

GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD (GMSIB)

1 ROLE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE (AGREED ON 15 JANUARY 2019)

- 1.1 The purpose of the GMSIB is to bring together at a strategic level the main organisations responsible for managing and/or delivering Greater Manchester's critical physical infrastructure.

The aim of the GMSIB is to agree and then monitor how strategies and investment plans meet and deliver the Greater Manchester Infrastructure Strategy (GMIS).

Members of the GMSIB should provide expert, impartial advice to the GMCA portfolio holder, the Local Enterprise Partnership and the GMCA Wider Leadership Team of senior officers. The board should also:

- Work with relevant GMCA advisory groups and officers to shape and help deliver an appropriate and resilient Infrastructure Strategy for Greater Manchester
- Engage with government departments, the National Infrastructure Commission, industry, interest groups and other stakeholders to promote the GMIS and gather views on future infrastructure needs and solutions.
- Advise on relevant Regulatory Bodies emerging policies
- Identify and progress opportunities for collaboration, engagement and communication and where appropriate the secondment of staff with relevant expertise to the GMCA
- Strive to seek the resolution of issues that prevent the successful implementation of the GMIS
- Continue to work together collectively to enable key stakeholders to better co-ordinate and collaborate

For the purpose of the Boards terms of reference infrastructure is defined as:

- Energy electricity distribution, generation and storage.
- Gas distribution. Heat generation and distribution
- Water and waste water
- Flood alleviation & surface water drainage
- Green & blue Infrastructure
- Transport and movement

The GMSIB remit also includes the potential interactions between infrastructure and housing but not housing supply in general.

In a similar way, digital infrastructure is a cross cutting element. The GMSIB will have strong links to the Greater Manchester Digital Infrastructure Group without duplicating existing arrangements.

- 1.2 To fulfil this role the board will:
- Take ownership of the Greater Manchester Infrastructure Framework

- Consider and respond to the issues and challenges that it raises
- Support the GMCA/Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) in moving the challenges forward from the Framework into a jointly owned Infrastructure 2040 Strategy and then drive forward its implementation.
- Undertake strategic conversations on infrastructure with other utility companies/infrastructure providers to explore interrelationship and interdependence of the various Greater Manchester infrastructure systems to help develop a resilient GMIS.
- To ensure that there is a link between the GM Infrastructure Strategy work and the various Infrastructure Providers funding mechanism and price reviews programmes.
- Review and explore existing and future arrangements for the funding of infrastructure
- Advise on how the resilience of Greater Manchester's infrastructure can be improved.
- Commission and publish research and evidence, to inform policy and decisions by the GMCA/LEP
- Provide advice to the GMCA/LEP on strategic infrastructure issues
- Ensure that its work and that of the GMCA/LEP are clearly communicated to relevant networks, stakeholders and agencies
- Work with a range of groups and stakeholders to align the Infrastructure Strategy and associated implementation with Greater Manchester's aspirations for economic prosperity and social inclusion.

1.3 The GMSIB will call upon GMCA officers and request briefings, the commissioning of reports and progression of actions from the following groups that are accountable to the GMCA:

- Natural Capital Group
- Transport for Greater Manchester
- Greater Manchester Energy Advisory Group
- Greater Manchester Digital Infrastructure Advisory Group
- Greater Manchester Resilience Forum (Infrastructure)
- Greater Manchester Flood and Water Management Group

Board members will be expected to:

- Draw upon the embedded thinking and capacity within their own organisations.
- Actively seek opportunities for partnership working and
- Support the GMCA Portfolio holder in promoting the work of the GMCA and the Board in relation to infrastructure.

2 MEMBERSHIP AND ADVICE

2.1 Membership of the GMSIB is limited to strategic director level or similar with:

- (a) Able to direct and influence their organisations strategies
- (b) Capacity to direct resources within the organisation
- (c) Have direct access and reporting arrangements to the organisations chief executive.

Members can identify a deputy but this should be at a similar level of seniority.

The following organisations are invited as permanent members of the board

- United Utilities
- Electricity North West
- Cadent
- Environment Agency
Transport for Greater Manchester

The Greater Manchester Resilience forum will be represented by the Chief Resilience Officer.

The GMCA will be represented by the Executive Director for Policy and Strategy.

The following organisations will be invited to attend depending on the Boards focus/requirements:

- National Infrastructure Commission
- Homes England
- Natural England
- Highways England
- Network Rail
- Manchester Airport Group
- Transport for the North

The GMSIB can recommend the appointment of a chair either from within its own membership or from another body where an individual with significant experience and capability in this field has been identified. Recommendations will be considered by the GMCA portfolio holder, the LEP Chair and Chief Executive responsible for infrastructure.

To review the recommendations presented in the Infrastructure Framework and translate these into a Strategy the Board will meet 6 times over a 12 month period. Once the Infrastructure Strategy is in place the board may choose to meet no less than 4 times per year.

The Boards membership and terms of reference will be reviewed after two years.

2.2 **A vice chair** will be appointed.

3 ACCOUNTABILITY

3.1 The board reports to:

- The GMCA Portfolio Holder for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure and to the GMCA Chief Executive.
- The Local Enterprise Partnership via the Chair.