



Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

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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, Moore, Rawlins, Rawson and Russell

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** 5 - 12
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2020.
- 5. Domestic Violence and Abuse - Update** 13 - 24
Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

This report provides a response to Members' questions about specific aspects of domestic violence and abuse response as well as a general update on progress across the agenda, including COVID-19 response and recovery work.
- 6. Update on COVID-19 Activity** 25 - 38
Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

This report provides 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.
- 7. Peterloo Memorial - to follow**
- 8. Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and Strategy for 2021/22 - to follow**
- 9. Budget Options for 2021/22 - to follow**

10. 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.

Information about the Committee

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Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2020

This Scrutiny meeting was conducted via Zoom, in accordance with the provisions of 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, Battle, Chambers, Collins, M Dar, Doswell, Douglas, Grimshaw, Hitchen, Kirkpatrick and Rawson

Also present:

Councillor Akbar, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods
Councillor Craig, Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Rahman, Executive Member for Skills, Culture and Leisure
Councillor Stogia, Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport
Mike Wild, Chief Executive, Macc

Apologies:

Councillor Rawlins

CESC/20/36 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2020 as a correct record.

CESC/20/37 Update on COVID-19 Activity

The Committee received a report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods) which provided 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.

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

- The impact and challenges relating to residents at risk, community resilience and equality and inclusion; and
- Key planning and recovery activity being undertaken in relation to these areas.

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

- To welcome that libraries were using the Track and Trace app but also offering an alternative for people who did not have a smartphone;
- To welcome the donation of 400 Chromebooks with 6 months of internet access to address digital exclusion, to ask what the criteria would be for

distributing them and whether support would be available on how to use them;
and

- The Test and Trace isolation payment system.

The Head of Libraries, Galleries and Culture confirmed that those receiving the Chromebooks would be paired with a Digital Champion to provide telephone support and that the criteria for who would receive the Chromebooks would be circulated to Members. He informed Members that 20 libraries were now open and that the service had been planning to extend opening hours but this had been postponed until November pending an announcement from the Government on restrictions to limit the spread of COVID-19. He reported that there had been a good level of library usage since the libraries had re-opened. He advised that approximately 20% of this had been people wanting to access PCs and the internet but that in some areas this had been up to 40%, reflecting different levels of digital access across the city.

The Director of Customer Services and Transaction informed the Committee about the new payment scheme, which would be administered by her service, for people who had been instructed to self-isolate and who had to take time off work as a consequence. She reported that the main scheme was for working age people who were in work and claiming benefits and who had been told to self-isolate by the Test and Trace Service. She informed Members that there was also a discretionary scheme for people who were on a low income but were not claiming benefits. In response to a question from the Chair, she confirmed that the Government would provide the funding for the scheme, comprising of an initial upfront payment and a top-up to meet the cost of the payments made through the main scheme; however, she advised that Government funding for the discretionary scheme was a fixed amount of £226,000.

Members discussed the many other individuals and businesses which would be affected financially by the pandemic but did not meet the criteria for this scheme. The Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing reported that, if additional restrictions were introduced in Manchester, this should include a support package for those affected and that local politicians were making the case to the national Government for more financial support. The Chair expressed his support for this.

The Executive Member for Skills, Culture and Leisure informed Members that there was a lot of uncertainty in the Culture sector at the moment as it was not known what restrictions might be put in place to curb the increase in infections but that the Council and its partners were working to respond to the changing situation.

Decision

To note the report.

CESC/20/38 Update on Work with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector During COVID-19

The Committee received a report of the Director of Policy, Performance and Reform which provided an update on the work with the VCSE sector in light of COVID-19, specifically updating on the work of Macc (VCSE Infrastructure Support Service) and

the Council's Our Manchester Funds Programme Team. The report noted that officers would work with the VCSE sector and the VCSE infrastructure provider to consider how the sector could play a full and active part in Manchester's ambitions to live within its science-based carbon budget and become a zero carbon city by 2038 at the latest.

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

- VCSE infrastructure support during COVID-19;
- Work of the Programme Team, including during the pandemic; and
- Funding.

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

- To recognise the important contribution that voluntary, community and mutual aid groups across the city had made during the pandemic;
- Request for information by equality strand on the financial support that had been given during the pandemic from the Council and external funders;
- Request for information on the substantial investment being made in highways infrastructure, in particular demographic information on the people employed on these projects, for example, employment of Manchester residents and disabled people; and
- As the Our Manchester VCS grant fund was currently in the third year of a three-year programme which was due to end in March 2021, was an extension of the current contracts being considered, due to the disruption caused by the pandemic, and would there be a further funding round.

Mike Wild, Chief Executive of Macc, informed Members that a virtual Spirit of Manchester Awards ceremony would be taking place on 22 October to thank voluntary and community groups for their work. He informed Members that this would be broadcast on YouTube at 7pm and that he would be sending an invitation to all Councillors. He informed the Committee about Macc's work to try to secure additional funding for the city, stating that additional funding had been secured from National Emergency Funding and the national Government.

The Programme Lead (Our Manchester Funds) reported that he would liaise with Mike Wild to provide an overview of where financial support was being provided during the pandemic in relation to the equality strands. In response to a Member's request for information on any gaps in funding provision, he reported that he could provide high level data and advised that funders were now communicating and sharing information between themselves, supported by the Council, which would enable a more detailed picture of this to be developed in future.

In response to a Member's question about work with older people, the Programme Lead (Our Manchester Funds) informed Members about the Older People's Neighbourhood Support Fund, which was a targeted programme which had started shortly before the lockdown. He offered to provide additional information on work taking place with older people and how the neighbourhood groups were adapting during the pandemic.

The Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport informed Members that the social value of the highways contracts had been discussed at the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting the previous day. She advised Members that a report on this would be going to a future meeting of that Committee and would include the information that the Member had requested. In response to a Member's request that this report also be submitted to the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee, the Chair advised that, if it included information which related to equalities issues, this Committee could also receive it for information.

The Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport reported that a number of options were being considered in relation to the current Our Manchester VCS Fund grants, including an extension of the funding for a further period. She advised the Committee that the programme was currently being reviewed, including discussions with stakeholders on the needs of the sector, and consideration was being given to the future funding arrangements for the sector. She reported that these decisions would need to take into account the Council's new financial position and its strategic needs, including the re-set of the Our Manchester Strategy. The Chair expressed the Committee's support for discussions about extending the current contracts and for the continuation and, when financially feasible, growth of the Our Manchester VCS Fund.

Decisions

1. To request information on the financial support that has been given during the pandemic by the Council and external funders, broken down by equality strands, as well as information on any gaps in provision.
2. To request that the report on social value in the highways contract requested by the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee be provided to Members of this Committee for information.
3. To express the Committee's support for discussions about extending the current Our Manchester VCS Fund contracts and for the continuation and, when financially feasible, growth of the Our Manchester VCS Fund.

[Councillor Grimshaw declared a personal interest as a Governor at St Anne's Primary School, Ancoats.]

CEESC/20/39 Equalities Update

The Committee received a report of the City Solicitor which provided a summary update on some of the key equality issues and activities that had been prioritised and progressed in the first half of the financial year 2020-21. It provided an overview and examples of the ways in which the Council and its workforce had engaged with issues such as COVID-19, its impact on different communities and its detrimental effect on existing inequalities; the Black Lives Matter movement and; how the Council was ensuring that Our Manchester funding was helping to address some of the inequalities experienced by Manchester residents. Whilst environmental impacts were not addressed in the report, it did outline the importance of and approach to an

inclusive recovery from the impacts of COVID-19. It noted that the Council's recovery plans would have regard for environmental issues, recognising that there was a relationship between these and the health and wellbeing inequalities that could affect some of the city's more disadvantaged communities who historically experienced poorer health outcomes.

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

- COVID-19 and inclusive recovery planning;
- Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) in the COVID-19 recovery work;
- Black Lives Matter;
- Workforce Race Review and Race Equality Working Group;
- The Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Staff Network Group (SNG);
- The Greater Manchester BIG Disability Survey;
- Equality compliance in Our Manchester funded organisations; and
- Equality objectives.

The Chair of the SNG informed Members that she was also the Senior Project Manager for the Race Review and a member of the Race Equality Working Group. She reported that the Working Group so far had been an encouraging journey which members had learnt and grown from and that she was feeling positive about where this was going.

The Executive Member for Neighbourhoods described 2020, with both the publication of the Council's Race Review and international events, as a watershed moment. He emphasised the importance of equalities being embedded within the Council and reported that he had been encouraged by the work that had taken place so far and how it had involved BAME employees, while stating that the outcomes would be seen over weeks, months and years. He also highlighted the financial challenges the Council was facing and the importance of using EIAs to consider how different communities would be affected by budget proposals.

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

- To welcome and support the work being carried out and hope that the Council could lead the way and provide examples of best practice which other organisations across the city and more widely could follow;
- Request for an update on the review, in response to Black Lives Matter, of symbols within the city, including who was carrying out the review, what was being looked at (for example, statues, emblems, street names, building names) and when Members could expect some feedback on this;
- The increase in people suffering from mental illness due to the pandemic and how this would be addressed;
- The need to acknowledge and address the Council's failings, including the lack of BAME employees in senior leadership roles;
- The monitoring of diversity within organisations that the Our Manchester VCS Fund awarded funding to; and
- The Working Group including its membership and how staff had been recruited to it.

The Executive Member for Neighbourhoods reported that the Executive Member for Skills, Culture and Leisure was involved in the review of symbols across the city. The Chair asked the Scrutiny Support Officer to follow this up with the Executive Member for Skills, Culture and Leisure and for a response to be circulated to all Members of the Committee.

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Manager assured Members that the increasing need for mental health support, including the impact of this on the VCSE sector, had been recognised and that discussions were taking place on how to address this. The Programme Lead (Our Manchester Funds) informed Members about the review of the Mental Health Strategy. The Chair suggested that the Committee might want to consider this at a future meeting.

The Executive Member for Neighbourhoods reported that the under-representation of BAME staff at senior levels had been highlighted in the Race Review and that this issue was being taken forward by the Working Group which was putting together an action plan. The City Solicitor reported that the Council's recruitment policy and other Human Resources policies were being reviewed. She also informed Members about the reverse mentoring trial project which, she advised, would help senior managers to think differently about the decisions they made and how they made them.

The Chair of the SNG outlined some of the work that was taking place to address the under-representation of BAME staff at a senior level. This included looking at whether managers were adhering to the act-up and secondment policies and looking at how staff above Grade 12 were recruited, including the recruitment agencies used, the criteria for the posts and the candidates being put forward, as well as the development of existing Council staff and giving them the opportunity to apply for these senior posts.

The Vice Chair of the SNG informed Members that, through the Working Group, BAME staff had been involved in planning this work and been able to provide feedback, receive a response to that feedback and see changes being made, rather than just being led along a path which had already been determined. He advised that he felt this was an encouraging sign that this work would lead to real change.

The Programme Lead (Our Manchester Funds) reported that, when considering applications for the Our Manchester VCS Fund, factors considered included the make-up of the organisation, governance and the involvement of local people that they served, and that this was done through looking at the application and through due diligence checks of organisations which were due to be awarded funding. He clarified that this was a grant and different from the arrangements in place for monitoring contracts awarded by the Council.

The Chair of the SNG informed Members that there were approximately 30 employees in the Working Group, including black, Asian, minority ethnic and white staff from different areas and across different grades. She advised the Committee that the work had been split into five themes, which were being worked on by subgroups of 6 to 8 staff, and that staff had been able to choose which theme they

wanted to work on. She reported that the Working Group had been advertised through a staff broadcast and some employees had put themselves forward through this while some had been chosen by their head of service to be involved.

The Chair expressed the Committee's support for this work and emphasised the high priority the Committee placed on this. He thanked the Chair and Vice Chair of the SNG for their work and advised that he was open to discussing with them and other members of the Working Group how the Committee could best be involved in scrutinising this work and raising its profile. He suggested that the Committee receive an update report in the new year, in particular focusing on the work of the Working Group.

Decisions

1. To request that a response from the Executive Member for Skills, Culture and Leisure on the review of symbols across the city be circulated to all Members of the Committee.
2. That the Committee might want to consider the review of the Mental Health Strategy at a future meeting.
3. To receive an update report in the new year, in particular focusing on the work of the Working Group.

CESC/20/40 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 noted that the proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) around Wynnstay Grove, which had been discussed at previous meetings, had now been enacted.

Decision

To note the report and agree the work programme.

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**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 5 November 2020

Subject: Domestic Violence and Abuse - Update

Report of: Strategic Director - Neighbourhoods

Summary

This report was requested by the Community and Equalities Scrutiny Committee in order to provide Members with a response to questions about specific aspects of domestic violence and abuse response.

- Numbers of families from Manchester fleeing domestic abuse who needed to be accommodated outside the city and why, and
- The Sanctuary Scheme, including numbers of installations carried out

A more general update on progress across the agenda is also provided, including Covid-19 response and recovery work.

Recommendations

The Committee are invited to consider and comment on the information contained in this 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

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	
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	
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	The Delivering Differently Domestic Abuse Strategy aims to improve the lives of those in our city that are affected by domestic violence and abuse through better co-ordinated services that safeguard and support victims and any children impacted by living with abuse
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	

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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.

No background documents.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 This report seeks to provide Members with updates on some specific aspects of the response to domestic violence and abuse, namely:

- Numbers of families from Manchester fleeing domestic abuse who needed to be accommodated outside the city and why, and
- The Sanctuary Scheme, including numbers of installations carried out

These specific updates can be found within sections 4.1 and 4.3 of this report respectively.

1.2 In addition to responding to these specific points of interest, the report also aims to provide Members with a broader update on work across the agenda, including the response and recovery phases of Covid-19.

1.3 Finally, the report also provides Members with an update on the Community Safety Partnership's discharge of its statutory responsibility to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews

2.0 Background

2.1 'Delivering Differently – Manchester's Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy' was launched on the 17th June 2016. It is coming to the end of its lifespan and preparations are underway for a refresh to be published. These preparations are described in section 5 below.

2.2 As a reminder the three main ambitions of the Strategy were:

- Improve the lives of those affected by domestic violence and abuse through better co-ordinated services that can respond sensitively and efficiently
- Ensure a more co-ordinated approach that enables early identification and improved response that safeguards and supports victims and their children
- Reach out to under-represented groups and hard-to-reach communities by finding new ways to address this important issue

Additional to the second of these three ambitions was an intention to place greater focus on perpetrators of abuse, through robust challenge and enforcement but also provision of appropriate programmes for those who acknowledge their issues and are motivated to change their behaviour.

2.3 Responsibility for oversight of the delivery of the Strategy rests with the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), through the Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy Group, which meets quarterly.

2.4 The Strategy is underpinned by an Action Plan, operational progression of which is the responsibility of the member agencies and organisations of the Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum. The action plan is organised under four

headings that align with those of the Government's Violence against Women and Girls Strategy, and the Mayor's Policing and Crime Plan. Those headings are:

- Preventing abuse
- Provision of services
- Pursuing perpetrators and changing behaviour
- Partnership working and workforce development

2.5 Strategic oversight of progress of the action plan is provided by the Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy Group, which meets quarterly with lead officers and the Deputy Leader and is chaired by the Strategic Director – Neighbourhoods. Regular update reports are also provided to the Community Safety Partnership Board, and to the two Safeguarding Boards.

3.0 Covid-19, Response and Recovery

3.1 Measures put in place to control the spread of Covid-19 have meant that many people have been spending more time at home with an abusive partner and their usual sources of support may not have been readily available. The Domestic Violence and Abuse team has worked with colleagues in Commissioning and Communications, and with service providers in the city, to ensure continuity of support and services for victims, children and families throughout the lockdown period

3.2 That co-ordinated work continues as we move, albeit somewhat uncertainly, out of the response phase and into that of recovery and return to more face-to-face working with those who need our support and services

3.3 Examples of how the Council partners and providers have worked together during the past eight months have included:

Maintaining contact and support

- Our providers have largely continued to offer their services in various alternative ways, by telephone, video conferencing, online chat and web Q&As
- They have been proactive in adapting their delivery to these new methods, for example by recruiting additional helpline capacity, increasing social media output, and purchasing video conferencing packages for delivery of 1-1 work and continuation of groupwork programmes
- Other partners, such as GMP, have supplemented this with similar online reporting functions, social media output, Q&A sessions and webinars
- Operation Encompass notifications continue to be processed and issued to schools daily, with over 90 per week now being sent to schools by the morning following Police attendance at a domestic abuse incident where children were present.

Communications, awareness raising and engagement

- Awareness raising targeted campaign in supermarkets, local shops and businesses that have remained open in areas where data is telling us incident levels are high.
- Regular programme of social media messaging, comprising tailored local output and amplification of messages from partners, domestic violence and abuse services locally and nationally, and the Home Office.
- Arrangement with the pharmaceutical network to cascade information about local domestic abuse services to all community pharmacies in the City.
- Awareness raising messages broadcast on local community radio stations, and a messaging campaign on digital audio platforms
- Council website pages updated to include specific information relating to Covid-19, along with those of the Manchester Safeguarding Partnership.

Promotion of funding allocations and bidding opportunities

- The Domestic Violence and Abuse team has proactively promoted opportunities to bid for funding announced at various points in lockdown by the Government, and supported local agencies in making those bids.
- A number of these bids have been successful, resulting in service providers being able to utilise funds from sources such as the Ministry of Justice and Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government to maintain, adapt and in some cases enhance provision to meet changing and increasing demand during the course of the pandemic so far
- Further, the 'We Love Mcr' Charity has also provided local funding to a number of local domestic abuse services that has been of similarly significant help in ensuring continuation of service through the lockdown period.

Keeping in touch and keeping people informed

- Regular weekly 'Domestic violence and abuse and Covid-19' service and news updates have been compiled and widely circulated across the city, to keep professionals, volunteers and community organisations fully up to date with all the latest changes to service provision, funding opportunities and Government announcements.
- The Domestic Violence and Abuse team has adapted training material to produce and issue tailored briefing packages for use by front line staff across the city who may deal with or come across people seeking support during lockdown, either face to face or over the phone
- Virtual meetings of the Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum, Provider Forum and MARAC (Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference) Steering Group have been held, giving colleagues and partners the opportunity to stay in touch and contribute to discussion about

immediate issues during the pandemic and the way forward out of lockdown

Monitoring and oversight

- The Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy Group has continued to meet virtually through the current period and provide strategic oversight of the response and recovery work
- Regular fortnightly data reports have been compiled and published, containing up to date information about service demand and provision, trends and emerging issues across the domestic violence and abuse spectrum. These reports have helped to direct response through the period and ensure strategic leaders, in Manchester and at Greater Manchester level, are sighted on any issues and concerns to be addressed.

Moving into recovery

- Planning for the move out of lockdown has been ongoing with providers and partners since late June / early July. Providers have been undertaking risk assessments, developing safe working practices and making arrangements for workplaces to be Covid-secure, in conjunction with landlords of their buildings where necessary.
- The Domestic Violence and Abuse Team is a member of the Residents at Risk Covid Workstream Group and inputs weekly to that group in relation to the agenda and how plans for recovery are progressing.
- A key aspect of planning for recovery has been learning from and exploring the further potential of innovative and creative practices that have arisen during the lockdown period. An example has been the Priority Move on Project, described in 4.1.5 below, an initiative that Manchester Women's Aid (MWA) are seeking to exploit the best features of, build on and develop further over the coming months.

4.0 Other areas of progress and achievement

4.1 Domestic abuse and accommodation

- 4.1.1 Being able to provide those experiencing domestic abuse (and in many cases, their children) with the short and longer term accommodation solutions they need has continued to be a significant challenge during 2020, but one which local partners and providers have risen to.
- 4.1.2 Homelessness presentations where domestic violence and abuse are a factor steadily increased during the lockdown period, from an average of 10 per week in April to 18 per week in July and August.
- 4.1.3 In terms of the placement outcomes of those presenting to the service in these circumstances, colleagues in the Homelessness Service have produced the following data relating to domestic violence and abuse as main cause of loss of settled home. It is correct as at 08/09/20:

Borough in which placed	Families	Singles
Manchester	158	73
Rochdale	29	6
Salford	25	10
Tameside	21	6
Oldham	19	0
Bury	10	4
Stockport	3	1
Bolton	1	0
Trafford	0	4
TOTAL	266	104
Total outside Manchester	108	31
% within Manchester	59%	70%
% outside Manchester	41%	30%

4.1.4 Homelessness colleagues have asked us to highlight that households may have been placed in the areas concerned due to accommodation being available there, as opposed to that placement being outside of the city specifically because of the DVA concerns.

4.1.5 In addition, the PRS (Private Rented Sector) team have been recording, since February 2020, location details of those they help into a PRS tenancy. 3 such tenancies outside Manchester where DVA was the main reason for homelessness were supported during the period February to 08/09/20, one to Bolton, one to Salford and one to Warwickshire.

4.2 Priority Move On Project

4.2.1 In response to the challenge that lockdown presented around domestic abuse and accommodation, MWA worked with a range of partners including Manchester Move, various Registered Housing Providers and a range of charities, donors and volunteers to proactively identify suitable accommodation and effect moves for victims and families, providing them with stability and security at the earliest opportunity while also freeing up vital emergency bed space at the refuge

4.2.2 Since the beginning of lockdown, move on has been effected for 30 adults and 20 children, enabling the admission to refuge of a further 31 adults and 16 children.

4.2.3 This represents over 100% improvement on the throughput achieved during the same time period last year and is testimony to excellent cooperation and partnership working from all involved

4.3 Domestic Abuse Sanctuary Scheme

4.3.1 From 17th March 2020 to 8th June 2020 Safe Partnership's installers were not completing home visits and were furloughed due to Covid-19. The IDVA service was able to send referrals but no jobs were completed during this time.

4.3.2 Since then, a total of 10 installations have been completed, in the following wards –

- Miles Platting x1
- Gorton x 3
- Longsight x1
- Levenshulme x2
- Chorlton x1 (cancelled)
- Wythenshawe x 4 (1 x cancelled)

The installations concerned female residents, with seven being in private lets, and the other three being noted as owners/owner occupiers. Nine of the ten referrals were generated by the IDVA service after dialogue with the client, the other being generated by Manchester Women's Aid in respect of one of their clients.

4.3.3 Overall, the total spend in quarter 1 was £1230, accounting for five installations. One invoice remains outstanding as the work has not yet been completed, this would add approximately £245 onto this figure.

4.3.4 This figure does not represent all of the spend on such provisions in the city, as our principal social housing providers all carry out such work for their tenants within their own repair processes and budgets.

4.4 Operation Encompass

4.4.1 This initiative was developed by a police sergeant and a teacher, and first trialled in Devon in 2011. It has now been adopted by over 30 Police Force areas across the country.

4.4.2 The concept is simple but highly effective - Police officers attending a domestic incident in an evening / overnight provide schools with information prior to the next school day about children from their school who were present in the home when the incident occurred.

4.4.3 Armed with this information prior to the next school day commencing, school staff are able to put in place such overt and/or silent support measures within school that may be necessary to help and support those children.

4.4.4 Implementation and further development of Encompass across the city continues to be overseen by a steering group comprising officers from GMP, Community Safety Partnership and the Safeguarding in Education Team. During the early part of 2020, colleagues implemented a revised, centralised method for processing notifications to schools. This has proved highly effective and successful, significantly driving up the volume, consistency and quality of notifications sent out each day to schools. This process is supported by daily

recording and weekly performance reporting, enabling robust tracking of trends and highlighting where schools may need to be able to access additional support for their pupils.

- 4.4.5 The Community Safety Partnership and Safeguarding in Education Team are working with colleagues in GMP and the national Operation Encompass organisation to identify ways in which the Encompass process can be further enhanced and its reach extended. Recent developments have included establishment of a national daily helpline for school staff and an online Encompass training package for key adults and other colleagues at schools.
- 4.4.6 The Covid pandemic has resulted in an increasing number of children being home schooled. Colleagues in the Community Safety and Safeguarding in Education teams are working together with GMP to consider how to incorporate such children into the Encompass process, in order that, when a notification is generated in relation to children identified as being home schooled, there is an appropriate response.

4.5 LGBT IDVA service provision

- 4.5.1 This innovative Greater Manchester - wide service hosted by Manchester has been in operation since February 2017 and has continued to provide valuable specialist advice and support, including through the Covid-19 lockdown period, in response to a volume of referrals that has remained constant over the past eight months. Service provision was adapted to account for the restrictions of lockdown, with online and telephone support being offered. Tailored awareness raising and communications campaigns were also developed and put in place during lockdown and continue through the current time

4.6 Workplace domestic abuse policies

- 4.6.1 Officers from the Domestic Violence & Abuse Team have worked with colleagues in HR during the early part of 2020 on refreshing and updating the Council's workplace policy and guidance on domestic abuse. That updated policy and guidance is now approved and live and is supported by practical resources to assist managers in supporting and signposting staff who may disclose issues to them.
- 4.6.2 The Domestic Violence & Abuse Team have also provided advice and 'critical read' support to other organisations in the city who have been seeking to establish their own policy and guidance, or who have been updating ones they already had in place.

5.0 Review of Domestic Abuse Strategy and commissioning arrangements

- 5.1 At its meeting on 28th November 2019 the Community Safety Partnership Board agreed a process to combine the two tasks of i) reviewing and refreshing the Delivering Differently Strategy, and ii) reviewing the funding and commissioning arrangements for domestic violence and abuse services, into

one co-ordinated piece of work, with one set of terms of reference and timescale for completion.

- 5.2 To allow sufficient time for completion of these tasks, the re-tendering and re-commissioned of the existing range of services had earlier been approved by the Board and undertaken on a two year basis, to March 2022.
- 5.3 A review team was established and a Terms of Reference and timeline for the work were approved by the Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy Group on 23rd January 2020. Those terms of reference proposed that the review team's work would be organised under four headings, which were:
- Building our understanding of the experiences of victims and families engaging with victims and those who work with them, case work reviews, local, national and international research and analysis.
 - Review and shape the system response – how all those involved in the agenda work together, where the gaps are, how our response is funded and commissioned, how we communicate and raise awareness.
 - Co-develop a shared ambition for the change we want to see in the city – developing and agreeing what a clear and realistic ambition for how we prevent and respond to domestic violence and abuse over the next few years looks like.
 - A new funding and commissioning model for the city – developing and agreeing a model that is clear, simple and sustainable, and makes the very best use of all available resources.
- 5.4 Whilst the onset and impact of the Covid pandemic have had to be negotiated, with members of the review team occupied on various of the tasks outlined in para 3.3 above, they have adapted methods and means of working, not least around undertaking consultation, to ensure that the review and any new strategy arising are sufficiently informed by the views of colleagues, partners, providers, service users and others affected by domestic violence and abuse.
- 5.5 The review team is continuing with its work and has a development day scheduled for mid-October, to draw together and evaluate all of the information from the consultation and analysis phases of the work. Progress of the review will be regularly reported to the Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy Group, which in turn reports upwards to the Community Safety Partnership Board

6.0 Conduct of Domestic Homicide Reviews

- 6.1 The Community Safety Partnership is the statutory lead body for the conduct and administration of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs), in accordance with the Home Office's guidance.
- 6.2 Since the requirement to conduct DHRs came into effect in 2011, the Partnership has led thirteen reviews, including one conducted jointly with colleagues in Salford due to the level of engagement of those concerned with agencies in that Borough.

- 6.3 Each of the reviews has generated a range of single and multi-agency actions. Oversight and monitoring of the multi-agency actions is the responsibility of the Community Safety Partnership Board, who receive regular quarterly updates on progress at their meetings.
- 6.4 Council staff and those from partner groups and agencies have the opportunity to engage in learning from the recommendations and findings from DHRs, through a combination of '7 minute briefings' and learning reports. Arrangements are also in hand with Manchester Safeguarding Boards (MSB) for DHR 'learning events' to be delivered where appropriate, through incorporation of DHRs into the MSB's ongoing programme of learning from Serious Case Reviews and Safeguarding Adults Reviews.
- 6.5 There are two reviews currently ongoing. Review Panels have been established, review chair / authors appointed and terms of reference and timescales agreed, in accordance with Home Office guidance. In both cases there are external factors such as criminal proceedings or conduct of other inquiries that are currently impacting upon the timescales, but, taking these into account, it is anticipated that both reviews will reach a conclusion by approximately the Summer of 2021.

7.0 Recommendation

The Committee are invited to consider and comment on the information contained in this report.

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**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 5 November 2020

Subject: Update on COVID-19 Activity

Report of: Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

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.

Recommendation

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 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	

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):

Not Applicable

Scrutiny Covid Sitrep Updates - November 2020 (information correct at 23 October 2020)

Communities & Equalities Scrutiny (2.00pm) - Thursday 5 November

Workstream	Issues and challenges experienced	Current position: Has recovery activity closed down (been mainstreamed / returned to BAU), or is continuing? Please give detail.
Residents at risk		
	<p>Shielded Residents and the Food Response (Communities)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for any re-instatement of shielding underway. Move to Tier 3 likely to allow those that were previously shielding to pre register for support and access priority super market slots
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers are slightly higher than previously c200 people receiving support but are still fluctuating. Small increase in numbers that are self-isolating, working to ensure that there is alignment with self-isolation grant work. • Support remains focussed on brokering a community-based food offer • Implications of Tier 3 to the food response are being worked through with other internal colleagues ensuring alignment to helpline and wider communications which will be sent to CEV next week from the DoH • Meeting with the contact centre to clarify nature of support esp. now moving into Tier 3 support 22/10, focus will remain on creating a sense of choice and independence where possible. • Scenario planning for New Smithfield Market commissioning and potential of shielding being carried out

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further move within New Smithfield expected w/c8 November • New food team is in the process of being identified. Handover will take place over the next month, not all roles have been filled and start dates are staggered so this will pose an added pressure in the short term.
	Domestic Violence & Abuse (Communities)	DA providers being able to continue to meet demand and adapt to new restrictions as quickly as possible to ensure safety for their staff and also their service user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers have made progress towards ensuring their workplaces are Covid-secure and are places in which they can deliver a limited range of functions in a face to face manner as necessary, while still prioritising other means such as phone, video or other online resources. • Providers, our own in house services, and our DVA team are alive to the potential for Tier 3 measures to have an impact on behaviours and levels of demand as we move into winter. There is the adaptability, based on previous experience during the first lockdown, to be able to revert to modes of delivery utilised at that time, if it becomes necessary
	Welfare Provision (Communities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uptake of Local Welfare assistance for unpaid carers lower than expected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of £39,041 has been paid to 292 carers to date out of an identified 'carers' budget of £100k. This indicates progress continues to be made in providing assistance to carers requiring support.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis support to residents impacted by Covid-19 • Test and Trace Support Payments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between 16/3 and 18/10/20 509 applications citing Covid-19 as the reason for requesting assistance have been paid to a value of £34,327 out of an identified 'Covid-19' budget of £100k. A proportion of other cases supported by Welfare Provision awards will also relate to Covid-19 but the reporting system does not offer a process of identifying these. • The government Test and Trace Support Payments scheme incorporating a core and a discretionary element paying £500 to eligible applicants launched on 12 October effective from 28 September. An AGMA wide approach has been agreed. • At 20/10/20 the team have received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 848 applications ○ Approved and paid 149 'core scheme' cases to a total value of £74,500 ○ Approved and paid 27 discretionary cases to a total value of £13,500 ○ Declined 267 cases • Key eligibility indicators for the 'core scheme' are that the resident must: • have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace on or after 28 September 2020
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be employed or self-employed • be unable to work from home and will lose income as a result of having to stay at home and self-isolate • be receiving a 'passport' benefit (including UC / WTC and others) • The discretionary scheme offers support to residents not receiving one of the 'passport' benefits but who are on a low income and where self-isolation will cause exceptional financial hardship.
	Homelessness (Neighbourhoods)	<p>Increase in presentations to pre-Covid levels has continued, presenting additional pressures as access to move-on and temporary accommodation remains limited. Re-start of s21 evictions not being seen as a major factor yet, but this process has only recently re-started and pent-up demand will be seen in the system again soon. Increases in domestic abuse presentations has been sustained.</p> <p>Currently in the process of identifying arrangements for winter provision for people who sleep rough. Numbers have shown a slow but consistent trend of increase. Commitment to not use night shelters wherever possible, but concern as to the availability of self-contained accommodation, its cost and the availability of adequate staffing and support services, including a food offer.</p>	<p>Working with partners to maximise access to move-on accommodation, including targeted interventions in the private rented sector. This will remain a significant challenge, particularly in light of continuing Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Regular meetings with partners are considering the options for the city for winter. There is a strong view that shelters should not be used though an absolute commitment to this cannot be made, it is a shared aspiration. The scale of provision required and the additional cost will be continuing challenges, as will the availability of adequate staffing should a prolonged period of provision be required.</p>

Resilient communities			
	Resilient Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call volumes to the helpline have seen a small increase this week. In part this is due to residents requesting test and trace support payments. Work continues with comms and the national test and trace centre to ensure people get to the right place first time. All calls are directed through to the right team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work continues to understand the capacity within mutual aid groups and the VCS to respond to a second wave.
	Libraries, Galleries and Culture (Communities)	<p>Extended opening hours have been postponed as a result of the move to Tier 3. Awaiting clarity and government guidance.</p> <p>Continuing to monitor staffing levels and team bubbles.</p> <p>Impact of Tier 3 local lockdown measures</p> <p>It is expected that additional local restrictions are likely to lead to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncertainty for venues with reopening plans – especially for those planning to promote performances in the coming days. Cinemas, Theatres (adhering to stage 4 protocols), Museums and galleries can technically continue to stay open. although if 	<p>20 libraries are now open. 2 closed.</p> <p>20% of footfall is accessing digital ie PCs and Internet.</p> <p>Device donation scheme is being progressed. Donations of 400 chromebooks with 6 months of Internet access will begin in mid-October.</p> <p>Re-opening of cultural venues & libraries</p> <p>Update on cultural building reopening dates:</p> <p>Halle St Peter's (wedding venue and restaurant only) - opened in July</p> <p>Night & Day (catering only) - opened 4 July</p> <p>National Football Museum - opened on 23rd July</p>

		<p>visitor numbers drop significantly because there is a limited hospitality sector open in the city centre, or because residents are advised not to undertake non essential travel - it may not be worthwhile remaining open.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those venues that are only or mainly open to provide a hospitality offer such as Halle St Peter or have a significant hospitality offer such as Anthony Burgess Foundation and HOME will be very seriously affected. Elizabeth Gaskell's has been doing well with small weddings but if these are made more difficult that result in a further cut in their income The impact of 'only essential travel' advice will have a negative impact of attendance at venues. <p>Local Restrictions Support Grant</p> <p>Pending further details and guidance for the authority, it is unlikely that any cultural organisations will benefit from these support grants.</p> <p>Local Restrictions Support Grants are only available for businesses that are instructed to close because of the measures not if they <u>can</u> be open but can't make it viable with covid-safe requirements to be open.</p> <p>So if the government makes it still permissible to hold performances but venues can't operate viably</p>	<p>Manchester Craft & Design Centre - open on Fridays and Saturdays in August.</p> <p>Elizabeth Gaskell's House - opened on 12th August</p> <p>Science & Industry Museum- opened on 14th August</p> <p>Manchester Central Library (in addition to the City Library open 4th July) - opened on 20th August - visitor numbers Thurs 20th 0547, Sat 22nd - 478, Mon 24th - 438</p> <p>Manchester Art Gallery - partial reopening on 20th August with reduced hours/days</p> <p>People's History Museum - opened on 1st September</p> <p>The Portico Library - opened on 1st September</p> <p>Centre of Contemporary Chinese Art - opened on 2nd September</p> <p>HOME - opened on 4th September (cinemas, bars and restaurant) & small scale stage productions in main space from 13 October</p> <p>The International Anthony Burgess Foundation - opened on 8th September</p> <p>The Whitworth - opened on 14th September</p> <p>Manchester Museum - opened on 14th September</p>
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		<p>without a bar and hospitality offer, they will be excluded from the grant.</p> <p>Manchester Business Sounding Board Indicators</p> <p>Collection and reporting process now established to be reported into the weekly Manchester Business Sounding Board for the suite of key indicators for the city centre.</p> <p>Latest weekly visitor numbers (w/e 18 Oct)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Library: 3243 • Manchester Art Gallery: 874 • HOME: 10386 <p>DCMS announced £1.57 billion investment ‘Culture Recovery Funding (CRF)’ (5/7)</p> <p>Culture Recovery Fund Grants - £500m for England</p> <p>Being delivered by ACE for Cultural organisations (inc profit/ not for profit & charities)</p> <p>Awards under £1m - Round 1 and Round 2 decision have been made awarding £333 million of the up to £500m fund.</p> <p>See table attached for an overview showing where cultural organisations in Manchester have received</p>	<p>Contact Theatre - opened for participatory activities on 14 September & covid-safe tours of the newly redeveloped building.</p> <p>Castlefield Gallery - opened on 16th September</p> <p>Z Arts re-opened for participatory activities on 28 September</p> <p>Greater Manchester Museum of Transport (date unknown)</p> <p>North West Theatre Arts Company (date unknown)</p> <p>Hope Mill Theatre - due to open 30 October for live performances</p> <p>Victoria Baths – due to open with Winter Fair 14 November</p> <p>Cultural Venues that are still closed</p> <p>City Centre Venues & attractions</p> <p>Bridgewater Hall</p> <p>Stoller Hall</p> <p>Palace Theatre</p> <p>Opera House</p>
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		<p>ACE Emergency Funding and ACE delivered CRF grants.</p> <p><u>Awards over £1m and repayable finance</u> - Announcements are pending</p> <p>Capital Kickstart Fund.</p> <p>£120m to support existing arts & heritage capital projects that have experienced delays to build programmes. £55m to be distributed via ACE.</p> <p>Decision on applications now due end November</p>	<p>Manchester Arena</p> <p>Contact Theatre performances (venue open for participatory activities)</p> <p>Cathedral Visitor Centre</p> <p>Dance House</p> <p>Greater Manchester Police Museum</p> <p>Holden Gallery (MMU)</p> <p>John Rylands Library (UoM)</p> <p>Manchester Poetry Library (New - due to open x)</p> <p>Band on the Wall (closed for refurbishment)</p> <p>Portico Library</p> <p>Royal Exchange Theatre</p> <p>RNCM (performance venue spaces are closed to the public)</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood based venues & Community led arts spaces</u></p> <p>Z Arts performances (venue open for participatory activities)</p> <p>Gorton Monastery</p> <p>Manchester Jewish Museum (closed for refurbishment)</p>
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			<p>Pankhurst Centre (heritage visitor attraction)</p> <p>The Edge (cafe only open)</p> <p>Northenden Players</p> <p>Niamos</p> <p>Partisan Collective</p> <p>Victoria Baths</p>
	<p>Parks, Leisure & Events (Communities)</p>	<p>1. The no. of reported breaches of guidance/ measures relating to social distancing in community sports settings (non Council buildings) has reduced.</p> <p>2. Cancellations for planned events in the Autumn and Winter.</p> <p>3. Confusion with leisure centre's remaining open under Tier 3 and some disruption to customers as a result of demand for online bookings.</p>	<p>1. Regular comms activity remains in place to reinforce the current guidance and targeted ongoing conversations with leagues and clubs where issues are arising.</p> <p>2. A Briefing Paper with recommendations for further event cancellations or curtailment over the next period was agreed and this has now been communicated to stakeholders and the public. Decisions have also been taken voluntarily by some stadium operators to not permit spectators for recreational sport. A decision on the Lightopia will be taken this week.</p> <p>3. Increased comms went out on October 21 to reinforce the message that leisure centres remain open. Online issues now resolved and a Call Centre is now in place handling 600 calls per week.</p>

		4.Low uptake on the return to swimming lessons.	4.The further messages scheduled to go out last week to reinforce the COVID Safe and Secure measures in place within leisure centres took place and numbers are slowly beginning to rise. Gym memberships have plateaued and current membership levels are at 70-75% of the previous year to date return for October.
	Youth (Communities)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All youth workers operating inside youth provision are now required to wear face coverings which is creating a barrier 2. Bubble size guidance for over 18's has reduced, which has caused issues for those operating a blended provision 3. Increased numbers of young people congregating outside of youth provision 4. All provision will continue in tier 3 – rating remains at Amber level. 5. Provision for October half term planned with comms strategy in place. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regular comms activity remains in place to reinforce the current guidance. 2. Youth strategy & Young Manchester held a covid briefing 20/10/2020 for the wider youth and play sector 3. Updated NYA guidance expected this week. 4. We are working with the regional unit and nya to remove the requirement for young people to wear face coverings in youth provision. 5. Detached guidance updated. 6. Regular communications with sector in place, with plans set in case of increased restrictions.
VCSE (Communities)		<p>Ongoing communication and engagement with the VCSE sector, particularly around Covid response and recovery plans.</p> <p>Impact of Covid 19 on the VCSE sector (and those that they serve)</p>	<p>No further MCC (Residents & Communities) and VCSE update sessions scheduled at present - being picked up via BAU forums and networks.</p> <p>Macc (VCSE Infrastructure) has produced the first in a series of 'No going back' reports bringing together leaders of Manchester based charities to</p>

	<p>VCSE future funding (both MCC and external) - Good range of emergency covid reponse funds made available but concerns around longer term funding of the sector e.g MCC OMVCS grant</p> <p>Covid Health Equity - communication and engagement with communities of identity</p>	<p>share their experiences of Covid 19 and their thoughts for the future - see link to report below https://manchestercommunitycentral.org/news/%E2%80%9Cinvest-crucial-sector-or-risk-losing-it%E2%80%9D-say-manchester%E2%80%99s-voluntary-sector-leaders. Will be picked up via BAU alongside work of OM Funds, Culture and Young Manchester etc</p> <p>Manchester VCSE funding partnership group set up and currently being supported by the OM Funds Team</p> <p>VCSE Covid Recovery Fund being developed by MCC, MHCC, Young and Manchester and Macc due to launch in Autumn sequenced with the Councils funding decisions for the OMVCS grant fund. This is being managed via BAU - OM Funds governance.</p> <p>A Covid Health Equity Group (CHEG) has been established with partners (including the VCSE sector) across the city to improve experiences of and outcomes for communities that suffer disproportionate adverse impacts from COVID-19. This involves reducing the risk of transmission, severe disease and death among groups of people who have been identified as most risk including. An engagement grant is being developed with VCSE partners. This will</p>
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		continue via the new Covid Health Equity workstreams (new normal)
Equalities and Inclusion (Communities)	<p>Services are beginning to plan budget reduction measures in response to Covid financial impacts in 2021-22. These will need equality analysis to avoid adverse impacts.</p> <p>Stemming from this, there will be a need to ensure all analyses 'stack up' and do not place unmanageable burdens of other sources of provision or lead to adverse impacts for communities or sectors.</p>	<p>Services are beginning to plan budget reduction measures in response to Covid financial impacts in 2021-22. These will need equality analysis to avoid adverse impacts.</p> <p>Stemming from this, there will be a need to ensure all analyses 'stack up' and do not place unmanageable burdens of other sources of provision or lead to adverse impacts for communities or sectors.</p>

** There is clear evidence that COVID-19 does not affect all population groups equally. Many analyses have shown that older age, ethnicity, male sex and geographical area, for example, are associated with the risk of getting the infection, experiencing more severe symptoms and higher rates of death (*Beyond the Data: Understanding the Impact of COVID-19 on BAME Communities, PHE, 2020*). It remains vital that those who are frequently the most disadvantaged in society do not then take a 'double hit' from decisions taken to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. Please include detail of the activity you are planning to undertake to ensure recovery activity considers the impact of COVID-19 on different population groups. For example, undertaking an Equality Impact Assessment to support the planning for longer term changes to service delivery.

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 5 November 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)
8 October 2020	CESC/20/38 Update on Work with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector During COVID-19	To request information on the financial support that has been given during the pandemic by the Council and external funders, broken down by equality strands, as well as information on any gaps in provision. To request that the report on social value in the highways contract	A response to this recommendation will be circulated to Members. This will be circulated to Members when it is available.	Michael Salmon, Programme Lead (Our Manchester Funds) Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny Support

		requested by the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee be provided to Members of this Committee for information.		Officer
8 October 2020	CESC/20/39 Equalities Update	To request that a response from the Executive Member for Skills, Culture and Leisure on the review of symbols across the city be circulated to all Members of the Committee.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated to Members.	Neil MacInnes, Head of Libraries, Galleries and Culture

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 **23 October 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
<p>National Taekwondo Centre 2018/10/19A</p> <p>Enter into a 39 year lease with Sport Taekwondo UK Ltd for areas within the building.</p>	Chief Executive	Not before 1st Nov 2018		Briefing Note and Heads of Terms	Richard Cohen r.cohen@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Leisure Services - External Ref: 2016/02/01C</p> <p>The approval of capital expenditure on external Leisure Services land and buildings.</p>	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 1st Mar 2019		Business Case	Lee Preston l.preston2@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Financial approval of MCR Active Contract 2020/21(2020/02/04A)</p> <p>To seek financial approval of 2nd year of MCR Active Contract for period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.</p>	Executive	11 Mar 2020		Executive report	Yvonne O'Malley, Lord Mayor Charity y.omalley@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Public Space Protection Orders - Alleygating and Alcohol (2020/06/12A)</p> <p>Decision to extend existing public space protection orders for alley gating (formerly Gating Orders) and whether or not to introduce new</p>	Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	Not before 1st Sep 2020		Consultation responses and covering report	Sam Stabler s.stabler@manchester.gov.uk

public space protection orders for alcohol (formerly Designated Public Place Orders)					
<p>Enforcement against spitting using littering legislation (2020/08/04A)</p> <p>To deal with incidents of spitting using littering legislation, under section 87/88 Environmental Protection Act 1990. Enforcement is to consist of the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices and/or prosecution where appropriate.</p>	Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	Not before 2nd Sep 2020		Report and Recommendation	Sam Kinsey s.kinsey@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Extra Care - Russell Road LGBT Project 2019/03/01H</p> <p>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.</p>	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 – November 2020**

Thursday 5 November 2020, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Monday 26 October 2020)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Domestic Violence and Abuse	To receive a report on Domestic Violence and Abuse Support Services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the Sanctuary Scheme, including figures on how many sanctuary installations have been carried Information on how many Manchester families fleeing domestic violence are re-housed outside of the city 	Councillor Murphy	Fiona Worrall/ Sam Stabler/ Delia Edwards	See July and September 2020 minutes
Update on COVID-19	To receive an update of the city's response and recovery work focusing on areas within the Committee's remit.	Councillor Craig	Fiona Worrall	
Peterloo Memorial	To receive an update report on the Peterloo Memorial in relation to accessibility for disabled people.	Councillor Rahman Councillor Akbar	Louise Wyman/ Pat Bartoli	See September 2020 minutes Invite Deansgate ward councillors
Update on the 2021/22 budget position and options to close the budget gap	To receive an update report on the 2021/22 budget position and options to close the budget gap.		Carol Culley	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Rachel McKeon	

Thursday 3 December 2020, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Monday 23 November 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.	Councillor Craig	Fiona Worrall	
Budget-related item	Precise details to be confirmed.		Carol Culley	
Age Friendly Manchester	To receive a report around the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ageism • Care homes • Neighbourhoods • Employment • Our Manchester Strategy reset 	Councillor Akbar Councillor Craig	James Binks/ Philip Bradley	Invite Lead Member for Age Friendly Manchester
Digital Inclusion	To receive a report on digital exclusion and work to address this. To include information on how this varies across different parts of the city.	Councillor Craig Councillor Rahman	Angela Harrington/Neil MacInnes	See July and September 2020 minutes
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Items To Be Scheduled				
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Equalities Update	To receive a report in the new year, in particular focusing on the work of the Race Equality Working Group.	Councillor Akbar	Fiona Ledden/ James Binks/ Keiran Barnes	See October 2020 minutes

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