



Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 23 May 2024

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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Councillors - Simcock (Chair), Brickell, Connolly, Davies, Evans, Glover, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Noor, Richards, Stogia and Wheeler

Revised Agenda

1. Urgent Business

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

2. Appeals

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

3. Interests

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2024.

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5. Manchester City Council Connections with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Strategic Director (Growth and Development) and City Treasurer.

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This report provides an update on Manchester's connections with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) in terms of partnerships, governance, and financial arrangements. It sets out the historical context which led to the establishment of GMCA, a summary of previous devolution deals and the current areas of focus given the March 2023 Trailblazer Devolution Deal. It also provides a high-level summary of the financial relationship between the Council and GMCA in relation to core funding and grants, as well as the governance arrangements in place to ensure robust decision making at a city region level to support delivery of Manchester's strategic priorities.

6. Manchester City Council Connections with the Greater Manchester Integrated Care System and the Manchester Locality

This item has been withdrawn from the agenda by the Chair.

7. Household Support Fund 5

Verbal Report

A verbal update on round 5 of the Household Support Fund will be provided at the meeting.

8. Overview Report

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Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit.

This report provides the Committee with details of key decisions that fall within the Committee's remit and an update on actions resulting from the Committee's recommendations. The report also includes the Committee's work programme, which the Committee is asked to amend as appropriate and agree.

Please note there will be a work programming session at the rise of this meeting for committee members only

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Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7 March 2024

Present:

Councillor Simcock (Chair) – in the Chair
Councillors Andrews, Brickell, Connolly, Davies, Evans, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Rowles and Stogia

Also present:

Councillor Craig, Leader of the Council
Councillor Akbar, Executive Member for Finance and Resources
Councillor Rawlins, Executive Member for Environment and Transport

Apologies: Councillor Wheeler

RGSC/24/27 Chair's Announcements

In opening the meeting, the Chair explained that this would be Councillor Lanchbury's and Councillor Rowles' last Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee meeting before the end of their terms of office and he wished them luck for the future. He also stated that it would be Councillor Andrews' last meeting before being nominated as Lord Mayor of Manchester for 2024/25.

The Chair also stated that it was the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, Carol Culley's last meeting before she left the authority for a new role. The Leader of the Council placed on record her thanks to Carol, whom she had worked closely with, and stated that Carol had done her absolute best for the people of Manchester and would be remembered for what she had achieved in financially difficult times.

The Executive Member for Finance and Resources echoed the Leader's comments and stated that Manchester City Council was in the financial position it was because of Carol's leadership. He acknowledged the difficult role of the Section 151 Officer and commended Carol for her ability to combine this with being the Deputy Chief Executive.

The Chair also invited former councillor, Bernard Priest, to the meeting and he recognised the challenges facing local councillors and the need for a City Treasurer to challenge and guide council leaders. He expressed his gratitude for his time working with Carol.

Members of the committee also placed on record their thanks to Carol and commended her work on climate change; engagement with partners; and her understanding of financial pressures and commercialisation. One member expressed their thanks for Carol's time and effort on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group and stated that Carol had created a culture that he hoped would continue after her departure.

RGSC/24/28 Interests

Councillors Davies and Stogia declared personal interests in items 8 and 11 – Manchester Energy Network 2024/25 Business Plan.

RGSC/24/29 Minutes

In moving the minutes, the Chair informed the committee that following the item on the Elections Act 2022 Update on 8 February 2024, he had been contacted by a council employee who informed him that they had been unable to use their Council-issued employee badge as identification to vote in a polling station at the May 2023 election. The Chair stated that this underlined the ludicrous nature of the government's voter ID legislation.

It was also noted that further information on the sources used for figures in the 'A new Our Manchester Strategy 2025-2035' report had been provided to committee member following the meeting and the Chair requested that this be circulated to all members.

The Chair also commented that, during the Chancellor's budget on 6 March 2024 he had thanked many MPs for bringing issues to his attention but failed to mention Manchester City Council for lobbying for an extension of the Household Support Fund, which would be continued for a further 6 months.

Decision:

That

1. the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 February 2024 be approved.
2. the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 February 2024 be approved.

RGSC/24/30 Major Contracts Update

The committee considered a report of the Strategic Lead (Commissioning) that provided an update on the Council's key contracts, its approach to procurement of these contracts and assessments of how to source contracts due for renewal and/or extension.

Key points and themes within the report included:

- An overview of major service contracts, including expiry dates and extension options;
- Delivery model assessments for renewing contracts;
- Work of the Major Contracts Board;
- Planned recommissions for major contracts; and
- Wider work on contract management.

Some of the key points and queries that arose from the committee's discussion included:

- Expressing concern that the Council did not have the infrastructure in place for insourcing of services;
- Requesting a Part B report in the new municipal year to provide further detail on the Council's major contracts;
- The importance of Sure Start centres and that the Council should consider managing these as a whole rather than individual facilities;
- Difficulties in understanding and measuring contractual oversight without qualitative methods, and querying how this could be presented in future;
- How break clauses and break points worked, with specific reference to the housing maintenance and repairs contract;
- What was different as a result of the Council's 'Insourcing First' motion which stipulated that insourcing should be the default option for services;

The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer explained that the report provided an update on the work of the Major Contracts Board, and she thanked officers for their work, particularly in developing the Sourcing Policy.

In response to queries regarding insourcing, the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer stated that there was a robust roadmap behind the delivery model assessments of the infrastructure required for insourcing in specific areas.

The Strategic Lead (Commissioning) stated that work was ongoing with various services, such as Highways and Homelessness, to assess how contract management and oversight could be improved further. He acknowledged that there was a challenge in summarising performance, but he would look at how this could be reported to the committee in future. He explained that a summary dashboard on performance was provided to the Major Contracts Board and that the service worked with Contract Managers to strengthen key performance indicators.

In response to a query regarding break points and break clauses in the housing repairs and maintenance contract, the Head of Integrated Procurement and Commissioning explained that this contract had the option to extend for 3 years and discussions had been undertaken with regards to the future management of the contract. He stated that an extension had been negotiated and there was a potential to break the contract either 12 or 24 months before the contract expired. He explained that these dates had been selected to ensure that the necessary infrastructure was in place to insource the contract at the best possible time for the Council and to ensure service continuity. He stated that lessons had been learned from bringing management of the Northwards housing stock in-house.

The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer stated that a full feasibility study was undertaken for any contract decision as a result of the Council's 'Insourcing First' motion and the work of the Major Contracts Board. The Strategic Lead (Commissioning) reiterated this and stated that there was a greater rigour when assessing the potential for insourcing of contracts as a result of the motion passed by Council and that there had been learning from previous insourced contracts. He explained that smaller contracts were also assessed for insourcing and that officers worked with services such as Manchester Local Care Organisation (MLCO) to identify options for insourcing.

The Executive Member for Finance and Resources acknowledged the work of the Head of Integrated Procurement and Commissioning, the Strategic Lead (Commissioning) and their team and stated that, as the relevant Executive Member, he was confident that the Council assessed contracts in advance of their end date and that options appraisals were undertaken to allow sufficient time to implement the necessary infrastructure and changes to bring suitable services in-house.

Decision:

That the committee

1. notes the report, and
2. requests that a further report be considered under Part B in the new municipal year.

RGSC/24/31 Progress made with Council Motions over the last 12 months

The committee considered a report of the City Solicitor which provided an update on the progress made in respect of motions that had passed before Council over the previous 12 months.

Key points and themes in the report included:

- The motions tracker;
- Progress on motions was monitored by Senior Management Team (SMT);
- Several motions requested a call on the government to take action and have raised serious issues of concern to Manchester residents and the Council; and
- The process once a motion had been passed.

The Deputy City Solicitor introduced the item and explained that the report provided factual assurances that motions passed through Full Council were assigned to the relevant Executive Member and Senior Management Team (SMT) officer and tracked through the City Solicitor's office.

One member commented on the motion 'Standing Up for Wythenshawe' and stated that this was testament to the work of officers and members in lobbying for government support for the area. He stated his hope that the Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee would continue to scrutinise redevelopment in Wythenshawe.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

RGSC/24/32 Our New Finance and HR System

The committee considered a report of the Deputy City Treasurer and the Director of HROD and Transformation which provided an update on the work undertaken to

replace the Council's legacy SAP HR and Finance system since the previous report in June 2023.

Key points and themes within the report included:

- Providing an introduction and background to the legacy SAP system, which was implemented in 2007;
- The vision and approach of the programme;
- The procurement process;
- Details of the preferred bidder were not yet available due to an ongoing standstill period;
- The business case for the programme, including total implementation costs;
- How the programme was governed; and
- Next steps and timeline.

Some of the key points and queries that arose from the committee's discussion included:

- Seeking assurances that the project was treated as high-risk and was included on the Corporate Risk Register;
- Seeking assurances that the project would remain on track for implementation in April 2025; and
- Requesting a further update report in October 2024.

In introducing the item, the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer explained that the replacement of the Council's finance and HR system was a corporate project which had the appropriate governance, capacity and assurances in place.

The Deputy City Treasurer informed the committee that the legacy SAP system was a fundamental system which recorded financial transactions and the Council's balance sheet and held employee records. He explained that the SAP system was heavily bespoke to the Council, not user-friendly and was timely and costly to upgrade. Support to the current system would end in 2027 and, as a result, the Council decided to replace the system early. He stated that the project was progressing appropriately and that it provided an opportunity to drive efficiencies. Members were informed that a preferred bidder had been selected but a standstill period was currently ongoing, with officers hoping to provide a verbal update on the preferred bidder at the Executive meeting later in the month.

The Director of HROD and Transformation stated that a programme and implementation team was in place and significant pre-implementation had taken place. He explained that a review of existing processes and ways of working had been undertaken and that officers in Finance, HR and ICT were collaborating on the project. He informed members that a detailed implementation plan had been developed and would be reviewed with the system provider. He stated that the Council had sought extensive references from organisations using bidders, that it had listened to what had gone well in other authorities who had implemented new HR and finance systems and had received independent expert advice. It was intended for the system to go live in April 2025 with a phased implementation.

In response to members' queries, the Director of HROD and Transformation stated that there were safeguards in place to manage risk and that discussions had taken place with the Council's Audit team to ensure that the project was included on the Audit Plan for 2024/25. He also provided assurances that audits would be undertaken throughout the implementation and once the system was live. Whilst guarantees could not be provided that the project would remain on track for implementation in April 2025, the Director of HROD and Transformation acknowledged the risks involved in a project of such scale and stated that he had been involved in implementing new HR system twice in the past 5 years.

The Executive Member for Finance and Resources acknowledged that it was important to view the project as being high-risk and provided assurances that as portfolio holder for this area, he had oversight of and was involved in the project. He also welcomed continued scrutiny of the implementation.

Decision:

That the committee

1. endorses the report to the Executive, and
2. requests a further update report in October 2024.

RGSC/24/33 Overview Report

The committee received a report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit which provided details of key decisions that fell within the Committee's remit and items for information previously requested by the Committee. The report also included the Committee's work programme, which the Committee was asked to amend as appropriate and agree.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

RGSC/24/34 Manchester Energy Network 2024/25 Business Plan

The committee considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer which provided an overview of the operation and delivery of the heat and power Manchester Energy Network since trading commenced in July 2021.

Key points and themes within the report included:

- Providing an introduction and background to the Manchester Energy Network, which began trading in July 2021;
- The Network's current financial and trading position;
- How the Network was contributing to the Council's decarbonisation works;
- The policy context for heat networks;
- Governance and accountability;
- Priorities for the Network for the 2024/25 financial year; and
- The business plan for 2024/25, which was presented in a part B report.

Some of the key points and queries that arose from the committee's discussion included:

- Noting that Renewable Gas Guarantees of Origin (RGGOs) were not currently recognised as contributors to the science-based carbon accounting that the Council followed, and querying why this was not flagged during the discovery phase;
- Why business plans had not been in place between 2022/23 and 2023/24;
- The specific work undertaken to decarbonise the energy network;
- What progress had been made to resolve challenges related to decarbonisation of the Town Hall and how the impact of this on network operations was being minimised;
- The importance of securing commercial customers;
- How the Network could be competitively priced and fulfil its financial obligations in the current context of high gas and energy prices;
- If there was any risk of current providers moving elsewhere; and
- The square footage of the Network.

Introducing the item, the Head of Commercial Governance explained that this was the first time that the committee had received a standalone report on the Manchester Energy Network and gave a presentation.

In response to a query regarding RGGOs, the Head of Commercial Governance explained that she clarified the carbon accounting methodologies when she took responsibility for the project in summer 2023 to ensure these were appropriate in achieving the Council's decarbonisation targets by 2038. She stated that the Network had previously sought some advice, but this was not from the Tyndall Centre, which verified the Council's carbon accounting and targets. She explained that this was later undertaken, and the Tyndall Centre had advised that RGGOs could not qualify for the use of carbon accounting. As a result, the Network exited the RGGO arrangement and a decarbonisation working group was established to ensure a clear pathway for decarbonising the Network. She stated that at the time when the Heat Network was put forward for Council approval, an RGGO was seen as the right decision. She explained that the electricity grid had since decarbonised quicker than anticipated and there were hopes at the time of approval that regulations and policy context around RGGOs would change in the time between the approval of the Network and it going live.

The Head of Commercial Governance also explained that there were a number of projections and forecasts prepared for the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Board to develop business plans for 2022/23 and 2023/24 but this did not lead to the establishment of a formal business plan. She explained that there had been a significant reset to ensure that the appropriate policies, processes and procedures had been established and work was ongoing to strengthen the business operations and oversight of the Network.

The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer thanked the Head of Commercial Governance for her work on this and stated that there was a long lead-in time to develop a business plan. She advised that financial reporting had been undertaken in

2022/23 and 2023/24 and that there remained a clean way of providing heat through the Network as the RGGO issue only related to power.

With regards to the work undertaken to decarbonise the energy network, the committee was informed that a decarbonisation working group had been established and work had commenced to develop a Decarbonisation Strategy for the Network, with the initial work on this due to complete in summer. Further information on this would be provided in an update report to the committee later in the year.

The Head of Commercial Governance explained that the original intention for the Town Hall absorption chillers to absorb the off-take from the energy network but technical issues meant that this could not be facilitated. She advised that a number of settings had been adjusted to act as a 'soft solution' until a thermal plate could be installed on 1 April. This was scheduled for this date to minimise disruption to the heating supply to the Town Hall Extension during the winter months. She advised that this 'soft solution' had been successful but acknowledged more work was needed in the upcoming months.

The committee was informed that there had been initial discussions about connecting the Network to a wider base of commercial customers, but the focus needed to be on getting the decarbonisation offer right to further engage with commercial customers. The Head of Commercial Governance recognised the opportunity to connect the Network to other buildings with the current infrastructure and a tool was currently being established to ensure that the optimum connections were made to the Network whilst considering capacity.

The Head of Commercial Governance stated that there had been a complete overhaul of the Network's pricing structure for 2024/25 and there were clear comparators and benchmarks against industry. She confirmed that the Council did not cover the costs of the energy supplied through the Network and there had been active dialogue with customers about the pricing structure. She explained that there was a standardised offtake agreement within contracts and that contracts were reviewed annually. It was also acknowledged that there was a risk of providers moving elsewhere as a result of pricing, but specific arrangements were in place that could be explained under the Part B item.

The committee was informed that the Network spanned 2km from Heron House to the Art Gallery, which allowed for a number of potential external, commercial customers to be connected.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

RGSC/24/35 Exclusion of Press and Public

Decision:

That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following item which involved consideration of exempt information relating to the financial or

business affairs of particular persons and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

RGSC/24/36 Manchester Energy Network 2024/25 Business Plan

The committee considered a confidential report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer which provided detail on the Manchester Energy Network's 2024/25 business plan, supplementary to an earlier report.

The committee discussed a number of areas and issues including customer retention; attracting new business; governance and accountability; risk; and standing charges. It was also requested that an update be provided to the committee in October 2024.

Decision:

That the committee

1. notes the report;
2. does not endorse the report and business plan to the Executive; and
3. requests a further update on the Manchester Energy Network in October 2024.

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Manchester City Council Report for Information

Report to: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee – 23 May 2024

Subject: Manchester City Council connections with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)

Report of: Assistant Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Growth and Development and City Treasurer

Summary

This report provides an update on Manchester’s connections with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) in terms of partnerships, governance, and financial arrangements. It sets out the historical context which led to the establishment of GMCA, a summary of previous devolution deals and the current areas of focus given the March 2023 Trailblazer Devolution Deal. It also provides a high-level summary of the financial relationship between the Council and GMCA in relation to core funding and grants, as well as the governance arrangements in place to ensure robust decision making at a city region level to support delivery of Manchester’s strategic priorities.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note and comment on the content of the report.

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment -the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city	Delivery of the Council and citywide climate change ambitions can only be achieved by working with GMCA. GMCA have a 5 Year Environmental Plan, links into government and access to net zero funding.
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments	EQIAs would be completed for individual services and issues that Manchester works on with GMCA. Greater Manchester has an extensive equalities, inclusion and cohesion programme including a number of Panels for people with protected characteristics. This follows on from the GM Independent Inequalities Commission and report.

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the Our Manchester Strategy/Contribution to the Strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	A number of economic functions and devolved funding sit at a city region geography. The Greater Manchester Industrial Strategy and Places for Everyone are documents in relation to the future economy of GM.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	GMCA have control over devolved adult skills funding as part of recent devolution agreements.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Devolution of health spend and the creation of new city region health structures such as the GM Integrated Care Partnership are critical to the delivery of Manchester's health priorities.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	The Council works closely with the GMCA Environment Team and Marketing Manchester.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	Transport for Greater Manchester plays a pivotal role in the provision of transport services and infrastructure across the city region. The Bee Network and the Transport Strategy 2040 set out the future vision. The City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement is a fund devolved to GMCA.

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

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

Financial Consequences – Revenue

None at present, however UK Government will negotiate and implement a single financial settlement (capital and revenue) with GMCA at the next spending review (expected to be 2025/26) which will have financial consequences for MCC.

Financial Consequences – Capital

None at present, however UK Government will negotiate and implement a single financial settlement (capital and revenue) with GMCA at the next spending review (expected to be 2025/26) which will have financial consequences for MCC.

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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.

- Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee 5 January 2017, Devolution and GMCA/AGMA Budgets
- Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee 20 June 2023, The Greater Manchester Trailblazer Devolution Deal and its implications for Manchester, including Adult Skills and Technical Education

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on Manchester's connections with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) in terms of partnerships, governance, and financial arrangements. It sets out the historical context which led to the establishment of GMCA, a summary of previous devolution deals and the current areas of focus given the March 2023 Trailblazer Devolution Deal. It also provides a high-level summary of the financial relationship between the Council and GMCA in relation to core funding and grants, as well as the governance arrangements in place to ensure robust decision making at a city region level to support delivery of Manchester's strategic priorities.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Greater Manchester (GM) is the national lead English area on devolution. The 2023 Devolution Trailblazer agreement (for GM and the West Midlands) built upon 7 Devolution Agreements signed with Government in the 2010s, and a long history of working with Central Government and the GM councils working effectively together.
- 2.2 Greater Manchester Councils have a strong history of formal and informal working together to achieve shared aims for the city-region. Historically, This the Greater Manchester County Council was formed on 1 April 1974 by the Local Government Act 1972 and then abolished on 31 March 1986 by the Local Government Act 1985. The Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) was formed in 1986 as a Joint Committee of ten municipal districts¹ to represent "the collective interests of the local authorities within Greater Manchester and as a joint committee with responsibilities for a number of residual functions previously performed by the GMCC... and any other functions which its constituent councils have delegated to it."²
- 2.3 The ten GM districts worked closely together during the 1990s and 2000s. Marketing Manchester was established in 1996 and the GM Inward Investment Agency MIDAS which was created in 1997 to promote the city-region on the world stage prior to the 2002 Commonwealth Games.
- 2.4 In 2009, the then Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling announced that GM and the Leeds City Region would be established as Statutory City Region Pilots. This marked the first of seven devolution deals granted to GM between 2009 and 2017. Table 1 below provides a summary of these deals.

¹ The 10 Greater Manchester districts are Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan

² Chief Executive, Future Governance of AGMA (Manchester: Manchester City Council, 2008), 3.

Table 1: Greater Manchester Devolution Deals

Date	Summary
December 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory city-region pilot. • Powers covering: transport, total place public services, employment programmes, housing and planning, low carbon, inward investment and innovation, and post-16 skills.
November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement to have an elected mayor, who would also be Police and Crime Commissioner • Powers include: transport, supporting businesses, employment and skills, spatial planning, housing, governance reforms.
February 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooled social care budgets across the 10 Greater Manchester Local Authorities. Amounts to a £6 billion budget.
July 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers include: review of children services, a land commission, fire and rescue become responsibility of elected mayor.
November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further transport powers, social housing reform and control over EU funding.
March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of GM Life Chances fund • Pilot of 100% business rate retention • Powers over criminal justice
November 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Industrial Strategy pilot • Homelessness, transforming cities and mayoral capacity funding • Post-16 education and training powers

3.0 Trailblazer Devolution Deal 2023

3.1 In February 2022, as part of the Levelling Up White Paper, GM and the West Midlands were invited to enter negotiations with the government over a deeper devolution deal – known as a trailblazer deal.

3.2 The Trailblazer Devolution deal was formalised in March 2023. It contains the following powers:

- A single funding assessment and block grant to cover the duration of the next spending review
- A single outcomes-based accountability framework for the Greater Manchester Mayor
- Long-term commitment (10 years) to 100% business rates retention
- Greater control over post-16 technical education - setting GM firmly on the path to become the UK's first technical education city-region
- New levers and responsibilities to achieve fully integrated public transport, including rail, through the Bee Network by 2030
- New responsibilities over housing that will allow us to crack down on rogue landlords and establish the Good Landlord Charter

- Over £150 million of brownfield funding over three years to accelerate housing delivery (£128 million of the fund already allocated with £51.6 million to Manchester City Council to help develop 3,380 new homes, of which 1,761 will be genuinely affordable)
- Collaboration on a range of net zero, nature recovery and climate change adaptation measures, with some net zero spending decisions to be made locally.”

3.3 In total, the Trailblazer Deal represents £1 billion of investment into GM.

3.4 A full update on the deal was discussed at Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in June 2023.

3.5 Officers are working with colleagues from the GMCA and government to implement the areas contained in the Deal. A key element of these discussions is the move to a single funding settlement for GM as part of the next Spending Review period from April 2025 and the implications of this for the delivery of Manchester’s strategic priorities across local growth and place, housing and regeneration, adult skills, local transport, decarbonisation and net zero.

3.6 As with all the GM devolution deals, it is important to note that powers are devolved subject to practical implementation and may not be realised if negotiations do not progress between parties.

4.0 Governance

4.1 A combined authority is a body established under Part 6 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act (LDEDCA) 2009, pursuant to an Order of the Secretary of State. The functions that a particular combined authority has are determined by Orders made by the Secretary of State in respect of that combined authority. Consequently, powers vary considerably between combined authorities.

4.2 Originally the functions that could be granted to a combined authority were limited to transport functions (of an Integrated Transport Authority (ITA)) and the functions of the local authorities in the combined authority’s area (but only exercisable by the combined authority with a view to economic development and regeneration).

4.3 Following the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016, a wider range of functions could be granted by Order to a combined authority, including:

- functions exercisable by the combined authority’s constituent councils, and no longer with the limitation that such functions are only exercisable by the combined authority with a view to economic development and regeneration (e.g. public health functions of local authorities);
- functions of a public authority exercisable within the combined authority’s area (e.g. Housing and Communities Agency functions); and

- functions corresponding to functions of a public authority exercisable in relation to another area (e.g. functions equivalent to the Mayoral Development Area functions of the London Mayor).
- 4.4 The 2016 Act also enabled the Secretary of State, by Order, to provide for there to be a Mayor for the area of a combined authority and, also, for such a mayor to have the powers of a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in place of the area's PCC.
- 4.5 Multiple Orders have been made in respect of the GMCA, granting the GMCA a range of powers and establishing a GMCA Mayor (with PCC functions). The functions of the GMCA fall under the following broad headings:
- Transport (including all the functions of the former GM ITA)
 - Economic Development, Regeneration and Housing
 - (Post 16 and Adult) Education, Skills and Training
 - Fire and Rescue
 - Police and Crime Commissioner Functions
 - Waste
 - Public Health
 - Miscellaneous & incidental functions / certain LA functions conferred on Combined Authorities
- 4.6 The GMCA also has "general powers" in the form of:
- A "functional power of competence" under s.113A of LDEDCA; and
 - A retained "well-being power", akin to that which local authorities previously had under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.
- 4.7 The functions of the GMCA are divided between:
- Functions exercisable by the GMCA itself (often referred to as "GMCA Functions"); and
 - Functions "exercisable only by the Mayor" (often referred to as "mayoral functions").
- 4.8 By default, any function of the GMCA will be exercisable by the GMCA itself unless the relevant legislation specifically provides that particular function is to be a mayoral function.
- 4.9 Mayoral functions can be divided into:
- "general functions" of the Mayor (e.g. fire and rescue; bus franchising; Mayoral Development Corporations); and
 - Police and Crime Commissioner ("PCC") functions of the Mayor.
- 4.10 The distinction between mayoral "general" and "PCC" functions is important as it affects how the functions can be delegated and how they are scrutinised. There are also differences in how fire and rescue functions are scrutinised compared to the Mayor's other "general functions".
- 4.11 In terms of the relationship between the Council and the GMCA, the former is one of the GMCA's "constituent councils". The Council's agreement was

needed to establish the GMCA, as it was needed in relation to each of the devolution deals.

- 4.12 The GMCA consists of 11 Members – ten members appointed by the ten constituent councils (in practice the leaders of each of those councils) plus the directly elected mayor of the GMCA. Each of the constituent councils also appoints a substitute member to the GMCA. Each of the ten leaders has a direct role in collective GMCA decision-making and is also given particular portfolio responsibilities by the GM Mayor. The leaders sitting on the GMCA may also sit on certain GMCA committees, such as the GMCA Standards Committee and the GMCA Resources Committee.
- 4.13 There are also a number of GMCA committees to which the GMCA appoints members from amongst the wider membership of the constituent councils. These committees include:
- The GMCA Audit committee, which consists of four members (plus two substitute members) from the constituent councils and four independent members.
 - The GMCA Waste and Recycling Committee, which consists of 15 members from the constituent councils (excluding Wigan). The committee is able to discharge a range of the GMCA’s waste disposal functions.
 - The GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which consists of 20 members (and up to 20 substitute members) from the constituent councils. This committee is a key mechanism for members of constituent councils to scrutinise the decision-making of the GMCA and, in respect of general functions (aside from fire and rescue), the decision-making of the GM mayor.
- 4.14 There are also a number of joint committees related to the GMCA that include members of the constituent councils, including:
- The Bee Network Committee (a joint committee of the ten constituent councils, the GMCA and the GM Mayor), to which certain transport functions have been delegated by the GMCA, the GM Mayor and the constituent councils.
 - The Police, Fire and Crime Panel (a joint committee of the ten constituent councils). The Panel serves to scrutinise the decision-making in relation to the GM Mayor’s PCC and fire and rescue functions.
 - AGMA (a joint committee of the ten districts and the GMCA), whose membership mirrors that of the GMCA.

5.0 Finance

- 5.1 The Waste Disposal Levy is paid to GMCA for the costs of disposing of the Council’s household waste. The 2024/25 levy costs have increased by £1.2m to £31.8m. This is inclusive of changes in costs, recycling rates and market prices for recyclates and energy.
- 5.2 Where appropriate waste reserves have been returned to GM authorities. Since 2019 £18.1m has been returned to the Council.

- 5.3 The Transport Levy is to cover the costs of providing the greater Manchester integrated transport system, including the Metrolink and subsidised bus services, as well as transport infrastructure developments. The 2024/25 amount is £40.289m, an increase of 3.2% from the prior year.
- 5.4 The AGMA and GMCA charge totals £1.844m and supports a number of functions under the remit of GMCA, which are recharged to the ten GM authorities, mostly pro-rata to population. These include delivery of the Protect Duty (Martyn's Law) across GM to ensure public safety in building; Flood and Water Management; Sharepoint a multi-agency data sharing function across the North West; County Record keeping; the Ecology Unit and the GM Resilience Unit.
- 5.5 The 100% business rates pilot scheme was introduced in 2017 and under agreement the benefit of the scheme is shared with GMCA. This benefit is measured based on a prescribed DLUHC formula and GMCA's share has ranged from 25% to 50%. To 2022/23 the Council passed £25.6m of benefit to GMCA, with a further £5.4m due for 2023/24, bringing the total share to £31.0m and at over 30% is the largest contribution from a GM authority.
- 5.6 Additionally the City Council contributes to the Fire and Rescue, Police and Crime Commissioner and Mayoral budgets through precepts on council tax and business rates. In 2024/25 the Council will contribute £35.6m to the Police and Crime Commissioner budget and £15.2m to the Fire and Rescue and Mayoral budgets from council tax; and £3.6m to the Fire and Rescue and Mayoral budget from business rates.

6.0 Manchester working as part of the GMCA

- 6.1 Delivering GM's stated priorities for the city region relies on working in strong partnership with elected members and officers in the GMCA and each of the 10 local authorities. Manchester City Council is represented at a political level on a range of GM groups including GM Scrutiny Committees, note these could change shortly following Annual General Meetings.
- GMCA (main decision making body) – Cllr Bev Craig
 - AGMA Executive Board – Cllr Bev Craig
 - GMCA Standards Committee – Cllr Bev Craig
 - Bee Network Committee – Cllr Tracey Rawlins
 - GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Cllr Basil Curley, Cllr John Leech, Cllr Mandie Shilton Godwin
 - GM Planning and Housing Commission – Cllr Gavin White
 - AGMA Statutory Functions Committee – Cllr Tim Whiston
 - GM Joint Health Scrutiny Committee - Cllr Zahid Hussain
 - NHS GM Integrated Care Partnership Board – Cllr Bev Craig
 - GM Waste and Recycling Committee - Cllr Shaukat Ali, Cllr Lee-Ann Igbon
 - GM Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee – Cllr Tim Whiston
 - Greater Manchester Air Quality Administration Committee – Cllr Tracey Rawlins

- Greater Manchester Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee – Cllr Tracey Rawlins
- Greater Manchester Joint Clean Air Scrutiny Committee – Cllr Mandie Shilton Godwin
- Places for Everyone Joint Committee – Cllr Gavin White

7.0 Impacts of Devolution

- 7.1 There is growing evidence of the positive impacts of devolution for Greater Manchester and the country nationally.
- 7.2 In terms of health and wellbeing, a University of Manchester paper published in 2024 showed the impact of devolution on local health systems. This demonstrated that life expectancy and healthy life expectancy improved by more in Greater Manchester than in comparator areas, although this cannot be solely attributed to devolution due to the complex factors that influence health and wellbeing:
- Life expectancy improved by 4 months (0.33 years) more in Manchester than in comparator areas
 - Life expectancy improved by 2.8 months (0.233) years more in GM than in comparator areas
 - Healthy life expectancy improved by 7.2 months (0.603 years) more in GM than in comparator areas
- 7.3 Since 2017 and the introduction of the GM 100% business rates retention pilot, under the Memorandum of Understanding GMCA has retained a share of the benefit derived from the scheme. This share has evolved from 50% in 2017/18, 0% in 2020/21 reflecting the pandemic's impact on business rates income, to 25% from 2021/22. Under the new Trailblazer Devolution Deal, which confirms the 100% business rates retention scheme for another 10 years, the benefit will be shared with GMCA at 25% in 2024/25 and is for local decision and agreement thereafter.
- 7.4 To date the GMCA share of the benefit from the 10 GM authorities totals £85.1 million, with a further £22 million forecast for 2023/24.
- 7.5 GMCA has applied this additional resource across a wide range of programmes, including:
- GM Business Productivity and Inclusive Growth Programme – Supporting start ups and business growth, including the technology co investment fund;
 - GM Local Industrial Strategy – to develop innovation assets in town centres;
 - GM Good Employment Charter;
 - GM Digital Strategy – use digital technology to drive improvements;
 - GM Cultural and Social Impact Fund – to enhance cultural experiences and safeguard jobs; and
 - GM Inward Investment Agency and Marketing Manchester – to promote GM towns and cities internationally and attract investment.

- 7.6 It has been shown that the economy in Greater Manchester has improved by more than other areas in recent decades. For example, between 2004-2021, Greater Manchester saw a 17% growth in productivity. This was at least 5 percentage points more than other city regions. There was also a significant increase in the share of tradeable services (Information and Communication, Financial and Insurance, Professional and Scientific, Administration and Support) in the Greater Manchester economy from 19.8% in 1998 to 28.1% in 2021. Again, it should be noted that this cannot be solely attributed to devolution.³
- 7.7 GM has invested heavily in the ongoing expansions of the Metrolink tram system over decades of working together and devolution deals. There is emerging evidence that network expansion has facilitated higher jobs growth than would otherwise be the case, given the important role of public transport systems in the growth of cities⁴. Following the 2011 Metrolink expansion, there were 78,300 more jobs in Manchester than expected on pre-2011 growth, in addition to 64,500 additional journeys on the Metrolink each weekday. Economic output, as measured by Gross Value Added per hour, increased in every region of GM between 2004-2021, but less so in the areas that did not have a Metrolink connection, Bolton and Wigan.⁵

8.0 Future Asks

- 8.1 This section highlights some of Manchester's asks of Government ahead of the next General Election, including those which are most closely aligned with the GM devolution trailblazer:
- Additional investment in Local Government through un-ringfenced revenue grant
 - Longer term financial settlements of at least 3-5 years to enable more effective investments to be made for the longer term
 - Funding settlements to strengthen the link between resources and deprivation
 - Government departments responsible for other public sector partners such as DHSC / NHSE to prioritise investment in prevention and partnership working
 - Place based approach to inspection and regulation
 - Significant additional investment in Children's Services and Adult Social Care including prevention, early intervention, transformation, workforce, disabled facilities grant, fair cost of care, implementing the McAlister review
 - Uplift of Homelessness prevention grant
 - Reform of asylum seeker and refugee support system
 - Reform of council tax
 - Provide the funding, tools and capacity to deliver our Economic Strategy

³ Mike Emmerich, "Researching the city – an economic transition of Manchester: A case study." Lecture Notes. (University of Manchester, 9th November 2023), 14-15.

⁴ Anna Stansbury, Dan Turner, Ed Balls, "Tackling the UK's regional economic inequality: Binding constraints and avenues for policy intervention," *M-RCBG Associate Working Paper Series | No. 198* (Cambridge, MA: Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business & Government, Harvard University, 2023), 4-5.

⁵ As per footnote 3

- Statutory duty for local authorities on economic growth
- Government funding to help cities leverage institutional investment for growth Co-design and funding of work and skills programmes including Universal Support
- Long term funding of Local Housing Allowance at the 30th percentile of rents
- Develop gap funding mechanism so new housing can be net zero
- Removal of benefits cap
- End no fault evictions

8.2 Greater Manchester focus:

- A full single pot place based settlement for Manchester, aligned to the GM devolution trailblazer
- Redirect Government R&D funding to Greater Manchester and Manchester
- Further devolution of skills and reform of apprenticeship levy
- Build on the GM devolution trailblazer to enable Manchester to deliver our ambitious housing strategy targets and address challenges on land assembly, remediation of brownfield land, delivering affordable housing, and next zero new build
- Develop ambitious integrated rail plan for the North – inter and intra city
- Funding for full implementation of integrated transport system (Bee Network) in GM

9.0 Recommendations

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to note and comment on the content of the report.

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee – 23 May 2024
Subject: Overview Report
Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

Summary

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- Key Decisions
- Work Programme

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to discuss and note the information provided and agree the work programme.

Wards Affected: All

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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 contains recommendations made by the Committee and responses to them indicating whether the recommendation will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

There are currently no outstanding recommendations for this committee.

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 **13 May 2024**, containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included below. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and, where appropriate, include in the work programme of the Committee.

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Consultation	Background documents	Officer Contact
Corporate Core					
Irish World Heritage Centre Loan Refinancing and Restructuring (2024/03/04A) The decision relates to restructuring and refinancing	City Treasurer	Not before 1st Apr 2024		Part A Decision-Making Report	Sarah Narici, Head of Programme Office sarah.narici@manchester.gov.uk

of existing loan finance arrangements between Irish Diaspora Foundation Limited and a third party, in order for Manchester City Council to acquire these third party interests.					
<p>Framework Agreement for the Provision of TC067 - Provision of Transportation for Officers and Members (2024/04/17A)</p> <p>The appointment of Providers to deliver Provision of Transportation for Officers and Members</p>	City Treasurer	Not before 17th May 2024		Report & Recommendation	Mike Worsley, Procurement Manager mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk
<p>TC970 - Award for electricity supply contract from existing Framework Agreement (2024/04/29B)</p> <p>To call-off a flexible contract for the supply of electricity and related services to MCC's corporate estate (including street lighting) and for associated</p>	City Treasurer	Not before 26th May 2024		Report and Recommendation.	Christopher Watkins Christopher.watkins@manchester.gov.uk

organisations (e.g. Manchester schools etc).					
<p>TC473 - Award for gas supply contract from existing Framework Agreement (2024/0429C)</p> <p>To enter into a flexible contract with SEFE Energy who are appointed as the Council's commercial gas supplier via the Councils' Framework Agreement (TC473), for the supply of gas from April 2025 to March 2026.</p>	City Treasurer	Not before 26th May 2024			Christopher Watkins Christopher.watkins@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Household Support Fund 5 (2024/04/30A)</p> <p>Approval of delivery of Household Support Fund 5 grant allocation of £6.453m in accordance grant criteria issued on 26 March 2024 by the Department for Work and Pensions to support vulnerable residents across Manchester impacted by the energy and cost of living crisis.</p>	Deputy Chief Executive	Not before 30th Apr 2024		Recommendations on Delivery of Household Support Fund 5	Matthew Hassall, Head of Corporate Assessments matthew.hassall@manchester.gov.uk
Contract extension for the	City Treasurer	Not before		Report and	Sarah Fannon, Head of Service

<p>provision of a digital workspace solution for device-independent access to desktops, applications and data. (2024/05/01A)</p> <p>To award a contract to purchase a digital workplace solution.</p>		1st Jun 2024		recommendations	Operations sarah.fannon@manchester.gov.uk
Development and Growth					
<p>39 Deansgate Speakers House - Granting of over-riding lease (2022/04/12A)</p> <p>Approval to the granting of over-riding lease for 250 years with additional land to facilitate redevelopment of the site, as consented under planning application 131314/FO/2021</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 11th May 2022		Confidential report and recommendations	Ken Richards, Principal Development Surveyor ken.richards@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Restructure of existing multiple ground leases at Manchester Science Park into a new overriding single head lease (2021/07/16A)</p> <p>Restructure of existing</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 1st Sep 2023		Report and recommendations	Mike Robertson, Principal Development Surveyor mike.robertson@manchester.gov.uk

multiple ground leases at Manchester Science Park into a new overriding single head lease.					
Land at Kelbrook Road (2022/11/14A) Approval to dispose of land at Kelbrook Road for development	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	4 Jan 2023		Report to the Strategic Director – Growth & Development	Thomas Pyatt, Senior Development Surveyor Tel: 0161 234 5469 thomas.pyatt@manchester.gov.uk
Disposal of land at the back of Ancoats, Manchester (2023/03/23A) To approve the disposal of land bounded by Naval Street, Radium Street, Poland Street and Jersey Street	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	23 Apr 2023		Briefing Note	Pippa Lavery, Principal Development Surveyor pippa.lavery@manchester.gov.uk
Promotion Agreement for disposal of land (2023/06/29A) To approve the terms agreed for entering into a promotion agreement to dispose of land for residential development	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 28th Jul 2023		Delegated approval report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development	Mike Robertson, Principal Development Surveyor mike.robertson@manchester.gov.uk
Disposal of Elizabeth Yarwood Court,	Strategic Director	Not before 22nd Aug		Report to the Strategic Director	Joe Martin, Senior Development Surveyor

<p>Kincardine Road, Manchester, M13 9SY (2023/07/24A)</p> <p>Approval of terms for disposal of site to facilitate commercial development</p>	(Growth and Development)	2023		of Growth and Development	joe.martin@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Disposal of land at Upper Brook Street, Manchester, M13 9XH (2023/07/24B)</p> <p>Approval of terms for disposal of land to facilitate mixed use development.</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 22nd Aug 2023		Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development	Joe Martin, Senior Development Surveyor joe.martin@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Disposal of land at Hinchley Road, Charlestown, Manchester, M9 7FG (2023/08/21A)</p> <p>Approval to the freehold disposal of land at Hinchley Road for residential development.</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 21st Sep 2023		Report and Recommendation	
<p>Land at 1-7 Gorton Road, M11 (22/08/2023A)</p> <p>Grant a Deed of Variation to the existing lease of land that will consent to subletting and change of use.</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 22nd Sep 2023		Report & Heads of Terms	

<p>Disposal of land at Carmoor Road, Manchester, M13 0FB (2023/09/13A)</p> <p>Approval of terms for disposal of land to facilitate development of Purpose Built Student Accommodation.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 12th Oct 2023</p>		<p>Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development</p>	<p>Joe Martin, Senior Development Surveyor joe.martin@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Disposal of Land at Lord North Street (2023/10/12A)</p> <p>To agree the disposal of land at Lord North Street on a 250-year leasehold interest to facilitate redevelopment for employment use.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 12th Nov 2023</p>		<p>Delegated Decision Report to Head of Development and Director of Strategic Housing & Development</p>	
<p>Disposal of land at the junction of Moorcroft Road and Sledmoor Road, Brooklands, Wythenshawe (2023/11/14B)</p> <p>Approval of terms for disposal of land to facilitate affordable residential development.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 13th Dec 2023</p>		<p>Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development</p>	<p>Jamie Ferguson, Development Surveyor Jamie.ferguson@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Disposal of Land at</p>	<p>Strategic</p>	<p>Not before</p>		<p>Report to the</p>	<p>Jamie Ferguson, Development</p>

<p>Dryden Street, Manchester, M13 9NT (2024/01/02A)</p> <p>Approval of terms for disposal of land to facilitate development of Purpose Built Student Accommodation.</p>	<p>Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>30th Jan 2024</p>		<p>Strategic Director of Growth and Development</p>	<p>Surveyor Jamie.ferguson@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Disposal of Long Lease/s of land at Iron Street/Coleshill Street, Miles Platting (2024/01/23A)</p> <p>To approve the Council granting a long lease/s to support the delivery of Housing scheme.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 23rd Feb 2024</p>		<p>Report and recommendations</p>	<p>Louise Hargan, Principal Development Surveyor louise.hargan@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Replacement of critical Business Application for Planning, Licensing and Building Control (2024/01/30A)</p> <p>To award funding to enable the purchase of a replacement critical line of business application to support the statutory services conducted by the</p>	<p>City Treasurer</p>	<p>Not before 1st Jul 2024</p>		<p>Business Case</p>	<p>Andrew Blore, ICT Strategic Business Partner andrew.blore@manchester.gov.uk</p>

Licensing, Planning and Land Charges departments and will also include replacing the address management system which provides address data to critical front line applications.					
Lease Renewal of Licensed Premises Accommodation at Heron House, Manchester (2024/02/15A) Approval to renew Lease Agreement.	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 15th Mar 2024		Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development	Elliot Hines, Graduate Development Surveyor elliot.hines@manchester.gov.uk
Strategic land and buildings acquisition (2024/06/03A) The approval of capital expenditure for the purpose of the strategic acquisition of land and buildings in accordance with the Eastlands Regeneration Framework.	City Treasurer	Not before 4th Apr 2024		Checkpoint 4 Business Case & Briefing Note	Georgia Buckley, Development Surveyor Georgia.buckley@manchester.gov.uk
Disposal of part of Corn Exchange, Exchange Square, Manchester (2024/04/19B)	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 1st Jun 2024		Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development	David Norbury, Strategic Lead Development City Centre david.norbury@manchester.gov.uk

Approval to the disposal of the Council's freehold interest to the majority landowner					
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3. Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme – May 2024

Thursday 23 May 2024, 10:00am (Report deadline Monday 13 May 2024)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
Manchester City Council Connections with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)	To update the committee on Manchester's connections with GMCA in terms of partnerships, governance, and financial arrangements.	Cllr Craig (Leader) Cllr Akbar (Finance and Resources)	James Binks Tom Wilkinson Becca Heron	
Manchester City Council Connections with the Greater Manchester Integrated Care System and the Manchester Locality	To update the committee on Manchester's links with the Greater Manchester Integrated Care System, including governance and financial arrangements.	Cllr Akbar (Finance and Resources) Cllr T Robinson (Healthy Manchester and Adult Social Care)	Tom Hinchcliffe	
Annual Work Programming Session	A work programming session will be held on the rise of the committee meeting, to draft the committee's work programme for the 2024/25 municipal year.	-	Tom Wilkinson Alex Howell	

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