

# Data Fellowship Project 2022

## Greater Manchester Combined Authority – Creating a Thriving Social Enterprise Index

### Organisation and Team

GMCA - Economy

### Selection Method

A short CV and cover letter, followed by  
an interview.

### Application Criteria

#### Essential:

- An ability to interrogate a range of quantitative and qualitative data sets in word and excel
- Excellent spoken and written communication skills
- A willingness to learn quickly about a new policy area and data, and manage a diverse workload effectively

#### Desirable:

- Some knowledge of or interest in social enterprise, the social economy, or community wealth building
- An ability to use Tableau would be helpful

### Project Outline

The [GM Social Enterprise Advisory Group](#) was set up ‘to advise on how to help create a social enterprise sector which contributes towards greater productivity, flexibility and agility in our economy’. The Group drafted a Plan for social enterprises to thrive, which focusses on 4 ‘enablers’. This project will focus on the first of these:

1. Improving our understanding of social enterprise and its contribution to the GM economy

#### This placement will involve:

- Mapping the status of the sector focusing on economic, social & ethical value, utilising common metrics and building from existing data to help differentiate social enterprises
- Building an understanding of the sector needs & aspirations, clarifying each stage of the journey & what success looks like
- Work with GMCA and social enterprise colleagues to create a GM ‘Thriving Social Enterprise Index’

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## Practical Considerations

The internship will be in a hybrid format, and last for 8 weeks. To make the most of the experience, we hope you will be able to work from our city-centre office for at least some of the week (subject to space), but there is also the option to work from home.

## Support and Training

You will be supported day-to-day by a Principal Strategy Officer and Principal Researcher. They will offer project-specific support, and ensure you have the knowledge and technical skills to succeed in the role.

GMCA has a large Research Team, working across a range of policy areas and using a wide range of research techniques and software. Throughout the internship there will be opportunities to engage with other policy areas and gain an understanding of the wider work of the GMCA. There is also the possibility of attending internal training sessions where spaces are available.

We have welcomed and supported Q-Step Data Fellows in our team for several years and will ensure you can make the most of the experience.

## Supporting Information

Greater Manchester is home to 2.8 million people, with an economy bigger than that of Wales or Northern Ireland.

The GMCA is made up of the ten Greater Manchester councils and the Mayor, who work with local services, businesses, communities, and other partners to improve the city-region. It is our ambition to make Greater Manchester one of the best places in the world to grow up, get on, and grow old.