



## **Economy Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Thursday, 27 May 2021

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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**Councillors** - H Priest (Chair), Baker-Smith, Bayunu, Doswell, Farrell, Johns, Moore, Noor, Raikes, Stanton and Strong

## Agenda

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**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**

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2021

**5. Economy COVID19 Sit Rep Report**

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Report of the Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure attached

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.

**6. Economy Dashboard 2019/20 - Introduction to new Members**

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Report of the Head of Performance, Research and Intelligence attached

This report provides Members with the most up to date metrics on key aspects of the City's economic recovery.

**7. Overview Report**

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Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit attached

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.

**8. Exclusion of Press and Public**

The officers consider that the following item contains exempt information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Committee is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of this item.

**9. Scrutiny Committees' work on cross-cutting themes of the Our Manchester Strategy**

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Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer attached

This report provides an overview of how cross-cutting themes in the Our Manchester Strategy – Forward to 2025 reset document are covered by the Council's Scrutiny Committees during the 2021/22 municipal year.

**The report is to form part of the Work Programming session at the rise of this meeting for Committee Members only.**

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## **Economy Scrutiny Committee**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 11 March 2021**

**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 H Priest (Chair) – in the Chair

Councillors Hacking, Johns, Raikes, Shilton Godwin, K Simcock and Stanton

**Also present:**

Councillor Leese, Leader

Councillor Richards, Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration

Councillor Stogia, Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport

**Apologies:** Councillor Green and Noor

### **ESC/21/17 Minutes**

#### **Decision**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2021 were approved as a correct record

### **ESC/21/18 Wythenshawe Hospital Strategic Regeneration Framework**

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director – Growth and Development, which set out a proposed Strategic Regeneration Framework for the Wythenshawe Hospital Campus . The report also detailed the outcome of a public consultation exercise with local residents, businesses and stakeholders.

Key points and themes of the report included:-

- The Framework envisaged the development of the Wythenshawe Hospital Campus and its environs as a sustainable health village over a 10 to 15 year period enhancing the Hospital whilst diversifying uses to include complementary commercial, leisure and retail set within a high quality, greener public realm;
- An overview of the key principles in relation to transport including public transport and servicing of the site; and
- Details on the consultation process and outcomes of the public consultation centred around:-
  - Enhancing the quality of health care facilities
  - Creating a welcome environment for all users, including accessible green space
  - Improved accessibility by foot, cycle and public transport

- Expanding the type of land use, including complementary development that creates employment, key worker housing and step-down care facilities
- Creating a sustainable health campus, which delivers on the Hospital Trust's commitment to be net Zero Carbon by 2038
- Other considerations in relation to maximising benefits to local communities

The report would also be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 17 March 2021.

The Committee heard from Councillor Rawlins, Ward Councillor for Baguley who spoke in support of the proposed Strategic Regeneration Framework.

Some of the key points that arose from the Committees discussions were:

- There was unanimous support for the proposals contained within the SRF, especially the proposal for a single point of entry for patients;
- There would be a need to ensure the issue of parking on local residential streets was addressed as the SRF progressed;
- It was hoped that the commitments around local employment would come to fruition in the future;
- The attempts to develop an improved walking and cycling infrastructure was welcomed;
- The focus on net carbon within the SRF was also welcomed;
- There was support for key worker accommodation on site as well as proposals for sensory gardens for patients;
- How satisfied were Officers with the overall level of response from the consultation that had taken place and how would engagement continue going forward;
- Was there any reason why there had been no reference to the use of Facebook as part of the consultation exercise, as this would have reached a much larger audience than just using Twitter; and
- Was there any potential conflict between the new SRF and the 2004 SRF for the broader Wythenshawe area.

The Director of Strategic Projects, Manchester Foundation Trust (MFT) advised that the engagement had in the main been digital due to the restrictions the pandemic had had. However MFT had worked closely with the Council on the engagement for the proposals within the SRF to ensure this had taken place as best as possible in the circumstances across all aspects of the community. The response from this consultation had helped shape and revise the final SRF proposals. She also advised as plans developed a co-designed approach would be adopted with Assurance Group and Consultation Forum being developed as proposals progressed as well as engagement with specific groups. It was confirmed that MFT did use Facebook as part of the consultation exercise and would continue to use this social media platform for future engagement.

The Leader commented that in 2004, SRF's covered the entirety of the city, which included East Manchester at the time. This was because the Council had access to resource streams to enable it to tackle regeneration on a whole city basis. It was due

to the impact of austerity and government cuts that prevented the Council from maintaining this level of regeneration and had to move to more localised SRF's.

## **Decisions**

The Committee endorse the recommendations to the Executive, as set out below.

- The Executive is recommended to note and comment on the outcome of the public consultation on the draft Wythenshawe Hospital Campus Strategic Regeneration Framework.
- The Executive is recommended to approve the Wythenshawe Hospital Campus Strategic Regeneration Framework and request that Planning and Highways Committee take the Framework into account as a material consideration when considering planning applications for the area.

## **ESC/21/19 Withington Village Framework Update**

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director – Growth and Development, which informed Members of the outcome of a public consultation exercise with local residents, businesses and stakeholders, on the draft Withington Village Framework.

Key points and themes in the report included:-

- Withington Village was a key District Centre in south Manchester which served the Withington and Old Moat population, providing a hub for the community and a range of services;
- The draft Framework identified a vision for the Village as a liveable place that met the needs of its diverse community;
- It built on its cultural, physical and heritage assets and sought to develop these further;
- New public spaces were proposed along with an improved street environment and movement for pedestrians and cyclists;
- The Framework was developed through a series of public workshops and stakeholder interviews held in 2019;
- An overview of the consultation process and consultation responses centred around:-
  - Movement in and around the village;
  - Public Space;
  - Heritage and Streetscape;
  - Governance Arrangements; and
- Next steps

The report would also be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 17 March 2021.

The Committee heard from Dave Payne, Chair of Withington Village Regeneration Partnership Group, who was supportive of the proposals within the report.

The Committee next heard from Councillor Wills, Ward Councillor for Withington and Councillor White, Ward Councillor for Old Moat, who both spoke in support of the Framework.

Some of the key points that arose from the Committees discussion were:-

- Endorsing the report and welcoming the positive engagement between residents, local Members, the local Member for Parliament and officers to progress this work;
- Commenting that this represented an exemplar programme of resident engagement and community led initiatives to drive change and deliver improvements;
- The learning from the activity should be understood and used to inform projects and engagement activity in other wards;
- Noting that the proposals delivered a road map for the post Covid recovery;
- Welcoming the commitment to improving walking and cycling routes, adding that consideration needed to be given to reducing the use of advertising A boards outside of commercial properties;
- Consideration needed to be given to removing the guard rails between the pavement and the highway;
- Welcoming the proposals to improving the Copson Street area; and
- Whilst acknowledging and welcoming the level of community engagement were there any groups whose views it was felt were not fully represented.

The Strategic Lead Neighbourhoods advised it was recognised that further engagement work with young people was required to ensure their views were captured and taken into consideration as this work progressed, and consideration was being given to addressing this.

The Chair in moving the recommendations stated that it was important that if approved the Licensing Committee, in addition to the Planning and Highways Committee take the framework update into account as a material consideration when considering planning applications for the area.

## **Decisions**

The Committee:-

(1) Endorse the recommendations that the Executive:

- Note and comment on the outcome of the public consultation on the draft Withington Village Framework.
- Approve the Withington Village Framework and request that Planning and Highways Committee and Licensing Committee take the framework update into account as a material consideration when considering planning applications for the area.

(2) Request that the Executive note the views of the Committee insomuch that Members feel this project should be held as an example of good practice for future projects.



## **ESC/21/20 Greater Manchester 2040 Transport Strategy and City Centre Transport Strategy 2040**

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director – Growth and Development, which updated Members on the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040, and accompanying Five-Year Delivery Plan and Local Implementation Plans, and the City Centre Transport to 2040.

Key points and themes in the report included:-

- The Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 sought to deliver a vision for 'World class connections that support long-term, sustainable economic growth and access to opportunity for all';
- The provision of high-quality transport services was vital to deliver the diverse and distinctive economy ensuring connections and opportunities for residents and businesses across the city;
- The Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 specifically identified the need to meet a zero-carbon target by 2038 at the latest
- The updated City Centre Transport Strategy would need to provide the capacity needed to underpin growth and support the creation of new jobs in the city; and
- Detail on the significant engagement and consultation that had taken place on the City Centre Transport Strategy.

Some of the key points that arose from the Committees discussion were:-

- Welcoming the reports and supporting the strategies, in particular the City Centre Transport Strategy to 2040;
- Supporting the key principals and prioritise of the City Centre Transport Strategy 2040 to reduce carbon emissions and deliver sustainable travel;
- Consideration needed to be given to reducing carbon emissions from goods and freight vehicles;
- Noting that the City Centre Transport Strategy 2040 had been developed in consultation with local Members and residents, noting that the co-design workshops had been well attended by residents and the feedback was very positive;
- What arrangements were in place to provide scrutiny and oversight of the delivery of these strategies;
- Noting that the delivery of these strategies was an opportunity for securing employment and training;
- The Streets for All scheme needed to be rolled out across all wards in Manchester to support and encourage active travel into the city centre;
- Consideration needed to be given to the issue of the security of active travel, especially for journeys undertaken in the evening; and
- An update was sought as to the approach taken to the location of Mobility Hubs, recognising the impact this could have on residential areas.

The Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure advised all district centres had a local implementation plan to support active travel. She described that to ensure this

work was delivered at pace all funding opportunities, including the recently announced levelling up scheme would be applied for to accelerate this activity.

The City Centre Growth Manager described that a location in Ancoats was being considered as a location for a Mobility Hub, adding that it was recognised that that appropriate consideration needed to be given as to their location. She further commented that officers continued to work with the Highways Department to minimise and mitigate against the impact of any displacement of vehicles on residential areas close to the city centre.

The Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport informed the Committee that scrutiny and oversight of the delivery of these strategies would be undertaken by the Council, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Salford Council. She described that the strategies had Key Performance Indicators so that progress against delivery could be reported and measured.

The Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport paid tribute to the residents and local Members for their contribution in developing the City Centre Transport Strategy. She commented that residents supported the ambitions to deliver a cleaner, greener and less congested city. She made reference to the schemes delivered on Deansgate and in the Northern Quarter and the good practice and lessons learnt from these schemes would inform the delivery of additional schemes, working with local residents, local Member and partners, including TfGM and the taxi trade.

The Chair in concluding this item made reference to the importance of positive and meaningful engagement with residents and local Members when planning and delivering schemes.

## **Decisions**

The Committee;

- (1) Note the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040, the final Our Five Year Transport Delivery Plan (2021-2026) and Local Implementation Plan for Manchester.
- (2) Note the final draft of the City Centre Transport Strategy to 2040.
- (3) Request that the Executive take on board the points raised by the Committee in relation to the City Centre Transport Strategy 2040

## **ESC/21/21 Economy COVID19 Sit Rep report**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director – Growth and Development, which provided a further update 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 the Committee.

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

- Was the Council's Industrial Strategy be renamed given the demise of this terminology at a national level
- Was the Council concerned that as people returned to the city centre, this would increase the volume of motor journeys into and out of the city and what consideration was being given to mitigate this;
- What was the latest position on the Kickstart programme and how was youth unemployment and unemployment amongst those 50+ going to be monitored.

The Leader advised that the Council had always developed long term strategies that would be moulded to suit particular circumstances and the Council would adapt to the new circumstances. There was concern in relation to increase car use as lockdown eased, which was big discussed at a GM level as to how to mitigate this as it was acknowledged it would be a challenge in the short term. He added that Bus operators were expecting to return to 90% of pre-COVID services as schools returned and that the majority of businesses were planning on a phased return to work for their staff.

The Director of Inclusive Economy advised that the Kickstart programme was on a slow uptake nationally and discussions with government and businesses were taking place to see how this could be improved. In terms of youth unemployment it was reported that the figures were levelling off and the latest labour force survey had identified a small decline. The over 50+ group was starting to rise and there were discussions with DWP taking place to have a place based focus in targeting employment programmes.

The Strategic Director – Growth and Development commented that the Council was focussing on a safe and COVID secure return to the city for businesses. There was also a lot of interest in the lateral flow testing arrangements that would need setting up. She added that here was some useful guidance that was being produced and shared, refereeing the Manchester Arena, on how to safely reopen which had been shared with business communities.

## **Decisions**

The Committee:-

- (1) Notes the report.
- (2) Thanks the Officer involved in the work of the Economic Recovery Group

## **ESC/21/22 Overview Report**

The report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit which contained key decisions within the Committee's remit and responses to previous recommendations was submitted for comment. Members were also invited to agree the Committee's future work programme.

## **Decisions**

The Committee:-

- (1) Notes the report.
- (2) Agrees that the Chair liaises with Officers in relation to the work programme for the Committee's first meeting in the new Municipal Year.

## Manchester City Council Report for Information

**Report to:** Economy Scrutiny Committee – 27 May 2021

**Subject:** Update on COVID-19 Activity

**Report of:** Strategic Director – Growth and Development

### Summary

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

### Recommendations

The Committee is requested to note the update.

### Wards Affected: All

<b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b> - 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	<p>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.</p> <p>A reset of the Our Manchester Strategy is now underway following a meeting of the Our</p>
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city’s economic success	

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

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**Background documents (available for public inspection):**

None

## Economic Recovery Workstream- Sitrep Summary

As at 13/05/21 for meeting on 14/05/21. Updated fortnightly. Latest updates shown in yellow.

Issue/theme/activity area	Impact/ challenges experienced	Key planning and response activity being undertaken
General Overview	<p><b>Queens Speech 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Subsidy Control Bill will set out post-Brexit regulations on how the government can support private companies, now the UK has left the EU's "state aid" regime.</li> <li>• Another post-Brexit piece of legislation, the Procurement Bill, will replace EU rules on how the government buys services from the private sector.</li> <li>• A new UK agency to search for ground-breaking scientific discoveries will be established by the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill.</li> <li>• New powers to build and operate the next stage of the HS2 high-speed rail line are contained in the High Speed Rail (Crewe-Manchester) Bill.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Powering Recovery: Manchester's Recovery and Investment Plan'</b> launched in Nov. Four investment priorities around: innovation; city centre and urban realm; residential retrofit programme; and North Manchester regeneration. Seeking govt funding for over 50 projects of £798.8 m. The plan can be accessed <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>United City</b> business-led campaign launched 22/11 and supported by MCC.</p> <p><b>Business Sounding Board</b> and <b>Real Estate subgroup</b> continue to meet regularly to share intel across sectors and to help support MCC lobbying.</p> <p>Weekly MCC <b>newsletter</b> issued to over 9,000 businesses with updates.</p> <p><b>Fourth round of SEISS available:</b> the latest round of the Self Employed Income Support Scheme has been launched and applications are accepted until 1 June.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Bill will scrap fixed five-year period between general elections and return the power to call early elections to the prime minister.</li> <li>• A Judicial Review Bill will set out the government's plans to change how its decisions can be challenged in the courts</li> <li>• A Planning Bill will introduce changes to the planning system in England, including a zoning system. The changes would require local authorities to zone parcels of land for either 'growth', 'renewal' or 'protection':             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Growth areas</b> – such a designation would automatically grant outline planning permission for developers looking to build there</li> <li>○ <b>Renewal areas</b> – the designation would introduce approval in the form of an in-principle/development order</li> <li>○ <b>Protection areas</b> – development would continue to be subject to full</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The <b>Expanded Additional Restrictions Grant (EARG)</b> - The grant schemes have now closed apart from the Strategically Important Cultural and Convention Facilities scheme which will be launched imminently.</p> <p>The Economic Growth Grant (EGG) scheme which aims to support businesses of strategic importance to the city that have suffered a significant negative impact on trading as a result of COVID-19, closed on the 31st March.</p> <p><b>12<sup>th</sup> April opening of non-essential businesses and outdoor hospitality:</b></p> <p>Footfall in the city centre was up 193% compared to the previous week and up 17% compared to the same week in 2019. Over 100 hospitality venues in the city centre and Ancoats opened using outdoor space with the number expected to reach 150 by the weekend. Outside the city centre, Chorlton, Withington and Didsbury also saw strong support for hospitality venues. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> saw a similar picture with venues at or near capacity.</p> <p>Portaloos were installed at two sites – Piccadilly Gardens and St Ann's Square to support the daytime economy. The St Ann's facilities have since been removed due to low usage.</p> <p>MCC comms on social media included two business owners talking about what they have been doing in preparation for safe re-opening.</p> <p>Since 12<sup>th</sup> April, MCC and GMP licensing compliance teams have been busy engaging with hospitality businesses to</p>
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	<p>planning control by local authorities and developers would have to submit applications to build there</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new system for regulating the safety of high-rise buildings, and inspecting construction sites, will be set out in the Building Safety Bill.</li> <li>• A Skills and Post-16 Education Bill will introduce a new "flexible loan" system designed to promote wider participation in further education in England.</li> <li>• A Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill will place new legal duties on students' unions and universities in England to ensure free speech on campus.</li> <li>• The Government will continue with the vaccination programme, planning for a booster campaign in the autumn and will provide a further £29 billion to the NHS next year in Covid-19 funding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lockdown easing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boris Johnson announced that data shows that we can move to the next stage of lockdown easing on 17<sup>th</sup> May. This will mean:</li> </ul>	<p>enable them to operate safely. Overall, a high level of compliance has been reported although drinking on the street and in open spaces has increased partly due to licensed premises being full. PSPO signage is going up week comm 26/4 and supermarkets etc are being asked to display posters advising street drinking is not permitted.</p> <p>Preparations for the 17<sup>th</sup> May continue and include a webinar for businesses hosted by CityCo on 12<sup>th</sup> May featuring MCC licensing and city centre officers together with GMP.</p> <p>Demand for outside space for the use of hospitality has continued and new applications continue to be assessed and processed.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor hospitality can reopen and indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas and bingo halls.</li> <li>• The Rule of Six will be extended to indoor areas, which means groups of six – or larger if they are from just two households – can meet in people’s homes.</li> <li>• Domestic overnight stays will also be permitted.</li> <li>• Groups of up to 30 will be allowed outdoors.</li> <li>• Indoor events will have a capacity of 1,000, or 50 per cent, whichever is smaller.</li> <li>• Outdoor events will be capped at 4,000 or 50 per cent capacity, and outdoor seated events – such as football matches – at 10,000 or 25 per cent capacity.</li> <li>• In a key relaxation of previous guidance, the Prime Minister also confirmed that hugging loved ones from different households is to be allowed again subject to caution and guidance.</li> <li>• Foreign holidays can resume under a traffic light system.</li> </ul> <p><b>ONS National Indicators (week up to 6<sup>th</sup> May):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the reopening of hospitality, estimates for UK</li> </ul>	
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	<p>seated diner reservations on Saturday 1 May 2021 were at 71% of the level seen on the same Saturday of 2019. Estimates for Manchester and London on Saturday 1 May 2021 had increased by 7% and 2% from the previous week to 90% and 43% of the levels seen on the equivalent Saturday of 2019, respectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nationally the percentage of businesses currently trading has increased from 77% in early April to 83% in late April 2021. This is now at a similar level to that seen in mid-December 2020.</li><li>• At the national level, in the week to 1<sup>st</sup> May, retail footfall was 74% of its level in the equivalent week in 2019.</li><li>• The percentage of working adults that had travelled to work has been gradually increasing since mid-February (44% in the period 10 to 14 February 2021 compared with 60% in the week to 1<sup>st</sup> May).</li></ul> <p><b>Manchester performance retail and hospitality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retail sales – many national brands have reported a 'record week' well ahead of June 2020. Fashion and jewelry reported</li></ul>	
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	<p>stronger sales than 2020 and often 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postcode analysis of visitors to Manchester (from mobile phone data) shows a widening travel radius</li> <li>• Hospitality/NTE (source CityCo) wet-led venues have been trading better than dry. Trade was significantly up in the dry weather but then dipped. A NQ venue, for example traded up 138% in week 2; in the Village, venues on Canal Street have traded up 30% during the dry weather compared to pre-Covid. The turn in weather resulted in trade being at -27%. Staffing costs in most venues have increased significantly</li> </ul> <p><b>Levelling Up White Paper:</b> there will be a <a href="#">White Paper published later this year</a> that will “will focus on challenges including improving living standards, growing the private sector and increasing and spreading opportunity”. Neil O’Brien, MP for Harborough, has been appointed by the PM as his Levelling Up Adviser.</p> <p><b>Hospitality loses legal challenge:</b> the legal case brought to the high court by</p>	
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	<p>Sacha Lord to bring forward the indoor reopening date <a href="#">has been dismissed</a>.</p> <p><b>1 in 7 shops vacant:</b> retail vacancies have increased across all shopping destinations and regions in the first quarter of 2021, according to the <a href="#">BRC-LDC Vacancy Monitor</a>.</p> <p><b>Materials shortage looms:</b> the construction industry is reporting a shortage of materials, particularly <a href="#">steel</a>. The <a href="#">RICS has reported</a> that workloads rising, with confidence growing, in the face of greater tender enquiries and firms are planning to increase hiring activity over the rest of the year. Financial constraints and a shortage of labour also continue to be issues that are holding back projects.</p>	
<b>Rebooting Manchester's Business Activity Post-pandemic</b>	<p>The Chief Executive was a panellist on a business event on post pandemic activity in the city. Headlines from the panel discussion include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The city is resilient and there is demand to return from employees and employers should support this.</li> </ul>	

<p>event 12<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As people have begun to return to the city they have realised what they have been missing.</li> <li>• The city is building back better, with greater use of space and activation of those areas that had previously been solely used by cars or very limited pedestrian traffic.</li> <li>• Large businesses make a big difference to footfall and particularly the advisory community is important to drive the return to the office. It was noted that clients may soon look to seek face to face meetings</li> <li>• Businesses shouldn't be embarrassed about wanting to return to an office environment and there needs to be recognition of a hybrid approach and what works best for each business. Many offices are being refurbished to support this (ie. more collaboration space, private 'pods' for calls).</li> <li>• The hospitality industry is frustrated at being forced to close first, when there is no evidence of</li> </ul>	
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	<p>transmission and it is a safe environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The risks of working from home had hit young people particularly hard with social isolation, difficulty to access training and poor home working environments. There was also recognition of the 'osmosis' effect of being in the office, particularly on younger/ new entrants to the workplace in picking up professional behaviour and the culture of an organisation.</li> <li>• Young people had suffered mentally and emotionally from lockdown more so than other sectors of society.</li> <li>• The 'death of the office' was not considered an issue in Manchester. The market is strong and resilient, particularly in e-commerce where Manchester is very strong and our other growth sectors of digital and life sciences. We have a well rounded office market and have seen new entrants to the city and north-shoring.</li> </ul>	
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Footfall	Footfall trends- City Centre (Springboard / CityCo)			
	Week 17- Sun 25 Apr to Sat 1 May			
		Week on week %	Year on year %	Pre Covid
	St Ann's Sq	-4%	+478%	-42.5%
	Exchange Sq	-2%	+2532 %	-21.5%
	King Street	-24%	+640%	-48.5%
	Market Street	-7%	+585%	+3%
	New Cathedral St	-3%	+602%	-36%
	Week 18– Sun 2 May to Sat 8 May			
		Week on week %	Year on year %	Pre Covid



St Ann's Sq	-2%	+384%	-34%
Exchange Sq	-8%	+2646%	-21%
King Street	-28.5%	+319%	-58%
Market Street	-28%	+338%	-15%
New Cathedral St	-21.5%	+390%	-45%

NB Given the low level of current footfall, small increase in numbers can lead to relatively high percentage increases. The significant increases relating to year on year figures are as a result of the comparison with footfall between 2020 and 2021.

#### **Mon 26 Apr to Sun 2 May**

Week on week: **-32% (UK figure was -4.5%)**

Year on year: **+97%**

**Comparison to pre-covid: -19%**

#### **District Centres**

	Week on week %	Year on year %
Cheetham Hill	-35.5%	+44%
Chorlton	-21%	+94.5%

	<table> <tr> <td>Fallowfield</td><td>-26%</td><td>+247%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gorton</td><td>-25%</td><td>+17%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Harpurhey</td><td>-7%</td><td>+102%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Levenshulme</td><td>-36%</td><td>+27%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Northenden</td><td>-61%</td><td>+94%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rushholme</td><td>-17%</td><td>+128%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Victoria Avenue</td><td>-12%</td><td>+88%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Withington</td><td>-63%</td><td>+95%</td></tr> </table> <p>The reasons for the week on week fall across the district centres and city centre is not fully clear, but it may due be a combination of the worsening weather and a reduction in the initial surge following the easing of some restrictions on 12<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	Fallowfield	-26%	+247%	Gorton	-25%	+17%	Harpurhey	-7%	+102%	Levenshulme	-36%	+27%	Northenden	-61%	+94%	Rushholme	-17%	+128%	Victoria Avenue	-12%	+88%	Withington	-63%	+95%	
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<b>Higher Education Institutions</b>	From 17 <sup>th</sup> May all remaining university students eligible to return to in-person teaching.																									
<b>Aviation</b>	<p>Government has confirmed that foreign travel can resume from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May under a traffic light system, with countries ranked green, amber or red.</p> <p>Travelers from an amber list country will need to self isolate for 10 days with the</p>	<p>The Transport Secretary confirmed last week that international travel can safely resume to a limited number of destinations on the 17th May. Destinations included are Portugal, Israel, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Brunei, Iceland, Gibraltar, Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the</p>																								

	<p>option to shorten that period with a negative PCR test. Whilst those from a red list country will be required to quarantine in a hotel for 10 days. All travelers will be required to take a pre-departure test and a further test on day 2 of returning to the UK.</p>	<p>South Sandwich Islands, and St Helena, Tristan de Cunha and Ascension Island.</p> <p>It is important to note that whilst the Government is allowing travel to these countries, this is not reciprocated by the destination Government, for example in Australia and New Zealand.</p> <p>While it is positive that the Government has lifted its overall ban on international travel, almost all of the UK's most important destinations remain closed. MAG recognises the Government's desire to be cautious, but there is strong scientific evidence to demonstrate that testing and vaccinations can support safe travel to a larger group of low-risk destinations. The Government should now immediately publish the evidence and criteria it is using to classify red, amber and green countries, to help customers and the travel sector plan for potential changes in the classifications over time. MAG has publicly stated that if the easing of travel restrictions is too slow to support this year's 'summer season' then the effects on the already weakened aviation industry will be severe.</p> <p>In response to last week's announcement, Manchester Airport is gearing up to be operationally ready for an increase in flights.</p>
<b>Culture</b>	<b>Extended impact of the Pandemic on the cultural sector including continued closures.</b>	<b>Reopening Plans</b>

	<p><b>Roadmap for easing COVID restrictions announced 22 Feb</b> Most venues able to legally open at stage 3.</p> <p>This week's Government's announcement on the progress of the Roadmap means that <b>cultural venues can start to reopen from 17 May</b></p> <p>National <u>Event pilots</u> are underway testing reopening strategies.</p>	<p>Plans to reopen from 17th May discussed at Cultural Leaders Group 4/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fears about the forecasted 3rd wave of Covid-19 in the Autumn. Some companies planning socially distanced work in anticipation, some not able to take financial risk on major works for the Autumn so are planning a more flexible approach including the use of covid-safe outdoor events over the summer.</li> <li>• Options about the COVID Vaccine certification and COVID testing regimes being trialed may be a gateway to opening to larger audiences but concerns about equalities remain and that this won't be acceptable to audiences for smaller events.</li> <li>• Venues are trying to achieve improved ventilation to facilitate safer reopening where possible and where heritage building restrictions allow.</li> </ul> <p><u>Manchester Art Gallery</u> - Opens 19 May booking arrangements for Grayson's Art Club exhibition have been announced.</p> <p><u>Whitworth Art Gallery</u> - opens from 19 May Wed to Sun</p> <p><u>Manchester Museum</u> - opens from 19 May top floor Nature &amp; Wellbeing education &amp; co-working space. Opening more fully in the summer and then closed for 14 months to complete major capital works.</p> <p><u>CFCCA</u> opens from 19 May, Wed-Sun</p> <p><u>HOME</u>- Opens cinemas and gallery on 17 May.</p> <p><u>HOME</u>Ground outdoor performance space opening 28 May</p>
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		<p>with 2 stages (most of the venue's kit will be on the outdoor events).</p> <p><u>National Football Museum</u> opens 19th May and working with MIF on Cathedral Gardens events.</p> <p><u>Frog &amp; Bucket</u> comedy venue opening from 17 May with live shows and streaming.</p> <p><u>Hope Mill Theatre</u>- opens w/b 25 May with live and online show though to end June.</p> <p>Then July to August running outdoor theatre performances in Ancoats/ Pollard St for 3 weeks.</p> <p><u>Palace and Opera House</u> opens from August.</p> <p><u>The Edge</u> (Chorlton) will be open for courses and classes but not for public performances until Sept.</p> <p><u>Company Chameleon</u> (Openshaw) - continuing with online classes and artists in studios - will reopen for public live classes in Sept and a refinished flexible studio /theatre that can accommodate 112 capacity at their Varna Street School Site.</p> <p><u>RNCM venues</u> will remain closed until Sept to prioritize student use.</p>
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		<p><b>ZArts</b> - already opened for participants and launching exhibition The Tiger Who Came to Tea &amp; the adventures of Mog 28th May. June to Sept 'Summer of Play' centering on outdoor events in park settings. Theatre returns in Sept. Also for info - <b>Lowry</b> - Galleries from 19 May and first live show 21 June with socially distanced Northern Ballet (600 instead of 1700 capacity) almost sold out.</p> <p><b>Halle Summer Season at Bridgewater Hall:</b> The Halle Orchestra are performing 6 live concerts at the Bridgewater Hall. The stage has been extended so that all players can come together safely to perform.</p> <p><b>Manchester International Festival</b></p> <p>The MIF21 programme launched on 28 April. All events will be Covid safe.</p> <p><b>Campaigns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cultural Recovery</b> - Joint audience development campaign by cultural partners launches 17 May. #HereforCultureMCR</li> <li>• <b>Music Venue Trust 'Revive Live'</b> - audience campaign launching w/c 10/5</li> </ul>
<b>Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued development interest in the city for both commercial and residential scheme.</li> <li>• All schemes are back on site, and construction levels increased since the beginning of the pandemic,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brownfield Housing Fund</b> - Officers continue to work with GMCA on grant agreements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and additional 10% schemes, which need to be in place by July 2021.</li> <li>• <b>Victoria North - Collyhurst:</b> The planning application for 244 new homes (including 100 new Council</li> </ul>

	<p>although with some overall delays to programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risks around supply chains/access to materials, with associated increases in costs.</li> <li>• Access to finance for hotel and retail schemes likely to be more challenging.</li> <li>• Economic Recovery &amp; Investment Plan identifies key schemes which can drive recovery and create new jobs. Ongoing work to identify funding opportunities for schemes.</li> <li>• Long term impact on office demand being monitored on an ongoing basis, but positive indications from office agents and the Business Sounding Board.</li> <li>• Government increased housing target by 35% in UK's 20 largest cities, including Manchester, in December 2020. The implications of this are currently being assessed.</li> </ul>	<p>houses) and the first phase of a new park in Collyhurst Village was submitted in February. The scheme could commence in Spring 2021 subject to the outcome of the Brownfield Land Fund application referenced in the bullet point above which is for enabling works. The determination of the planning application is expected by early June 2021. A further planning application 30 new Council homes for Collyhurst South is expected to be submitted before the end of May 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation has taken place on plans for the <b>next phase of regeneration at Ancoats</b>. A total of 225 homes (including over 100 affordable homes) will be delivered across three developments (Eliza Yard, Downley Drive and Ancoats Dispensary) plus a mobility hub, incorporating shared car and cycle parking/hire facilities, electric vehicle charging outlets, and a last-mile delivery consolidation centre, to reduce vehicle movements and street parking. Planning application have now been submitted for the 3 sites – w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>• Construction of the <b>Co-op Live</b> 23,500-capacity arena started w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> May, providing significant new jobs and support for construction companies. BAM, the contractor for the arena, estimates that more than 2,000 people will work directly on the site over its three-year construction phase, while the developer, OVG, have forecast that Co-op Live will create a further 1,000 jobs when operational.</li> </ul>
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<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk to developer and investor confidence.</li> <li>• Working with RP's and other developers to understand current impact and forward plans.</li> <li>• Assessing sources and levels of investment, and any obstacles</li> <li>• Investigating grant funding, financial and other support needed to enable early start of key projects</li> <li>• Understanding supply chain issues and identifying appropriate support measures.</li> <li>• Developing guidance/share good practice for safe operation of sites</li> <li>• Expediting design &amp; planning phases of projects.</li> <li>• Risk of registered providers slowing down or pausing programmes to consolidate finances/liquidity</li> <li>• Ensure Zero Carbon and Fire safety provision are part of the programmes.</li> <li>• Potential flooding of the PRS sector as the short term let market shrinks.</li> </ul>	<p>Following another record year for affordable completions in Manchester in 2020-21 – initial forecasts suggest a further 413 new affordable homes will be built across Manchester in 2021-22. This includes 244 social rent, 103 affordable rent, 64 shared ownership and 2 rent to buy homes</p> <p>In addition, there are currently 844 new affordable homes currently under construction across the city and expected to complete over the next few years. This includes a number of large-scale developments including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Belle Vue Stadium Site</b> – Countryside and Great Places have begun work on the redevelopment of the mixed tenure scheme which includes 130 new affordable homes</li> <li>• <b>Grey Mare Lane Estate</b> – One Manchester have started construction on the first two phases of the Estate Regeneration programme (Blackrock Street &amp; Windermere Close) which are expected completed in 2021-22. The redevelopment is set to deliver c.290 new affordable homes (incl. 124 of reprovion) and the retrofit of 169 homes over the next 5 years</li> <li>• <b>Gorton Lane</b> – One Manchester have also begun construction on the scheme delivering 109 homes (18 for shared ownership &amp; 91 for rent-to-buy) – expected to complete in 2022-23</li> </ul> <p>Updates on further key schemes:</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A consultation on <b>Ancoats Dispensary</b> and <b>Downley Drive</b> ran until April. The 2 schemes delivered by Great Places, are set to deliver 107 new affordable homes in Ancoats &amp; New Islington. A planning application for both schemes is expected later in 2021</li> <li>• Procurement of the various design and delivery teams for the package of Housing Infrastructure Fund works in <b>Victoria North</b> will be complete by the late Spring of 2021 and enabling works and design processes for land remediation, flood mitigation, new public open space, new highways and cycle / pedestrian linkages, together with an improved utilities network will commence in the autumn.</li> </ul>
<b>Transport and Infrastructure</b>	<p>The GM Mayor has unveiled measures to improve Greater Manchester's transport system, making it more integrated, affordable and easier to use.</p> <p>The Mayor's announcements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans for immediate discussions with Government to seek support for powers and funding to accelerate bus franchising so that all parts of Greater Manchester have better buses, integrated with Metrolink by May 2024 – a year earlier than originally planned</li> <li>• Delivering 95 new Electric Vehicle charging points by the end of this year, with plans for a further 200</li> </ul>	<p><u>Summary of transport activity for week ending 2 May</u></p> <p>In total there were around 46.61 trips made in Greater Manchester last week – this broadly equivalent to the previous week (-1%)</p> <p>It was a mixed week on public transport, with bus trips increasing by 0.9% - while falls in activity were seen on the Metrolink (-2.7%) and rail (-0.2%) networks</p> <p>Elsewhere, highway remained consistent with the previous week, however there was a steep fall in cycling activity (-18%) due to unsettled weather</p>

	<p>charging points next year, in partnership with government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pledge to complete 100km of cycling and walking routes by the end of the year</li> <li>• A new Greater Manchester Bike Hire scheme to launch in November this year, with the preferred delivery partner unveiled in June</li> <li>• Opening negotiations with Network Rail to agree a plans to make all rail stations in the city-region accessible by 2025, or to give Greater Manchester the funding and power to do it</li> </ul>	<p>The weather conditions may have contributed to an increase seen in trips to out of town shopping centres and retail parks including Trafford City (+7.9%), Middlebrook Retail and Leisure Park in Bolton (+13.1%) and Manchester Fort (+8.3%).</p> <p>Face covering compliance currently stands at 75% on rail, 81% on Metrolink and 90% on bus.</p> <p><b><u>Manchester (LA) Transport Usage Data</u></b> <b>(week ending 2 May 2021)</b></p> <p><b><u>Bus</u></b> Patronage, <b>+0.9%</b> on the previous week and <b>-32.4%</b> on pre-COVID levels</p> <p><b><u>Metrolink</u></b> - Network patronage, <b>-2.7%</b> on the previous week and <b>-57.9%</b> on pre-COVID levels</p> <p><b><u>Rail (footfall Piccadilly)</u></b> - Passenger numbers, <b>+0.2%</b> on the previous week and <b>-61.7%</b> on pre-COVID levels.</p> <p><b><u>Highway</u></b> - Private vehicle trips, <b>-0.4%</b> on the previous week and <b>-6.4%</b> on pre-COVID levels</p> <p><b><u>Cycling</u></b> - Cycle journeys, <b>-17.7%</b> on the previous week and <b>+4.6%</b> on pre-COVID levels</p> <p><b><u>Walking</u></b> - Pedestrian traffic, <b>-2.5%</b> on the previous week and <b>-10.3%</b> on pre-COVID levels</p>
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**(week ending 9 May 2021)**

**Bus** Patronage, **-13.9%** on the previous week and **-41.7%** on pre-COVID levels

**Metrolink** - Network patronage, **-12.9%** on the previous week and **-63.1%** on pre-COVID levels

**Rail (footfall Piccadilly)** - Passenger numbers, **+10.8%** on the previous week and **-65.6%** on pre-COVID levels.

**Highway** - Private vehicle trips, **-5.6%** on the previous week and **-11.7%** on pre-COVID levels

**Cycling** - Cycle journeys, **-20.9%** on the previous week and **-17.3%** on pre-COVID levels

**Walking** - Pedestrian traffic, **-4.8%** on the previous week and **-14.6%** on pre-COVID levels

GM Wide Data (based on busiest day of the week)

Metrolink

09/03/20	119,298
13/04/20	4,915
18/05/20	8,718
15/06/20	18,723
13/07/20	29,055

		17/08/20	40,187
		14/09/20	51,668
		12/10/20	44,621
		16/11/20	31,843
		14/12/20	43,119
		18/01/21	20,512
		15/02/21	22,476
		26/2/21	27,333
		12/3/21	34,841
		17/3/21	36,381
		24/3/21	35,946
		30/3/21	40,322
		6/4/21	29,645
		9/4/21	33,696
		16/4/21	55,862
		22/4/21	56,223
		30/4/21	59,987
		7/5/21	58,047
		<u>Bus</u>	
		09/03/20	513,338
		13/04/20	20,742
		18/05/20	81,993
		15/06/20	130,476

		13/07/20	182,18 9	
		17/08/20	219,30 1	
		14/09/20	319,76 3	
		12/10/20	315,67 8	
		16/11/20	266,56 1	
		14/12/20	326,42 3	
		18/01/21	173,42 2	
		15/02/21	179,13 9	
		26/2/21	191,69 8	
		12/3/21	274,67 4	
		19/3/21	274,07 2	
		25/3/21	277,88 2	
		30/3/21	274,27 4	
		6/4/21	194,84 1	

		9/4/21	194,42 0
		12/4/21	279,79 9
		20/4/21	348,07 9
		30/4/21	356,92 0
		7/45/21	358,48 1
		<u>Rail</u>	
		09/03/20	104,71 5
		13/04/20	6,536
		18/05/20	11,685
		15/06/20	18,272
		13/07/20	28,759
		17/08/20	41,075
		14/09/20	44,339
		12/10/20	37,322
		16/11/20	27,426
		14/12/20	35,820
		18/01/21	19,459
		15/02/21	21,987
		26/2/21	26,415
		12/3/21	28,718

		19/3/21	29,306
		26/3/21	31,478
		30/3/21	33,161
		6/4/21	26,070
		9/4/21	33,756
		16/4/21	50,051
		23/4/21	50,051
		1/5/21	52,113
		3/5/21	39,383
		<u>GM Highway</u>	
		09/03/20	5,081,79 3
		13/04/20	1,463,01 8
		18/05/20	2,948,44 6
		15/06/20	3,735,12 1
		13/07/20	4,078,16 8
		17/08/20	4,326,26 3
		14/09/20	4,444,33 5
		12/10/20	4,366,36 6



		16/11/20	3,913,01 0	
		14/12/20	4,535,30 4	
		18/01/21	3,507,89 1	
		15/02/21	3,812,70 0	
		26/2/21	4,376,61 9	
		12/3/21	4,550,17 6	
		19/3/21	4,591,50 8	
		26/3/21	4,632,91 8	
		1/4/21	4,871,59 2	
		9/4/21	4,662,22 8	
		16/4/21	4,940,06 4	
		23/4/21	5,113,98 8	
		30/4/21	5,142,72 4	
		7/5/21	5,117,31 6	

09/03/20	107,738
13/04/20	151,196
18/05/20	151,084
15/06/20	159,250
13/07/20	121,252
17/08/20	125,014
14/09/20	169,331
12/10/20	88,868
16/11/20	87,694
14/12/20	87,898
18/01/21	54,249
15/02/21	164,555*
28/2/21	177,426*
9/3/21	107,860
21/3/21	150,198

		24/3/21	143,53 8
		30/3/21	185,36 4
		6/4/21	176,07 8
		9/4/21	134,93 5
		17/4/21	146,77 2
		22/4/21	165,78 7
		26/4/21	146,81 9
		5/5/21	140,73 4
		*NB this period covers half term	
		<u>Walking</u>	
		09/03/20	1,491,50 8
		13/04/20	511,033
		18/05/20	691,620
		15/06/20	789,318
		13/07/20	1,046,43 6
		17/08/20	1,208,02 2

		14/09/20	1,492,523	
		12/10/20	1,215,760	
		16/11/20	881,551	
		14/12/20	985,692	
		18/01/21	699,527	
		15/02/21	855,548	
		22/2/21	913,976	
		8/3/21	1,049,128	
		21/3/21	990,592	
		22/3/21	1,026,886	
		4/4/21	1,168,243	
		9/4/21	1,177,789	
		18/4/21	1,287,803	
		19/4/21	1,386,083	
		26/4/21	1,372,352	
		6/5/21	1,292,677	

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<b>Skills, Labour Market and Business Support</b>	<p><b>Furlough and newly unemployed</b></p> <p><b>Headlines include</b></p> <p><b>Headlines include</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In March 2021 there were 36,100 claimants of unemployment benefits in Manchester – up slightly from 35,590 in February.</li> <li>- In the week of 27th February it was reported that there were 6000 vacancies.</li> <li>- c.36,100 residents furloughed in March. Increases in the number of residents furloughed in November &amp; January reflects the introduction of subsequent national lockdowns</li> </ul>	<p><b>Furlough and newly unemployed</b></p> <p><b>Newly Unemployed Support</b></p> <p><b>MCFC Market place Event 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over 70 employers and 35,000 vacancies across a range of sectors have been secured over 2 days</li> <li>- MCFC and MCC will be pushing messages out as it is a ticketed event</li> <li>- Work and Skills are working closely with MCFC to support a joint <b>Marketplace Event 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> to recruit businesses to the event.</li> <li>- Event will be 'more than just a jobs fair', with plenty of job opportunities and training opportunities, alongside a range of support services - debt advice. See <a href="#">attached the brochure</a> MCC is working hard to promote</li> </ul> <p>Take up on the Help to get work scheme has had 94 residents requested support since offer went live. Offers of support include Careers advice, welfare advice and support with training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A review into Newly Unemployed workstream has started to look at comms, data and the partnership. This will also include a telephone survey of those residents we have supported, about the service they received to inform any improvements .</li> <li>- MCC are leading on development of a drop-in webinar for Newly Unemployed/ residents for whom furlough ending in May, to include NCS, DWP, Legal Advice, overview of work club support.</li> </ul>
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		<p>Debenhams:- staff are receiving employment support from officers across the partnership (DWP/GC and W&amp;S). MCC will continue to liaise with managers to ensure all staff can benefit from support and advice.</p> <p>Skills assessment results due out this week after which results can shape the offer with DWP and MAES/ Mcr College.</p> <p>Concerns have been raised via the Business Sounding Board about high vacancy rates within the hospitality sector as a result of previous workers moving to roles within other sectors such as retail during the pandemic and not wanting to return to hospitality due to more favourable terms and conditions; migrant workers returning to country of origin; reduced number of students in the City. Work is being undertaken to develop an offer to hospitality businesses through the Newly Unemployed Support Partnership and a comms campaign to advertise opportunities etc in the hospitality sector.</p>
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	<p><b>Offer for 16-19 year olds</b></p> <p>The February submission to the DfE reported a combined NEET / Unknown of 6.3% (3.6% NEET and 2.7% Unknown) This is a 0.6% decrease on the January submission. This is higher than the national average of 4.9% combined NEET / Unknown figure.</p> <p>All schools have now completed the verification of their lists of high and medium risk of NEET students. Out of a total cohort of 5,823 – 560 (9.6%) have been identified as high risk with more than one risk factors and 605 (10.4%) have been identified as medium risk with the majority having one risk factor.</p> <p>Schools and Colleges have increasing concerns about the current year 11, 12 and 13 who have experienced two years of disrupted education and how this will impact on their transition and progression.</p> <p>Most high schools have decided to let their year 11 students to leave school at the May half term holiday.</p>	<p><b>Offer for 16-19 year olds</b></p> <p>Comms campaign for young people and parents highlighting key messages in relation to opportunities and high-level guidance particularly to support transition from School into an EET destination.</p> <p>The RONI process to identify those at risk of being NEET in Year 11 has been completed. Schools will be encouraged to secure an offer for all these students and put transition plans in place for the high-risk learners. Career Connect and the Growth Company (ESF NEET Contract) will be meeting with pastoral leads in high schools to identify those young people who will need transitional support over the summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Post 16 Transition Guides have now been circulated to providers. The Transition Guide is supported with a toolkit which includes a wide range of resources that schools can use with their school leavers in preparation for moving on.</li> </ul> <p>The MEET your Match website, commissioned by MCC and delivered by GMCVO is now live with over 70 pre-employment opportunities listed, including study programmes, employability courses, traineeships, entry level 1 / 2 apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>MCC is working with GM Commissioned services (Princes Trust and ESF NEET) to ensure the additional resources are complimenting current offer.</p> <p>MCC is working with schools and Colleges to identify other ways we can support this year's school and college leavers and mitigate against a rise in NEET numbers. This includes</p>
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<p>The data is telling us that we need to focus more on reducing the numbers of unknown in year 12 /13.</p>	<p>looking at more bespoke post 16 provision for our most at-risk students, working with NEET providers to improve progression routes that lead to employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with Youth Strategy Team to develop a programme of summer activities for those most of risk of becoming NEET.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Youth unemployment</b></p> <p>Maximise the opportunities from and work with partners to roll out the Kickstart Scheme.</p> <p>Access DWP funding to deliver Youth Hubs in areas of need across the city.</p>	<p><b>Youth unemployment</b></p> <p>The 1<sup>st</sup> cohort of seven MCC Kickstart placements are still awaiting approval - we are communicating with DWP weekly to fast track these opportunities, in addition to bringing forward future cohorts.</p> <p>Working closely with The Princes Trust to support their Kickstart offer to Manchester businesses. Linked to this we are currently updating the Council Kickstart web pages to include a Kickstart signposting tool, in addition to case studies and testimonials.</p> <p>MAES Kickstart support offer agreed in principle. Planning underway around promotion of the offer and connecting to DWP and SME's</p> <p>In Principle agreement in place to host four Manchester Climate Change Agency Kickstart placements. It is hoped to begin recruitment to these opportunities in June.</p> <p>Youth Hub partnership formed to push the Youth Hub proposal with DWP in Wythenshawe. Second draft Youth Hub proposal developed and agreed with partners, awaiting response from DWP.</p>

	<p>Promotion of Apprenticeships and Traineeships.</p> <p>Developing a clear offer to support our graduates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First GM Apprenticeships Intermediary Network meeting held Friday 23 April. to share knowledge and resources and improve joint working across</li> <li>- GM Network attended by 30 key organisations including, local authorities, training providers and employers.</li> <li>- Meetings held with MMU to improve employment outcomes for Graduates. Establishing an SME support scheme and higher learning forum - UoM and UCEN approached to take part.</li> <li>- Draft SME support proposal received from MMU. Working group to be reconvened in May to further develop this approach.</li> <li>- PRI colleagues and MMU sharing data on graduate pipeline to support planning.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Skills and employment support for adults</b></p> <p><b>Challenge -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extending the MCC Digital Device Scheme</li> <li>• Ensure that the City's learning provision is responding to new challenges as well as existing challenges.</li> <li>• Working with providers who are developing proposals for CRF funding – encouraging consortium bids where possible.</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Further develop a comms campaign and events to raise the profile of adult learning and the ambition of MAESP -</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Manchester Adult Education and Skills Awards</a> 113 nominations. Planning going well and event will include a talk from local female leader and a learner, music from local providers and each award has been made across learners from MMU and the 3D printing company Dicey Tech</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Providers having access to up-to-date Labour Market intelligence to support them to design their skills offers to better align with the cities current and future needs -</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AEB, 2 hour provider workshop hosted, 17 provides attended. Providers were consulted on what they want to see from the following workshops.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First adult learning 'learning lunch' to take place – THINK to present skills reform research and recommendations for the first due to take place this month.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Enable the CRF and MAES CL programme to deliver Manchester's priorities -</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conversations with a number of providers to offer advice and enable collaborations where similar activity is being planned. So far projects covering – green skills, work placements for young people not on UC, employment support for those further from the labour market, bootcamps for digital industry, support programme for black businesses, VCSE grant funding for wellbeing support and training.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Support all residents to access and effectively engage with the internet for both work and life –</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Citizens Advice Manchester Digital Inclusion and Engagement Officer role is now live and being promoted in the right places for a representative candidate.</li> <li>- Initial planning meeting to be held to start phase 2 of pilot scheme this month.</li> <li>- Total of 297 devices given to schools and colleges through GM Tech Fund since Jan 2021.</li> <li>- MCC Digital Device Scheme – trial demo site set up and set to partners to test. Partners have been giving a survey and will be meeting as a collective to discuss.</li> <li>- MCC Digital Action Plan – objectives set against workstreams across the programme. A monthly report</li> </ul>
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		<p>will be produced from June for consistent monitoring against actions and objectives.</p> <p><b><i>Develop a high-quality Manchester approach to CEIAG for adults in which best practice, current opportunities and resources are shared and deployed for optimum impact</i></b> – research taking place to understand what our key providers are currently offering in light of covid and impacts with IAG for those residents 19+. Insights so far – providers want IAG teacher training and IAG leads want a network.</p>
	<p><b>Social Value and Local Benefit</b></p> <p>Challenge: Many residents are not connecting to opportunities created in the city – how can we use social value internally to maximise creation of employment/skills/training opportunities targeted at our residents and use our influence to do the same with organisations externally?</p> <p>Ensure that MCC's approach to SV reflects current economic circumstances and <i>Think</i> recommendations.</p> <p>Coordinate employment and skills related social value “offers” from across MCC's largest suppliers and capital projects into a pipeline of opportunities that can be</p>	<p><b>Social value and local benefit</b></p> <p><b><i>Develop pipeline of opportunities through large suppliers and capital projects where MCC is the client</i></b> – Officers are now connected with contract managers in Capital Programmes. Working to pull together a summary of the number of opportunities from the largest projects.</p> <p><b><i>Reach a decision on supporting a bid of lottery funding to aid with co-ordination of social value commitments across contracts.</i></b> Corporate Procurement have identified a number of pilot contracts and are now linked in with the ANTZ team directly to progress this work.</p> <p><b><i>Maximise Social Value opportunities arising from Victoria North and North Manchester General Hospital developments</i></b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A wider conversation about how we resource Victoria North is underway.</li> <li>- Options appraisal looking at establishing a construction skills hub is underway with Think Trinity Ltd leading, due to complete by June.</li> </ul>

	<p>promoted to residents and employment/skills/training organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CLES commissioned to review FEC development area business plans from a social value perspective, timescales TBC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Maximise employment, skills and training opportunities from within MCC's own supply chain</b> – First pass of analysis of MCC's largest contracts complete. Now need to look more closely at those with outstanding commitments and get in touch with contract managers.</p>
	<p><b>Business Support, Sustainability &amp; Growth</b></p>	<p><b>Business support, sustainability and growth</b></p> <p><b>Business Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work continues, with Revs and Bens and City Centre Regen to ensure that ARG grants, are processed and close out enquiries on the current ARG scheme.</li> </ul> <p><b>District Centres Support</b></p> <p>Work is underway to support Local High Street and District centres. A collective group has formed with reps from Biz Growth Hub, GC, Neighbourhoods and W&amp;S to support the work around comms, safe re-opening.(Manchester Business Support Group)</p> <p>Initiatives are being developed to support footfall across High Streets and DCs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First Business workshop held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May – with a Business Resilience workshop and update on Biz Grants.</li> <li>- Over 80 SME businesses signed up to this first event, awaiting data on those Businesses that engage to see if this is representative across all Sectors.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Led by Biz Growth Hub focused on health and wellbeing in the workplace and supporting the workforce, to include practical SME support and MCC will promote grants and initiatives available.</li> <li>- Planning future sessions is underway, with positive feedback from those engaged SMEs . Survey of businesses to encourage and to help plan further workshops, this will be reviewed by the core group.</li> <li>- This will develop into a virtual network to cascade useful information around recovery and business support opportunities.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Brexit Impacts</b> GM Chamber continue to report an increase in the number of enquiries relating to Brexit, specifically in relation to advice around export documentation.</p> <p>Anecdotally the key issues remain similar to the last update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing issues relating to import/export documentation</li> <li>• Some businesses are highlighting that Businesses remain confused about additional charges levied on imports/exports of goods</li> </ul> <p>Nationally <u>Delays at the UK/EU border increase as new customs paperwork continues to cause problems (cips.org)</u> Survey of 350 members from the Chartered Institute of</p>	<p><b>Brexit Response</b></p> <p>Business Growth Hub and GM Chamber alongside Work and Skills Team continue to promote comms such as webinars for businesses.</p> <p>This continues to be a challenge as a result of this current lock down.</p> <p>Gov.uk updated information on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Webinars for importers of food and drink products from the EU to Great Britain</u></li> <li>2. Cabinet Office tailored support through its <u>Field Force Support Programme</u> for businesses that trade over £250,000 of goods with the EU offering specialist 1-21 support</li> </ol> <p>The Business Growth Hub is also providing a range of resources for business, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>A Brexit toolkit</u> for businesses (GC)</li> </ul>

	<p>Procurement &amp; Supply (CIPS) reported that 63% have experienced delays of at least 2-3 days getting goods into the UK, up from 38% in a similar survey in January this year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly podcasts on the business support and any changes in the info that may have an impact in SMEs</li> <li>• Monthly blogs on key topics such as EU Settlement Status, retaining EU talent and supply chain issues.</li> <li>• Weekly Brexit news updates</li> <li>• Updates via social media</li> </ul> <p>Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce has also produced information for its members about Brexit, including a Brexit information guide and checklist.<u><a href="#">Read the Chamber's Brexit information guide</a></u></p>
	<p><b><u>Covid Testing for Businesses</u></b> Requiring messaging to businesses in connection with support for onsite testing particularly important as the economy opens.</p>	<p><b><u>Targeted Testing at Scale for Business</u></b> <b><u>Reporting two or more COVID cases in a workplace</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The MCC web pages for businesses have been updated <a href="https://manchester.gov.uk/businessCovidcases">https://manchester.gov.uk/businessCovidcases</a></li> <li>- Comms will advertise the form on social media and via bulletins.</li> <li>- A hard copy of the leaflet is being printed – <a href="#">copy here</a></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Update: Home Testing Kits for Businesses deadline 12 April</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manchester produced comms for businesses planning to re-open and distributed via a range of channels. <a href="#">See attached</a></li> <li>- Advising of the 12th April deadline to register for home testing lateral flow test kits for asymptomatic staff. They can register if they have 10 or more staff.</li> <li>- Comms are looking at doing a leaflet beyond the 12th April that can be printed to hand out to businesses re: testing options but waiting till after 12th April to see if</li> </ul>

		<p>the deadline is extended and if further Government advice is provided.</p> <p>Working with David Regan's team to ensure businesses are directed to support the testing of staff using either local testing centres on to set up testing on their premises.</p> <p>Comms messages promoting Lateral Flow Device Testing have been developed and distributed to key agencies including and through our business bulletin and added into the Business rates booklet.</p> <p>There are two routes to access the testing:  <u>The Government's scheme</u>  Businesses who wish to set up regular rapid testing in at their business premises can sign up to a <a href="#">Government scheme</a> to do their own testing- must register before 31 March to receive free tests up until the end of June.</p> <p>Manchester has set up its own email for businesses who have questions about setting up rapid testing facility onsite <a href="mailto:mft.central.coordinationcentre@nhs.net">mft.central.coordinationcentre@nhs.net</a></p> <p>Employees can still book into our test sites <a href="#">Here</a></p>
	<b>Equalities/ Disadvantaged</b>	<b>Equalities/ Disadvantaged</b>



	<p>Ensure that disadvantaged and underrepresented groups are supported by activity included in Workstreams 1-6. This would include Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups, young people, over 50's, homeless, veterans, survivors of DV&amp;A, ESA claimants, and those experiencing family poverty.</p> <p>Covid has worsened the situation for many already experiencing inequality – the challenge is to ensure support is targeted to reach the communities in most need.</p>	<p>Supporting the Uncertain Futures older women and work project, led by MAG, to include a careers fair in the Autumn. <b>PR campaign to start at the end of May.</b></p> <p>Supporting the appraisal process for round 8 of the ESF 'Step Ahead' grants which seek to support organisations who are ready to reach out by using approaches which tackle the new and emerging barriers arising from the impact of COVID 19, working both remotely and within social distancing requirements, once restrictions are eased.</p> <p>Family Poverty 'sustainable work' workstream focusing on community provision in North Manchester. A task and finish group being formed to develop a network of providers to strengthen access to support and strengthen pathways to employment. (with links to the NMESG)</p>
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<b>Funding</b>	<p>No specific known impacts on current external funding bids caused by C19 as yet. Known bids progressing through funding approval processes as expected.</p> <p>Team in City Policy developing a funding action plan based on C19 recovery and Corporate priorities</p>	<p><b>Levelling Up Fund</b></p> <p>1. Officers are working on round 1 bids ahead of the 18<sup>th</sup> June deadline.</p> <p><b>Community Renewal Fund</b></p> <p>1. Closing date for applications to GMCA is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>2. We are expecting a number of applications from partners in Manchester.</p>
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	Working with City Centre Growth to map funding opportunities through the 2020 Spending Review	
<b>External Influencing &amp; Lobbying</b>	The Government's economic response to C19 has been fast moving and feeding in Manchester's priorities has required a coordinated approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings are ongoing with government and civil servants on various aspects of the levelling up agenda.</li> </ul>

## Manchester City Council Report for Information

**Report to:** Economy Scrutiny Committee – 27 May 2021

**Subject:** Economy Dashboard

**Report of:** Head of Performance, Research & Intelligence

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### Summary

This report provides the most up to date metrics on key aspects of the City's economic recovery.

### Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the dashboard.

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**Wards Affected:** All

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

Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Contribution to the strategy
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	
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.

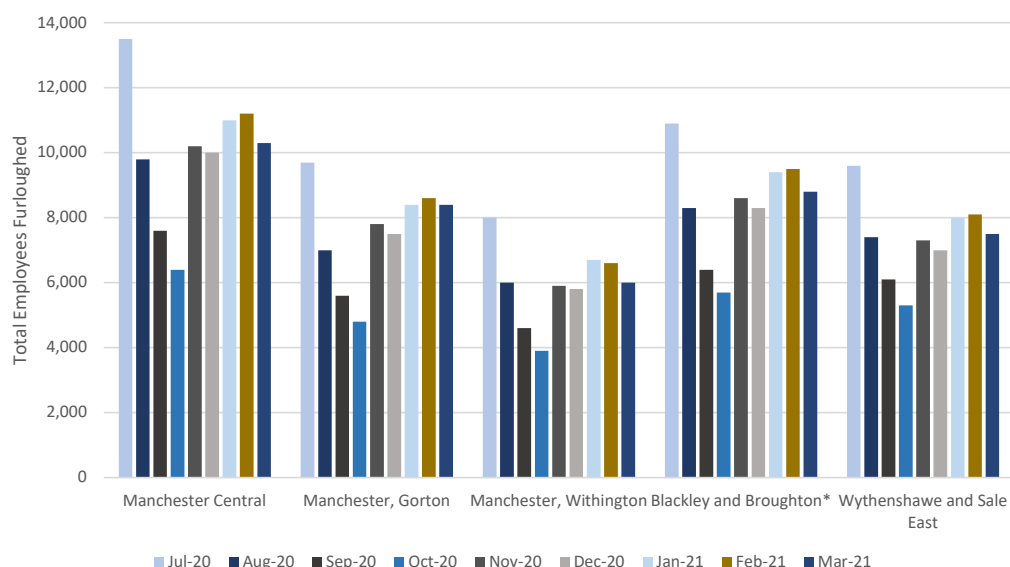
## Manchester's Economic Headlines

1. **The reopening of retail & hospitality led to significant growth in footfall in the city centre**  
Footfall on Market St on 12<sup>th</sup> April increased 193% on the week before and was 20% higher than the equivalent week in 2019
2. **Over 350 licenses have been provided to businesses in Manchester allowing them to increase outdoor seating in line with the latest Covid-19 protocols**
2. **The number of residents on Furlough across Manchester has been decreasing since a winter peak in January – further decreases are expected as the economy opens up**
4. **Recruitment activity (number of job postings) in Manchester has been steadily increasing – particularly since the start of the year- and appears to be returning to pre-pandemic levels**
5. **2020-21 was another record year for housing delivery in Manchester with 4,260 new homes completed across the city – more than any year since 2008**
6. **The sites receiving the second tranche of GM Brownfield Land funding have been announced with three major sites receiving a share Sites include**  
Collyhurst village (1,756 homes, 20% of which will be affordable), Silk Street (69 homes for social rent) and the public realm in the Back of Ancoats Neighbourhood Regeneration Framework
7. **Manchester Life revealed plans for the next phase of the regeneration of Ancoats & New Islington**  
Plans include 3 schemes deliver 225 new homes (incl. over 100 affordable homes) and the Mobility Hub – a shared car & cycle storage facility
8. **Will Lewis from OBI has predicted that the Manchester office market will continue to prosper despite the Covid induced switch to working from home**  
Factors driving this confidence are: Manchester Council's long term economic strategy, high graduate retention, significant rises in business start ups, planned major infrastructure investments & improved connectivity and a push for high quality office developments and refurbishments
9. **Investec has submitted an application for its redevelopment of the Kendal Milne building on Deansgate, planning to bring over 3,000 new jobs to the city**  
Previously occupied by the House of Fraser, plans include over 52,000m<sup>2</sup> of office space and 14,000m<sup>2</sup> for mixed retail and leisure use
10. **UC Covid uplift estimated to have led to an extra £4.816m per month for Manchester residents**  
An extension of the £20 a week uplift to September 2021 was announced as part of the March Budget

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Work & Welfare

Number of residents on Furlough across Manchester has been decreasing since a winter peak in January



Total Manchester Residents on Furlough (March):

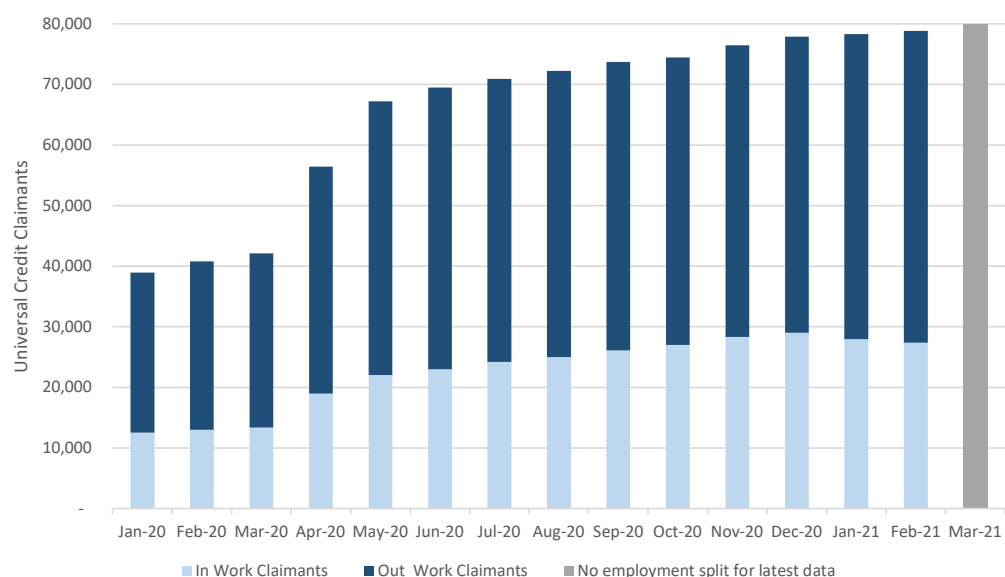
**36,100**

Total Furlough Take-up (Eligible Jobs – February)

**16%**

\*Parts of Blackley & Broughton and Wythenshawe & Sale East are outside the Manchester boundary

UC claimants continue to grow & now exceed 80,000 (an increase of 90% since the start of the pandemic)



Total Universal Credit Claimants (March):

**80,128**

Monthly Change (March)

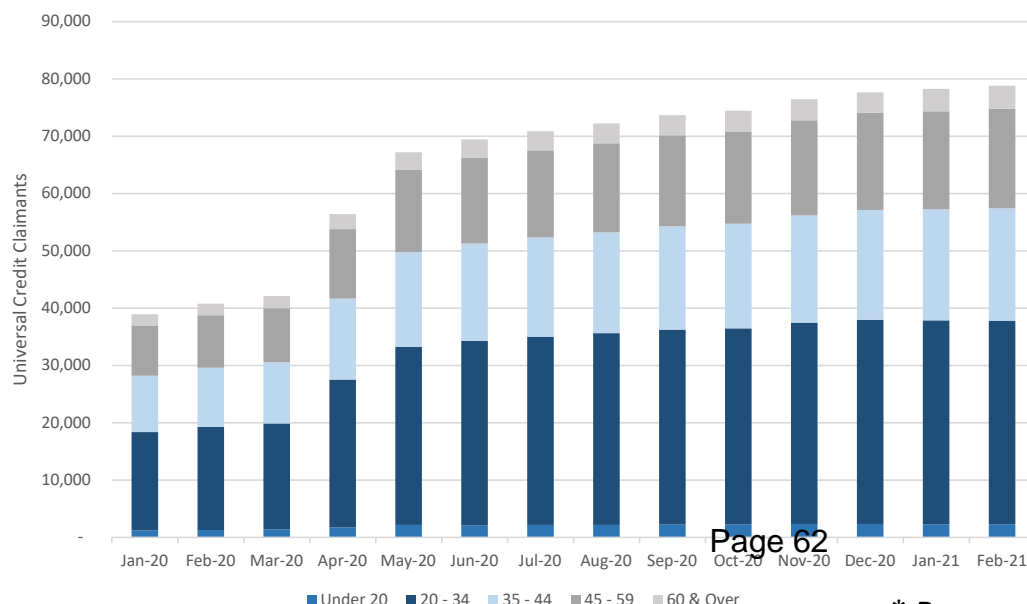
**1.6%**

Out of Work Claimants (Feb)

**51,447 (65%)**

13,109 of which are "not expected to work at present"

UC claimants aged 45+ increased the most between Jan and Feb. Claimants aged 20-34 remained stable



Largest Age Group (Feb)

**20-34 year olds  
(35,560)**

Monthly Change in 20-34 year old claimants

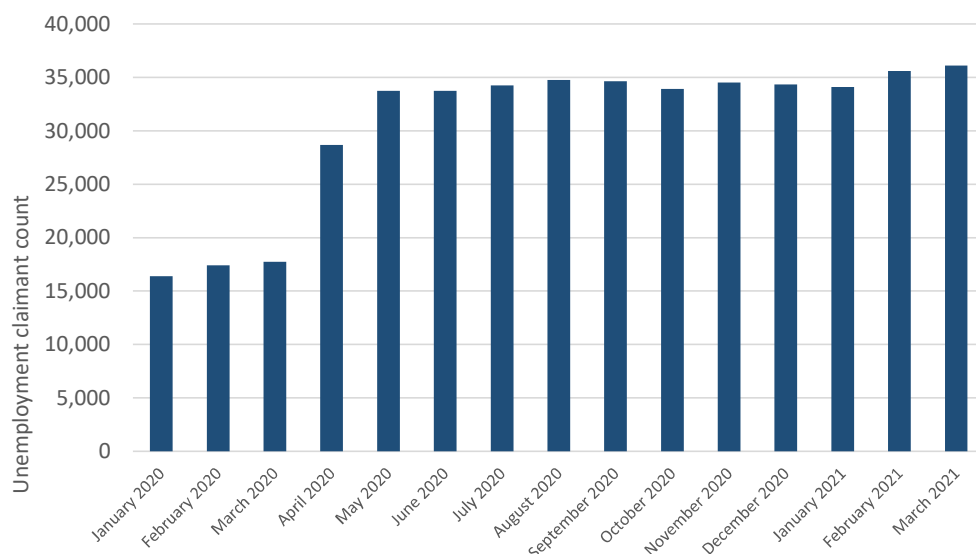
**Stable**

\* Because of health or caring responsibilities

May 2021

Work & Welfare

Claimant count has increased for the 2nd month in a row following a stable period in the later half of 2020



Total Manchester Residents Claiming Unemployment related benefits (March 2021):

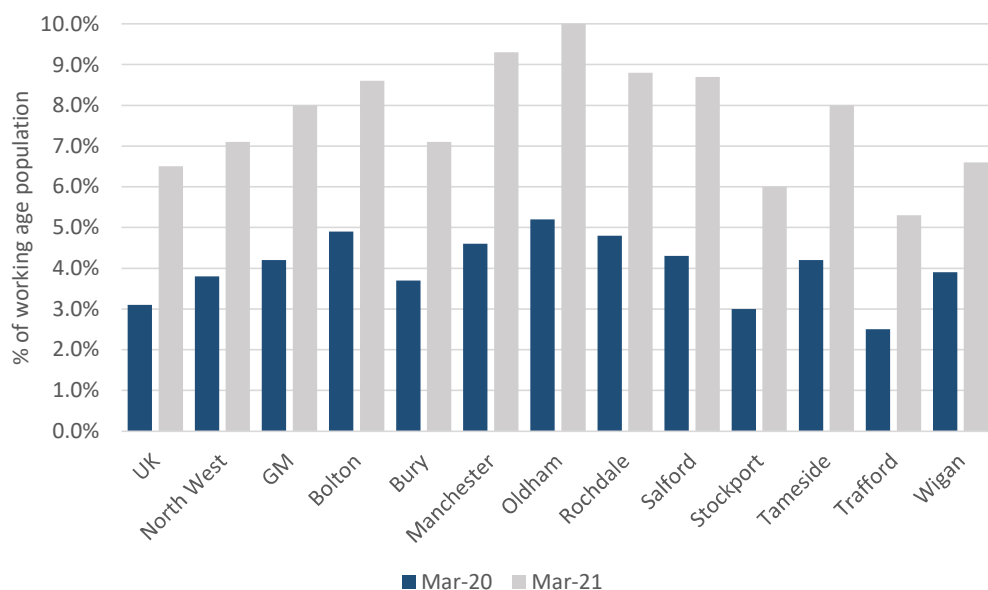
**36,100**

% change in the claimant count (March 2020 – March 2021)

**104%**

The claimant count measures JSA and unemployed UC claimants.

A higher % of Manchester residents are claiming unemployment benefits than across GM or the UK



% of working age population claiming unemployment benefits (March 2021):

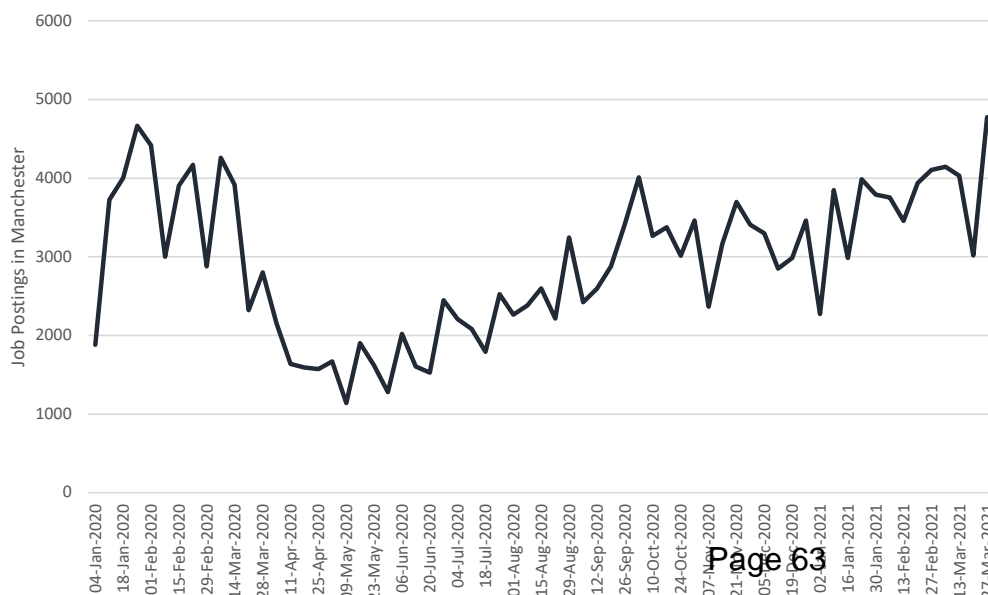
**Manchester - 9.3%**

**GM – 8%**

**North West - 7.1%**

**UK – 6.5%**

Recruitment activity in Manchester has been increasing & appears to be returning to pre-pandemic levels



Job postings per week February 2020 (4 week average)

**3,874**

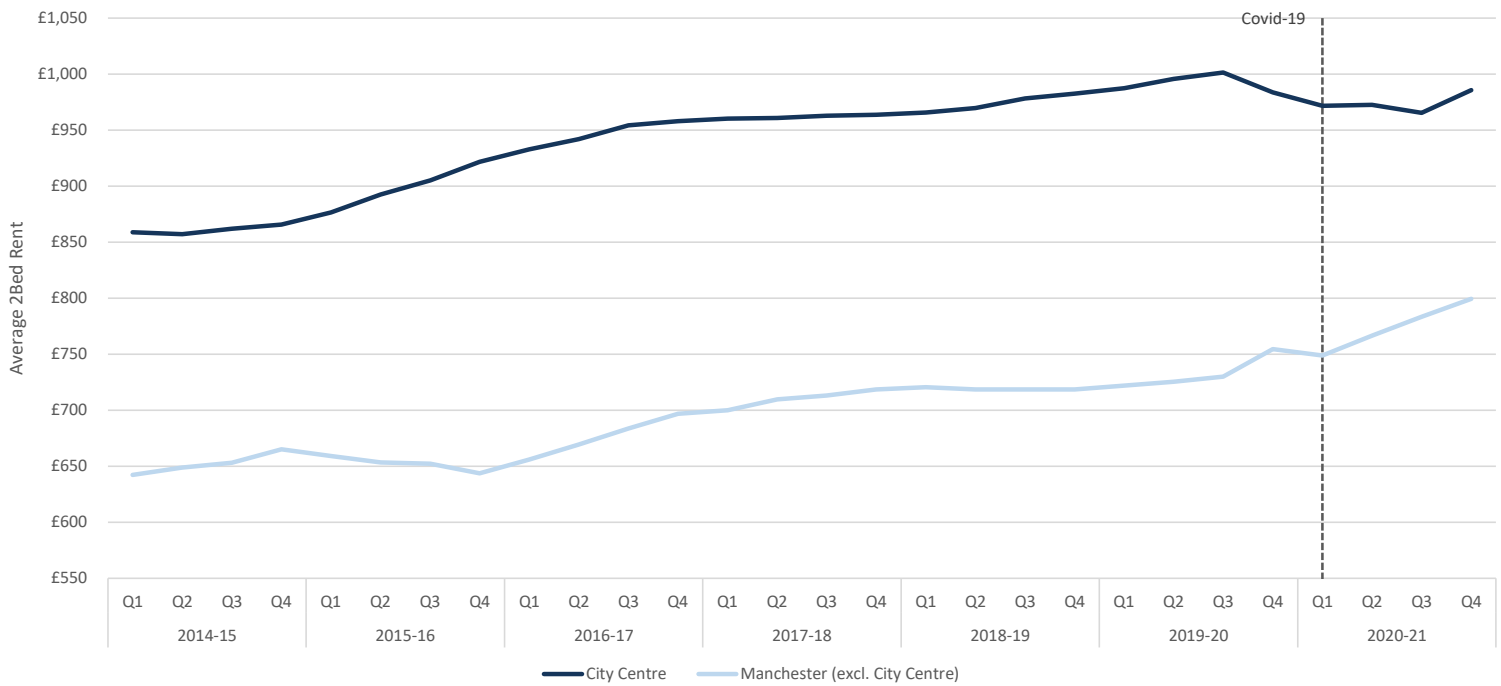
Job postings per week February 2021 (4 week average)

**3,814**

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Residential Property - Rents

## City centre rents recovering to close to pre-Covid levels



City Centre

Rest of City

2Bed Rent

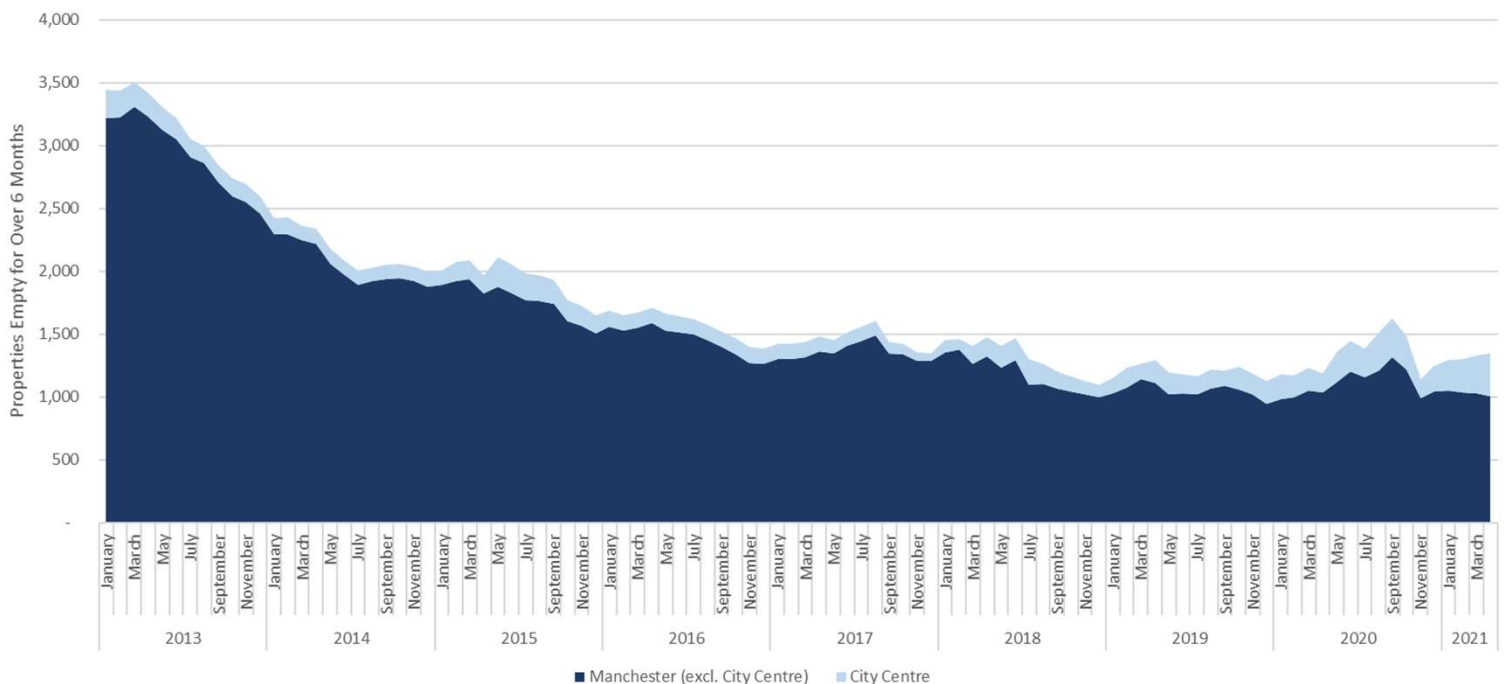
Quarterly Change

2Bed Rent

Quarterly Change

**£986****2.1%****£800****2.0%**

## Long term void rate across the city remains around as low as it's ever been



City Centre Long Term Void Rate

Rest of City Long Term Void Rate

**1.0%**

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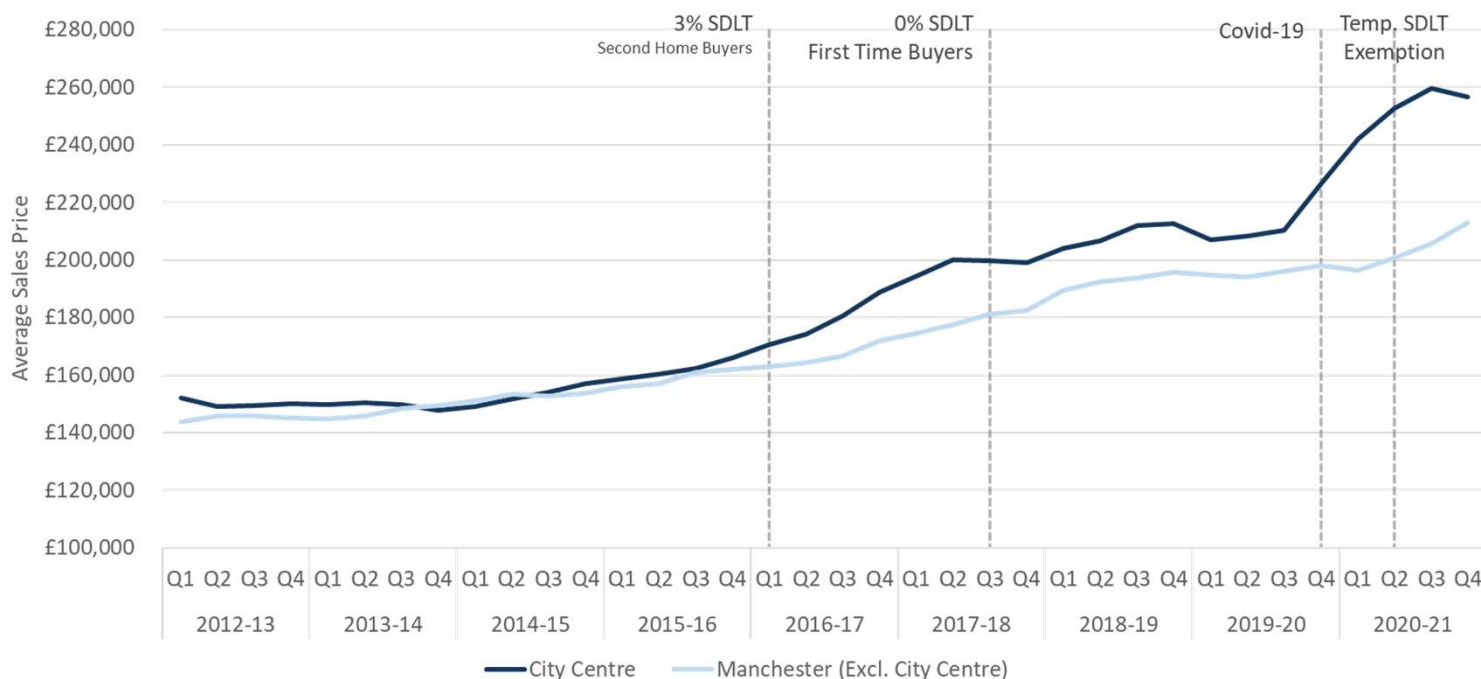
**0.5%**



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Residential Property – Sales

### City centre new build premium driving prices – city centre secondary market not transacting



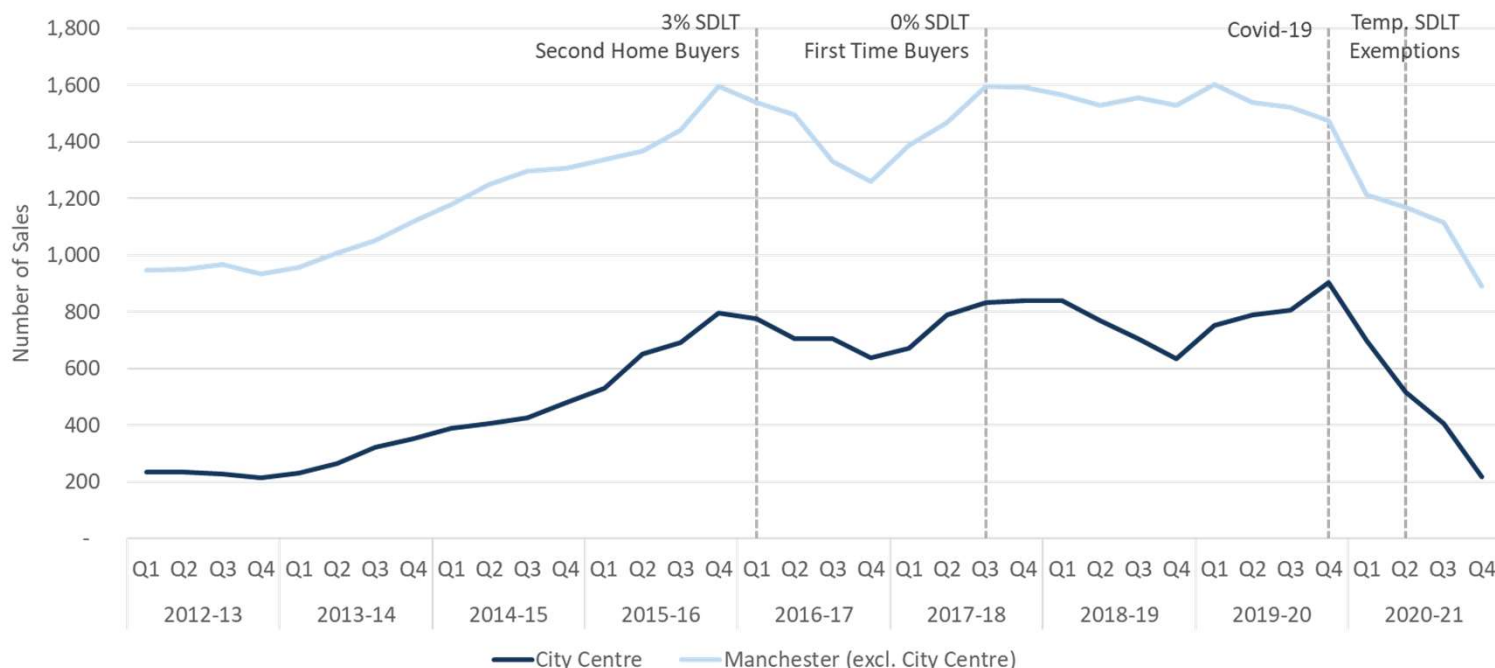
City Centre Average Sales Price

**£256,649**

Manchester (excl. City Centre) Average Sales Price

**£210,090**

### Temporary SDLT reform not making up for economic uncertainty linked to Covid-19 and fire safety issues in the city centre secondary market



City Centre Quarterly Change\*

**-46.2%**

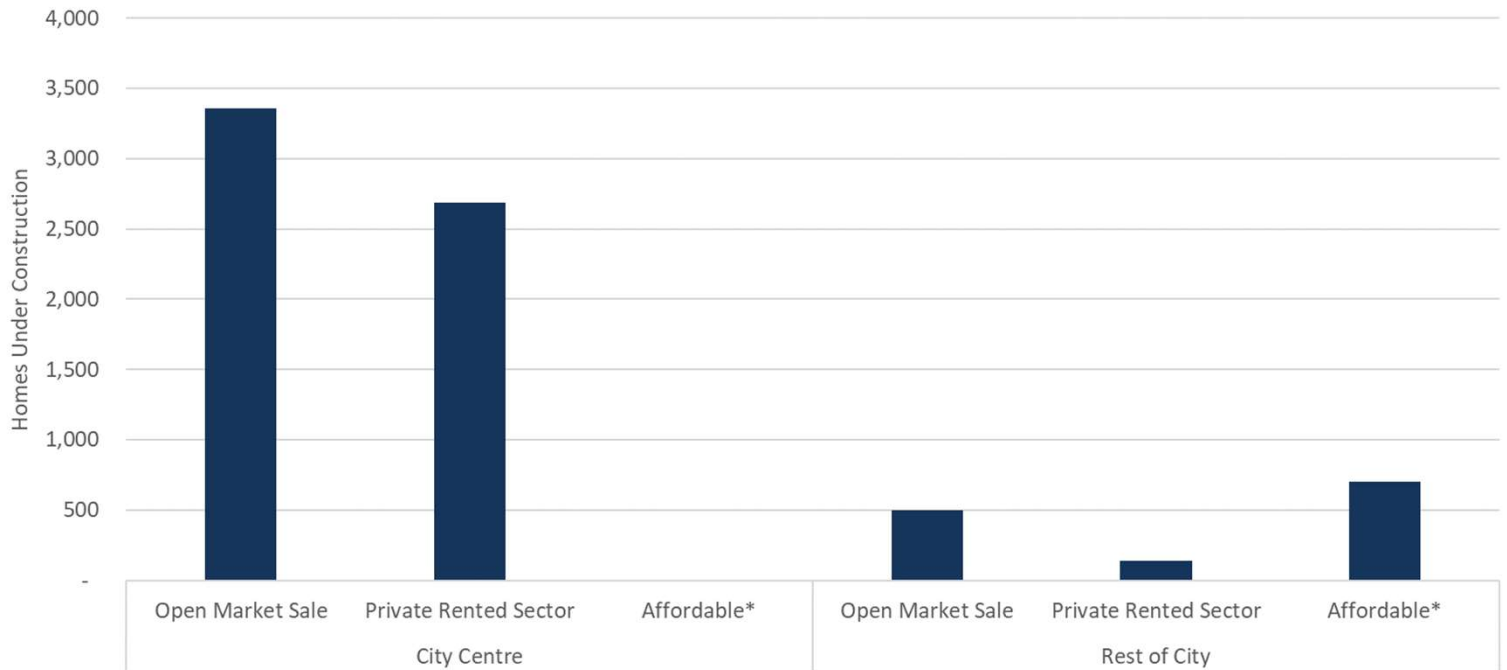
Manchester (excl. City Centre) Quarterly Change\*

**-20%**

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## Residential Property Development

Over 7,300 homes on site across the city - including 702 affordable homes



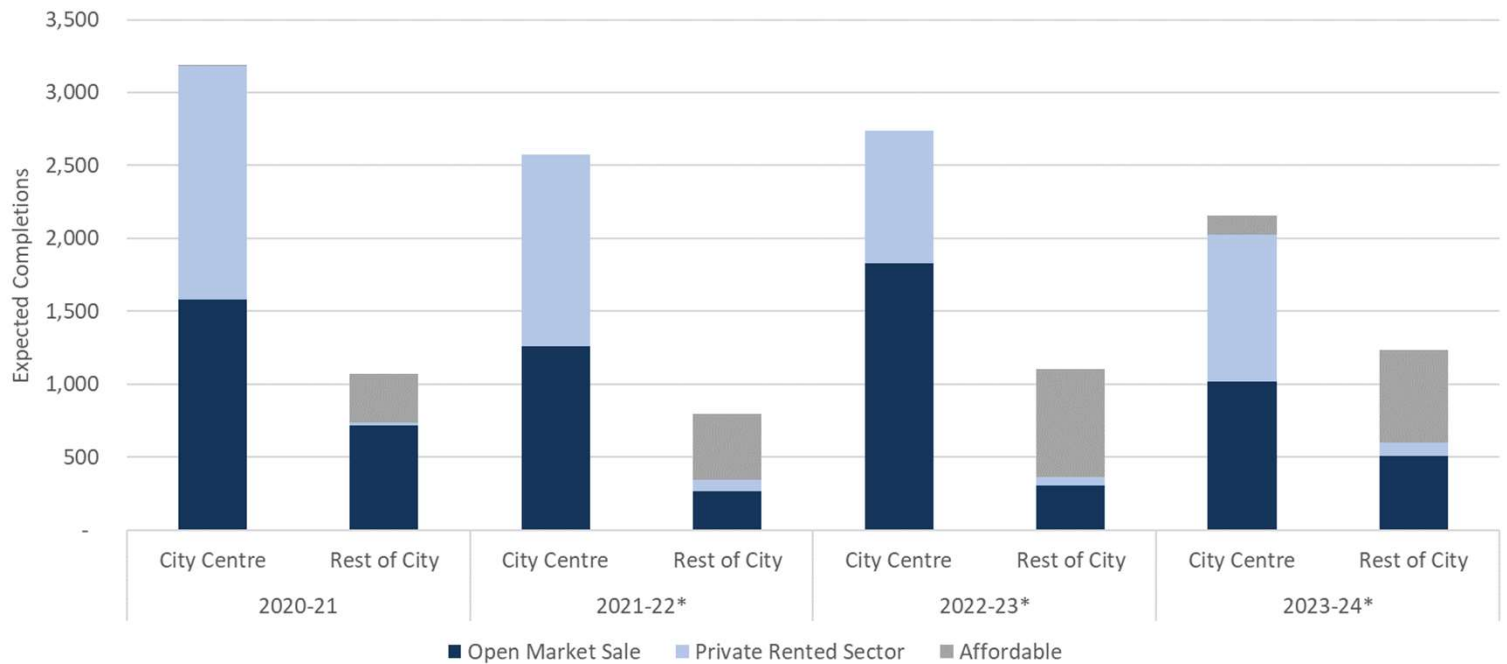
City Centre Homes Under Construction

Rest of City Homes Under Construction

**6,040**

**1,340**

More completions in 2020-21 than any year since 2008 – a further 10,000 expected over the next 3 years



Completions - 2020-21

Expected Completions –  
2021-22

Expected Completions –  
2022-23

Expected Completions –  
2023-24

**4,260**

**3,371**

**3,843**

**3,391**

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Affordable Housing Development

**A minimum of 6,400 affordable to be delivered by 2025 – over 1,900 completed since April 2015 (c.30% of target)**

Manchester Affordable Pipeline (2015-2025)	Social Rent	Affordable Rent	Shared Ownership	Other*	Total
- Affordable Completions - 2015-16	34	87	34	0	155
- Affordable Completions - 2016-17	14	156	84	0	254
- Affordable Completions - 2017-18	20	180	97	0	297
- Affordable Completions - 2018-19	56	136	141	5	338
- Affordable Completions - 2019-20	27	88	131	191	437
- Affordable Completions - 2020-21	141	100	164	41	446
<b>Total Completions - 2015-16 - 2020-21</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>1,927</b>
- Under Construction - Expected Completion 2021-22	229	97	64	2	392
- Under Construction - Expected Completion 2022-23	98	44	81	131	354
- Under Construction - Expected Completion 2023-24	20	3	10	0	33
- Under Construction - Expected Completion 2023-24	49	7	9	0	65
<b>Total Under Construction - Dec 2020-21 - 2022-23</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>844</b>
<b>Total Registered Provider Pipeline - 2020-21 - 2024-25**</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>3,068</b>
<b>Remaining Pipeline***</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,801</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>2,433</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>7,640</b>

\* Includes all Rent to Buy &amp; Discounted Market Rent schemes

\*\* Includes all schemes where a planning application has been submitted / a site identified

\*\*\* Includes all current Phase 1 &amp; Phase 2 Local Development Vehicle sites

Affordable Homes Under Construction

856

Affordable Completions 2020-21

446

Affordable Completions - 2020-21

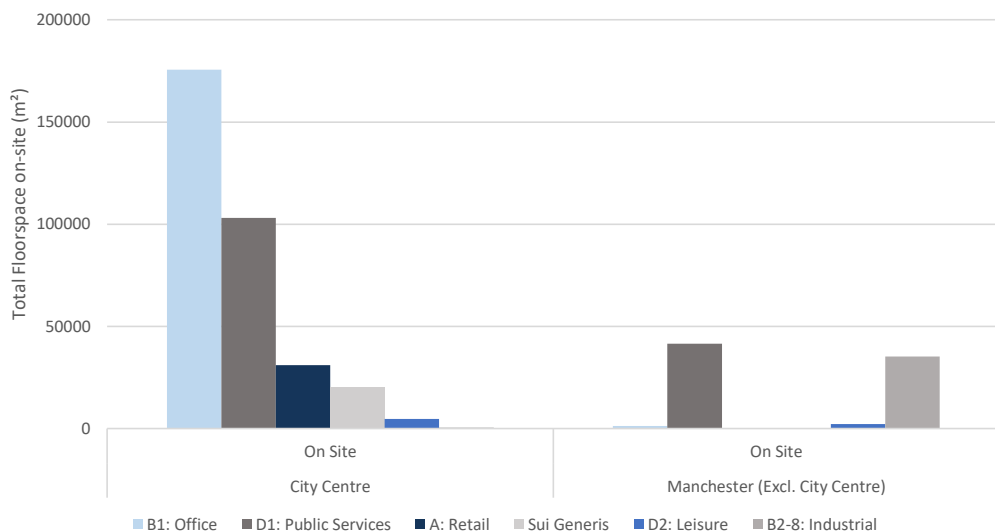
				Product				Total
Site	Ward	Registered Provider	Funding	Social Rent	Affordable Rent	Shared Ownership	Other*	
MEA School Fields	Woodhouse Park	WCHG	SOAHP 16-21			84	38	122
Former Stagecoach Bus Depot	Whalley Range	Mosscares St Vincents	SOAHP 16-21	72		30		102
Brunswick PFI	Ardwick	S4B	PFI	60				60
Dermot Murphy Close	Old Moat	Southway	SOAHP 16-21		33	21		54
Monsall Rd / Emmett St	Harpurhey	Adactus	SOAHP 16-21		18			18
St John Fisher & Thomas More Church Site	Sharston	WCHG	SOAHP 16-21		18			18
Amberley Drive	Baguley	YHG				16		16
69 Palatine Road	Didsbury West	DePaul Housing	SOAHP 16-21		11			11
Dalbeattie Street	Harpurhey	Mosscares St Vincents	SOAHP 16-21		10			10
Atlas Place	Levenshulme	One Manchester				3	3	6
Gathurst Street	Gorton	One Manchester		6				6
West Gorton Masterplan	Ardwick	Haylo Housing	SOAHP 16-21			5		5
Goodwood Lodge	Whalley Range	Johnnie Johnson			5			5
Carruthers St / Piercy St	Ancoats & Beswick	Great Places				4		4
Tarnside House	Crumpsall	Guinness NC	SOAHP 16-21	2				2
Western Street	Gorton & Abbey Hey	One Manchester	SOAHP 16-21		2			2
Shillingford Road	Gorton & Abbey Hey	One Manchester	SOAHP 16-21			1		1
Burford Road	Whalley Range	One Manchester	SOAHP 16-21		1			1
15 Constable Street	Gorton & Abbey Hey	One Manchester	SOAHP 16-21		1			1
St George's Court	Hulme	One Manchester			1			1
Chigwell Close	Northenden	WCHG	SOAHP 16-21	1				1
				<b>141</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>446</b>

\* Includes all Rent to Buy / Discounted Market Rent schemes

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## Commercial Property Development

**175,000m<sup>2</sup> of office space is currently on-site in the city centre**



Total Office Space Under Construction

**177,000m<sup>2</sup>**

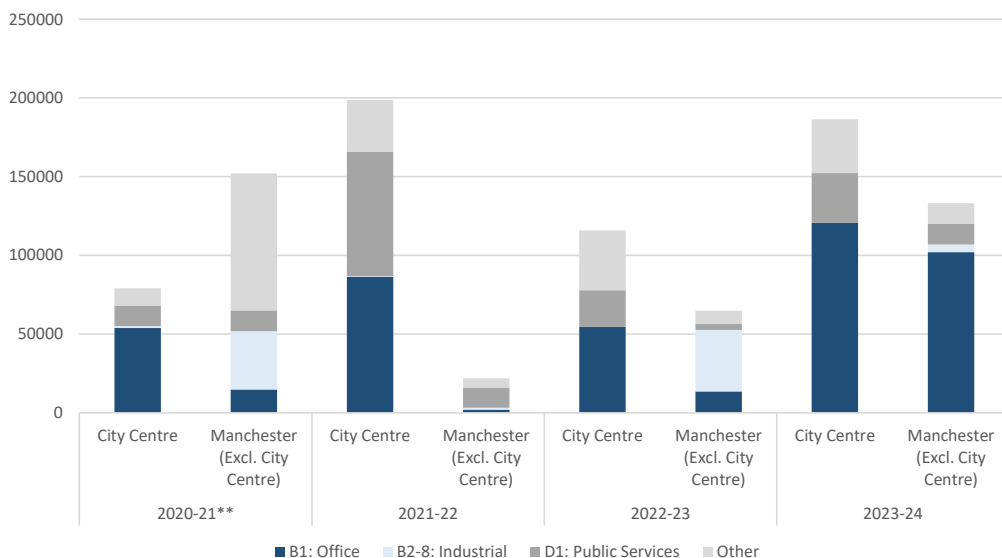
Expected City Centre Office Space Completions 2021-22 – 2023-24

**262,000m<sup>2</sup>**

Expected Rest of City Office Completions 2021-22 – 2023-24

**118,000m<sup>2</sup>**

**Commercial Developments – Completions (2020-21) & Expected Completions (2021-22 – 2023-24)\***



Total Completions\* (2020-21)

**240,000m<sup>2</sup>**

Expected City Centre Completions (2021-22 – 2023-24)

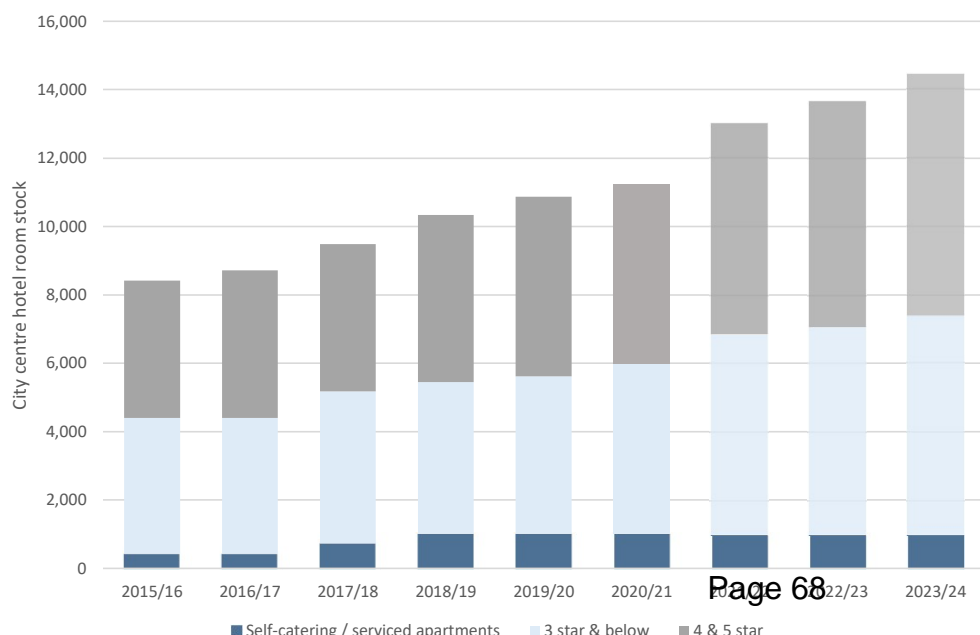
**503,000m<sup>2</sup>**

Expected Rest of City Completions (2021-22 – 2023-24)

**221,000m<sup>2</sup>**

**3,192 new hotel rooms in the city centre by 2023/24**

*Creating significant challenges for occupancy rates to recover*



City Centre Hotel Room Completions (2020-21)

**379**

COVID-19 significantly delayed the completion of a number of hotels over the last 12 months - now expected to complete in 2021-22

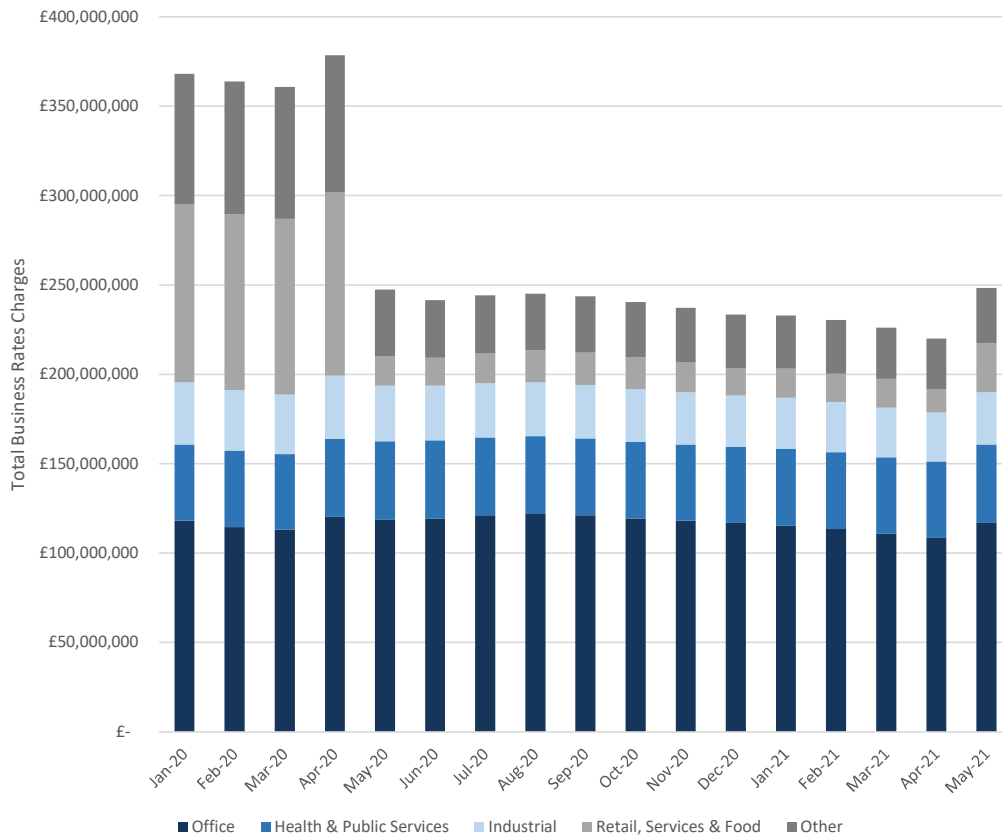
City Centre Hotel Rooms Under Construction

**2,397**

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Business & Business Rates

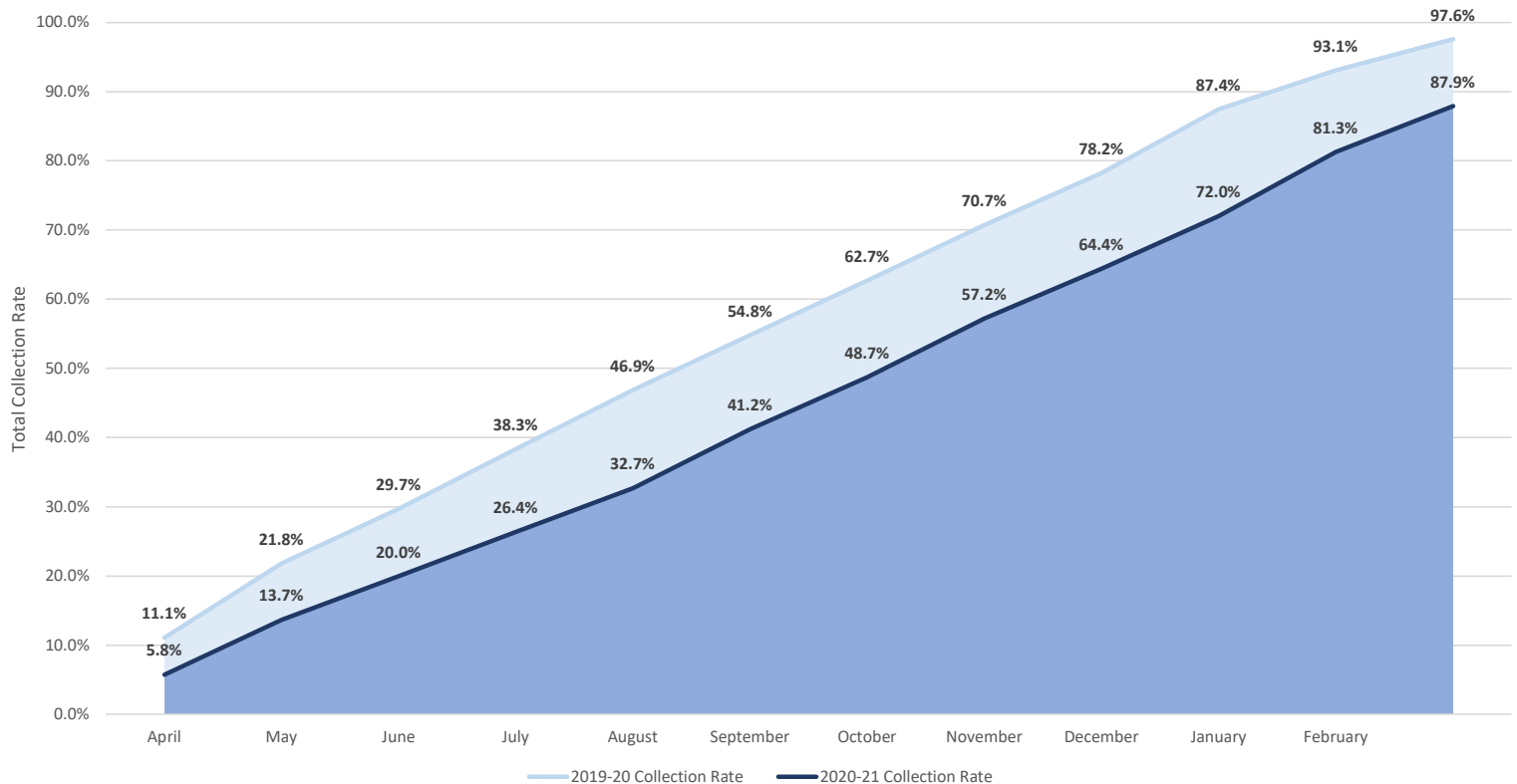
Total business rates charged increased by £28m between April & May – however this is still well below pre-COVID levels



Total Annual Business Rates Charged (May):

**£248m**

Business rates collection rate c.10pp below last year



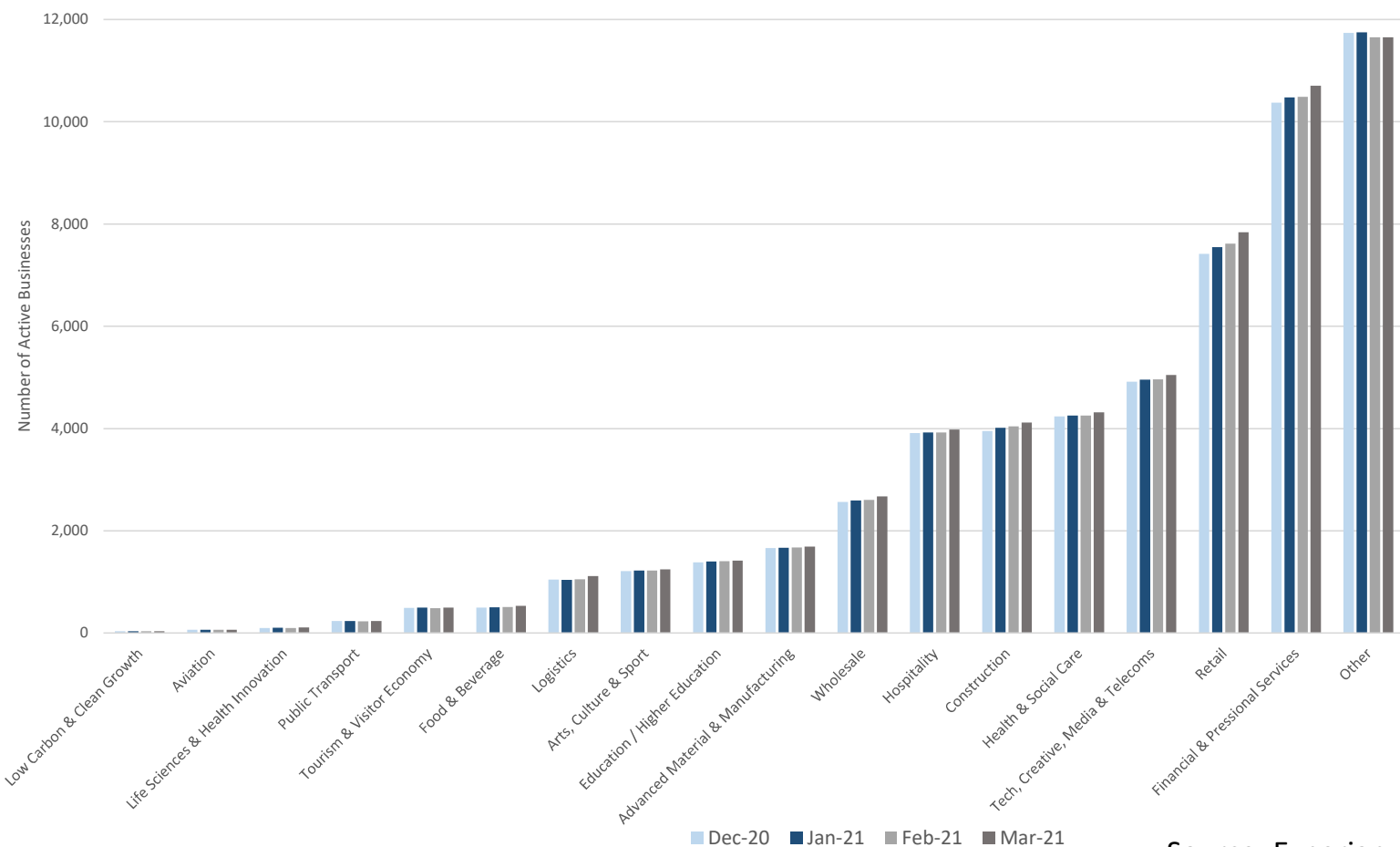
Total Collection Rate 2020-21 (March):

**87.9%**

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## Business & Business Rates

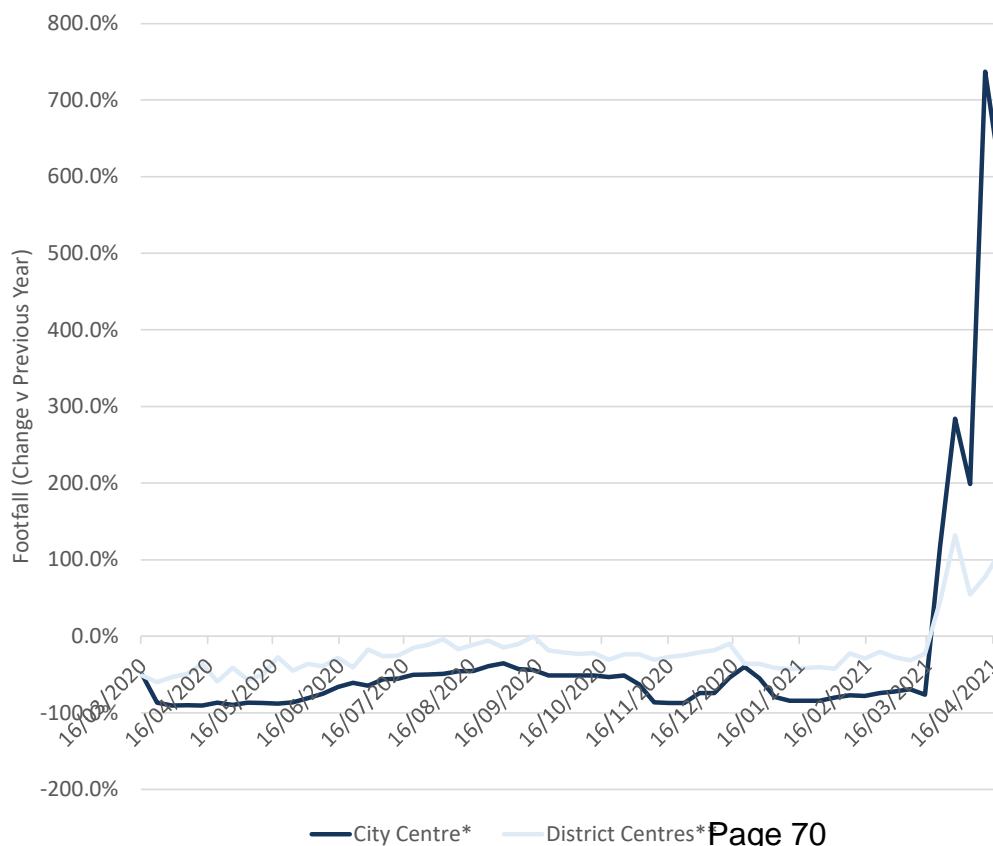
**Number of active businesses in the city continues to increase with a monthly rise of 1.7%**



Source: Experian

\*Work is underway to improve sectoral breakdown (and reduce the number of businesses categorised as "other")

**Footfall has increased radically since re-opening of hospitality & non-essential retail**



City Centre Footfall – Change v 2020 (w/s 19 April):

**601%**

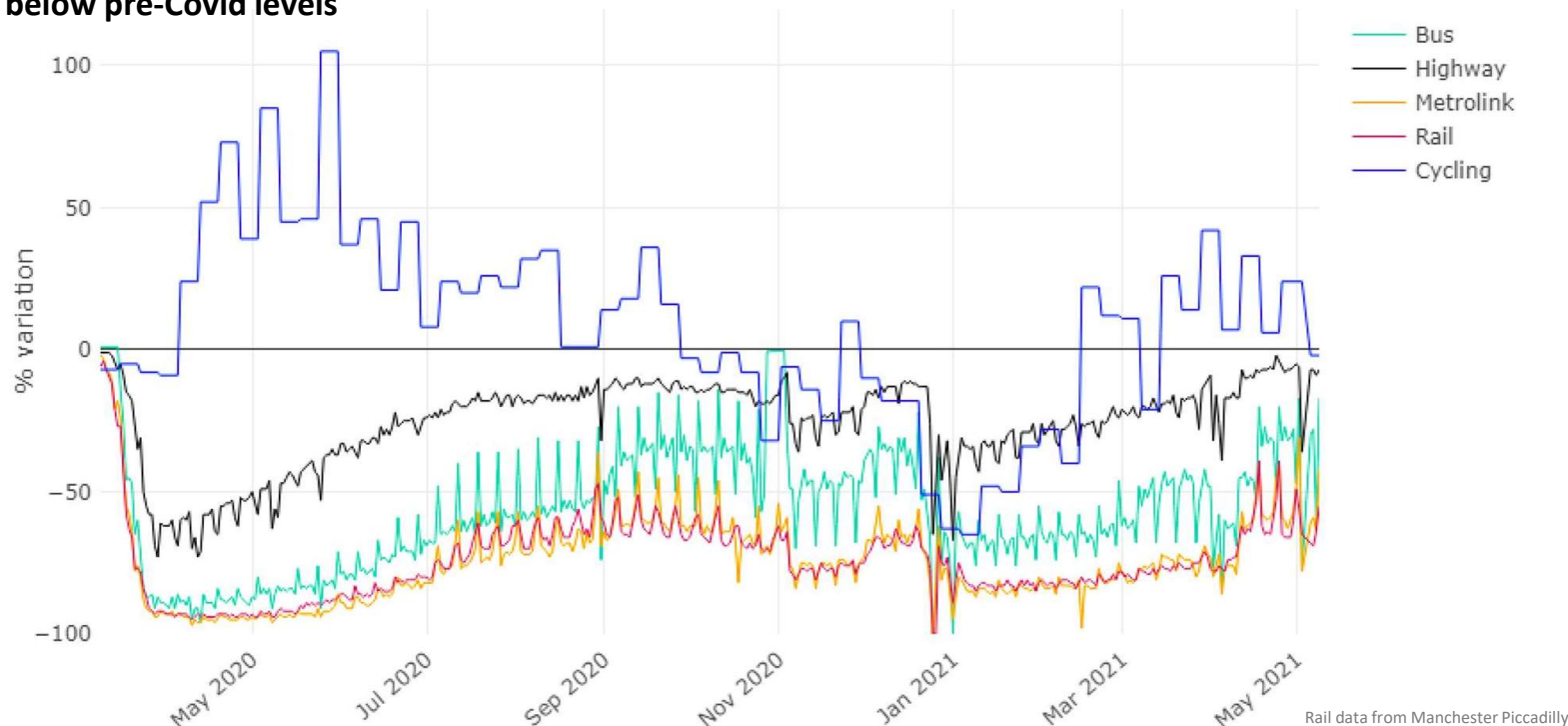
District Centres Footfall – Change v 2020 (w/s 19 April):

**111%**

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Transport & Visitor Economy

Public transport use is showing signs of recovering following the re-opening of economy but remains below pre-Covid levels



Current Position Compared to Pre-Lockdown Baseline

Cycling (25 April)

**6%**

Highways (25 April)

**-4%**

Bus (25 April)

**-20%**

Metrolink (25 April)

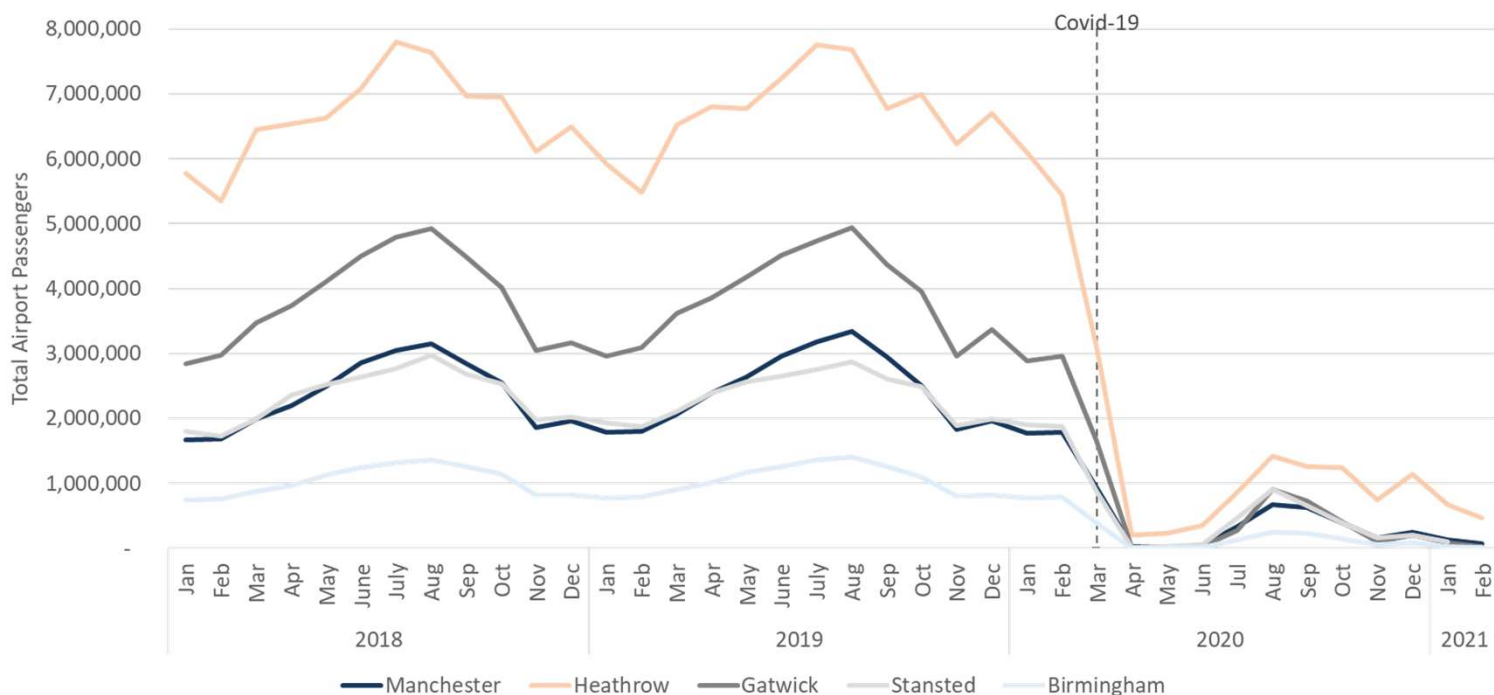
**-40%**

Rail (25 April)

**-39%**

Airport passenger numbers showing no signs of recovery

Impact of 3<sup>rd</sup> lockdown evident but marginally less severe than the 1<sup>st</sup> lockdown



Manchester Airport Passengers  
(March)

**94,577**

Monthly Change

**21.1%**

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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Economy Scrutiny Committee – 27 May 2021

**Subject:** Overview Report

**Report of:** Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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**Summary**

This report provides the following information:

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

**Recommendation**

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

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**Wards Affected:** All

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**Background documents (available for public inspection):**

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

None

## 1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

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

Items highlighted in grey have been actioned and will be removed from future reports.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Response	Contact Officer
10 Oct 2018	ESC/18/45 Gap analysis of the City's Bus network service	To request information including a summary of data that has been used to date to underpin current findings, including information on frequencies of services and services that have been removed or reduced in the last three years.	A future report on the GM 2040 Transport Strategy and the City Centre Transport Strategy will include bus usage in and across the city	Pat Bartoli

## 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 **11 May 2021**, 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.

Development and Growth					
<b>Brownfield Land Register Update 2019 2019/03/01D</b>  To publish Manchester's Brownfield Land Register.	Deputy Chief Executive, Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 29th Mar 2019		Report and Recommendation	Richard Elliott, Head of Policy, Partnership and Research r.elliott@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Delivering Manchester's Affordable Homes to 2025 - Establishment of Strategic Partnership with Homes England (2019/09/05A)</b>  To negotiate and formalise a Strategic Partnership with Homes England to enable the delivery of Manchester Affordable Homes to 2025	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 4th Oct 2019	In consultation with the Executive Members for Housing and Regeneration and Finance and HR	Report and Recommendation	Steve Sheen s.sheen@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Delivering Manchester's Affordable Homes to 2025 - Disposal of sites (2019/09/05B)</b>  To agree the disposal of sites in Council ownership for the provision of	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 4th Oct 2019	In consultation with Strategic Director (Growth and Development) and Executive Members for Housing and	Report and Recommendations	Steve Sheen s.sheen@manchester.gov.uk

affordable homes			Regeneration and Finance and HR		
<b>Delivering Manchester's Affordable Homes to 2025 - Establishment of Partnership arrangements with Registered Providers (2019/09/05C)</b>  To establish partnership arrangements with Registered Providers together with their partners/consortium for defined areas in the North, Central, South and Wythenshawe areas of the City.	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 4th Oct 2019	In consultation with City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive) and the Executive Members for Housing and Regeneration and Finance and HR	Report and recommendation	Steve Sheen s.sheen@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Delivering Manchester's Affordable Homes to 2025 -Agreement of legal terms (2019/09/05D)</b>  To enter into and complete all necessary legal documents and agreements to give effect to delivering Manchester's Affordable Homes to 2025	City Solicitor	Not before 4th Oct 2019		Report and recommendations	Fiona Ledden, City Solicitor fiona.ledden@manchester.gov.uk

<b>Buying back former Council properties - Policy approval (2019/09/05E)</b>  To approve a policy for the Council to buying back properties which have been sold under the Right to Buy to increase the amount of social housing and to reduce the number of former Council properties entering the private rented sector.	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 4th Oct 2019	In consultation with the City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive) and the Executive Members for Housing and Regeneration and Finance and HR, following consultation with local Ward Members.	Report and Recommendation	Martin Oldfield m.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Buying back former Council properties - Setting of purchase prices (2019/09/05F)</b>  To agree purchase prices and make any necessary arrangements to purchase properties in line with the policy	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 4th Oct 2019	In consultation with City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive) and the Executive Members for Housing and Regeneration and Finance and HR	Report and recommendation	Martin Oldfield m.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Heron House General Letting Consent (2019/11/25A)</b>  To agree to the disposal by	Chief Executive	Not before 24th Dec 2019		Briefing Note & Heads of Terms	Mike Robertson m.robertson@manchester.gov.uk

Leasehold of office accommodation at Heron House.					
<b>Purpose Built Student Accommodation in Manchester (2020/05/28F)</b>  To agree an approach to Purpose Built Student Accommodation, following a consultation exercise with key stakeholders, to help to guide the decision making process in advance of the review of the core strategy, and request that the Planning and Highways Committee (or agreed interim procedure of planning determination by the Chief Executive) take this into material consideration until the core strategy has been reviewed.	Executive	3 Jul 2020		Report and Recommendation	Dave Roscoe d.roscoe@manchester.gov.uk, Pat Bartoli p.bartoli@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 and Our Five-Year Delivery Plan - Manchester Local Implementation Plan (2020/11/05A)</b>  To adopt and publish the	Executive	9 Dec 2020		Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 Our Five-Year Delivery Plan Manchester Local Implementation Plan	Duncan McCorquodale duncan.mccorquodale@manchester.gov.uk

Local Implementation Plan for Manchester that forms an appendix to Our Five-Year Delivery Plan.					
<b>Establishment of a Joint Committee for approval of a Joint Development Plan document (2021/02/03C)</b>  Establishment of a Joint Committee to prepare a joint development plan document on behalf of the nine constituent districts.	Executive	17 Mar 2021		Report to Executive	Duncan McCorquodale duncan.mccorquodale@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Use of the Housing Affordability Fund (2021/0208A)</b>  To approve the use of up to £2m of the Housing Affordability Fund to support Registered Providers to purchase properties for affordable rent.	Executive	2 Jun 2021		Report and recommendation	Martin Oldfield m.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Disposal of land at Jersey Street (Eliza Yard), Back of Ancoats, Manchester. (2021/02/26A)</b>  Approval to the terms for the granting of a 999 year lease to Manchester Life for the development of the site	Chief Executive	Not before 27th Mar 2021		Report to the Chief Executive and Strategic Director of Growth and Development	David Norbury david.norbury@manchester.gov.uk

for residential purposes.					
<b>Land at Grimshaw Lane/ Ten Acres Lane (2021/03/04A)</b>  To dispose of land under a long lease to Canmoor in order to facilitate the development of warehousing and industrial space on the Council owned land and land in Canmoor's ownership	Chief Executive	Not before 1st May 2021		Briefing note,site and scheme plans	Gill Boyle g.boyle@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Disposal of land at Russell Road, Whalley Range, Manchester (former site of the Spire Hospital) (2021/05/04B)</b>  Approval to the terms for the granting of a 250 year lease to Anchor Hanover Group for the development of the site for residential purposes.	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 15th Jun 2021		Report to the Chief Executive and Strategic Director of Growth and Development	Mike Robertson m.robertson@manchester.gov.u k
<b>Disposal of site of former Chorlton Leisure Centre for residential development (21/05/13A)</b>  Approval to the terms for the leasehold disposal of	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 13th Jun 2021		Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development	Mike Robertson m.robertson@manchester.gov.u k



the site of the former Chorlton Leisure Centre for residential development.					
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### 3 Economy Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – May 2021

Thursday 27 May 2021, 2.00pm (Report deadline Monday 17 May 2021)				
				Comments
Economy COVID19 Sit Rep Report	To receive the most up to date Economy COVID19 Sit Rep report that details how the Council and the city is progressing with the recovery phase of COVID19 against the areas within the remit of this Committee.	Cllr Leese (Leader)	David Houlston Angela Harrington Pat Bartoli Ruth Ashworth	
Economy Dashboard 2019/20 – Introduction to new Members	To receive the most up to date Quarterly Economy Dashboard for 2021/22 and discuss the metrics most useful to provide real time data on key aspects of the City's economic recovery to enable Committee monitor progress	N/A	Paul Holme Lewis Smith	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	N/A	Scrutiny Support	
Annual Work Programming Session	The Committee will receive presentations from Directors on upcoming issues and challenges within the Committee's remit, following which Members will determine the work programme for the forthcoming year.	Leader  Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration	Pat Bartoli Angela Harrington	This part of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Themes identified at the Committee's 2020/21 Work Programme setting meeting (Items highlighted in grey indicate that these have been included in the work plan of one of the above meetings)	
Theme	Tentative Date of meeting
<b>Manchester Airport</b>  To include information on addressing the economic recovery of the Airport whilst tackling the Climate Emergency.	Post Nov 2020

Previous Items identified by the Committee to be scheduled				
Theme – Strategic Regeneration				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Northern Gateway	To receive an update on the progress and outline anticipated wider social and economic benefits to North Manchester from the development that has been made with the Northern Gateway since the last time it was considered by the Committee.	Cllr Leese (Leader)  Cllr Richards (Exec Member for Housing and Regeneration)	Louise Wyman Ian Slater	

Theme – Transport and Connectivity				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Bus Franchising update	To receive an update on the Greater Manchester Mayors proposals to franchise the regions bus service impact this will have on the city's economy.	Cllr Leese	Pat Bartoli	
Theme - Skills development for Manchester residents aged 16 and over.				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Higher Education provision and its impact on the City's economy	To be determined.	Cllr Rahman (Exec Member Skills Culture and Leisure)	Angela Harrington	
Theme – Growing the Manchester Economy				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Business Survival rates and the impact on the economy	To receive a report that details the survival rate of new start up business within the city and the economic impact to the city when these businesses fail	Councillor Leese	Mark Hughes (The Growth Company) Louise Wyman Pat Bartoli Angela Harrington	

Theme - Miscellaneous				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments

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