**Expression of Interest for**

**Greater Manchester Digital Steering Group**

**Introduction**

The Greater Manchester Steering Group sets the overall strategic direction for GM Digital through the GM Digital Blueprint. Ensuring that the collective resources and capabilities that are available to Greater Manchester are aligned and leveraged effectively, to ensure the ambitions defined in the GM Digital Blueprint are delivered.

Current VCFSE representation is low at Steering Group level, with the potential for missed opportunities, therefore there is a desire to increase lived experience and sector expertise perspectives to support Group purpose and aid its decision making and realise GM Digital Blueprint ambitions.

**Objectives**

The Steering Group and its members will, through active participation at the Group meetings and

* Be accountable for realising Greater Manchester’s digital ambitions as articulated in the GM Digital Blueprint.
* Determine the balance of priorities and responsibilities between GMCA’s digital resources, digital ecosystem partners in GM, and related GMCA portfolios.
* Identify approaches and opportunities to address challenges that are hampering progress in delivery of the GM Digital Blueprint.
* Share perspectives on short, medium and long-term strategic challenges, sentiment and opportunities which are visible from within their component of the ecosystem.
* Advocate and champion the GM Digital Blueprint as an enabler of the wider GM Strategy.
* Be accountable for refreshes of the Blueprint, its associated ambitions and measures of success.
* Offer impartial advice and guidance to the GM Portfolio Delivery Executive in order to enable delivery of the Blueprint.
* Support and grow Greater Manchester’s influence with government and potential investors in the city-region.

**Representation**

The GM Digital Steering Group membership is made up of representatives from:

* Key partner organisations
* Linked GMCA portfolios
* GM Local Authorities

Other organisations or individuals may be invited to specific meetings, as necessary.

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| **Key roles**  | **Representative**  | **Role**  |
| Chair and Digital Portfolio Lead  | Councillor Nick Peel  | Leader of Bolton Council  |
| Digital Portfolio Lead CEO  | Joanne Roney  | Chief Executive of Manchester City Council and GMCA Digital Portfolio Lead Chief Executive  |
| GMCA Digital Directorate Lead  | Phil Swan  | Director for Digital, GMCA  |

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| **Key partner organisations**  | **Representative**  | **Role**  |
| GM Business Board | Devrim Celal | Chief Executive Officer, KrakenFlex Ltd |
| GM Integrated Care Partnership | Warren Heppolette | Chief Officer for Strategy & Innovation, GM ICP |
| GM Integrated Care Partnership | Laura Rooney | Corporate Director, Health Innovation Manchester |
| The Growth Company  | Mark Hughes | CEO |
| MIDAS | Joe Manning | CEO |
| GM Police | Douglas Henderson | CIO |
| GM Fire & Rescue Service | Andrea Heffernan | Director of Corporate Support |
| TfGM | Malcolm Lowe  | CIO |
| TfGM | Martin Lax | Director of Transport Strategy |
| Academia | Chris Taylor | University of Manchester |
| Digital industry | Katie Gallagher | Manchester Digital |
| Digital industry | Victoria Knight | BAE Systems and Chair of GM Cyber Advisory Group |
| Digital security | Liz V | GCHQ |
| Telecoms & digital infrastructure | Roger Milburn | Arup and Chair of GM Digital Infrastructure Advisory Group |
| Digital and Tech Ecosystem Enablers | Naomi Timperley | Manchester Tech Festival |
| Data / Not-for-profit | Julian Tait | Open Data Manchester |
| Housing | Nick Horne | GM Housing Providers |
| VCFSE | TBC | TBC |
| Other | Mike Blackburn | Chair of Marketing Manchester and Non-Executive Director, TfGM |
| Representatives from GM Local Authorities | Paul James | CDIO, Trafford Council |
| Representatives from GM Local Authorities | Michael Cullen | Treasurer and Deputy CEO, Stockport Council |

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| **Linked GMCA portfolios**  | **Representative**  | **Role**  |
| Economy & Growth, Strategy and Research  | Simon Nokes  | Executive Director of Policy & Strategy  |
| Economy & Growth, Strategy and Research  | John Wrathmell  | Director, Policy & Strategy  |
| Economy and Innovation GM  | Lisa Dale-Clough  | Assistant Director, Economy  |
| Economy and Innovation GM  | Matthew Kershaw  | Innovation Senior Policy Officer  |
| Green city region  | Mark Atherton  | Director, Environment  |
| Public service reform  | Jane Forrest  | Director, Public Service Reform  |
| Place and infrastructure  | Andrew McIntosh  | Director, Place  |
| Place and infrastructure  | David Hodcroft  | Principal Planning and Strategy Officer  |
| Place and infrastructure  | Alison Gordon  | Assistant Director Business Innovation & Enterprise  |
| Education, work and skills  | Gemma Marsh  | Director, Education Work & Skills  |
| Information Governance  | John Laurence Curtis  | Assistant Director and DPO (GMCA and TfGM)  |
| Equalities panel  | Adrian Bates  | Head of Equalities  |

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| **Local Authorities**  | **Representative**  | **Role**  |
| Representatives from GM Local Authorities  | Paul James  | CDIO, Trafford Council  |
| Representatives from GM Local Authorities  | Michael Cullen  | Treasurer and Deputy CEO, Stockport Council  |

**Meetings**

Once per quarter (x4 times a year), 90 minutes.

**Feedback Mechanisms**

Nominated representatives will be responsible for:

* Feedback is required to the GM VCSE Leadership Group, this can be either through notes from the board meeting shared via GM VCSE Leadership Group secretariat contacts Kassandra.banks@vsnw.org.uk and anna.cooper@vsnw.org.uk and (or where more appropriate/required due to time-sensitivity) informally through the GM VCSE Leadership Group WhatsApp group.

**Governance**

The GM Digital Steering Group is accountable to the GMCA via the GMCA Digital Portfolio Leader and to Wider Leadership Team via the GM Digital Portfolio Lead CEO. It also reports through to the GM Business Board.

Secretariat support: the Group is supported by the GM Digital team at the GMCA.

**The following person specification applies to the role**

To lessen the longer-term burden of becoming a Steering Group member, we are looking for sector representatives willing to become Group members on a temporary basis, expecting to rotate with other representatives (based on areas of interest discussed at each Group meeting, and/or on an agreed fixed term basis, e.g after 1 year). Representatives would be asked to support their handover to a different representative of the VCFSE sector (supported by the GMCA Digital team).

**Timescales**

Friday 10th May 2024– Applications close

EOI’s received will be circulated to members of the GM VCSE Leadership Group with papers in advance of the following meeting.

Tuesday 21st May 2024 – Members of the GM VCSE Leadership to propose delegate via vote during the meeting.

**How to make an expression of interest**

If you would like to be considered for membership of the GM Digital Steering Group, please complete the following Expression of Interest form and **return to Kassandra Banks** Kassandra.banks@vsnw.org.uk by 5pm on Friday 10th May 2024.

Before completing this form, please ensure that you have read the above information and criteria regarding the group and are able to commit to regular meetings and any additional work that may arise as part of the role as a member of the GM Digital Steering Group.

**Expression of Interest**

1. **Applicant**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Organisation Name** |  |
| **Organisation website** |  |
| **Brief description of organisation and service users***Max 200 words* |  |
| **Current role** |  |
| **How long have you worked in this role?** |  |
| **Which Greater Manchester district do you operate in?***Please tick all that apply* |

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| Bury |  | Rochdale |  | Trafford |  |
| Bolton |  | Salford |  | Wigan |  |
| Manchester |  | Stockport |  | ALL |  |
| Oldham |  | Tameside |  |  |  |

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| **Do you currently serve on any other boards in Greater Manchester? If yes please tell us** |  |
| **Do you have expertiese in or are able to represent any diverse or under-represented communities through your work?**  |  |

1. **Please describe the relevant skills, knowledge and experience that you hold, which would make you a valuable member of the GM Digital Steering Group (200 words max).**

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1. **Please describe your current networks locally, across Greater Manchester and/or nationally that might help you to fulfil your role as a VCSE sector member of the** GM **Digital Steering Group. (200 words max).**

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1. **Please provide any additional information that explains how you meet the criteria above or support your expression of interest (200 words max).**

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