovative initiatives such as; introducing a GM Green Building Standard;
- Consideration was needed as to how the Green Summit would produce tangible actions for people that are not aware of low carbon or the summit, to help assist with implementing behaviour changes. It was noted that one of the thematic areas was education and awareness raising had arisen from the listening events and that speaking about the local environment, such as trees and green space and improving this for children was a potential way to structure the importance of these issues;
- That another event a year after the Green Summit to assess and benchmark progress in GM may be beneficial;
- Actions were needed over the next 12 months which started to make a difference; some actions planned/undertaken were highlighted as; looking at building with ineffective energy use and assisting residents with switching energy supplier;
The existence of Green Investment Funds which local authorities could access was highlighted. It was noted that more work was needed to increase awareness of these funds, what was needed to access these funds and the capacity of organisations to invest and manage funding;

Target dates for the reduction of carbon were discussed. The current published plan date of 2050 was noted and how much further this date could be brought forward was discussed. Any target would need to be feasible. It was stressed that time was needed to work through proposals and that a key area was outlining actions which would take place over the shorter term;

The possibility of showcasing work taking place in GM at the Green National Week later in the year was highlighted as being something which should be considered;

It was requested that posters picking out the key points and themes from the listening events were displayed at the event and that consideration was given to the people who had held the listening events helping to facilitate discussions; and

Further discussions were required regarding the possibility of organisations making pledges at the closing of the Green Summit and asking local authorities to make official pledges.

Resolved/-

That the presentation be noted.

LCH/18/17 NEDO PROJECT WINS CIBSE AWARD

It was noted that the GM Smart Communities (NEDO) project won the national CIBSE award for best collaborative project on Tuesday 6 February 2018. It was particularly pleasing that the award came from the construction and building industry.

Resolved/-

That the report be noted.

LCH/18/18FIT FOR FUTURE REPORT

The Board considered a report that advised of two national reports, which assessed the relative performance of LEPs and Combined Authorities on leadership and delivery on climate change and sustainability. The independent assessment was conducted by Sustainability West Midlands and funded by BEIS. It was reported that the GMCA and GM LEP were both ranked over #1 in their individual assessments.

Resolved/-

That the Board noted the report.

LCH/18/19 FUTURE MEETING DATES

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on Friday 6 July 2018, 10 am-12 noon, Churchgate House, Manchester M1 6EU.
Future meeting dates, to be held 10 am -12 noon at Churchgate House.

Friday 12 October 2018
Friday 18 January 2019