

Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter - Supporter

As a Greater Manchester employer, we are proud to support Greater Manchester's 'Good Employment Charter'. Working alongside the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, the Local Enterprise Partnership, and other key organisations in our City Region, we have a shared ambition of creating good jobs for all with real opportunities to help people progress, develop and contribute to our thriving regional economy.

By supporting the Charter, we demonstrate our commitment to become one of the best places to live, work and play in the world. We are a member of a forward-thinking business community, which champions responsible employment practices and supports sustainable growth.

We fully support the Charter's seven 'Good Employment Principles' which set out what good employment practice, effective employee engagement and good and fair employment looks like. These are dynamic and will evolve as more organisations get involved and different approaches are recognised.

1. **Extending Secure work** – we commit to giving our employees clarity over the hours they work and not to use unnecessary forms of insecure employment, so they have more security over their income and can manage their work and non-work commitments more easily.
2. **Extending Flexible work** – we will give employees the opportunity to work flexibly wherever possible, providing greater equality of opportunity, creating a more diverse and inclusive workplace and helping us make better use of the skills and talents of our workforce.
3. **Working Towards Paying A Real Living Wage** – set at the level recommended by the Living Wage Foundation, so our employees can achieve a decent standard of living and that we, as employers, can benefit from better retention and workforce engagement, with the savings that brings.
4. **Improving Workplace Engagement & Voice** – so that our staff can fully contribute to the direction and success of our organisation and shape their roles, with recognised trade unions facilitating the expression of the employees' collective voice where possible, building effective employee engagement activity and with support from relevant professional bodies.
5. **Developing Excellent Recruitment & Progression** – so we as employers can take full advantage of the diversity and talents across all Greater Manchester communities through transparent, inclusive and fair processes, engaging with schools, further education and higher education providers and employment programmes, making sure our staff have opportunities to continually develop and use their skills and experience.
6. **Improving People Management** – we value all our employees and will develop fair and inclusive workplaces, investing in the training and development of the workforce, including managers, and inspiring and motivating staff to make sure we are a successful and high performing organisation.
7. **Developing A Productive & Healthy Workplace** – we support the mental and physical health of all our employees, including adjustments for people with long-term conditions and disabilities, delivering high standards of health and safety in the workplace, and so reducing the costs of absences and providing the benefits of a more diverse workforce.