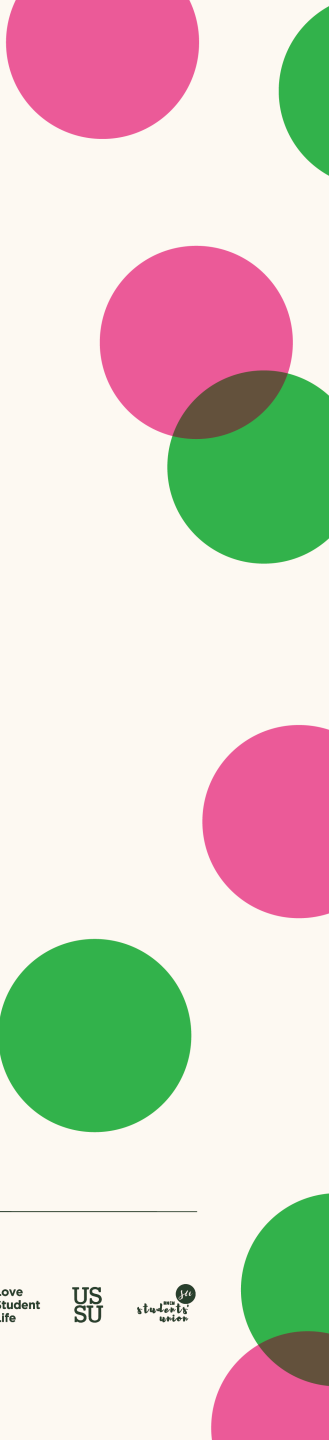


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What is GMSP?



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- The five student unions of Greater Manchester
- Coming together to influence the combined authority
- With the aim of trying to make it the best place for students to live in the UK

What is GMSP?

- Eight officers make up partnership board
- Regular meetings with key people at the combined authority.



Structure

- Mollie

GMSP Mayoral Manifesto

- What did we want to include?
- Making sure that it was achievable, and not too specific
- Officer led idea, staff writing the content
- Making sure it was GMCA specific

GMSP Mayoral Manifesto



Housing

Students should have access to quality, affordable, and safe accommodation. This includes the students who are applying for accommodation out of the country and may not have access to support networks in-country. We would like the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to integrate student housing into its next planning framework with a view to commit to a minimum level of affordable purpose built student accommodation per development, as defined by NUS, with protection for students as part of the good landlord charter.

GMSP Mayoral Manifesto



Transport

The Bus Services Act has given the Greater Manchester Combined Authority powers to design its own transport network. This need only be the start of a more integrated multi-modal transport network. We believe any candidate should commit to including student discounts in any fares and franchising schemes, irrespective of their age. In addition, any candidate should commit to collecting data on student living patterns with a view to designing more connected transport options.

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Safety

In recent polling from the University of Manchester Students' Union, over 33% of students said that they did not feel safe here. The more shocking statistic is that students who have been in the region longer, are more likely to feel unsafe than they were in their first year of study here. We want Greater Manchester Combined Authority to set up a specific task force with students' unions in Manchester on preventative measures for students as victims of crime to include; burglaries, gender based violence, theft, crimes committed on public transport, and crime within the night-time economy.

Working with officers – not always easy!

- Every officer is different
- The ‘very passionate’ officer
- The ‘less involved but I want my say’ officer
- Managing the officers is hard, but worth it

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Working local/combined authorities

- They want to hear from students, especially if they are a Labour authority
- They have a stereotypical view of students
- They do not need students to vote for them to be reelected
- It is slow

Group discussion

- How could you work with other SUs to make a difference in your area/city?
- What would that look like where you work?
- Do you already have a network in place that helps officers work together?

Q&A