

WORK PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMY, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SKILLS SCRUTINY

The table below sets out the Economy, Business Growth & Skills Scrutiny’s work programme for the full meeting for Members to develop, review, and agree. This is a ‘live’ document and will be updated where necessary at each meeting to ensure that the Committee’s work programme remains current (items taken previously to Economy, Business Growth & Skills Scrutiny are listed in appendix 1).

At the Committee’s first meeting the following standing agenda items were agreed:

- Brexit Monitor
- Work programme

In addition the Committee will be circulated the GMCA’s register of key decisions and the GMCA’s monthly decision notice.

It is suggested that Members review their agenda for January. The current agenda has three related items on skills and employment, and at their November meeting the committee also agreed that they should consider the GMCA’s digital strategy. The GMCA’s Skills team have requested that the Committee review the GMCA’s investment of the Skills Capital element of GM’s Local Growth Fund allocation (prior to the GMCA’s decision at the end of January). To maintain the Committee’s focus on pre-decision scrutiny the Committee are asked to consider whether they wish to defer some items and/or set up a training session to update the Committee on items they may choose to defer.

Members of the committee should note that the Corporate Issues and Reform Scrutiny Committee are establishing a task and finish group on aspects of school readiness where they can add most value. If one or two members of the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Committee would like to join this task and finish group please could they email a member of the Governance and Scrutiny team.

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	CONTACT OFFICER	REASON FOR SUBMISSION TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
8 th Dec 2017 2pm	Manchester Airport/Enterprise Zone	Eddie Smith/Linda Shillaw	Looking at the airport and its enterprise zone as a significant asset for the GM economy. Update on improvements to the airport as a business gateway to GM
	GM Internationalisation Strategy	John Steward	Update on the delivery of the strategy and how what changes may need to be made as a result of Brexit. Information on trade missions e.g. where going/who going/intended outcomes
19 th Jan 2018	Low skills and long term unemployed	Mat Ainsworth	What provision has GM put in place to address this challenge? How has this provision performed over the last year? Is this delivering what is needed and is this of sufficient quality and scale? What was the previous year’s performance)? Report to include both GM and

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2pm			Local authority level data. Also highlight the value of good employment practices to business.
	Careers & Enterprise Network Update	Gemma Marsh	To understand how GM's Careers provision is of sufficient scale and quality to meet the conurbation's needs. Overview of performance over the past year and future plans.
	GM's Ageing Hub: Older workers	Mat Ainsworth/ Jenny Osborne	The committee wished to understand what work GM was undertaking to support older workers in the labour market given the recent changes in state pension age and GM's productivity gap.
	GM Digital Strategy	Phil Swan/Helen Wilding	To receive the full strategy as agreed at the meeting of the Committee on 10 th November 2017.
9 th Feb 2018 2pm	GM Industrial Strategy	John Holden	To scrutinise GM's local industrial strategy and understand how its delivery sits within the wider North and UK
	Funds for Strategic Projects post 2020 <i>(Impact of Brexit on EU Funded Programmes in GM)</i>	Eamonn Boylan/Bill Enevoldson	What are the risks to projects funded in GM by EU funds? Will this impact differentially on particular types of project or particular sectors? What is GM doing to mitigate these risks (practical and policy/lobbying)?
	Greater Manchester Strategy Performance Management Dashboard	John Holden	To review prior to agreement by the GMCA
9 th Mar 2018 2pm	Business Start-Ups	Alison Gordon	To receive update on work taking place in GM regarding business start ups
	Graphene/ Advanced Materials	Alison Gordon	A case study in advanced materials one of GM's key sectors. How research and discovery can be translated market advantage and retained in GM
13 th April 2018 2pm	GM Strategy Implementation Plan Update	Simon Nokes	6 month update on the GMS Implementation Plan
	GMSF and its impact on Employment Land and Economic Growth	Anne Morgan and John Holden	To understand the growth assumptions underpinning the GMSF and ensure that they will facilitate the growth of business.

ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED

- A Fair Economy and Fair Wages
- Graduate Retention in the Labour Market
- Mayoral development areas – falls under the remit of the Housing, Planning & Environment Scrutiny Committee
- Employer Charter (linked to A Fair Economy and Fair Wages) (Adele Reynolds)

Appendix 1

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	CONTACT OFFICER	Follow Up actions
8 th Sep 2017 2pm	Greater Manchester's Skills and Work System: Opportunities and Challenges	Gemma Marsh	
	Local Growth Fund: Update on Progress to Date	Simon Nokes	
13 th Oct 2017 2pm	GMCA Cultural Funding/S48 AGMA Grants	Alison Gordon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Statutory Functions Committee to continue to monitor the funded programmes against the application criteria and desire outcomes.
	GM Strategy Implementation Plan	Simon Nokes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take into account the member comments regarding the plan.
10 th Novemb er 2017 2pm	Digital Business (including actions from the Digital Summit)	Margaret Asquith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take the draft strategy to January's meeting. To invite the chair to the Digital Summit
	Treasury Discussions regarding the Autumn Budget & Government's Commitment to the Northern Powerhouse	Mayor Andy Burnham and Jim Taylor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To circulate the GMCA's Budget Briefing.
	Employer Engagement Strategy	Cllr Sean Anstee	<p>To be updated on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM flagship Apprenticeship programmes; the work and health programmes outcome measures to support sustainability of employment; the action plan, outlining where relevant, whether target dates have been met.