

Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

Item 5

Planning, Housing & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee

15 February 2018

Overview

- Proposed approach to GMSF 2018
- Proposed structure
- Wider engagement
- Timetable to June
- Opportunities for district involvement

Key elements of revised plan

- Responds to the concerns and issues raised in the previous consultation and takes into account updated and new evidence
- Provide a compelling narrative and measurable outcomes to make it clear what the plan is seeking to achieve
- Be much clearer about the importance of urban area/brownfield land what we are doing to bring this forward – Housing Deal, Housing Investment Fund, Town Centre Challenge
- Increased focus on ‘places’ with particular emphasis on the role of town centres – not just the 8 ‘principal’ centres
- Increasing densities on sites which are/could be well connected to public transport
- Reducing the amount of Green Belt released
- Producing a sound plan

GMSF 2018 – structure

Introduction : purpose and scope, relationship with district Local Plans, process for producing the GMSF, how to get involved

Context and issues ; identify the existing situation in Greater Manchester, key challenges for the GMSF to address

Vision : linked to the vision from the Greater Manchester Strategy

Strategic objectives ; series of ‘SMART’ objectives covering the main issues that the GMSF will seek to address

Spatial strategy : narrative explaining what the GMSF will aim to achieve in order to deliver the vision and objectives

The sustainable development of Greater Manchester : sustainable development and climate change; Greater Manchester’s place in the world; policies on key locations within Greater Manchester

GMSF 2018 – structure

Economic development

Economic strategy; policies on key sectors for Greater Manchester
(Business, financial and professional; Digital and creative; Manufacturing
Logistics; Health and biosciences; Retail, leisure and tourism; Low carbon)

An inclusive Greater Manchester

Inclusive neighbourhoods; Design; Housing; Health; Education, skills and
knowledge; Arts and culture; Digital infrastructure; Transport

Environmental sustainability

Environment strategy; Green infrastructure; Strategic green infrastructure;
Green Belt; Nature conservation; Sport and recreation; Flood risk and water
quality; Air quality; Carbon emissions; Resilience; Energy; Heritage;

Spatial distribution of development

- Brownfield preference
- Existing land supply
- Allocations if required

Implementation and Delivery

Wider engagement

- Concerns that the last plan landed without warning, was too technical and was inaccessible (content and method) to members of the public
- 3 main aims
 - Keep people informed on the process and the timetable for consultation
 - Make more information available before the consultation
 - Make the consultation more accessible – both in content and the methods we use to consult

(1) Keep people informed

- Media releases around releases of key information, for example land supply.
- Monthly Mayor's Question Time will give members of the public an opportunity to ask the Mayor directly about questions relating to any part of the plan that they care about.
- E-bulletin to people registered on the circulation list will be sent out in January with an update to any activity.
- Ongoing engagement with interest groups, recorded through a centrally stored datasheet to monitor ongoing leader engagement.
- Explore other opportunities for collaboration with partner agencies.

(2) Make more information available before the consultation

Evidence	Release date	Link
Publication of Consultation responses	Sept 2017	http://gmsf-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/2016consultation/gmsfoc t16?pointId=4204587
Economic Forecasts	Oct 2017	https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/info/20004/business_and_economy/73/great er_manchester_forecasting_model
OAHN	Nov 2017	https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/news/article/236/greater_manchester_works _together_to_meet_housing_need_challenge
Brownfield registers	Dec 2017	https://mappinggm.org.uk/gmodin/?lyrs=brownfield_20 17_gm#os_maps_light/11/53.5069/-2.3201
Baseline land supply	Jan 2018	
Transport evidence	Mar 2018	

(3) Make the consultation more accessible

The GMSF itself:

- Stronger narrative, easier to understand
- More use of infographics/diagrams/pictures
- Production of executive summary and accompanying 'guide' to explain and sign post to the evidence base

How we consult:

- GMCA will provide districts with key messages aligned to the strategic vision of the GMSF, which districts can tailor to their needs and methods of communication.
- Working with communications colleagues to design the consultation portal to be more user friendly
- Encouraging more use of electronic systems – potentially offering training sessions to library staff, 'how to' sessions with community groups
- Co-ordinate the consultation events across Greater Manchester more effectively

Process and timetable

- Approval for consultation at at AGMA/GMCA 29 June
- Planning & Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee - July 2018
- No public consultation on the draft plan or elements of it prior to the consultation launch in June
- Scrutiny sighted on key evidence documents – report in March/April
- Internal member briefings at district level

Opportunities for district involvement

- Planning & Housing Commission members responsible for disseminating information within their districts – offer already made to Scrutiny members to attend these meetings (and nominate representatives for the Housing Strategy working group)
- District officer leads across planning, housing transport, economic development leads will be involved/informed through established arrangements
- Continue to meet the requests of GM Scrutiny in terms of providing regular updates on GMSF
- Mayor and Portfolio Lead will be communicating directly with all elected members and MPs on the revised draft GMSF when we launch the consultation in June