

Manchester City Council Report for Information

Report to: Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee – 28 February 2017

Subject: Overview Report

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

Summary

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- A summary of key decisions relating to the Committee's remit
- Items for Information
- Work Programme

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to discuss the information provided and agree any changes to the work programme that are necessary.

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

None

1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report lists recommendations made by the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee. Where applicable, responses to each will indicate whether the recommendation will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Response	Contact Officer
3 January 2017	NESC/17/02 Manchester Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and NESC/17/03 Tree Action Plan	To request that all Councillors receive regular updates on the progress and initiatives of the Clean City initiative.	The Item for Information on the Outcomes of the Clean City Initiative requested by Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee was also provided to members of Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee for information on 4 January 2017.	Kate Andrews, Scrutiny Support
		To request that information regarding projects relating to Green and Blue Infrastructure and the Tree Action Plan be provided to ward co-ordination to encourage participation and engagement across the city.	A response to this recommendation is provided at Section 3 of this report.	Richard Elliott, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Research
		To request that a briefing note on Tree Preservation Order's (TPO's) is provided to ward co-ordination. The briefing note should include information on how the Council treats itself in terms of TPO's and trees in back gardens.	A response to this recommendation is provided at Section 3 of this report	Richard Elliott, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Research

3 January 2017	NESC/17/04 Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan and Emissions Report	<p>To request that the Committee Support Officer circulate the information provide to Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee on Corporate Property to members.</p> <p>To request that the Climate Change Communications and Engagement Plan be provided to Committee for information once finalised.</p> <p>To request that dates for the new Carbon Literacy Training be circulated once confirmed. Members agreed that it was important that dates be confirmed with all Councillors as soon as possible; and for a date to be arranged, convenient to members, where the Committee could attend the training together.</p>	<p>This recommendation has been completed</p> <p>A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated once received.</p> <p>A date of 28 March 2017 has been confirmed for members of the Committee. Further dates will be circulated once available.</p>	<p>Kate Andrews, Scrutiny Support</p> <p>David Houliston, Policy and Partnerships Manager</p> <p>David Houliston, Policy and Partnerships Manager</p>
3 January 2017	NESC/17/05 The use of glyphosate for controlling weeds	<p>To note that the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods would explore the possibility for natural alternatives to weed control in appropriate areas of the city in line with the 'Our Manchester' approach.</p> <p>To request that the Head of Commissioning provide a rough estimate of comparable costs for weed control to be circulated to members for information.</p>	<p>This recommendation has been provided to the Executive Member for Information.</p> <p>A response to this recommendation is provided at Section 3 of this report.</p>	<p>Executive Member for Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Matthew Bennett, Head of Commissioning and Delivery</p>

2. Key Decisions

The Council is required to publish details of key decisions that will be taken at least 28 days before the decision is due to be taken. Details of key decisions that are due to be taken are published on a monthly basis in the Register of Key Decisions.

A key decision, as defined in the Council's Constitution is an executive decision, which is likely:

- To result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or
- To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the city.

The Council Constitution defines 'significant' as being expenditure or savings (including the loss of income or capital receipts) in excess of £500k, providing that is not more than 10% of the gross operating expenditure for any budget heading in the in the Council's Revenue Budget Book, and subject to other defined exceptions.

An extract of the most recent Register of Key Decisions, published on **8 February 2017**, containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included overleaf. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and to agree, whether to include in the work programme of the Committee.

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
Clean and Green Ref: 15/009	The approval of capital expenditure.	City Treasurer	February 2017 or later	Gateway 5 (procurement document)	Sara Todd Deputy Chief Executive (Growth and Neighbourhoods) Tel: 0161 234 3286 s.todd@manchester.gov.uk
Social Housing Infill Site Programme Ref: 15/011	The approval of capital expenditure.	City Treasurer	February 2017 or later	Gateway 5 (procurement document)	Sean McGonigle Assistant Chief Executive (Growth) Tel: 0161 234 4821 s.mcgonigle@manchester.gov.uk
Clean and Green Fund	Long-term	City	February 2017	Requests from	Carol Culley

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
Ref: 15/025	improvements to cleanliness and environment of the city.	Treasurer	or later	Growth and Neighbourhoods Directorate	City Treasurer Tel: 0161 234 3590 carol.culley@manchester.gov.uk
Private Sector Housing – Redrow Development Ref: 2016/06/27D	Capital expenditure approval for development cost payments to Redrow in relation to investment in new build homes.	City Treasurer	February 2017 or later	Gateway 5 procurement document	Ian Runacres Project Manager Tel: 0161 234 4953 i.runacres@manchester.gov.uk
Construction and Property Professional Services Framework (CAPPS) for the Capital Programmes and Property Dept. Contract TC859 Ref: 2016/07/21	To seek approval to award Framework Agreements a range of professional services in connection with construction and property related matters. This will consist of 21 individual Framework Lots, each relating to a specific professional discipline, for the use of the Capital Programmes and Property Dept. The Framework will operate for 2 years with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years.	Chief Executive in consultation with the City Treasurer	Phased in batches of Lots according to priority, between September 2016 and February 2017 or later	Confidential contract report with recommendations and supporting documents.	Paul Stanion Interim Head of Compliance and Performance Capital Programmes and Property Tel: 0161 219 6258 p.stanion@manchester.gov.uk John Finlay Framework Manager North West Construction Hub (NWCH) Tel: 0161 219 6530 j.finlay@manchester.gov.uk Neil Davies Senior Procurement Officer Corporate Procurement Tel: 0161 234 3005 n.davies@manchester.gov.uk

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
	The anticipated commencement dates for various Lots are phased between August and October 2016.				
Minor Highway Maintenance Ref: 2016/10/03A	To seek approval to appoint up to 3 companies to a Framework Agreement for Minor Highway Maintenance (Pothole Repairs) for a 1 year period commencing December 2016.	Chief Executive and City Treasurer	February 2017 or later	Confidential contract report with recommendation	Mike Brogan Operations Manager, Manchester Contracts Tel: 0161 908 5840 m.brogan@manchester.gov.uk Colin Butterworth Senior Procurement Officer Tel: 0161 234 3434. c.butterworth@manchester.gov.uk
Greater Manchester Housing Investment Fund Ref: 2016/10/21D	Approval for Capital Expenditure.	City Treasurer	February 2017 or later	Gateway 5 procurement document	Andrew McIntosh Strategic Lead Commercial Finance Tel: 0161 234 4061 Andrew McIntosh
Hot Food Take-Away Supplementary Planning Document Ref: 2016/10/27A	To make a decision on whether to adopt the Draft Hot Food Takeaway Supplementary Planning Document.	Executive	February 2017 or later	Report, recommendation and Hot Food Takeaway SPD	James Shuttleworth Planning Strategy Manager Tel: 0161 234 4594 j.shuttleworth@manchester.gov.uk
Northwards Housing Programme	The approval of Capital expenditure for	City Treasurer	March 2017	Gateway 5 procurement	Ian Runacres Project Manager

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
Ref: 2016/11/25E	Northwards Housing			document	Tel: 0161 234 4953 i.runacres@manchester.gov.uk
HCA-City Deal Receipts Ref: 2017/02/01C	The approval of Capital Expenditure for the purpose of providing loans to residential property developers across Greater Manchester.	City Treasurer	February 2017	Gateway 5 procurement document	Andrew McIntosh Housing Investment Director Tel: 0161 234 4061 a.mcintosh1@manchester.gov.uk
Planned Maintenance Programme 2016/17 Ref: 2016/05/03C	To approve the Planned Maintenance Programme for 2016/17 to be delivered within the allocated Local Transport Plan budget. Delegated powers approval to undertake the required works on the highway.	Chief Executive	February 2017 or later	Delegated approvals report	Paul Swann Team Leader Tel: 0161 219 2220 p.swann@manchester.gov.uk Anthony King Project Manager Tel: 0161 219 6508 a.king@manchester.gov.uk
Provision of Strategic Partner (Programme and Project and Commercial) and Strategic Partner (Highways Engineering Design) for the Capital Programmes and Property Dept.	To seek approval to award contracts for Lot One - Strategic partner (Programme and Project and Commercial) and Lot Two – Strategic Partner (Highways Engineering Design) for the Capital	Chief Executive in consultation with the City Treasurer and the Strategic Director (Development)	February 2017 or later	Confidential contract report with recommendations and supporting documents	Paul Stanion Interim Head of Compliance and Performance Capital Programmes and Property Tel: 0161 219 6258 p.stanion@manchester.gov.uk John Finlay Framework Manager

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
Ref: 2016/05/13A	Programmes and Property Dept. The contract duration is 2 years with an option to extend for up to a further four years. The anticipated commencement date is September 2016.				North West Construction Hub (NWCH) Tel: 0161 219 6530 j.finlay@manchester.gov.uk Neil Davies Senior Procurement Officer Corporate Procurement Tel: 0161 234 3005 n.davies@manchester.gov.uk
The Provision of Residential Furniture and Associated Products Ref: 2016/10/21E	The appointment of a Provider to deliver Residential Furniture and Associated Products following a tender exercise.	Strategic Director of Adult Social Services	February 2017 or later	Report and Recommendation	Mike Worsley Procurement Manager Tel: 0161 234 3080 mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk
Framework Agreement for the Provision of Hotel Accommodation for the Homeless Ref: 2016/11/10B	The appointment of a number of Providers to deliver Hotel Accommodation for the Homeless.	Strategic Director of Adult Social Services	February 2017	Report and Recommendation	Mike Worsley Procurement Manager Tel: 0161 234 3080 mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk
Grant of a new lease at Sycamore Court, 144 Sandal Street Ref: 2016/11/25F	Grant of extended lease for Sycamore Court, Miles Platting to Arawak Walton Housing Association.	The Executive	February 2017	Report and recommendation	Jude Millet Housing Commissioning Manager Tel: 0161 234 4840 j.millet@manchester.gov.uk

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					Sheila Connor Strategy and Partnerships Officer Tel: 0161 234 4806 s.connor2@manchester.gov.uk
Integrated Transport Block (ITB) Minor Works Programme Ref: 15/047	Integrated Transport Block (ITB) grant funding has been made available by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) for minor works projects as part of the Growth and Reform Plan. £300k of this funding has been allocated for highway improvement work packages which may include pedestrian facilities, improvements that complement other investments or measures to support public transport. The package should also support key investments that will assist in delivering regeneration initiatives	Citywide Highway Manager in consultation with the Executive Member for the Environment	February 2017 or later	Green Report	Emma White Programme Manager Tel: 0161 219 6521 e.white@manchester.gov.uk

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	across the city. There is a particular emphasis on supporting the economic wellbeing of the district centres that provide the focus for many communities and this package aims to develop some focused transport interventions that support their overall competitiveness.				
Challenge Fund Grant Ref: 15/054	In March 2015 Manchester City Council was awarded a Challenge Fund Grant to carry out major resurfacing/ reconstruction to 5 major routes around the City over the next 3 years. The resurfacing / reconstruction schemes approved for works were: Stockport Road (Devonshire Street to	Citywide Highways Manager in consultation with the Executive Member for the Environment	February 2017 or later	Executive approval reports	Emma White Programme Manager Tel: 0161 219 2308 e.white@manchester.gov.uk Anthony King Programme Manager Tel: 0161 219 6508 a.king@manchester.gov.uk

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	Lloyd Road) Hyde Road (Stockport Rd to Kingsdale Road) Palatine Road (2 sections, Princess Parkway to M60 and Mersey Road to Wilmslow Road).				
Cycle City Ambition Grant Phase 2 - 2015 to October 2018 (part of the Velocity 2025 Programme) Ref: 15/061	To approve the Cycle City Ambition Grant to be delivered within the allocated budget which is set by TfGM. Delegated powers approval(s) to undertake the required works on the highway and Traffic Regulation Order amendments. There are 2 corridors included in this scheme: Chorlton Cycleway Regional Centre.	Citywide Highways Manager in consultation with the Executive Member for the Environment	February 2017 or later	Delegated Approvals Report	Mark Stevenson Team Leader Tel: 0161 219 6215 m.stevenson@manchester.gov.uk Nichola McHale Project Manager Tel: 0161 219 6278 n.mchale@manchester.gov.uk
Great Ancoats Street Growth Deal Funding Ref: 15/064	To obtain approval to carry out the associated highway alterations and statutory legal	Citywide Highways Manager (in consultation with the	February 2017 or later	Delegated Approvals Report	Mark Stevenson Team Leader Tel: 0161 219 6215 m.stevenson@manchester.gov.uk

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	procedure to process the Traffic Regulation Orders.	Executive Member for the Environment)			Val Edwards Project Manager Tel: 0161 219 6522 v.edwards@manchester.gov.uk Kevin Shryane Engineer Tel: 0161 219 6215 k.shryane@mancester.gov.uk
Manchester and Salford Inner Relief Route (Regent Road – Water Street) Growth Deal Funding Ref: 15/065	To obtain approval to carry out the associated highway alterations and statutory legal procedure to process the Traffic Regulation Orders.	Citywide Highways Manager (in consultation with the Executive Member for the Environment)	February 2017 or later	Delegated Approvals Report	Peter Davies-Colley Team Leader Tel: 0161 219 6283 p.davies-colley@manchester.gov.uk Val Edwards Project Manager Tel: 0161 219 6522 v.edwards@manchester.gov.uk
Minor Highway Maintenance Ref: 15/066	To seek approval to appoint a minimum of 3 companies to a Framework Agreement for Pothole Repairs. Period of Framework: 3 years from 01 July 2015.	Chief Executive and City Treasurer	February 2017 or later	Confidential Contract Report with recommendation	Paul Gee Contracts Manager, Manchester Contracts Tel: 0161 908 5897 p.gee@manchester.gov.uk
Provision and use of loan funding to Biffa	To approve each draw-down of the loan	City Treasurer	February 2017 or later	Loan agreement	Matthew Bennett Head of Commissioning and

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Municipal Ltd. in accordance with the contract for waste collection and street cleansing Ref:15/073	funding agreed. This provides funds to the contractor to enable the purchase of vehicles for use within the waste collection and street cleansing contract as per the contractual agreement.				Delivery Tel: 0161 234 3379 m.bennett1@manchester.gov.uk
Land at Bentinck Street Industrial Estate and surrounding area to be known Churchgate Ref: 2016/05/25	Lease re-gears to include additional land to allow for residential developments by De-Trafford Estates Ltd.	Chief Executive	February 2017 or later	Heads of Terms	Lorraine Horne Development Surveyor Tel: 0161 234 1283 l.horne@manchester.gov.uk Steve Thorncroft Head of Development Tel: 0161 234 1202 s.thorncroft@manchester.gov.uk
Land adjacent to Manchester Enterprise Academy Ref: 2016/07/11C	To seek approval for the grant of a new 250 year lease of land adjacent to Manchester Enterprise Academy for residential development.	Chief Executive	February 2017 or later	Report to the Chief Executive	Mike Robertson Senior Development Surveyor Development Team Tel: 0161 234 1260 m.robertson@manchester.gov.uk
Statement of Community Involvement	That Executive: Approves the draft Statement of Community	The Executive	February 2017 or later	Report and recommendations and draft Statement of	Richard Elliott Policy, Partnerships and Research Tel: 0161 234 4412

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
Ref: 2016/09/14A	Involvement for consultation.			Community Involvement	r.elliott@manchester.gov.uk
Grant of a new lease at Sycamore Court, 144 Sandal Street Ref: 2016/11/25F	Grant of extended lease for Sycamore Court, Miles Platting to Arawak Walton Housing Association.	The Executive	February 2017	Report and recommendation	Jude Millet Housing Commissioning Manager Tel: 0161 234 4840 j.millet@manchester.gov.uk Sheila Connor Strategy and Partnerships Officer Tel: 0161 234 4806 s.connor2@manchester.gov.uk
Hire of Grass Cutting Machinery and Associated Equipment (Growth and Neighbourhoods) Ref: 2017/01/03A	To seek approval to appoint a supplier under the YPO Framework Agreement (606) to provide Grass Cutting Machinery and Associated Equipment to be used by Neighbourhood Services	City Treasurer / Chief Executive	February 2017	Report and Recommendation	Chazley Farghaly Grounds Maintenance Lead Public Realm c.farghaly@manchester.gov.uk Tel: 0161 234 4146 Kevin Bennett Corporate Procurement k.bennett@manchester.gov.uk Tel: 0161 234 3192
Cleaning (Lot 1) and Waste Segregation, Transport and Processing (Lot 2) on New Smithfield Market Ref: 2017/02/02A	To seek approval to appoint a company/s to provide Cleaning (Lot 1) and Waste Segregation, Transport and Processing (Lot 2) on New Smithfield Market.	City Treasurer / Chief Executive	March 2017	Confidential contract report with recommendation.	Joanne Sclater, Operations Manager, New Smithfield Market Tel: 0161 234 5716 e-mail: j.sclater@manchester.gov.uk Colin Butterworth, Senior Procurement Officer Tel: 0161 234 3434

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
	The contract will be for a 2 year period with the option to extend for a further 2 years.				e-mail: c.butterworth@manchester.gov.uk

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
Flags and Kerbs (Highways) Ref: 2016/09/01B	To seek approval to appoint companies under a Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) Framework Agreement to provide Flags, Kerbs and Edgings and Other Associated Highway Products to be used by Manchester Contracts	City Treasurer in consultation with the Chief Executive	February 2017 or later	Report and Recommendation	Andrew Thompson Manchester Contracts A.Thompson2@manchester.gov.uk Tel: 0161 908 5866 Kevin Bennett Corporate Procurement k.bennett@manchester.gov.uk Tel: 0161 234 3192
Greater Manchester Growth Deal 2, Minor Works Programme Ref: 2016/12/19B	GM Growth Deal 2 grant funding has been made available by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) for a programme of minor works projects. The minor works will comprise highway improvement works which will include a range of measures from pedestrian crossing facilities, parking and footway improvements and traffic calming.	Director of Highways	February 2017 or later	Report and Recommendation	Emma White Highways CSM e.white@manchester.gov.uk Tel: 0161 219 6521 Kevin Gillham Citywide Support Highways Manager k.gillham@manchester.gov.uk Tel: 0161 234 5148
Speed Limit Review of Princess Road	Review of the speed limits and other	Director of Highways	February 2017 or later	Report and Recommendation	Kevin Gillham Citywide Support Highways

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
Ref: 2016/12/19C	associated minor highway improvements along Princess Road & Princess Parkway between the M60 slip roads and the city centre				Manager k.gillham@manchester.gov.uk Tel: 0161 234 5148

3. Item for Information

Subject **Response to Recommendation NESC/17/05 The use of glyphosate for controlling weeds**
Comparative costs of Glyphosate for weed control with alternative options

This Item for Information provides the additional information requested by the Committee at the meeting on the 3rd January 2017. This was for information around the current costs of weed control using Glyphosate and the indicative costs of the alternative treatments available.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Weed spraying, using Glyphosate, is undertaken by Grounds Maintenance operatives and subcontractors of the street cleansing and waste collection contractor. Spraying is undertaken in parks, playgrounds, open spaces and streets either once or twice a year depending on the requirements. Glyphosate based products are highly effective at controlling weeds, are biodegradable and can be used near watercourses.
- 1.2 A number of alternative options have been either considered or trialled as set out in the report presented to the Committee on the 3rd January.
- 1.3 This report considers the relative costs of each method of treatment, it does not however quantify the whole cost of undertaking weed control as the elements within the wider public realm are extremely difficult to quantify in terms of the amount of time spent on weed treatment and also tend to be quite variable.
- 1.4 The information presented is therefore based on the current costs of equipment, materials and time spent within Parks for the Grounds Maintenance team. This is then compared to the indicative costs of the alternative proposals based on the information we have available.

2.0 Current Costs

- 2.1 Glyphosate is used on the basis that it has one of the broadest spectrums of control, killing many different weed species effectively and systemically. It is absorbed by leaves and moves inside the plant to growing points, roots, and other propagating structures. This systemic effect increases the ability to kill relatively large and woody plants.
- 2.2 The output achieved is expected to be 950 square metres per hour with a product usage of 250 square metres per litre.
- 2.3 This results in a treatment cost per year (based on 2 treatments per annum) of £26k for the Parks and open spaces alone.
- 2.4 The costs of treating weeds in other parts of the public realm, such as grass verges, is difficult to ascertain with any degree of accuracy and as such is not included within this analysis.
- 2.5 The cost incurred in treating weeds on the Highways / Footways which come under separate contractual arrangements are c£150k per annum.
- 2.6 The current total cost of weed treatment across the City is therefore estimated to be in the region of £200k per annum.

3.0 Alternative Weed Treatments

- 3.1 Alternative costings have been developed on the same basis for four of the alternative treatment methods that have been considered. These are:-
 - Organic herbicides – these treatments currently have only a contact effect and therefore will kill the plant tissue they touch but will not be able to move within the plant. Therefore they are effective against smaller plant but larger plants simply suffer leaf burn and quickly regrow. It is estimated that 4 treatments per annum will be required.
 - Manual weed control – intensive use of mechanical control methods and hand weeding. This needs to be repeated frequently as weeds will grow back from the roots and over time will damage surfaces and structures were regular treatment takes place necessitating repairs. It is estimated that at least 4 treatments per annum will be required.
 - Hot Water System – this is delivered through a multi-purpose vehicle that would have some additional benefits of replacing some current machines and equipment. The system is designed to kill plants and roots through the application of hot water. It is estimated that 4 treatments per annum would be required.
 - Hot Foam – this is a combination of hot water and bio degradable foam made from natural, sustainable plant oils and sugars which can be precisely applied to weeds without damaging surfaces and

structures. It is estimated that 4 treatments per annum would be required.

- 3.2 The expected outputs¹ and relative costs of these treatments are shown in the table below based on area to be treated within the Parks and open Spaces. The output and product usage rates are based on industry averages and would require further testing.

Method	Output	Product Usage	Cost
Organic Herbicides	950sq/m per hour	40sq/m per litre	£392k
Manual Weed Control	249sq/m per hour	N/A	£177k
Hot Water	3,529sq/m per hour	N/A	£46k
Hot Foam	304sq/m per hour	174sq/m per litre	£209k

- 3.3 The hot water and hot foam products would require capital investment in equipment, this has been depreciated in the revenue costs above over an assumed 5 year period. No account has however been taken of any potential additional repair or maintenance costs within the figures.
- 3.4 The investment required in machinery would however result in the purchase of multi-purpose vehicles which would have wider benefits to the service. The machines cost approximately £170k each.

4.0 Summary

- 4.1 The costs of using Hot Water instead of Glyphosate are estimated to be approximately 77% greater for Parks and Open Spaces. If this is reflective of the other treatments then the additional costs would be £154k per annum.
- 4.2 This assumes that the treatment is as successful as claimed as but must be treated with caution as it has not been tested within the City. A trial would be required to determine the output rates obtainable within the City and the frequency of application that would be required to achieve a similar standard to that currently adopted to confirm the actual likely additional costs.

¹ These are based on industry averages and claims around performance. They have not been tested or verified by the Grounds Maintenance team

3.1 Item for Information

Subject Response to Recommendation NESC/17/02 Manchester Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy

To request that information regarding projects relating to Green and Blue Infrastructure and the Tree Action Plan be provided to ward co-ordination to encourage participation and engagement across the city.

Response to Recommendation NESC/17/03 Tree Action Plan

To request that a briefing note on Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) is provided to ward co-ordination. The briefing note should include information on how the Council treats itself in terms of TPO's and trees in back gardens.

Contact Officers

James Shuttleworth
Planning and Infrastructure Manager
Policy, Partnerships and Research
People, Policy and Reform

Policy Partnerships and Research team are working with ward coordination, relevant sections within the council and external stakeholders to produce a briefing pack for members. This will provide area specific information on green and blue assets, including tree cover across the city. It will also provide information about key opportunities to help deliver the Action Plan and contact details, where relevant, of organisations that ward members could approach with a view to increasing wider engagement. The aim is to provide the information in a useful accessible way that will encourage the capture, delivery and promotion of GI projects citywide. The briefing pack will support on-going engagement with local members in the planning and delivery of Green Infrastructure enhancements.

The pack will also contain information on how, why and when Tree Preservation Orders are made, including when TPOs are made on trees in back gardens and the approach taken to trees on council owned land. This note will also be provided separately to members of the Scrutiny Committee.

The briefing pack will be discussed with members via ward coordination over the next quarter.

**Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – February 2017**

Tuesday 28 February 2017, 2pm (Report deadline Thursday 16 February 2017)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Shelter	To invite Shelter to deliver a presentation to the Committee updating it on the work it does within Manchester.	-	Shelter	
Young People Support Foundation (YPSF)	To invite Young People Support Foundation (YPSF) to deliver a presentation to the Committee updating it on the work it does within Manchester.	-	Young People Support Foundation (YPSF)	Invite to Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Statement of Community Involvement	To receive a report which sets out how the Council intends to consult in respect of statutory planning policies and planning applications. This is an Executive Report and the formal consultation process will commence following Executive approval.	Councillor Battle	Sara Todd/ Katrina Holt	Executive Report
Hot Food Takeaway Supplementary Planning Document	To consider a report prior to its submission to the Executive which seeks approval of the proposed amendments and adoption of the Hot Food Takeaway Supplementary Planning Document. A draft version was previously considered for consultation by the Committee in May 2016.	Councillor Battle	Sara Todd/ Richard Elliott/ Karen Findley	Executive Report See minutes May 2016.
Cycle City Ambition Grant	To receive a report on the Cycle City Ambition Grant. This report will also contain information about those activities undertaken with schools to promote cycling.	Councillor Battle	Sara Todd/ Richard Elliott/ Ian Graham	See minutes of Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee February 2015 item

				NSC/15/10 Invite to Cllr Shilton Godwin, Lead Member for Active Travel Information or Invite to Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Petition: Save Our Bins	The Council has received a petition with more than 1000 signatures, which requires a council officer to be called to account at the relevant scrutiny committee. The petition is against the bin size reductions which have already been implemented in Manchester.	Councillor N Murphy	Liz Treacy/ Donald Connolly	
Terms of Reference and Work Programme for Road Safety Around Schools Task and Finish Group	To review and approve the Terms of Reference and draft Work Programme for the Joint Task and Finish Group with Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee 'Road Safety around schools'	-	Jacob Morris- Davies	NB. This report is also being submitted to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Overview Report	This is a monthly report which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Kate Andrews	

Wednesday 24 May 2017, 10am (Report deadline Friday 12 May 2017)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments

Taxi Licensing Enforcement	The Committee will receive a report on Taxi Licence Enforcement activity.	Councillor N Murphy	Sara Todd/ Julie Roscoe	TBC- See minutes of October 2016. See item NESC/16/24
Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing	To request quarterly updates on Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing.	Councillor N Murphy	Sara Todd/ Fiona Worrall/ Mark Glynn	See minutes December 2016.
Overview Report		-	-	
Annual Work Programming Session	The meeting will close for the annual work programming session where members determine the work programme for the forthcoming year. To follow presentations from the Director/Lead Officers on upcoming issues and challenges within the Committee's remit.	Councillor N Murphy/ Councillor Battle	Sara Todd/ TBC	

Items to be scheduled				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Food Plan	The Committee will receive a report on the Food Plan. This report will include information on food hygiene inspections.	Councillor N Murphy	Sara Todd/ Fiona Worrall	
Highways Delivery Plan	To receive a future update on the Highways Delivery Plan.	Councillor Battle	Kim Dorrington/ Kevin Gilham	See minutes November 2016.

Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing	To request quarterly updates on Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing.	Councillor N Murphy	Sara Todd/ Fiona Worrall/ Mark Glynn	See minutes December 2016
Manchester Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and Tree Action Plan	To request a future update report which includes consideration of how to mitigate the impact of leaving the European Union (EU); since EU funding is currently provided.	Councillor Battle	Sara Todd, Richard Elliott	See minutes 3 January 2017
Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan and Emissions Report	To request a future update once the analysis with other Core Cities is complete. To include consideration of initiatives in other European Cities, including the use of Cargo Bikes to reduce emissions.	Councillor Battle	Sara Todd, Richard Elliott	See minutes 3 January 2017
FOR INFORMATION: Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan and Emissions Report	To request that the Communications and Engagement Plan for Carbon Literacy be provided to Committee for information once finalised.	Councillor Battle	Sara Todd, Richard Elliott	See minutes 3 January 2017