

‘TIS THE SEASON

TO SAY THANK YOU

Wishing you happy holidays and
a prosperous new year.



Best UK Large
City of the Future 2023, 2024
Financial Times

Top 5
City for Growth 2023
CBRE

Leading UK City
for FDI 2023
EY UK Attractiveness Survey

It has been an important year for the ongoing development of Greater Manchester. My first year in the role has flown by. As we wind down for Christmas and the New Year, I wanted to reflect on some of the key moments from 2023.

We've had an array of award wins and recognitions. Manchester was named a Top 5 city for growth 2023 by CBRE, Leading UK city for FDI in the EY UK Attractiveness Survey and Best UK large city of the future by fDi Intelligence.

Across the wider city-region, Stockport was praised as "one of the coolest little corners of the country" by national press, further plans for Atom Valley were announced across Bury, Rochdale and Oldham, Bolton's multi-million pound regeneration scheme entered a key phase and Salford set out its ambitious inclusive-growth strategy. Over in Tameside, approved plans for an Ashton Development Zone (ADZ) went live, which will bring together key locations in the town and support growth.

Despite a challenging economic picture, inward investment projects remained strong, and we welcomed organisations ranging from Starling Bank to Max Fame Group, CMA CGM, Therme and the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology to the city-region. They will create thousands of jobs and attract many more as a result.

Greater Manchester signed a trailblazing devolution deal, announced the franchising of our city-region's buses under the Bee Network, and welcomed the government's announcement of a Greater Manchester Investment Zone.

MIDAS also supported Mayoral Trade Delegations to the USA and Japan.

The city-region is sitting in the spotlight. In the last few weeks alone, we have welcomed the Chanel Metiers d'art Show, been voted the European Capital of Cycling, and welcomed the English National Opera to the North.

This is noticed internationally and helps us to promote Greater Manchester as not only a great place to work – but somewhere that people can enjoy the buzz of the city too.

Thank you to all our partners, funders and investors that have made this year successful. We look forward to working together in 2024.

See you next year!

Best wishes,

Joe Manning, Managing Director, MIDAS

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