

**REPORT TO: CORPORATE, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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**REPORT TITLE: GREATER MANCHESTER STRATEGY - REFRESH**

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## **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

The Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS) has undergone a refresh. The final draft version is presented here alongside this covering report which sets out the strategic links to the One Stockport Borough Plan and Council Plan. The GMCA report also highlights the proposed approach to the development of a detailed delivery plan and its implementation.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The last Greater Manchester Strategy, agreed in 2017, ran for three years. It was due to be refreshed in 2020, but the Covid pandemic and delays to local elections meant that it was delayed for a year. Over the last year the 'One Year Living with Covid Plan' has provided a bridge to this year's refresh, assessing the impacts of Covid and co-ordinating responses.
- 1.2. The attached GMCA report (Appendix 1) outlines the process undertaken in developing the refreshed GMS, the strapline of 'Good Lives for All', planning and delivery process, and next steps. This report is currently being shared with GM Scrutiny Committees for comment ahead of the meeting of the GMCA in December.
- 1.3. The Council previously aligned its priorities with the GMS through the Council Plan, and the GMS Dashboard through its performance framework. The updated GMS Dashboard and Delivery Plan was reported 6-monthly to Scrutiny and Cabinet, whilst measures from the GMS Dashboard continue to be reported within the Portfolio Performance and Resource Reports and new Portfolio Dashboards.
- 1.4. The recent publication of the One Stockport Borough Plan also provides the opportunity of strategic alignment across the partnership with the new GMS ambitions and priorities.

## **2. ALIGNMENT WITH THE GMS**

- 2.1. The draft GMS is attached at Appendix 2. Addressing widening inequalities, responding to the climate emergency, driving economic growth and connecting our diverse communities are the key challenges at the heart of both the GMS and the ONE Stockport Borough Plan. They sit alongside the need for a 'whole system', cross-sector and GM-wide approach in order to deliver on these ambitions.
- 2.2. An outcomes framework is currently being developed for the One Stockport Borough Plan and this will be aligned with the GMS performance framework. Progress against the new GM performance framework will continue to be reported

to CRMG Scrutiny and Cabinet on 6-monthly basis, as well as being integral to the regular Portfolio and Corporate Reports.

- 2.3. An annual reporting dashboard is also under development to reflect progress against the Borough Plan priorities and this will be aligned with the GMS framework where data is available at District level. This will also reflect Stockport's performance against the GM average and GM 'floor targets' where applicable.
- 2.4. Key activity from the GMS Delivery Plan will also be reflected within the Council Plan and Portfolio Agreements for 2022/23, with progress reported within the Portfolio and Corporate reports.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

CRMG Scrutiny is asked to;

- a) note, review and provide comment on the draft Greater Manchester Strategy text and provide comment on the proposed approach to the development of the supporting delivery plan; and
- b) note, consider and comment on the alignment of the new GMS to the One Stockport Borough Plan and Stockport Council Plan.

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