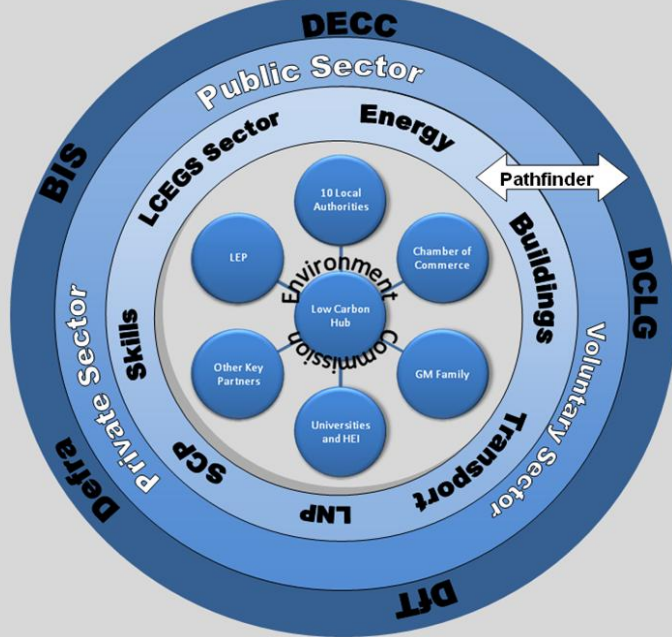


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Proposed Hub Structure (Key)

Inner Hub – Environment Commission, Hub Board and Core Team
 Radial – Existing partnerships and resources
 Inner Ring – Existing and proposed Thematic delivery groups
 Mid Ring – Wider Greater Manchester Public, Private and Voluntary Sector
 Outer Ring – Government Departments

DECC MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) “PATHFINDER” AGREEMENT – A Pathway to 2050

Greater Manchester is one of several UK cities working with the Dept. for Energy and Climate Change to deliver some pioneering low carbon work. Work has commenced under the Pioneer Cities programme to:

- ❑ Jointly prepare climate change implementation plan actions
- ❑ Explore translating UK 2050 emissions reduction trajectories to a GM level
- ❑ Work with other pioneer cities to increase key DECC data access.
- ❑ Share experience and knowledge on carbon literacy and behavioural insight work
- ❑ Review approaches to improving business energy efficiency
- ❑ Improve the success rate of GM Energy bids
- ❑ Develop a proposal for accelerating and overcoming barriers to heat networks
- ❑ Develop an initial portfolio of Green Deal and EC ‘go early’ schemes
- ❑ Develop a portfolio of demonstrator schemes for building-scale renewable heat.

A MoU (Pathfinder Agreement) has been prepared for signing in early autumn which will set out a jointly agreed approach for developing a pathway to 2050. [\[read more\]](#)



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LOW CARBON HUB

The Low Carbon elements of Greater Manchester’s ‘Deal for Cities’ committed GM to establish a low carbon hub and to integrate it within the network of GM Centres of Excellence. The initiation of the Low Carbon Hub is seen as an opportunity to reinvigorate GM’s work on environment in general and focus on low carbon in particular. The next steps will be to engage with partners to assess their capacity to support the Hub initiative.

JOINT VENTURE WITH GREEN INVESTMENT BANK

The Deal for Cities also committed AGMA and UK Green Investments to explore the creation of a joint venture to create a delivery approach for the development and execution of low carbon infrastructure and related low carbon technologies in GM. To be successful, the joint venture will need to be capable of attracting private capital, both equity and debt. The JV will also aim to develop a framework that is capable of replication across local authorities throughout the UK. Consultants SKM/Verco were appointed to carry out the review of GM’s portfolio of potential projects. [\[read more\]](#)

AGMA CHOSEN TO LEAD THE WAY IN DEVELOPING GREEN SKILLS

Working closely with the Green Deal Skills Alliance, AGMA has been chosen to pilot how local authorities can prepare the local workforce, customers and the supply-chain, for the Government’s Green Deal home energy efficiency scheme. [\[read more\]](#)

GREEN SPACES AND WATERWAYS - GM LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP APPROVED

Greater Manchester is to be one of the country's first Local Nature Partnerships (LNP) following a successful AGMA application to Defra. The LNP will bring together a broad range of local organisations, businesses and individuals to influence decision-makers and identify opportunities & challenges to bring about positive change for the local natural environment. [\[Read More\]](#)

SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION – SCP WORKSHOP 7TH SEPT

The Environment Commission SCP Group will hold a small workshop to review the existing SCP evidence base on 7th September.

FUNDING NEWS

Technology Strategy Board - Future Cities

The Cities of Manchester and Salford have each been awarded £50,000 from the TSB to conduct feasibility studies for a Future Cities “Demonstrator”. These studies will consider how large scale pilot projects could demonstrate the additional value that can be created by integrating city transport, communications and other infrastructure systems to improve the local economy and environment. [\[Read More\]](#)

Climate Resilient Infrastructure Design

Defra is seeking companies or consortia to compete for funding of £40,000-£100,000 to develop proposed actions, innovations and associated feasibility studies that will increase the resilience of UK infrastructure to a future changing climate. [\[Read More\]](#)

ENERGY – GM VIEW ON ENERGY REFORM

The reform of the UK electricity market will have a significant long term impact on the price of our energy bills, access to renewable energy and the market share and growth potential of GM businesses and energy enterprises. The GM Energy Group will be holding a small workshop during August to share views and inform the potential development of a GM position on reform at the Energy Group's meeting on 5th September 2012.

OUR BUILDINGS - GREEN DEAL ‘GO-EARLY’

Green Deal is one of the priority areas within GM's Deal for Cities linked to the creation of a Low Carbon Hub. DECC has approached AGMA to explore the potential of delivering early ECO (the new Energy Company Obligation) schemes from October 2012. DECC has a capital pot of £200m to incentivise early take up of Green Deal and ECO across the UK. AGMA is in discussion with our local authorities and social housing providers to develop a portfolio of GM Green Deal/ ECO go early projects and has responded to DECC with proposals based around five key themes:

- ✚ CESP Extension programme with social landlords
- ✚ Local Authority Energy Efficiency Loan or Grant
- ✚ GM Empty Property programme energy efficiency improvements
- ✚ GM Demonstration Homes Competition
- ✚ Community Green Deal Provider Go Early Scheme e.g. Carbon Coop

GET ME TOASTY

10,000 homes have already benefited from free (subject to conditions) loft and cavity wall insulation for householders but there are potentially over 1/2 million homes in GM losing heat through inadequate levels of insulation. The scheme is due to end in December so please refer enquiries to the Greater Manchester Energy Advice Service on 0800 009 3363 now, or visit www.getmetoasty.com to book online.

TRANSPORT - LSTF SUCCESS

Greater Manchester has secured £32.5 million from the Department for Transport for sustainable travel measures to get people to work. TFGM's successful bid to the Government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund will add £28m to the city region's GVA, create the equivalent of 900 jobs and reduce carbon emissions by 1000 tonnes per year. [\[Read More\]](#)

NEW ENVIRONMENT TRANSPORT GROUP

At its July meeting, the Environment Commission agreed to form a transport sub-group to focus on delivering the carbon reduction measures needed from transport emissions to achieve the targets set out in the GM Climate Change Strategy [\[Read More\]](#)

GREEN IMPACT SCHEME

Manchester City Council (MCC) is the first GM local authority to successfully pilot ‘Green Impact’; an innovative behaviour change programme developed by the National Union of Students. The scheme at MCC attracted 25 volunteer teams from across the breadth of the Council. Local student auditors signed off nearly 600 ‘green’ actions with 16 teams receiving an award at a celebration event recognising effort contributed by the 295 staff involved with completing a customised online workbook. The NUS are now looking to expand their programme with other local authorities. [\[Read More\]](#)