



Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 23 July 2020

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Virtual meeting - Webcast at

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Membership of the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

Councillors - Hacking (Chair), Andrews, Battle, Chambers, Collins, M Dar, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Grimshaw, Hitchen, Kirkpatrick, Rawlins and Rawson

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 25 June 2020.

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5. Update on COVID-19 Activity - to follow

6. Overview Report

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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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.

Work Programming Session

At the rise of formal business, the Committee will meet in private to discuss upcoming issues and challenges in order to determine the work programme for the next three meetings (September to November 2020). Longer-term themes may also be identified in this session.

Information about the Committee

Scrutiny Committees represent the interests of local people about important issues that affect them. They look at how the decisions, policies and services of the Council and other key public agencies impact on the city and its residents. Scrutiny Committees do not take decisions but can make recommendations to decision-makers about how they are delivering the Manchester Strategy, an agreed vision for a better Manchester that is shared by public agencies across the city.

The Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee examines the work of the Council and its partners relating to reducing levels of crime, community cohesion, older people and equality and inclusion.

The Council wants to consult people as fully as possible before making decisions that affect them. Members of the public do not have a right to speak at meetings but may do so if invited by the Chair. Speaking at a meeting will require a video link to the virtual meeting.

Members of the public are requested to bear in mind the current guidance regarding Coronavirus (COVID19) and to consider submitting comments via email to the Committee Officer. The contact details of the Committee Officer for this meeting are listed below.

The Council is concerned to ensure that its meetings are as open as possible and confidential business is kept to a strict minimum. When confidential items are involved these are considered at the end of the meeting and the means of external access to the virtual meeting are suspended.

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Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2020

This Scrutiny meeting was conducted via Zoom, in accordance with the provisions of the The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present:

Councillor Hacking - In the Chair
Councillors Andrews, Chambers, M Dar, Doswell, Douglas, Grimshaw, Hitchen, Kirkpatrick, Rawlins and Rawson

Also present:

Councillor Craig, Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing
Councillor N Murphy, Deputy Leader
Councillor Rahman, Executive Member for Skills, Culture and Leisure

CESC/20/22 Councillor Sue Murphy

The Chair paid tribute to Councillor Sue Murphy, who had recently passed away, and the Committee paused to reflect on her life.

CESC/20/23 Minutes

Councillor Doswell requested that her apologies be recorded in the minutes for the 5 March meeting, to which the Chair agreed.

Decisions

1. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2020 as a correct record, subject to the above amendment.
2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2020 as a correct record.

CESC/20/24 COVID-19 - Update

The Committee received a report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods) which provided a brief 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 Committee's remit.

Officers referred to the main points and themes within the report which included:

- Public health;
- Financial impact on the Council;
- Response and planning ahead for the recovery;
- The reset of the Our Manchester Strategy;

- Support to residents who were at risk during the pandemic;
- Update on the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector;
- Community safety;
- Parks, Leisure and Events;
- Libraries, Galleries and Culture; and
- Equality, diversity and inclusion.

The Chair thanked Council staff, partner organisations, charities and community groups for their work during this difficult time. The three Executive Members in attendance highlighted the work in their areas including the establishment of the Manchester Community Response Hub to support vulnerable residents with COVID-19 related issues, the work to enable emergency food provision from New Smithfield Market and the work of other teams across the Council, including the Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Cemeteries and Parks and thanked the officers involved. A Member also highlighted the work of the faith sector during this time and another Member praised the role of the We Love Manchester charity and Forever Manchester.

Some of the key points that arose from the Committee's discussions were:

- To recognise that Manchester had led the way in testing people leaving hospital and going into care homes;
- That those accessing support and emergency food provision included people who needed help because they were shielding for medical reasons but also people experiencing food poverty, who could require longer term support from other services;
- Concern about what would happen if there was a second wave of the virus and the financial implications for the Council;
- Digital exclusion, including how the Council was communicating with people who did not have internet access;
- Challenges for the VCSE sector, including additional costs such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), additional cleaning, hand sanitisers and signage and volunteers who were medically vulnerable and might not want to return to their volunteering roles due to the risk of infection;
- The Council and Greater Manchester Police (GMP)'s strategy for dealing with breaches of lockdown;
- Plans to re-open libraries and Manchester Art Gallery;
- The temporary closure of leisure centres, including the financial implications of this;
- The letter sent to the Secretary of State raising issues about the recovery of the culture sector in Manchester; and
- The race review of the Council's workforce.

The Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing confirmed that the level of infections was being closely tracked and that planning was taking place for a range of scenarios, including a second wave or ebbs and flows in virus transmission. She emphasised the financial consequences the Council was facing due to the pandemic and the importance of the national government providing the promised funding to local councils. She recognised that the people accessing emergency food provision

included different groups with different needs and reported that officers were ringing people in receipt of this to find out the reasons they were accessing it and to refer them to appropriate support. She advised the Committee that discussions were taking place with a range of partners about how to support those experiencing financial hardship and food poverty and that more information could be provided at a later date as this progressed. The Head of Neighbourhoods reported that a working group had been established to progress this.

The Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing advised Members that the Council had recognised that some of the people who were vulnerable to COVID-19 might not have internet access and so had written to people and introduced the Community Response Hub telephone helpline. She reported that the Test and Trace service would also contact people who might have been exposed to the virus by telephone or letter. The Executive Member for Skills, Culture and Leisure reported that some face-to-face services could not be offered during lockdown but that, as the Council moved into the recovery period, services would again become accessible through a range of methods. He suggested that the Committee might want to look at digital exclusion at a future meeting, noting that it related to all Council services, not just Leisure Services and Libraries.

The Programme Lead (Our Manchester Funds) reported that there were many volunteers who were older and at greater risk from COVID-19 but there had also been a lot of students and other people who had offered to volunteer. He advised that the challenge was to organise this and match people wanting to volunteer with volunteering opportunities, utilising the Volunteer Centre and MCRVIP (Manchester Volunteer Inspire Programme). He reported that some organisations had managed to obtain small emergency grants to help cover the additional costs related to COVID-19 and that the option of bulk-buying PPE for distribution to VCSE organisations was being looked into. He also informed the Committee that Macc, the organisation that was delivering the VCSE infrastructure contract, was providing support and guidance to VCSE groups across the city.

The Head of Neighbourhoods reported that the Council's Neighbourhood Teams had been contacting local voluntary and community groups to get an understanding of the challenges they were experiencing and that, while financial challenges had been the main issue which had arisen initially, there were also concerns that some medically vulnerable volunteers would not want to continue volunteering and officers were looking at how MCRVIP could help to fill those gaps.

The Deputy Leader reported that GMP's response to breaches of lockdown varied depending on the circumstances of the case, advising Members that GMP had finite resources which needed to be deployed effectively, while not exacerbating a situation.

The Head of Libraries, Galleries and Culture reported that national guidance for museums and galleries had just been released and that the service was planning for a safe, controlled re-opening of Manchester Art Gallery in mid-August, with a one-way system in place. He reported that, following discussions with the trade unions and the Health and Safety Team, some libraries would be re-opening on the 4 July 2020 as the start of a phased re-opening of libraries across the city; however, he advised that they would not be returning to their normal operation, although people

would be able to borrow books and use the computers. A Member who was also the Lead Member for Disability advised that it was important to ensure that any new ways of operating, such as one way systems, were accessible for all customers and that she was happy to be involved in work on this.

The Head of Parks, Leisure, Youth and Events reported that leisure operators across the country were reliant on income from customers to meet their costs and, during lockdown, were seeking financial support from the local authority to cover their fixed costs, noting that Manchester had been providing this financial support to its leisure operator, GLL. He informed Members that the Council had been working closely with Sport England, UK Active and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to ensure that councils were reimbursed this money and that there was ongoing financial support for leisure providers during the recovery phase.

The Chair informed the Committee that discussions had been taking place about scrutiny of the race review of the Council's workforce and which Committee should consider this and that he would pursue this further outside of the meeting.

Decisions

1. To request further information on MCRVIP in a future report at an appropriate time, including inviting people who had participated in the programme to attend.
2. To request that a copy of the letter sent to the Secretary of State raising issues about the recovery of the culture sector in Manchester be circulated to Members of the Committee and that any response also be circulated.
3. To note that the Chair will discuss outside of the meeting how the race review of the Council's workforce will be scrutinised.

[Councillor Hitchen declared a personal interest as a trustee of the We Love Manchester charity.]

CESC/20/25 Overview Report

A report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit was submitted. The overview report contained a list of key decisions yet to be taken within the Committee's remit, responses to previous recommendations and the Committee's work programme, which the Committee was asked to approve.

The Chair requested an update on the proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) around an abortion-providing clinic. The City Solicitor advised that she would send an email to the Members of the Committee once she had more information.

Decisions

1. To note the report.

2. To request that the City Solicitor provide Members with an update on the proposed PSPO around an abortion-providing clinic.

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**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 23 July 2020

Subject: Overview Report

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

Summary

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- Key Decisions
- Items for Information
- Work Programme

Recommendation

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

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

None

1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report lists 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.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
7 December 2017	CESC/17/48 Volunteering – Timebanks	To ask Equality Lead Members to consider what role they could play in enabling timebanking to reach different communities, including consideration of specific timebanks around protected characteristics.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview Report.	Keiran Barnes, Equality Team Leader
11 October 2018	CESC/18/39 Widening Access and Participation, Leisure, Libraries, Galleries and Culture – Update	To request that data on which wards the users of individual leisure facilities lived in be circulated to Members.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated to Members.	Lee Preston, Sport and Leisure Lead
6 December 2018	CESC/18/54 Update on Revenue Financial Strategy and Business Plan Process 2019/20	To ask the Chief Operating Officer (Neighbourhoods) to confirm the implications of the change of management for staff employed at the Powerleague in Whalley Range.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview Report.	Fiona Worrall, Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)
25 June 2020	CESC/20/24 COVID-19 - Update	To request that a copy of the letter sent to the Secretary of State raising issues about the recovery of the culture sector in Manchester be circulated to Members of the Committee and that any response also be circulated.	A response to this recommendation will be circulated to Members.	Neil MacInnes, Head of Libraries, Galleries and Culture
25 June 2020	CESC/20/25 Overview Report	To request that the City Solicitor provide Members with an update on	A response to this recommendation was circulated to Members by email	Fiona Ledden, City Solicitor

		the proposed PSPO around an abortion-providing clinic.	on 10 July 2020.	
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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 **10 July 2020** 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.

Register of Key Decisions:

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Consultation	Background documents	Officer Contact
National Taekwondo Centre 2018/10/19A Enter into a 39 year lease with Sport Taekwondo UK Ltd for areas within	Chief Executive	Not before 1st Nov 2018		Briefing Note and Heads of Terms	Richard Cohen r.cohen@manchester.gov.uk

the building.					
Leisure Services - External Ref: 2016/02/01C The approval of capital expenditure on external Leisure Services land and buildings.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 1st Mar 2019		Business Case	Lee Preston l.preston2@manchester.gov.uk
House of Sport (2019/07/26A) Remodelling of the Regional Athletics Arena/National Squash Centre to incorporate and accommodate the relocation of sports and related institutions to be known as the House of Sport.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 3rd Oct 2019		Report to Executive (Eastlands Regeneration Framework – 13.12.17, 25.07.18 (update), 25.07.19) Eastlands Update Executive Report – 11.09.19 & Full Council 02.10.19	Richard Cohen r.cohen@manchester.gov.uk
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) budget for 2020/21 (2020/06/16A) The approval of capital expenditure funded by DFG Grant allocation for home adaptations for people with disabilities.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 15th Jul 2020		Checkpoint 4 Business Case	Martin Oldfield m.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk
Financial approval of MCR Active Contract 2020/21(2020/02/04A)	Executive	11 Mar 2020		Executive report	Yvonne O'Malley, Lord Mayor Charity

To seek financial approval of 2nd year of MCR Active Contract for period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.					y.omalley@manchester.gov.uk
Wynnstay Grove Public Space Protection Order (2019/01/08A) To grant a Public Space Protection Order to address anti-social behaviour outside the Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic on Wynnstay Grove.	Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	Not before 1st Apr 2020		Consultation responses and covering report	Sam Stabler s.stabler@manchester.gov.uk
Extra Care - Russell Road LGBT Project 2019/03/01H The approval of capital expenditure on the City's Extra Care Programme to develop new build extra care units which will be in the ownership of MCC.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 1st Mar 2019		Checkpoint 4 Business Case	Steve Sheen s.sheen@manchester.gov.uk

**Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – July 2020**

Thursday 23 July 2020, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Monday 13 July 2020)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Update on COVID-19	To receive an update of the city's response and recovery work focusing on areas within the Committee's remit.		Fiona Worrall	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Rachel McKeon	
Work Programming Session	The meeting will close for a work programming session where members determine the work programme for the next few months.	-	Rachel McKeon	

Thursday 3 September 2020, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Friday 21 August 2020)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	