Greater Manchester
Urban Pioneer
& Natural Course Project

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To make a clear and evident contribution to Greater Manchester's natural environment, engaging and connecting people with nature in their city, maximising their health and economic benefits through investment in the environment, creating sustainable growth and a good quality of life.

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Policy & Project landscape
Brining them together
Urban Pioneer

Test new tools and methods as part of applying a natural capital approach

Demonstrate a joined-up, integrated approach to delivery

Pioneer and ‘scale-up’ the use of new funding opportunities

Grow our understanding of ‘what works’, sharing lessons and best practice.

The Approach

What should we focus on?

- Vision
- Goal
- How we will get there
- Design principles to shape our approach

Funding

Prosperity

Health

Wellbeing

Connecting People

So what?

- Improve the environment within a generation
- Locally integrated, nationally coordinated, Fair and proportionate, Smart, Joined up environment, Outcome driven, Using what works, Value for money
- Providing data and tools
- Connecting people with the environment
- Delivering locally
- Delivering globally
- Incentivising and financing improvements
- Designing an effective regulatory framework

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People

Growth
The Approach

What should we focus on?

Health & Wellbeing  Air Quality  Planning & Development  Communities  Financing  NGO’s

Success?
Urban Pioneer

Our Timeline

- Currently developing the project plan. Gaining agreement on the priorities for the Urban Pioneer both within Defra and Greater Manchester.
- Identifying work streams and timelines for existing projects to feed into the continuing development of the Urban Pioneer.
- Engaging within Defra and GM identifying input and support and externally as we develop.

Project Scoping

Discussions with Defra and key partners across Greater Manchester exploring what the urban pioneer could focus on. Identification of local governance structures including a Steering Board and its membership. Engagement across the Defra group and locally and the creation of a scoping document.

Project Live

Project delivery working to achieving all outcomes and deliverables. Regular reporting against milestones and sharing of learning.

1st Feb – GMNCG Conference

Expected publication of the 25YEP Engagement framework to Citizen Space

Announcement by SoS of the location of the pioneers

Project Development

Identification of clear project deliverables and outcomes. Creation of the virtual delivery team and development of the project plan. Wider active engagement publicly, across Defra and with partners.

Foundation projects assessing opportunities and current evidence.

First steering group meeting

June | July | Aug | September | October | November | December | January | 2020
Strategic phase | Launch phase | Design phase | Delivery phase
Urban Pioneer Governance

Governance & Next Steps
Natural Course
North West England River Basin District & River Irwell Catchment
EU Water Framework Directive
Project objectives
Links with GMSF

**Issues:**
- Point source – Sewage discharge
- Diffuse sources – drainage
- Housing and mixed
- Physical modifications (culverts in grey)

**Opportunities:**
- Diffuse sources – drainage: housing and mixed
- Confirm upstream sources of pollution into water body (sampling)
- Renaturalising channels in open spaces/green areas
Example project 1: Cleavleleys Wet Woodland
Example Project 2: Howard Street, Salford
Thank you

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