



Economy Scrutiny Committee

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Supplementary Agenda

5. **Growth and Development Directorate Budget Proposals 2022/23** 3 - 26
Report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) attached
- Following the Spending Review announcements and provisional local government finance settlement 2022/23 the Council is forecasting a balanced budget for 2022/23, a gap of £37m in 2023/24 and £58m by 2024/25. This report sets out the high-level position.
9. **Economy COVID19 Sit Rep Report** 27 - 68
Report of the Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure and Director of Inclusive Economy
- This report provides Committee Members with a further update summary of the current situation in the city in relation to COVID-19 and an update on the work progressing in Manchester in relation to areas within the remit of this Committee. Further detail on specific issues will be available as required.

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Manchester City Council Report for Resolution

Report to: Economy Scrutiny Committee – 10 February 2022
Executive – 16 February 2022

Subject: Growth & Development Directorate Budget 2022/23

Report of: Strategic Director Growth & Development

Summary

Following the Spending Review announcements and provisional local government finance settlement 2022/23 the Council is forecasting a balanced budget for 2022/23, a gap of £37m in 2023/24 and £58m by 2024/25. This report sets out the high-level position.

The finance settlement was towards the positive end of forecasts and no actions beyond those outlined in November are required to balance next year's budget.

As reported to November Scrutiny meeting officers identified savings and mitigations totalling c£7.7m which are now subject to approval.

The settlement was for one year only and considerable uncertainty remains from 2023/24. A longer-term strategy to close the budget gap is being prepared with an estimated requirement to find budget cuts and savings in the region of £60m over the next three years. In addition, £30m of risk-based reserves have been identified as available to manage risk and timing differences.

Appended are the priorities for the services in the remit of this committee, details on the initial revenue budget changes proposed by officers and the planned capital programme.

Recommendations

The Scrutiny committee is recommended to:

1. Note the forecast medium term revenue budget position.
2. Consider the content of this report and comment on the proposed changes which are relevant to the remit of this scrutiny committee.

The Executive is recommended to approve these budget proposals

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

The budget reflects the fact that the Council has declared a climate emergency by making carbon reduction a key consideration in the Council's planning and budget proposals.

Manchester Strategy Outcomes	Summary of the Contribution to the Strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Providing the leadership and focus for the sustainable growth and transformation of the City Centre and our neighbourhoods and highways
A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	Ensuring residents are connected to education and employment opportunities across the city.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Creating places where residents actively demonstrate the principles of Our Manchester unlocking the potential of our communities through participation and take responsibility for themselves and their community whilst encouraging others to do the same, supported by strong and active community groups.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	Creating places where people want to live with good quality housing of different tenures and effective use of the highways network; clean, green, safe, healthy, and inclusive neighbourhoods; a good social, economic, cultural offer and environmental infrastructure.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	Ensuring residents, neighbourhoods, businesses, and goods connect to local, national, and international markets. Through working with partners both internally and externally maximise the impact of the provision of new and enhanced physical and digital infrastructure.

Full details are in the body of the report, along with implications for:

- Equal Opportunities
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

Financial Consequences Revenue

The changes included within this report are officer proposals and, subject to Member comments and consultation, these will be included as part of the 2022/23 budget preparation.

Financial Consequences – Capital

None directly arising from this report.

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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.

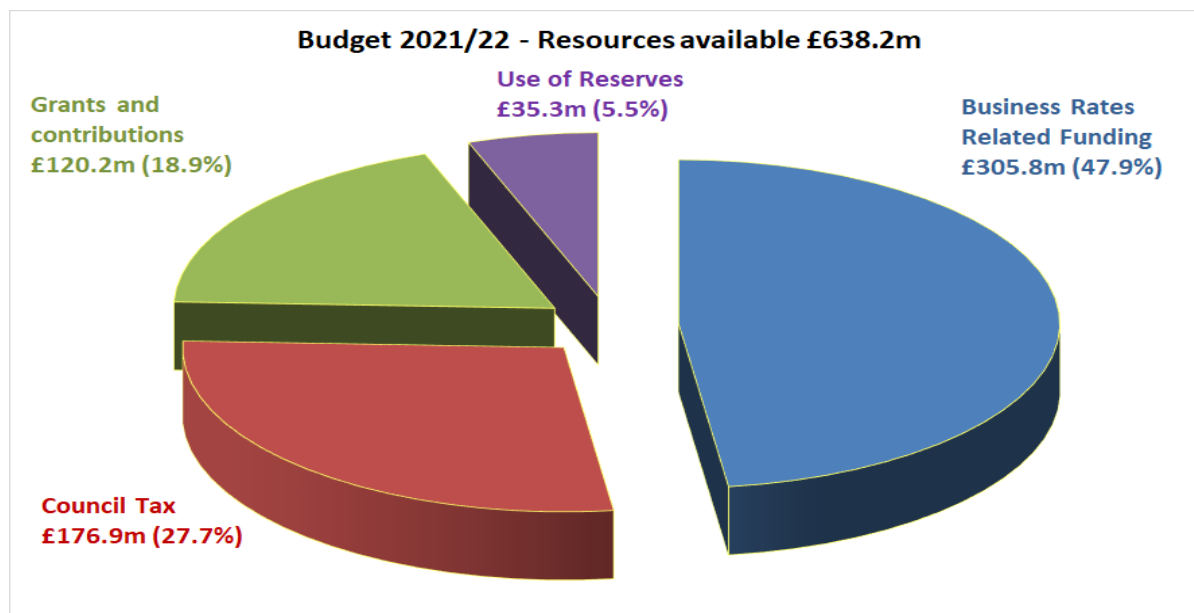
Growth and Development Directorate Budget Report 2021/22 – Executive 17th February 2021

Growth and Development Directorate Budget 2022/23 - Economy Scrutiny 11th November 2021

Executive – 17 January 2022 Subject: Provisional local government finance settlement 2022/23 and budget assumptions

1. Introduction and Context

- 1.1. On 27 October 2021, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak MP, delivered the Spending Review and Autumn budget 2021 to the House of Commons. The Spending Review sets the quantum of funding available for local government whilst the Finance Settlement, which followed on 16 December 2021, sets out the distribution to individual local authorities.
- 1.2. The finance settlement has been front loaded and includes several one-off distributions of funding. It is also a one-year settlement. Therefore, considerable uncertainty remains in relation to the position after 2022/23.
- 1.3. The Local government funding reform work will be recommenced in the Spring. This means that the Fair Funding Review and baseline reset are both going to be under consideration again, for implementation in 2023/24. This will impact on how funding between different local authorities is distributed.
- 1.4. The final budget position for 2022/23 and beyond will be confirmed at February Executive. This will be after the key decisions confirming the Collection Fund position and Council Tax and Business Rates base have been made and the Final Finance Settlement is received. It is unlikely that there will be any significant changes to the Provisional Settlement.
- 1.5. The Council's 2021/22 net revenue budget is currently funded from four main sources which are Council Tax, Business Rates, government grants and contributions and use of reserves. In recent years as central government funding has reduced and business rates retention has been introduced the ability to grow and maintain the resources raised locally has become even more important for financial sustainability and is integral to the Council's financial planning.
- 1.6. The following chart shows the current breakdown of resources available.



2. Current budget position

2.1. The indicative medium-term position is shown in the table below, full details are provided in the settlement and budget report to 17 January Executive meeting.

	Revised 2021 / 22 £'000	2022 / 23 £'000	2023 / 24 £'000	2024 / 25 £'000
Resources Available				
Business Rates Related Funding	156,416	338,092	322,337	340,330
Council Tax	176,857	208,965	206,620	217,197
Grants and other External Funding	120,243	104,533	87,374	85,374
Use of Reserves	184,667	36,781	30,592	15,573
Total Resources Available	638,183	688,371	646,923	658,474
Resources Required				
Corporate Costs	120,232	133,058	110,211	114,849
Directorate Costs	517,951	555,313	573,494	601,172
Total Resources Required	638,183	688,371	683,705	716,021
Shortfall / (surplus)	0	0	36,782	57,547

2.2. The budget assumptions that underpin 2022/23 to 2024/25 include the commitments made as part of the 2021/22 budget process to fund ongoing demand pressures as well as provision to meet other known pressures such as inflation and any pay awards (estimated at 3% from 2022/23). Whilst this contributes to the scale of the budget gap it is important that a realistic budget is budget set which reflects ongoing cost and demand pressures.

- 2.3. Officers have identified options to balance the budget in 2022/23 which are subject to approval. The detail relevant to this scrutiny remit is included at Appendix 2. If these proposals are supported a balanced budget will be achieved. In addition, £30m of risk-based reserves have been identified as available to manage risk and timing differences.

3. Scrutiny of the draft budget proposals and budget reports

- 3.1. The reports have been tailored to the remit of each scrutiny as shown in the table below. This Committee is invited to consider the proposed changes which are within its remit and to make recommendations to the Executive before it agrees to the final budget proposals in February 2022.

Date	Meeting	Services Included
8 February 2022	Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee	Chief Executives Corporate Services Revenue and Benefits / Customer and Welfare Support Business Units
8 February 2022	Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee	Sport, Leisure, Events Libraries Galleries and Culture Compliance and Community Safety Housing Operations including Homelessness Neighbourhood working
9 February 2022	Health Scrutiny Committee	Adult Social Care and Population Health
9 February 2022	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Children and Education Services Youth and Play
10 February 2022	Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee	Waste and Recycling Parks Grounds maintenance
10 February 2022	Economy Scrutiny Committee	City Centre Regeneration Strategic Development Housing and residential growth Planning, Building Control, and licensing Investment Estate Work and skills Highways

4. Next Steps

- 4.1. The proposed next steps are as follows:

- February Scrutiny Committees (8-10 February) and Executive (16 February) receive proposed budget
- Resources and Governance Budget Scrutiny – (28 February)
- March Council - approval of 2022/23 budget - (4 March)
- New Municipal Year – early options around 2023/24 & 2024/25 discussed with members

5. Conclusion

- 5.1. Overall, the settlement announcements were towards the positive end of expectations. It is expected that mitigations in the region of £7.7m, as previously identified, will be sufficient to balance the 2022/23 budget.
- 5.2. Officers have estimated the future resources available based on the information available. This results in forecast gap of £37m in 2023/24 increasing to £58m in 2024/25.
- 5.3. The focus will now be on identifying savings and mitigations to keep the council on a sustainable financial footing. It is proposed that budget cuts and savings of £60m over three years are developed for member consideration. £60m equates to just under 12% of 2022/23 directorate budgets. In addition, £30m of risk-based reserves have been identified as available to manage risk and timing differences.

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Appendix 1 – Headline priorities for the service

The Growth and Development Directorate has a pivotal role in driving the sustainable economic growth of the city to benefit everyone. This is achieved through securing new commercial development, attracting inward investment, generating employment growth across the city, connecting residents to those opportunities, and supporting businesses and communities to thrive. The directorate continues to play a leading role in the economic recovery of the city following the decline due to Covid-19.

Investment Estate

The Investment Estate service, which is managed by the Development Team, covers all aspects of the Council's non-operational property estate. This includes property and land held for investment purposes, surplus land, and development assets. The team is also responsible for the undertaking of statutory functions including asset valuations for accounting purposes and undertaking planning viability assessment reviews.

Priorities Include

- Managing the Council's Investment estate to provide a long-term sustainable income stream to the Council and reducing costs and liabilities arising from repairs, property management, voids, and bad debt.
- Identify opportunities that exist to drive additional revenue and capital receipts from the Council's asset base through review of assets.
- Ensure high quality and timely asset valuations to support financial reporting requirements.
- Promoting and delivering a strategic asset management plan to assist in decision making around the Council's real estate portfolio.
- Support the Council's zero carbon targets through leveraging better outcomes from development on Council land, or where the Team has influence over development.
- Working with colleagues on preparation of levelling up fund bids.
- Driving release of land in East Manchester to support delivery of new commercial development.
- Supporting the Council's housing delivery targets through land sales and lease regears driving delivery of a sustainable tenure mix across the city.
- Working with colleagues across the Council to deliver Major Development Projects in Victoria North, Eastern Gateway, and City Centre.
- Securing the delivery of appropriate planning obligations, including affordable housing, on behalf of Planning Service through s106 and other routes.

City Centre Growth & Infrastructure

The City Centre Growth & Infrastructure Team provides the essential focus and drive in the delivery of a wide range of initiatives that support inclusive growth, regeneration, and future planning across the city, with a particular responsibility for the city centre.

Priorities include:

- Working collaboratively with a range of partners, facilitating the delivery of major growth and regeneration schemes, increasing the Council Tax and Business Rates base; and developing planning, infrastructure, and environmental policy to drive growth across the city.
- Encouraging new inward investment to the city, facilitating the creation of new jobs.
- Aligning development and infrastructure policy, plans and investment programmes to ensure that they deliver on Manchester's strategic policy objectives, and attract funding and investment opportunities for the city.
- Aligning growth and infrastructure objectives to support delivery of the city's Climate Change Action Plan and related policies.
- Developing Manchester's Local Plan in consultation with all communities across the city ensuring this informs policy development, and Places for Everyone with GM Partners, ensuring alignment with the Local Plan.
- Working with a range of Council services, external organisations, and agencies to support place management and to ensure the holistic and effective management of the city centre, including the public realm.
- Leading the city's subsequent economic recovery strategy, following the Covid-19 pandemic, to support future growth.
- Leading transport infrastructure development, including public transport investment, active travel projects and the development of overarching transport strategies, including the City Centre Transport Strategy.

Housing & Residential Growth

The service's mission is "to ensure that there is a sufficient mix of well-managed and good quality housing to meet the needs of a growing city and to set the policy framework to ensure that all Manchester residents can live comfortably and safely." Linked to the mission there are two key objectives, namely.

- Support delivery of significant new housing in the city, including through and effective recovery from COVID-19.
- Ensure inclusive access to housing by the provision of enough safe, secure, and affordable homes for those on low and average incomes. This includes strategically joining up provision, and the improved service to residents enabled by the direct control of Council owned housing in the north of the city.

Priorities Include:

- The continued delivery of affordable homes, with a target of 6,400 homes to be achieved between 2015 and 2025 – to date over 2,000 new homes have been delivered and we are on schedule to exceed the target by 2025;
- Progress seven new Extra Care schemes – this is on schedule with four new schemes completed in the past year in Ardwick, Moss Side, Abbey Hey and Burnage and Whalley Range due to start shortly.
- Delivery of Phase 1 of Victoria North (1,000 new homes including 130 Council homes in Collyhurst);

- Implement initiatives to progress the enabling works funded via £51.6m of Housing Infrastructure Funding to help deliver the Victoria North JV Partnership.
- Commencement of the next phase of the Manchester Life JV in the Eastern Gateway.
- Lead the Council's drive for Fire Safety improvements, especially in high-rise buildings - over 1,000 sprinkler installations have been carried out to date.
- Management of three PFI (Private Finance Initiative) Contracts in Miles Platting, Brunswick, and Grove Village.
- Establishing a viable Housing Delivery Vehicle through This City – enabling delivery of up to 500 new homes per year at an accessible rent.
- Developing a new Housing Strategy for the city.

The service plays a key role in supporting the Council's equality objectives and Tackling diversity and inclusion, evidenced by the following actions.

- Ensuring that the Council's Allocation Scheme is open and transparent.
- Ensuring that specific groups are catered for in housing delivery, for example:
- Older people with care needs through accessing extra care accommodation.
- Accommodation for people with Learning Disabilities.
- Looked After Children via the House Project, and
- LGBT+ Community via the country's first LGBT Extra Care which is soon to be developed.

Planning, Building Control & Licensing

Planning, Building Control and Licensing service works within an ever-changing environment of national policy documents, regulations, and legal considerations which has seen additional demands placed on the service where the scale of development and the pressure on supporting compliance is already significant.

Crucially, the service plays a central role in delivering the Council's sustainable growth agenda, promoting positive outcomes for the city, and helping to de-risk investment decisions into the city. This is about securing new development that strengthens the platform for attracting investment to deliver economic growth, the aims of the residential growth strategy and supporting an uplift in the environment that is safe, inclusive and responds to climate change. The remit of the service includes delivering all the statutory functions of the city council as local planning authority – over 4,000 planning applications per annum, appeals, heritage matters and compliance, the local authority building control function, including building and fire safety, dangerous buildings and safety at sports grounds and the licensing function, both premises and taxis.

Each part of the service is required to develop strong networks internally and externally along with the ability to forge effective partnerships with external Agencies and to influence the private sector and other key stakeholders to deliver key council objectives through major projects and policy development.

Priorities Include

- With the City Centre and Infrastructure Team develop the Local Plan for Manchester and other supporting planning policies to deliver the city councils objectives
- Through the planning process drive outcomes that support Manchester's sustainable growth ambition, new jobs, new homes responding to a clear quality and climate change agenda
- With Housing and Residential Growth, ensure our teams, particularly Building Control, are fully aligned to and capable of meeting the emerging mandatory changes being delivered through both the Building Safety and Fire Safety Acts.
- Leading the work on minimum licensing standards across GM for developing a world class taxi and private hire fleet
- Developing new Licensing Policy and Gambling Policy that responds to the needs of the city and are aligned to the Councils corporate objectives
- Continue to ensure the statutory functions of the Council meet all national performance targets and legal requirements to avoid the risk of Government intervention and challenge

Work & Skills

The Work & Skills team is responsible for the development and delivery of the Work & Skills Strategy for the City and the skills and labour market aspects of the City's economic recovery plan. It provides a coordinated approach to the post-16 & adult skills and employment support offer across the city, to ensure that the offer is as coherent as possible for young people and adults and meets the city's labour market requirements. The team engages with businesses on business growth, skills & employment opportunities and supports business networks across the city.

Priorities Include

- Refresh of the Work & Skills Strategy
- Continuing to deliver the skills & labour market aspects of the Economic Recovery Plan
- Work with key sectors, companies, and providers to meet areas of skill shortages in growth sectors and the foundational economy e.g., care, hospitality, construction
- Deliver the employment & skills aspects of social value with a focus on North Manchester
- Lead the delivery of the refreshed Family Poverty Strategy and the work with anchor institutions
- Digital strategy, skills, and digital inclusion

MAES

MAES provides adult education, learning and skills from 7 adult education centres across the city. It is focused on providing opportunities for residents with lower levels of skills & qualifications, with on average over 70% of learners on working age benefits and 80% from the City's most disadvantaged areas. Much of the skills curriculum offer is focused on ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Maths and English &

Digital from entry level to GCSE with a vocational offer mainly to Level 2 in childcare and care. There are good progression routes to employment and progression to further learning. The MAES core offer is complemented by enhanced employability support available to all learners through its Make It Happen programme.

Demand for ESOL in particular is very high and MAES runs the ESOL advice service to ensure that residents in the city can access ESOL learning that best fits their needs across MAES, the Manchester College and VCSE organisations. In addition, MAES runs the award-winning Talk English programme targeted at providing opportunities for ESOL speakers and migrants to acquire English language skills in community settings. MAES also commissions community learning from VCSE organisations across the city to extend the reach into the City's communities and engage residents who are not ready /would be reluctant to enrol in MAES centres.

MAES generates all its funding externally, mostly through the GMCA (Greater Manchester Combined Authority) commissioned AEB budget. In addition, it receives ESFA (Education and Skills Funding Agency) funding for 16- to 24-year-old SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities), DLUHC (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) Needs and Disabilities) learners and DLUHC funding for the Talk English programme. Covid has impacted on MAES funding and delivery.

Priorities include:

- Delivery of the MAES review recommendations to bring expenditure in line with income
- Support learners to return to centres and achieve their qualifications post-Covid and use the experience of online learning to create a blended offer that is flexible and meets student needs
- Contribute to the skills and labour market recovery work by providing upskilling to enable more residents to connect /re-connect to the labour market
- Expand / flex ESOL provision to meet demand including the delivery of ESOL to newly arrived Afghan refugees and the continuation of the ESOL advice and Talk English programmes
- Develop options to improve the quality of MAES centres in need of refurbishment/investment and contribute to the development of the Gorton Hub
- Extend the reach of MAES into Manchester's disadvantaged communities both directly and working in partnership with the VCSE sector.

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Appendix 2 – Revenue Budget Strategy

Growth and Development Revenue Budget Strategy

The Growth and Development Directorate has a gross budget of £38.737m and a net income budget of £9.643m, employing 427.6 FTEs. The breakdown by service area is provided in the table below:

Base budget 2021/22

Service Area	2021/22 Gross Budget	2021/22 Net Budget	2021/22 Budgeted Posts (FTE)
	£'000	£'000	
Investment Estate	8,595	(12,879)	28.8
Manchester Creative Digital Assets	1,172		
Growth & Development	364	164	2.6
City Centre Regeneration	3,249	1,275	25.8
Housing & Residential Growth	3,419	1,155	34.9
Planning, Building Control & Licensing	7,430	(981)	122.1
Work & Skills	2,177	1,623	25.6
MAES	9,946	0	182.0
Our Town Hall Project	2,385	0	5.8
Total	38,737	(9,643)	427.6

In addition to the Growth and Development Directorate, the Highways service falls under the remit of this scrutiny panel and details of the Highways revenue budget and capital investment is set out at Appendix 4

Changes to the 2022/23 Budget Approved 2022/23 Savings.

Members will recall that the 2021/22 approved City Council budget identified over £48m savings over the three years 2021/22 - 2023/24. Of these savings £1.408m related to Growth and Development. The 2021/22 savings of £1.108m are on track to be achieved in 2021/22, although the £393k savings from holding/deleting Planning and Building control vacancies is not ongoing and is included in the paragraph below.

The approved savings did not include any additional savings for 2022/23, but there are a further £300k of investment estate savings approved for 2023/24 and this is to be delivered through establishing a new ground rental portfolio secured against long leasehold disposal of land as part of the Victoria North development.

MAES is funded through external Government grants and following a change in the funding regime the approved funding is not sufficient to meet the existing costs of the service. To ensure the service is sustainable and reduce the requirement to use reserves a service redesign has been undertaken and this has resulted in a reduction in staff numbers. This has been managed by a combination of voluntary severance scheme and the M people process. In 21/22 (29) staff have already left and further staff reductions are proposed for 2022/23 to ensure a sustainable budget going forward.

Proposed Changes to the 2022/23 Budget

As referenced above the 2021/22 budget process included £393k savings in respect of holding/deleting 11 posts in planning and building control. Whilst the service redesign is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2022, it will take time to implement the changes and recruit to all the posts. To allow for service delivery, and succession planning it is necessary to amend the structure and invest in some areas, therefore is anticipated that ongoing savings of c£150k will be realised from reduced staffing costs across planning and building control. This will require alternative savings of £243k to be identified and delivered in 2022/23.

To allow the Strategic Director time to review service options it is planned that the ongoing savings requirement of £243k will be managed through a combination of staff savings from vacant posts while posts are recruited to and income in 2022/23 whilst longer term ongoing options are developed.

Covid Implications on Income

As part of the 2021/22 budget, additional support was provided to allow for reduced income due to Covid. Growth and Development received one off budget support of £0.7m and this was made up of investment estate (£301k) and planning building control (£399k). This was one off support in 2021/22 and has been removed in 2022/23.

Inflationary Pressures

Budgets have been updated to reflect the employers National Insurance increase of 1.25%, (£40k) to fund the 'social care levy'. Provision has been made for inflationary price increases and potential pay awards. This is held centrally and will be allocated to service budgets when the details are available.

Increased Vacancy Provision

A 1% increase to the vacancy factor would more accurately reflect the fact that many employees are not at the top of the grade and the current levels of turnover and would generate budget savings of c.£2m across the council. Growth and Development services have been allocated £59k of this which is reflected in the 2022/23 indicative budget

Demand and Demographic Pressures

With the changes to the Building Safety Act and in relation to Fire Safety following the Hackitt Review, Building Control will be at the forefront of delivering new mandatory standards and a review of the team has commenced. The review will be looking to address existing issues around staff retention, and future proofing the service, but also the additional demands that the changes will take place on Building Control. This will require an upskilling to ensure competency at a much greater level and this will include all surveyors having to be licensed. The review is expected to be completed by Autumn 2022 and prior to implementing any changes the financial implication will be identified. Building Control is responsible for safeguarding the safety and protection of our city. It provides all specialist advice on public safety, safety at sports grounds, dangerous structures and routine work with the emergency services and other functions such as the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). In Manchester there is an added statutory responsibility for Safety at Sports Grounds, which has recently been audited by the Sports Ground Safety Authority. The team is also intrinsic in supporting the Councils objectives for place making.

The impact of the above would result in a proposed net budget for 2022/23 of (£9.752m) as detailed below:

Service Area	Cash Limit	COVID Funding	New Savings proposed 22/23	New pressures identified 22/23	Cash Limit
	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2022/23 £000's
City Centre Regen	1,275		(9)	7	1,273
Strategic Development	156		(1)	2	157
Housing and Residential Growth	1,147		(11)	8	1,144
Planning, Building Control and Licensing	(744)	(301)	(25)	4	(1,066)
Investment Estate	(12,487)	(399)	(8)	11	(12,883)
Work and Skills and MAES	1,620		(5)	8	1,623
	(9,033)	(700)	(59)	40	(9,752)

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Appendix 3 – Capital budget and pipeline priorities

The current approved capital programme, as at period 9 in 2021/22, is shown below alongside the funding to be used. Details on potential future investment opportunities are also shown, but these remain subject to approval.

Approved Capital Programme

Service Area	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Strategic Housing - Disabled Facilities Grant	7,500	8,079	-	-	15,579
Strategic Housing – This City	747	10,000	23,000	-	33,747
Strategic Housing - Other	6,467	7,683	14,007	2,722	30,879
Northern Gateway	11,691	22,275	38,952	-	72,918
Eastern Gateway	4,617	5,940	-	-	10,557
City Centre	4,746	19,637	6,889	-	31,272
Other	5,619	7,996	-	-	13,615
Total	41,387	81,610	82,848	2,722	208,567

Funding of Approved Capital Programme

Service Area	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Grant	17,586	35,591	38,721	-	91,898
External contributions	1,546	2,348	-	-	3,894
Revenue Contribution to Capital	4,088	1,823	1,518	-	7,432
Capital Receipts	3,299	4,003	10,959	2,722	20,983
Borrowing	14,868	37,842	31,650	-	84,360
Total	41,387	81,610	82,848	2,722	208,567

Future Investment Priorities

The following projects are potential future investment opportunities, which may be brought forward in the future:

- Investment in key strategic areas, including the Ancoats Mobility Hub and Wythenshawe Town Centre, alongside works in the Eastern and Northern Gateways.
- Public realm works, including Piccadilly Gardens.
- Further investment in the Council's digital asset base.
- Investment in This City, developing new homes in the city.

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APPENDIX 4 – HIGHWAYS

Highway Service

The Highways Service works to improve the city's road networks and public spaces, delivering a range of work that keeps traffic flowing, maintains the public realm and designs major new highway schemes to benefit residents and visitors in Manchester.

The Highways Service is made up of several teams:

- Network Management - keeping the city moving, managing parking, traffic, and other aspects of road safety.
- Design, Commissioning and Project Management Team (PMO) - managing and developing our highways.
- Public Realm - maintaining monuments, water features and more

Priorities:

- Keeping highway users safe
- Reducing congestion and supporting business and economic recovery
- Supporting active travel options of walking and cycling
- Delivering a programme of highway improvements

Revenue Budget.

Although the Highways service revenue budget is part of the overall Neighbourhoods service budget, it is under the remit of Environmental Scrutiny Committee. The service has a gross £32.7m and net £13.1m budget with 236 fte's.

Service Area	2021/22 Gross Budget £000's	2021/22 Net Budget £000's	FTE's
Highways Development	43	43	3
Network Management	4,921	2,026	94
Public Realm	683	654	5
Design, Commissioning & PMO	(276)	(294)	56
Highways Maintenance	6,206	5,625	74
Accident & Trips	1,164	1,164	0
Street Lighting	11,480	8,328	0
Metroshuttle Contribution	900	0	0
Highways Service	25,121	17,546	235
Off Street Parking	7,242	(4,720)	0
CCTV	302	291	1
Operations & Commissioning	7,545	(4,429)	1

Total Business Area	32,665	13,117	236
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2022/23 Revenue Budget

Members will recall that the 2021/22 approved City Council budget identified over £48m savings over the three years 2021/22 - 2023/24. Of these savings £0.645m related to Highways. The 2021/22 savings of £495k are on track to be achieved in 2021/22 and a further £150k is already approved for 2022/23, this relates to a further reduction in the accidents and trips budget to reflect the lower volume of claims against the Council due to the improvements to the roads and footways because of the ongoing investment.

Proposed Changes to the 2022/23 Budget

Covid Implications on Income

As part of the 2021/22 budget additional support was provided to allow for reduced income due to Covid. Support of £3.136m was provided to off street car parking to reflect the reduced number of car park users. Whilst this was one off support in 2021/22 and has been reversed in 2022/23, car park usage is still not back to pre-covid levels, and particularly season ticket sales. The future use of parking remains uncertain although the recent Government announcements around returning to the office will help and it is anticipated that from Spring 2022 the use of parking will increase, and this will be retained under review.

Inflationary Pressures

Budgets have been updated to reflect the employers National Insurance increase of 1.25%, (£61k) to fund the 'social care levy'.

Provision has been made for inflationary price increases and potential pay awards. This is held centrally and will be allocated to service budgets when the details are available.

Increased Vacancy Provision

A 1% increase to the vacancy factor would more accurately reflect the fact that many employees are not at the top of the grade and the current levels of turnover and would generate budget savings of c.£2m across the council. Highways Services have been allocated £63k of this which is reflected in the 2022/23 indicative budget

Growth/Other Investment

As part of the November scrutiny process cost pressures of £464k were identified and they include: -

The current winter services contract is up for renewal in 2022/23 and indications are that the contract is likely to cost c£200k more than the existing contract, this is due to increased costs of HGV drivers.

The provision of CCTV monitoring has been provided by Mitie since January 2021, and the costs of the contract are c£264k higher than the previous contract. A review of the service provision has recently been undertaken to ensure any increased costs can be mitigated as far as possible, and the £264k is net of the proposed changes.

The impact of the above would result in a proposed net Highways budget for 2022/23 of £10.292m as detailed below:

Service Area	Cash Limit	Savings approved 21/22	COVID Adjustments	New Savings proposed 22/23	New pressures identified 22/23	Cash Limit
	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2022/23 £000's
Highways Development	43			(1)		42
Network Management (inc Winter Services)	2,026			(36)	226	2,216
Public Realm	654			(2)	1	653
Highways Capital Programme	(294)				20	(274)
Highways Maintenance	5,625			(23)	13	5,615
Accident & Trips	1,164	(150)				1,014
Street Lighting	8,328					8,328
Highways Service	17,546	(150)	0	(63)	260	17,594
Off Street Parking	(4,720)		(3,136)			(7,856)
CCTV	291				264	555
Operations & Commissioning	(4,429)	0	(3,136)	0	264	(7,301)
Total Business Area	13,117	(150)	(3,136)	(63)	524	10,292

Highways Capital Programme

The current approved capital programme, as at period 9 in 2021/22, is shown below alongside the funding to be used. Details on potential future investment opportunities are also shown, but these remain subject to approval.

Highways Approved Capital Programme

Service Area	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Maintenance Programme	17,233	14,758	629	-	32,620
Mayor's Challenge Fund schemes	10,755	20,499	-	-	31,254
Other	11,210	12,743	-	-	23,953

Total	39,198	48,000	629	0	87,827
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Funding of Approved Capital Programme

Service Area	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Grant	2500	-	-	-	500
External contributions	20,962	26,675	-	-	47,637
Revenue Contribution to Capital	828	30	-	-	858
Capital Receipts	308	681	-	-	989
Borrowing	16,600	20,614	629	-	37,843
Total	39,198	48,000	629	-	87,827

Future Investment Priorities

The following projects are potential future investment opportunities, which may be brought forward in the future:

- A further investment plan for highway and footway maintenance, improvements, and road safety, as the existing programme comes to an end, starting with a 1-year funding allocation. This would complement existing government funding.
- The opportunities to bid for Mayor's Challenge Fund from the GMCA will be continually reviewed to fund road, footway, and cycleway improvements.
- Investments which prioritise improvements to the network to support active travel.
- Ongoing review of accident prevention and local community safety measures, £2m was included in the programme for 2021/22 and any unused resources will be carried forward into 2022/23.

Manchester City Council Report for Information

Report to: Economy Scrutiny Committee – 10 February 2022

Subject: Update on COVID-19 Activity

Report of: Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure and Director of Inclusive Economy

Summary

This report provides Committee Members with a further update summary of the current situation in the city in relation to COVID-19 and an update on the work progressing in Manchester in relation to areas within the remit of this Committee. Further detail on specific issues will be available as required.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to note the update.

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

Manchester Strategy Outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	This unprecedented national and international crisis impacts on all areas of our city. The 'Our Manchester' approach has underpinned the planning and delivery of our response, working in partnership and identifying innovative ways to continue to deliver services and to establish new services as quickly as possible to support the most vulnerable in our city. A reset of the Our Manchester Strategy is now underway following a meeting of the Our
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	

A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Manchester Forum on 16 June 2020. An extensive engagement exercise will take place to inform a draft document in late 2020 and a final version in February 2021.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	

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Background documents (available for public inspection): None

Economic Recovery Workstream- Sitrep Summary

Updated 4th February 2022: For Economy Scrutiny Committee 10th February & Executive 16th February

Latest updates shown in yellow.

Issue/theme/activity area	Impact/ challenges experienced	Key planning and response activity being undertaken
General Overview	<p>ONS reports:</p> <p>Economic activity and social change, and business insights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the week to 22 January 2022, overall retail footfall in the UK increased by 2% and was 80% of the level seen in the equivalent week of 2019; this was in part driven by a 4% increase in high street footfall from the previous week (Springboard). According to the fortnightly business survey by the ONS, more than a third (34%) of businesses currently 	<p>Powering Recovery: Manchester's Recovery and Investment Plan' launched in Nov. Four investment priorities around: innovation; city centre and urban realm; residential retrofit programme; and North Manchester regeneration. Seeking govt funding for over 50 projects of £798.8 m. The plan can be accessed here.</p> <p>United City business-led campaign launched 22/11 and supported by MCC.</p> <p>Business Sounding Board and Real Estate subgroup continue to meet regularly to share intel across sectors and to help support MCC lobbying.</p> <p>Weekly MCC newsletter issued to over 10,000 businesses with updates.</p> <p>Business support and engagement; the various networks are beginning to function again in person post-pandemic. In addition, interest is being assessed amongst stakeholders in some new place</p>

	<p>trading in the accommodation and food service activities industry had difficulty procuring materials, goods or services from within the UK in the last month, of which 8% were unable to get these supplies and 26% had to change suppliers or find alternative solutions to do so; in December 2021, this industry reported 28% of businesses experiencing these difficulties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 17-24 January 2022, the seven-day average estimate of seated diners in Manchester was broadly similar to the previous week, at 111% of the level seen in the equivalent week of 2020 (OpenTable data) • Pret a Manger: In the week to 20 January 2022, transactions at all urban locations increased for the third consecutive 	<p>specific groups such as St Ann's Square and King Street. Options to address the challenge of empty premises are to be further considered- some 'pop-up' use by community or charity groups has proved successful.</p>
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	<p>week, following declines over the Christmas period.</p> <p>Levelling up white paper</p> <p>The levelling up White Paper was released in full on 2nd Feb. Ultimately the white paper is likely to be seen as a disappointment by many, particularly as there appears to be little new money attached to the proposals, however it does provide a framework for how funding already committed by HM Treasury should be spent. The press release from Wednesday morning describes the white paper as starting the firing gun “on decade-long project to level up Britain”, implying the beginning of a process rather than a fully developed strategy.</p> <p>The stated aims of the white paper are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those	
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	<p>places where they are lagging.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest.• Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost.• Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency. <p>The key proposals set out to achieve these aims are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enshrine in law twelve national levelling up “missions” which aim to shift government focus and resources to Britain’s forgotten communities throughout 2020s.2. Begin a shift of power from Whitehall to local leaders, with every part of England able to gain ‘London style’ powers and mayor if they wish to, and	
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	<p>extension to the devolution settlement for Greater Manchester and the West Midlands.</p> <p>3. Start a decade-long project to level up Britain, supported by a range of new policies.</p> <p>4. Increase domestic public investment in research & development by at least 40% across the North, Midlands, South West, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The white paper does not bring forward any significant additional resources or powers for Manchester or other local areas and its impact will likely be limited. To make real progress in this agenda, Government needs to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make firm commitments to devolve additional powers and funding so places can bring together resources to deliver key priorities	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rebalance national public spending decisions of the revenue budgets of key Government departments such that 'levelling up' issues such as poverty and deprivation are weighted much more heavily than at present. This applies to Local Government, NHS, transport, housing, police and other key areas of public spending• Recognise that competitive pots for largely capital based funding will have limited long-term impact without the revenue funding to function effectively, and that bid-based funding is a highly sub-optimal way for Government to determine allocations to places <p>The twelve missions proposed generally align well with Manchester's current priorities, particularly in relation to skills</p>	
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	<p>and employment, health and wellbeing. Notably absent are any missions relating to tackling climate change and the environment, and tackling inequalities between communities in areas.</p> <p>England back to Plan A: From Thursday 27 January the PM announced earlier in the month that people will no longer be advised to work from home, face coverings will no longer be mandatory in indoor venues, and organisations will be able to choose whether to require NHS Covid Passes. At the same time, the self-isolation period for people with Covid was reduced to five days. This is dependent on those infected testing negative on days 5 and 6. The Government is hoping that this will reduce the pressure on supply chains and support services over the winter.</p> <p>Inflation rises again: the Consumer Price Index puts inflation at 5.4% in December, up from 5.1% in November,</p>	
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	<p>driven by the higher cost of clothes, food and footwear. This is the highest level it has been for 30 years.</p> <p>HS2 Bill goes before Parliament: The bill laid on Monday seeks powers to lay new track and build new stations for the phase of the route from Crewe-Manchester, which is expected to open between 2035 and 2040. MCC will be making a response to the consultation on the Environmental Statement which accompanied the Bill, which closes on 31st March 2022.</p> <p>Economic analysis on Manchester's growth: two analyses from EY and Avison Young show that Manchester's recovery continues to strengthen in 2022.</p> <p>Avison Young assessed that the city achieved an 8% growth in its economy in 2021, making it the second fastest growth of the 30 major European cities. During 2022, Manchester's economy is predicted to grow by 6.5%, compared to a ten-year pre-</p>	
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	<p>Covid average of 3.4%. This will be driven by a rebound in the sectors which were hardest hit during the pandemic. These include Accommodation and Food Services (29.3%), Arts and Entertainment (16.2%) and Education (9.8%). The city's professional, scientific and technical services will continue to power the economy in the short- to medium-term. EY paints a similar picture with Manchester expected to be the North West's fastest growing city between 2022 and 2025 (forecasted to grow 3.2%) driven largely by science, professional and administrative services.</p> <p>Hotel Performance Monitor December 2021: the hotel sector was particularly impacted by the Omicron variant on weekend business. The occupancy figures were below 2019 levels at 63% compared to 78% in 2019. Hotels have been reporting increased costs (supplies, staffing and energy) which is impacting on average daily rates.</p>	
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	<p>Manchester top for young professionals: a study by Orega Offices has found that Manchester is the best place to live and work in the UK for young professionals, ahead of many other major cities. The study looked at rental levels, access to parks, pollution levels, top restaurants and availability of co-working space. London came a close second.</p> <p>Manchester Office Agent's Forum: in 2021, over 1million sqft of office space was leased in Manchester, 31% more than the year before. A total of 1,052,746sqft was let, with the biggest deals including 115,000sqft at Circle Square by Roku and 81,130sqft by Cloud Imperium Games at the Manchester Goods Yard. Of the total take-up, inward investment accounted for 33% of the transactions. Outside of the city centre, South Manchester saw an 82% increase in take-up compared to 2020. There are</p>	
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	<p>currently 650,000 sqft of active requirements in the city.</p> <p>Daytime TV show comes to Manchester: the ABC Buildings at Enterprise City will host Morning Live, a daytime BBC One show, first broadcast from the new Manchester location will be on Monday 21 February at 9.15am.</p> <p>New city centre openings: Urban Playground, a new entertainment venue which will host a The Cube Live experience, mini-golf and food, has announced that The Butcher will operate from the space when it opens this month. This will be The Butcher's first UK restaurant. Urban Playground is based inside the Arndale, on the upper floor near to the Selfridge's entrance, and will open officially on Friday 4th February.</p> <p>Great North Pie will open a pie and mash café at Kampus in Spring, and Cloudwater Brewery</p>	
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	<p>will open a 3,800sqft beer hall at Kampus also.</p> <p>Luxury men's retailer END Clothing will open in the former Paperchase store on St Mary's Gate, which is 22,000sqft; the fit out is in progress, but no word on when it will be open.</p> <p>Clayton Hotel opens: the latest hotel to open in the city centre (on Portland Street) has created 87 jobs. The Dalata Hotel Group will open a second city centre hotel, the Maldron on Charles Street, later in February.</p>	
<p>GM Tier Meeting</p> <p>02.02.22</p>	<p>Sector Updates</p> <p>Manchester Central</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan B restrictions has led to January and February bookings being cancelled. • March looks stronger with the year on year comparison expected to be closer to the pre-covid baseline. <p>Hoteliers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet January and February. However strong forecast trade from March 	

	<p>onwards will help offset the quieter months. The sector is feeling very optimistic about trade in 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure and business custom is strong but international custom has not yet picked up. <p>AO Arena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International acts are still impacted by covid leading to cancellations of some major events • Despite this March 22 onwards is looking positive with a full diary through to July. • 2023 calendar is particularly strong. • No shows have averaged out at around 8-12% however this is lower in shows with a younger audience and higher at those with an older audience demographic. <p>Hospitality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues continue around staffing and delayed 	
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	<p>property costs incurred during the pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New launches and concepts are happening in Manchester and there is a feeling of optimism amongst the bars and restaurants in the city centre.													
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	Market Street	+5.5 %	+229. 7%	- 31.5 %
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	Chorlton	- 1.5%	+44. 0%	- 33.1 %

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Higher Education Institutions	<p>MMU - Teaching on campus commenced, testing and vacs taking place on campus.</p> <p>RNCM - 90% students back, 10% still online due to Covid.</p>																																	

	<p>UoM - have 2k more students in the first year intake than in previous years, but had anticipated and planned for this. MECD and the Royce Institute opened this Sept.</p> <p>UoM reported at BSB that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student numbers remain high and are at 46,500 registered with a few still going through registration. <p>Manchester Metropolitan's brand new £35m School of Digital Art (SODA) is now open with the school being well oversubscribed for their first intake of students.</p>	
Aviation	<p>The Prime Minister announced on 5 January that from Friday 7 January, pre-departure tests will no longer be required for travellers from abroad arriving in England. From 10 January, on arrival, lateral flow tests will</p>	<p>COVID 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAG welcomed the removal of travel testing for fully vaccinated people last week, which comes into effect on 11th February. Research shows travel restrictions do very little to stop the spread of variants like Omicron but do damage consumer confidence. Removing restrictions will help re-start the recovery of the aviation and tourism sectors.

	<p>replace more expensive PCR tests on day 2.</p> <p>New airport routes: Turkish Airlines has launched its first ever direct flights from Manchester to Antalya and Dalaman. Passengers will be able to travel to the two places from the beginning of April.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to the emergence of the Omicron variant, passenger numbers at MAG's airports were reaching up to 60% of 2019 levels, but this has dropped to around 30% with the reimposition of testing requirements. It is hoped that this will start to increase again if restriction free travel continues. <p>Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAG is looking to recruit more than 500 staff at Manchester Airport in passenger security roles alone, with other vacancies in areas including customer service, car parks and hospitality. Hundreds of additional jobs are also available with more than a dozen other businesses operating at the airport. • Following on the successful virtual jobs fair held last week, Manchester Airport will be hosting an in-person Jobs Fair to highlight the variety of roles on offer across the airport campus. The event will be held between 10am and 3pm on Thursday 10th February, at Old Trafford cricket ground, and attendees can book a place through the Jobs Fair's Eventbrite page. <p>AeroZone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Monday 7th February, Manchester Airport will formally open the new, state-of-the-art education facilitate, AeroZone. AeroZone is a free facility for schools and colleges to use and is expected to welcome more than 5,000 children and young people aged between four and 18 every year, with curriculum-linked sessions focused on the wide range of careers available in aviation. For older students, more structured sessions will equip them with the employability and life skills required for jobs related to aviation.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools across Greater Manchester can book via Education Manchester Airport.
Culture	<p>Culture Recovery Fund</p> <p>Emergency Support Resource Fund, which is designed to support cultural organisations that are at imminent risk of financial failure. remains open for a second round. Organisations have until 18 January to submit their “Permission to Apply” forms. £30m CRF funding was announced on 21/12 by Rishi Sunak.</p> <p>Government funding via Arts Council England will also provide an immediate £1.5 million to support freelancers affected by the pandemic, alongside a further £1.35 million contribution from the theatre sector. This will provide grants of £650,000 each directly to: Theatre Artists Fund now closed and Help Musicians, Applications open until 14 February 2022</p>	<p>Mailouts - the 200 contacts on the Culture Team database have been contacted about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Omicron Business Grants available via MCC: Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant & COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund The Government’s support for Freelancers via Theatre Artists Fund, Help Musicians and a-n <p>Response to changes to restrictions 27/1/22</p> <p>Most venues continue to encourage visitors to wear masks and some are continuing running socially distanced performances and screenings.</p> <p>Cultural Impact Survey - 2020/21</p> <p>Results are featured in report to CES Scrutiny on 8 Feb.</p> <p>Annual Cultural Impact Survey on the impact of Manchester’s cultural orgs which is compulsory for Council-funded cultural partners. This year’s findings illustrate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>47 companies completed the survey for 2020/21 and 39 of these organisations had also responded in 2019/20, helping to illustrate comparisons with pre-pandemic activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total combined income of the 47 organisations that completed the 2020/21 survey was £75 million. For the

	<p>with £200,000 to a-n, the Artists Information Company - Deadline for applications: Thursday 3 February 2022, 12 noon.</p> <p>Changes to COVID restrictions from 27/1/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are no longer required to wear a face covering, but asked to consider wearing one in crowded, enclosed spaces where they may come into contact with people they do not normally meet. • Audiences no longer have to show an NHS COVID Pass at venues and events. <p>Results of Live Events Survey Dec 21</p>	<p>repeat cohort of 39, this represents a decrease of 28% compared with 19/20. Whilst public sector income has remained relatively stable, and has included emergency and recovery support grants, the pandemic has had a substantial impact on other income streams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Among the repeat cohort - earned income fell by 89%. This is largely due to cultural venues having to close due to the COVID-19 restrictions & many of the regular income streams such as catering, retail and venue hire were unavailable. • Private sector income also decreased, but to a lesser extent at 17%, representing pressures on the wider economy and in securing grants, donations and sponsorship. • Footfall to cultural venues in 2020/21 was 383,160. Of the repeat cohort of organisations, this represents a 94% decrease • There were 1,731 productions and commissions in Manchester during the year – an 84% decrease on pre-pandemic • There were 265,194 people at in-person audiences – a decrease of 95%.
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	<p>PLASA and the UK #WeMakeEvents campaign carried out a survey to assess how Live Events sector continues to be impacted by Covid-19. (PLASA is an international membership body for suppliers of technologies and services to the event industries). 1,948 respondents from 40 + countries completed the survey between 1 November and 21 December 2021 (so recent impact of the Omicron variant is not accounted for)</p> <p>Report: https://www.plasa.org/plasa-wemakeevents-covid-survey-report-2022/</p> <p>Headlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses with a turnover of less than £50,000 in 20/21 is 56% higher than in 19/20. • Number of people reporting earnings from the live sector of less than £10,000 in 20/21 compared to 19/20 has increased by 56% and 	
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	<p>those earning above £61,000 has dropped by 78%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45% of businesses took on debt through a loan during the pandemic. • 69% of businesses say they are experiencing a shortage of skilled workers. • Next 0-6 months a third of businesses say they will have to delay work + a further third cancel work altogether. In the following 7-18 months - 38% intend to try and hire new workers. • Shortages for onsite workers, mainly freelancers - 50% of respondents reported lack of site crew, 47% lack of engineers and technicians & 30% lack of riggers. • 36% of businesses were having to retrain or up-skill engineers/technicians 	
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	<p>and 30% were doing this for site crew.</p> <p>It is believed that a lot of experienced people have left the industry (some moving from live to broadcast sector or to different careers with normal working hours). And difficulties in the UK because of Brexit - It is felt there is a need to develop less labour intensive practices to help address the skills shortfall.</p>	
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Continued development interest in the city for both commercial and residential scheme.</i> • <i>All schemes are back on site, and construction levels increased since the beginning of the pandemic, although with some overall delays to programmes.</i> • <i>Risks around supply chains/access to materials, with associated increases in costs.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada House sold: the recently refurbished building on Chepstow Street has been sold for £22million to Grosvenor, an investment property group. • Rugby skills and mobility hub planned: the Rugby Football League has submitted an application for a hub for the development of skills and social mobility through sport. It will be called Our League Life Centre. It will offer rugby-based education courses across a complex of a 900-capacity stand, classrooms and seminar rooms, changing facilities and a media room. • Office lettings: Pimberley, a data management company, have taken an additional 5,958 sqft at St James' Tower. The company are planning to double their workforce by recruiting an additional 50 staff over the next year. Bally Interactive, a games developer, has signed a 10-year lease at 60 Spring Gardens for over 5,500sqft of office space. They are the first confirmed tenants following the refurbishment of the building.

- *Access to finance for hotel and retail schemes likely to be more challenging.*
- *Economic Recovery & Investment Plan identifies key schemes which can drive recovery and create new jobs. Ongoing work to identify funding opportunities for schemes.*
- *Long term impact on office demand being monitored on an ongoing basis, but positive indications from office agents and the Business Sounding Board, with recent reports of increased demand, especially for flexible, high quality office space.*

Emerging Trends in Real Estate Europe 2022: the [annual survey by PwC](#) and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) has seen a significant leap in confidence going into next year. It surveys

At the [Bonded Warehouse](#), DSW Ventures has opened a new Manchester office. Over at NOMA, IBI Group has taken an entire floor at [Dantzic on a 10-year lease](#). Four Recruitment has opened a Manchester office at [Arkwright House](#), on Parsonage Gardens as a second north west base. Octopus Energy Group has taken [40,000sqft of office space at Circle Square](#), as well as a 1,300sqft ground floor retail unit. This comes after the energy provider confirmed its partnership with GMCA last year to trial green tariffs and heat pumps in GM. [Absurd](#), a digital agency, has taken space at 37 King Street after the team doubled to 25 in 2021. [MHA Moore and Smalley](#), an accountancy and business advisory firm, have doubled the size of their team and have taken an additional 2,225sqft at 80 Moseley Street to accommodate its now 80 staff. At [Circle Square](#), [Autocab](#) has signed a 10-year lease for 20,000sqft. They are relocating from Cheadle and expect to recruit for 200 jobs.

- **January Planning Committee:** the latest Planning Committee was held on 20 January 2022, with the office refurbishment of Speaker's House and proposals to create 237 homes in a new development at 87 Rochdale Road both approved.
- **Ducie Street scheme gearing up for start:** a contractor is now lined up to build Urbano Property's [41-home Manchester development](#). The project will see the creation of a seven-to-eight-storey building on Ducie Street that is currently a surface car park.
- **Enabling works at First Street:** Developer Downing's construction arm has started enabling works for its £400m mixed-use scheme at [First Street South](#). This is the start of

	<p>property professionals, and the results reveal that the sector is recording the highest levels of business confidence since 2014. However, the areas the industry are most concerned about are construction costs and resource availability, availability of suitable land/assets and the continually updating sustainability requirements.</p>	<p>works for three buildings, topping out at 45 storeys and creating 2,200 co-living rooms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester Tower on Whitworth Street West is to start soon: Russell WBHO is aiming to start on site in June having been formally appointed by the consortium delivering the 35-storey residential development creating 327 apartments. • North Manchester General Hospital to start: in April, the new health campus at North Manchester General Hospital will get underway with the construction of New Park House, an adult mental health inpatient facility. • Red Bank (Housing Infrastructure Fund): Planning consent for MCC's Enabling Works package, which kick-starts the £51.6m HIF funded programme of infrastructure was obtained on 23rd December. Works will commence in February 2022. The planning application for the main works is due to be submitted before the end of February 2022 and subject to approval, main works will commence in the summer of 2022.
Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk to developer and investor confidence. • Working with RP's and other developers to understand current impact and forward plans. • Assessing sources and levels of investment, and any obstacles • Investigating grant funding, financial and 	<p>Current forecasts suggest 510 new affordable homes will be built across Manchester in 2021-22 – 380 of which have already completed. This includes 249 social rent, 122 affordable rent, 99 shared ownership and 40 rent to buy homes.</p> <p>In addition, there are currently c.1,000 new affordable homes currently under construction across the city and expected to complete over the next few years. This includes a number of large-scale developments including the Former Edge Lane Business Centre (216 homes) and the Former Belle Vue Stadium Site (130 affordable homes). There are also currently 3 city centre schemes under construction at Swan Street (19 homes), Addington Street (50 homes) and Islington Wharf (54 affordable homes)</p>

	<p>other support needed to enable early start of key projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding supply chain issues and identifying appropriate support measures. • Developing guidance/share good practice for safe operation of sites • Expediting design & planning phases of projects. • Risk of registered providers slowing down or pausing programmes to consolidate finances/liquidity • Ensure Zero Carbon and Fire safety provision are part of the programmes. • Potential flooding of the PRS sector as the short term let market shrinks. 	<p>Feedback from MHPP Growth is suggesting that problems with supply chains for products and materials are beginning to impact on delivery timescales and costs</p> <p>Updates on further key schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction has begun on MCC's development of 69 older persons social rent homes at Silk St in Miles Platting & Newton Heath • A public consultation on Russell Road LGBT Extra Care Scheme took place in January with a further pre-planning consultation scheduled for February ahead of submitting planning after the local elections • A public consultation on the 730-home redevelopment of Jacksons Brickworks is underway. The scheme brought forward by Your Housing Group features a mix of open market sale, shared ownership, social rent & rent to buy • Grey Mare Lane Estate – One Manchester have started construction on the first two phases of the Estate Regeneration programme (Blackrock Street & Windermere Close). The redevelopment is set to deliver c.290 new affordable homes (incl. 124 of re-provision) and the retrofit of 150 homes over the next 5 years. A Master Plan was approved at the November meeting of the Executive.
Transport and	Submission to Transport Select Committee	Summary of transport activity for week ending 30 January (GM-wide)

<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>On 1st Feb the Transport Select Committee publicised MCC's written evidence on the Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) Inquiry. MCC welcomed the principle of an IRP, but continue to have concerns that the published IRP falls far short of what we believe should have been included, such as a brand new Transpennine line between Manchester and Bradford; the HS2 Eastern Leg; and reductions to decarbonisation schemes. This appears to be in part due to the funding of the IRP being nearly 50% lower than the full funding cost for all projects set out in the National Infrastructure Commission's Rail Needs Assessment 2020.</p> <p>City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement</p> <p>On 31 January, following delegated authority granted by the GMCA meeting on 28 January, TfGM on behalf of the 10 GM authorities submitted the draft programme case for the Greater Manchester City Region Sustainable Transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were an estimated 48.5m trips made in Greater Manchester – 3% above the previous week. • There was an increase in both weekday and weekend trips of 3% from the previous week. • Compared to the same period in 2020, trip levels were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total trips down 15% • Bus down 22% • Metrolink down 42% • Rail down 45% • Cycling down 49% • Walking up 17% • Highways down 5% • There is evidence to suggest that the removal of work from home guidance on Thursday 20 January has contributed to the increase in trips last week, with weekday Metrolink contactless journeys and highway trips being above the previous week during the morning peak period (+16% and +2% respectively). • Regional centre and Manchester: During the week ending 23 January, the Regional Centre saw an estimated 3 million total trips. This is 4% up on the previous week, and included 2.12 million trips from GM and 0.8 million from outside of GM. • Regional Centre trips were 66% of the pre-pandemic baseline (November 2019).
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	<p>Settlement. This followed a letter from the Secretary of State on 22 November 2021 to the GM Mayor to say that GMCA had been awarded an indicative allocation of £1.07 billion of capital funding conditional on the submission of a programme business case by the end of January 2022. Following further review and the announcement of the final award from Government, the final Programme Case will come to GMCA for approval. MCC supported development of the programme case including seeking funds to support delivery of priority local schemes for Manchester.</p>	
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<p>Skills, Labour Market and Business Support</p>	<p>Furlough and Newly Unemployed Headlines include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the latest release (December 2021) there were 26,470 claimants of unemployment benefits in Manchester – down 3.7% from 27,475 in November. Unemployment for women is continuing to fall much faster than it is for men (trend across GM). • While furlough came to an end in September, there is no evidence that formerly furloughed residents have moved onto UC. The number of claimants has shown a month by month decrease since April 2021 when there were 79,300 claimants. December's provisional figure shows 76,468 claimants. • Manchester currently has 35,801 vacancies up 2.5% on last week with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to Omicron, jobs fairs and recruitment events moved online, expectation that new events will be held in person in line with changing Covid guidance. • New Mosely Street Jobcentre is holding regular mini job fairs for kickstart vacancies, most recently 30+ employers presented vacancies to 119 residents. 3 Jobs fairs planned in early 2022 (13 Jan, 10 Feb, 22 Feb). • SBWA's planned for Jan include roles for bus drivers; care workers and retail workers. Low attendance is still an issue at approx 25% attendance rate. Low attendance from 50+ customers. • Continue to work with Government Departs looking to increase workforce in the City with sessions taking place in February to understand support needed. • Working with Health and Social Care sector to develop more pathways and partnerships to support recruitment. • Working with local JCP to understand new national Way to Work campaign and how it will operationally impact delivery of employment and skills provision in the city. • Working closely with MAG to support their virtual jobs-fair and promote opportunities coming through the Airport Academy alongside DWP and Wythenshawe Partners.
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	<p>Youth unemployment</p> <p>Maximise the opportunities from and work with partners to roll out the Kickstart Scheme.</p> <p>Supporting youth employment programmes</p>	<p>MCC Kickstart opportunities – working with DWP to deliver the 3rd cohort of 15 Kickstart placements for the Council.</p> <p>National Apprenticeship Week (7th February 2022). This will be a large campaign in partnership with employers, training providers and support services. This will include video case studies, social media activity, events and promotion of opportunities.</p> <p>Meeting held with MMU in January to plan activities for 2022. This includes further development of SME support scheme and linking students and graduates to major recruitment campaigns.</p>						

	Developing a clear offer to support our graduates	
	Skills and employment support for adults Challenges - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to reflect on delivery of the Digital Inclusion Action Plan 	<p>In January MAES completed 3 Sector-based Work Academy Programmes in partnership with DWP – 2 for HMRC who have been recruiting for admin roles (1 in person and 1 online) - 18 participants. - outcomes not known as yet. And one for WGC (hotel group) for housekeeping roles. - 8 participants and 3 secured jobs so far.</p> <p>The Community Renewal Funded Good Things foundation Project will deliver until June 2022, supporting community access to digital inclusion activity.</p> <p>The Digital Inclusion Action Plan for 2022 is developing well setting out strong co-ordination and aims from multiple projects funded from different streams.</p>
	Social Value and Local Benefit Challenge: Many residents are not connecting to opportunities created in the city – how can we use social value internally to maximise creation of employment/skills/training opportunities targeted at our residents and use our influence to do the same with organisations externally? Ensure that MCC's approach to SV reflects current economic	<p>A key focus currently is the annual MCC - CLES conference, being held on 18 February which is taking shape and will include workshops on a number of social value priorities – Our Year, digital exclusion, community cohesion and diversity (co-hosted with Belong), and Living Wage City.</p> <p>The conference will also see updated CLES analysis of social value delivered through MCC's procurement spend and case studies from a CLES analysis of a sample of contracts.</p>

	<p>circumstances and <i>Think</i> recommendations.</p> <p>Coordinate employment and skills related social value “offers” from across MCC’s largest suppliers and capital projects into a pipeline of opportunities that can be promoted to residents and employment/skills/training organisations.</p>	
	<p>Business Support, Sustainability and Growth</p> <p>Business Grants</p> <p>Three New Business Grant programmes - all now live.</p> <p>Following the announcement of the new grants available to the hospitality sector, guidance was released on 30 December.</p> <p>1. Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant scheme, (OHLG) - closes 18.3.2022</p>	<p>Business Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Grants are fully advertised on our website. • Officers are continuing to meet with GMCA and other LA’s to attempt to understand each other's approach. • Communications push will take place over the next week to increase take up where possible. • Will extend ARG closing date to 21.2.2022 and put messages through businesses including an email-shot. <p>SME, District Centre and High Street support</p> <p>Following the success of the Small Business Saturday Tour the next steps are to go out and undertake business engagement across our Neighbourhoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning is underway to take our business support service/offer out across our Neighbourhoods including District Centres and High Streets with a focus on engagement with SMEs across the City.

	<p>2. The third ARG top-up – closes 7.2.2022 - will be extended to 21.2.2022 - presently 230 applications in which are being processed.</p> <p>3. COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) Business Rates Scheme .Closes 28.2.2022</p> <p>Current position</p> <p>The current running total of all Grants in our BEIS returns stands at £230,983,511 since commencing with the delivery of grants in 2019.</p> <p>Payments 24th – 31 Jan = £1.186m:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRSG / Closed business - £8,193 – recovery of grant paid in error • Omicron - £1,086,698 (260 payments) • ARGO - £25,010 (17 payments) • ARG Taxi: £82,796 (237 payments) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A 12 month plan is being drawn up to reach as many businesses during the 12 months (April 2022-Mar 2023) and support the build up to the next Small Business Saturday tour and campaign in 2022. - Working with Comms to create marketing material and comms plan. - The first event location has been agreed at North Mcr – venue and detail is being finalised. <p>SME Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Future for SMEs online event took place 27 January and feedback from SMEs keen to engage in person events and find these sessions a useful way to connect and gain advice and support. <p>Work has re-started with Manchester Airport Group and Virgin Media on recruitment campaigns following easing of restrictions.</p>
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	<p>Equalities/ Disadvantaged</p> <p>Ensure that disadvantaged and underrepresented groups are supported by activity included in Workstreams 1-6. This would include Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups, young people, over 50's, homeless, veterans, survivors of DV&A, ESA claimants, and those experiencing family poverty.</p> <p>Covid has worsened the situation for many already experiencing inequality – the challenge is to ensure support is targeted to reach the communities in most need.</p>	<p>Supporting Afghan arrivals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - W&S supporting DWP Proof of Concept project to explore whether the removal of non-employment barriers to work can help people to move into housing. - The project will work closely with the homelessness service to support a small group of people, in temporary accommodation. - Caseworkers recruited to provide 1:1 support and will link in with local employment support provision. - The project is due to launch in Feb and will run from 3 to 6 months. <p>Uncertain Futures Employment & Skills Sessions for over 50's women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to the impact of Covid the Digital session planned for January had to be postponed. - Rescheduled to run in May in conjunction with a digital roadshow which is being delivered by the Digital Inclusion team within the Libraries Service. - The next employment session will take place at MAG on 16th February, hosted by MAES on the topic of Confident Language at work. <p>Work Club Network Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 19th Jan W&S hosted the first Citywide Work Club network meeting at which over 20 work clubs leads attended. The next round of commissioning was discussed with a focus on key work and skills priorities. - <p>Planning is underway for a specific over 50's campaign during National Apprenticeship week in February 2022.</p>
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		<p>The W&S Race Equity group have reviewed objectives for 2022 to continue along the themes of (1) Supporting the wider team with peer support and training (2) Better understanding the make-up of our communities to deliver targeted support (3) Supporting structural change</p>
Funding	<p>No specific known impacts on current external funding bids caused by C19 as yet. Known bids progressing through funding approval processes as expected.</p>	<p>Funding Announcements</p> <p>The levelling up white paper was released on Wednesday 2nd February.</p> <p>Prior to publishing the paper, a DLUHC press release (30 Jan) announced the following:</p> <p>Brownfield Funding Announcement</p> <p>“A total of £120 million of funding will be given to 7 Mayoral Combined Authorities to transform derelict brownfield sites into vibrant places where people want to live and work. Seven MCAs – West Midlands, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, Liverpool, South Yorkshire, North of Tyne, and Tees Valley stand to gain 7,800 homes.</p> <p>A further £30 million is being awarded to 3 Mayoral Combined Authorities in Greater Manchester, Tees Valley and West Midlands on disused brownfield land.”</p> <p>Levelling Up Home Building Fund</p>

		<p>"1.5 billion Levelling Up Home Building Fund next week, providing loans to small and medium sized builders and developers to deliver 42,000 homes, with the vast majority outside of London and the South East."</p> <p>UK Shared Prosperity Fund 3 year of funding announced.</p> <p>2022-3 0.4 billion 2023-4 0.8 billion (0.7 revenue, 0.1 capital) 2024-5 1.8 billion (1.5 revenue, 0.3 capital)</p> <p>As expected, this shows a "ramping up" to European levels of funding by year 3.</p> <p>Supporting local priorities, the UKSPF will include a new initiative ('Multiply') to help hundreds of thousands of adults across the UK improve their numeracy skills. All areas will receive access to a learning platform and funding to improve adult skills. £560 million is being allocated to this scheme as part of the SPF.</p> <p>The Levelling Up White Paper indicates that the Shared Prosperity Fund "will be allocated to, and invested by, MCAs (Mayoral Combined Authorities) where they exist."</p> <p>Community Ownership Fund – round 2 has been delayed until Spring 2022, when it will be relaunched with a new prospectus and additional support for applicants.</p> <p>Funding in Progress</p>
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		<p>Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund Round 3 has been announced – MCC secured c.£19m from round 1 of the fund and delivery of that programme is our priority. A bid for £4.5 million to the latest round has been submitted.</p> <p>Funding Approved</p> <p>Energy Savings Trust's (EST) eCargo Bike Grant Fund, Local Authority Scheme 2021/2022. Scheme was officially launched on 17th January with good press coverage. https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/8931/ebikes_come_to_manchester_as_ambitious_city-wide_scheme_launches</p>
External Lobbying	<p>Parliament returns from summer recess on 6 September 2021 with an announcement on the date of the 2021 Spending Review expected soon after. There is currently uncertainty surrounding the 2021 Spending Review period in relation to a 1 or 3 year settlement for local government. Direct lobbying of Government is needed as well as working via Greater Manchester and networks such as Core Cities UK, Convention of the North and the LGA.</p>	<p>Manchester has contributed to the development of the Convention of the North, organised by the Northern Powerhouse 11. Policy workshops will take place covering Education, Skills & Work, Innovation & Health, Transport, Trade & Investment, Place, Culture & Housing.</p> <p>Manchester (and other cities) is continuing to lobby government on a range of issues including the need for levelling up to focus on the social determinants of health to address inequality, rather than a purely infrastructure and capital spending led approach.</p> <p>Greater Manchester has established a new area steering group (attended by the Strategic Director Growth and Development) to drive forward growth and levelling up in the GM growth locations. Council officers are also attending area groups to focus on growth locations including the Central Area (including the regional centre and North Manchester) and the Airport and South Growth Corridor.</p>

		<p>These groups will develop a strategic narrative for the area and ensure that local implementation plans are in place for sub-areas.</p> <p>The UK Cities Climate Investment final report has been published which sets out the opportunity for half a trillion investment in Core Cities and London Councils Half A Trillion Pound Investment Opportunity for Green Investors - Report corecities.com The next phase of the project is to work up projects in more detail and is dependent on confirmation of £1.5 million of funding from BEIS.</p>
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