



## **Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Thursday, 24 June 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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**Councillors** - Appleby, Butt, Chohan, Flanagan, Foley, Hassan, Holt, Hughes, Igbon (Chair), Jeavons, Lynch, Lyons, Razaq, Sadler, Shilton Godwin and Wright

## 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**

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**4. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2021.

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This report provides an overview of Manchester's Park Strategy and the considerations for the Parks Service following the ongoing impacts of the global pandemic. The report sets out the focus for the service over the next 6 months and outlines how momentum is being maintained on the delivery of the strategic themes despite the significant financial challenges caused by a reduction in permitted activity and trading

**6. Introduction to the Neighbourhood Climate Change Officers**  
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The report summarises progress since the 3 Climate Neighbourhood Officers were appointed in March and April 2021, how they are approaching their roles and initial areas which they have identified for development.

**7. Overview Report**

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This report includes a summary of key decisions that are within the Committee's remit as well as 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 or agree as appropriate.

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## Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee

### Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2021

#### Present:

Councillor Igbon – in the Chair  
Councillors Appleby, Butt, Flanagan, Foley, Hassan, Holt, Jeavons, Lynch, Razaq, Sadler, Shilton Godwin and Wright

**Apologies:** Councillor Hughes and Lyons

#### Also present:

Councillor Rawlins, Executive Member for Environment  
Councillor Akbar, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods  
Jonny Sadler, Deputy Director, Manchester Climate Change Agency  
Tom Flanagan, Interim Director, Manchester Climate Change Agency  
Mike Wilton, Chair of the Climate Change Partnership

### **ECCSC/21/01            Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25: latest progress and priorities 2021/22+**

The Committee considered the report and accompanying presentation of the Chair, Manchester Climate Change Partnership and the Deputy Director, Manchester Climate Change Agency that provided an overview of progress against the Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25 and priorities for 2021/22+.

The main points and themes within the report included: -

- Providing an introduction and background to the Our Manchester Strategy, the Manchester Climate Change Partnership and the Manchester Climate Change Agency;
- An overview of the Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25 and its four headline objectives and six priority areas for action;
- An overview of citywide progress 2019/20, noting that the latest report was published in July 2020;
- Providing an overview of the Partnership and Agency Progress Summary 2020/21; and
- Describing the various Partnership and Agency Priorities 2021/22+.

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

- Regular progress reports were required to enable the Committee to scrutinise progress against the ambitions to reduce emissions;
- Need to discuss climate change in the context of social justice and ensure that all communications supported the climate change agenda;
- Any communication strategy needed to be appropriate to maximise its reach and influence to all the diverse communities in Manchester;
- The need to articulate the urgency of this issue and that immediate action was required;

- Communities and young people needed to be supported to mobilise and take appropriate actions to tackle climate change;
- The importance of engaging with all communities and stakeholders on this important issue so that a collective response could be delivered;
- The need for the Council to use all levers and spheres of influence to prioritise climate change, including planning policy and enforcement;
- All information that was available to the public, including that available on the Council's website needed to be reviewed regularly to ensure it was accurate and current;
- Education and engagement with young people on the issue of climate change was key; and
- To recognise the need for meaningful and appropriate engagement with residents and communities, noting that those experiencing economic hardships might not prioritise climate change and the options and choices available to them could be limited.

In response to the comments raised by the Committee, the Deputy Director, Manchester Climate Change Agency advised that regular progress reports could be submitted for consideration, subject to the availability of data. However, he stated that as the team was relatively small there was a need to ensure the correct balance was drawn to ensure that they continued to deliver and progress actions. The Chair of the Climate Change Partnership stated that bimonthly RAG rating reports were produced against identified actions and these could be shared with the Committee for information. The Committee welcomed this suggestion.

The Chair of the Climate Change Partnership further commented that the focus on 2025 as a target date ensured that this remained an immediate issue and kept a focus on this important agenda.

The Deputy Director, Manchester Climate Change Agency, stated that he welcomed the role of scrutiny and commented that it provided an opportunity to engage with Members and encouraged them to use their existing knowledge of community groups and networks to drive and support activities and initiatives around this agenda. He further stated that he acknowledged and agreed with all of the comments made regarding communications. He further commented that he acknowledged the comments raised regarding the link between climate change and social justice, stating that work around this issue would be progressed.

The Deputy Director, Manchester Climate Change Agency, stated that the partnership model that had been developed in Manchester was recognised as good practice both nationally and internationally, in particular, he advised, the work to support the Manchester Climate Change Youth Board, whose Manifesto was to be launched in June 2021.

He stated that this partnership approach allowed for honest and constructive challenge to develop and articulate a collective response with a shared responsibility across the city.

The Strategic Director Neighbourhoods stated that it was important to recognise that it was a shared, partnership responsibility to deliver the climate change agenda,

noting that the Council was one of many partners and the Council was responsible for less than 4% of the city's overall direct emissions. She commented that the investment had been made in Climate Change Officers, whose role would be to support the local Neighbourhood Teams with climate change activities.

The Executive Member for Neighbourhoods further commented that the Neighbourhood Teams, in consultation with the local Members and Neighbourhood Managers, were encouraged to develop Ward Climate Change Plans.

The Chair of the Climate Change Partnership commented that work was always underway to engage and expand the partnership, stating that Age Friendly Manchester were currently in discussions to join. He reiterated the point that it was not the role of one organisation to tackle climate change, but rather a collective responsibility.

The Deputy Director, Manchester Climate Change Agency, acknowledged the comments made regarding the challenges when engaging with residents and he made reference to the Zero Carbon Communities Programme that was being piloted across six communities to deliver and support climate change activities. He added that this work would be a key feature of the 2.0 Framework Consultation and he would welcome all Members' input into that consultation to understand further the barriers experienced. He further commented that planning policy could be used to influence climate change and he made reference to a recent scheme to manage water that had been delivered in West Gorton as a good example.

The Chair thanked the invited guests for attending the meeting and delivering their presentation. She stated that it was everyone's personal responsibility to take action to tackle climate change and she paid tribute to the officers working in partnership in her ward to support and encourage her local community on this important issue. She stated that this and similar examples of good practice should be shared across all wards.

## **Decisions**

The Committee recommend;

1. That all relevant information and data is shared with the Committee at the appropriate time, including the Climate Change Partnership bimonthly RAG rating against actions;
2. That information relating to good practice and climate change is shared across all Neighbourhood Teams; and
3. That the Chair discuss with the Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee the options for ensuring that climate change and young people was adequately addressed through the scrutiny process.

## **ECCSC/21/02      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.

The Committee noted that it would be discussing the work programme for the forthcoming municipal year in further detail in a private session following the meeting, and that an updated work programme reflecting this discussion would be circulated as normal in the papers for the next meeting.

### **Decision**

The Committee note the report.

### **ECCSC/21/03      Exclusion of Press and Public**

### **Decision**

To exclude the public during consideration of the following item which involved consideration of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons and public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **ECCSC /21/04      Scrutiny Committees' work on cross-cutting themes of the Our Manchester Strategy**

The Committee considered the report of Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer that provided an overview of how cross-cutting themes in the *Our Manchester Strategy – Forward to 2025* reset document were covered by MCC Scrutiny Committees during the 2021/22 municipal year.

*Our Manchester Strategy – Forward to 2025* had reset Manchester's priorities for the next five years to ensure we could achieve the city's ambitions set out in the *Our Manchester Strategy 2016 – 2025*.

### **Decision**

The Committee note the report.



**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee – 24 June 2021

**Subject:** Manchester’s Park Strategy – Progress through the Pandemic

**Report of:** Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

## Summary

This report provides an overview of Manchester’s Park Strategy and the considerations for the Parks Service following the ongoing impacts of the global pandemic. The report sets out the focus for the service over the next 6 months and outlines how momentum is being maintained on the delivery of the strategic themes despite the significant financial challenges caused by a reduction in permitted activity and trading.

## Recommendations

The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider and make comments on the content of the report.

**Wards Affected:** All

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

Parks by their nature contribute to the mitigation of carbon across the City, the service prioritises the protection of those green and blue assets which make this happen. Furthermore the service has ensured that carbon reduction is a key driver in the programme of investment for parks.

<b>Manchester Strategy outcomes</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS</b>
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Parks are partnering in new and fruitful ways with organisations and communities to increase opportunities for personal development through volunteering, work experience, employment and training.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city’s economic success	Parks offer a unique opportunity to engage in formal educational activity in the natural environment. Opportunities to build life skills such as communication and teamwork are offered through a wide range of volunteering activities.

A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Parks are at the heart of our communities, offering opportunities for community cohesion through volunteering, events and activities in a setting that is open and accessible to all.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	Parks are an essential part of our neighbourhoods and enhance positive outcomes for residents and businesses. The delivery of a vibrant programme of events and activities is increasing the number of visitors from outside of the City. Whilst parks naturally contribute to the low carbon city agenda, new ways of using and activating the estate in a way that can actively contribute to lowering or offsetting carbon emissions are being explored.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	Parks connect our City in many different ways, physically they are expanding to offer enhanced green corridors for people and wildlife and socially by sustaining opportunities for shared experiences and common interests.

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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.

- Take a Brief Walk Through Manchester's Park Strategy 2017 – 2026
- Manchester's Park Strategy
  - Executive Summary
  - Research and Findings
  - Ten Year Action Plan

- Report to Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee - 24 May 2018, Manchester's Park Strategy 2017 – 2026
- Report to Community and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 5 December 2019, Manchester's Park Strategy 2017-2026
- Report to Community and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 14 January 2021, Manchester's Park Development Programme 2021 – 2025

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Previous updates on the delivery of the Park Strategy and the development of the programme of capital investment (Parks Development Programme) to support the delivery of the Strategy have been shared with the Community and Equalities Scrutiny Committee in May 2018, December 2019 and January 2021 respectively. This report provides an outline of the strategy, an updated perspective on priorities to be delivered in the context of the ongoing pandemic and the plan for the next 6 months.

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 In spring 2016, the Council asked people what their parks in Manchester meant to them and what they could look like in the future. The response was fantastic. Manchester's Park Strategy was the culmination of the ideas, passion and hope people had for Manchester's parks.
- 2.2 In December 2017 the ten-year strategy for Manchester's Parks was launched to guide their investment, upkeep and activation. The strategy set out the vision, key themes and actions that were needed to ensure parks and green spaces continued to serve the needs of communities across the city, providing popular and attractive open spaces for play, sport and informal recreation. There was a focus on 4 key themes:
1. **Parks at the Heart of Neighbourhoods** looks at the physical role of parks in neighbourhoods across the city, as well as their size, accessibility and character.
  2. **Vibrant Parks, Vibrant Communities** considers the use and activities that take place in parks to ensure they are a focus of community life, providing opportunities for exercise and sport, and a wide variety of events that can generate additional income for the benefit of parks.
  3. **A Manchester Quality Standard** sets out a good-quality standard for managing and maintaining parks.
  4. **Productive Parks in Partnership** describes ways to deliver park services in a more collaborative and fruitful manner with communities and local organisations, not just the Council.
- 2.3 Progress updates on the delivery of the Park Strategy have previously been tabled at the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee, set out against the actions below:
1. Co-ordinate stronger **Management Plans** for individual parks.
  2. Seek to leverage further **investment** from housing growth opportunities and planning gain.
  3. Continue the **conversations** and improve **communication** of programmes, activities and plans.
  4. Improve access to **information** about Parks.
  5. Develop new **quality standards**, communicate them and seek out investment to maintain them.
  6. Update and expand the use of **digital** / information technology in parks

7. Identify sustainable **income** generating opportunities and bring forward investment cases.
  8. Strengthen partnerships with **Friends, communities and volunteers** and introduce a volunteer strategy so that residents who want to do more can.
- 2.4 The Council's capacity to deliver the actions set out in the Parks Strategy has been heavily restricted since the global pandemic was declared in early 2020. During the last 15 months the priority for the service has been to maintain safe access to green space for the City's residents. Despite the restrictions, the service has balanced competing demands and overall good progress has continued to be made against the delivery of the actions set out above. A snapshot of the challenges and highlights are set out in section 3. A more detailed update is reported annually to Scrutiny Committee as part of the annual report on the delivery of the Parks Strategy. This is usually presented in December/ January. The updates for the last three year can be found at [Browse meetings - Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee \(manchester.gov.uk\)](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/scrutiny/communities-and-equalities)

### **3.0 The Impact of the Pandemic on Service Delivery**

- 3.1 In March 2020, life changed significantly for our residents. In the face of a global pandemic, the value of the Council's Parks Strategy became more clearly evident than ever before and the Government regularly called for people across the nation to make use of parks, to boost their physical and mental wellbeing. Manchester's Park Team and more than 100 voluntary groups that they support have worked tirelessly to provide safe access to the green lungs of the city. The number of people visiting parks has risen by more than 30 per cent and the pressure to keep them clean and safe has risen accordingly, with 147k bags of litter collected from parks last year.
- 3.2 The Government's advice that parks could be used for exercise was certainly taken to heart by the people of Manchester, the service observed increasing numbers of visitors to the City's parks which culminated in record numbers of young people and families participating in school holiday activities in parks.
- 3.3 New partnerships were formed as the service worked with others to find new ways of delivering in an outdoor setting. In the summer of 2020 close to 200 children with special educational needs and their families accessed a varied programme of activity in Manchester's Parks including Tree Top Trek and boating. Overall, parks provided safe spaces for 60% of the citywide activity for young people to take place, with over 11,600 young people engaged in parks activity throughout the summer.
- 3.4 The success of the summer was clear to see with all of the young people interviewed by City in the Community as part of their programme reporting that parks improved their physical wellbeing after lockdown, with a further 71% saying that engaging in parks activity had helped them recover socially.
- 3.5 Significant increases in cycling, walking, roller skating, jogging and tennis have also been observed, with court bookings up by over 10,000 from 5,906 in

May to September 2019, versus 15,241 for the same period in 2020. The Love Exploring App also grew to include two more parks, Fog Lane and Hulme Park. The eight parks that now feature the digital experience have attracted a massive 9,500 users walking in excess of 12,350km, whilst hunting for dinosaurs and dancing skeletons during Halloween.

- 3.6 Whilst the digital offer has been a huge success, the service also supported families to make use of self-led trails and activities. Despite 8 out of 9 days of rain in the October half term 4,500 visitors completed the Halloween trail in Wythenshawe Park. The new Xplorer Trail in collaboration with My Wild City saw 116 families on its first day at Boggart Hole Clough too. Lightopia returned to Heaton Park for the second year and saw in excess of 115,000 people visiting the park over 32 evenings.
- 3.7 The strength, enthusiasm and kindness of the partners who support the delivery of Manchester's Parks has been exemplary. Partners have stepped in to deliver beyond our parks and into the heart of communities by providing free school meals and donations of plants and equipment to provide activity for the children of key workers.
- 3.8 There has been an incredible appetite to return safely to active volunteering in Manchester's Parks and despite the challenges in meeting face to face, the service has supported the development of two new Friends Groups in the City as well as an army of litter picking volunteers who together have logged a massive 17,500 hours of volunteering.

#### **4.0 The Financial Impact of the Pandemic**

- 4.1 The costs of delivering services during the pandemic have risen, whilst a number of income streams have been curtailed or ceased. During the financial year 2020/21 trading income was heavily reduced due to restrictions and the Council released £500k in additional revenue to balance the Parks budget, ensuring that activity could continue safely.
- 4.2 The longer-term financial challenge as a result of the Pandemic is anticipated to be as challenging as the last 15 months. This will require the Council to find different ways of reaching a balanced budget and accelerating some of the actions set out in the Parks Strategy.
- 4.3 Despite the challenges, the Council has responded positively building on the strong track record for investment in parks and the progress that has been made in closing of the gap between income and expenditure. Since 2016 there has been a strong focus for investment on workstreams that deliver to the park strategy and support a more sustainable future for the service, this approach has brought about a year on year income increase of 20% resulting in an additional gross income of circa £700k.
- 4.4 To meet the financial challenges ahead the Council agreed in January 2021 to accelerate capital investment and place a sharper focus on the Parks Development Programme in order to invest in opportunities that will further

close the gap between income and expenditure within the Parks revenue budget. This is set out in section 5.

## **5.0 Parks Development Programme**

- 5.1 Building on the successful outcomes from investment over the last 4 years, a proposal was approved to invest capital funding into an extensive Parks Development Programme (PDP), with the aim of reducing future revenue pressures and insulating the Parks Strategy from the impact of any future savings requirements.
- 5.2 The PDP will see £12.5M of Manchester City Council funding utilised to attract new partnerships and support key stakeholder groups to continue to close the gap between operating costs and income raised through enhanced trading activity in parks.
- 5.3 The investment approach for the PDP is set out across four workstreams, open to all parks across the City. Workstream 1, the Parks in Partnership Fund is being administered as an open fund with £960k made available this year for capital projects in parks. £30k has been allocated to each ward of the City enabling elected members to champion projects that raise standards and help to close the gap between income and expenditure.
- 5.4 Workstreams 2, 3 and 4 of the PDP are more intensely focused on closing the gap between income and expenditure, requiring projects to provide a more substantial return on investment and for partnering arrangements to deliver the strongest outcomes, with match funding and with minimal risks. Further detail on the Parks Development Fund can be found in the report to the Community and Equalities Scrutiny Committee on 14 January 2021 titled Manchester's Park Development Programme 2021 – 2025. Follow this link: [Governance Report \(manchester.gov.uk\)](#)
- 5.5 Based on the previous track record, there is confidence that the service will continue maximising income generating opportunities such as park cafes, by continuing to raise visitor numbers. Offering a more vibrant programme of events and activities and through the addition of new or improved attractions, such as children's play, that would increase dwell time on site and increase visitors' secondary spend. Underpinning this strategy is the ability to compete with other visitor destinations and work flexibly with partners.
- 5.6 Despite the financial challenge ahead, the alignment to the strategic themes laid out within Manchester's Park Strategy will remain, the pace at which progress is made in terms of closing the gap between income and expenditure has been accelerated.
- 5.7 The drive to continue investment into parks is being sustained throughout the summer with projects funded by the Parks in Partnership Fund starting on site alongside a range of other partnership projects which include:

- Refurbishment of indoor facilities and a renovation of the bowling green at Debdale Park. Debdale Park and Greenbank Park will also benefit from improvement of the tennis courts.
- Whitworth Park will see new water and electricity feeds installed on site to support the community growing project.
- New play zones at Scotland Hall Road and Ladybarn Park, funded in partnership with Manchester City Football Club and the Football foundation.
- Crowcroft Park will see the 16 synthetic cricket wicket installed in Manchester's Parks following an 18 month partnership with the English Cricket Board as part of the legacy from the Cricket World Cup.
- First phase works to support the use of Wythenshawe Hall as a multifunctional space offering an outlet for activity driven by the Friends as well as education and income generating activity.
- Subject to funding confirmation from British Cycling the City's first cycling hub will be delivered in Wythenshawe Park, offering opportunities for all to participate in recreational cycling.

## **6.0 Plans over the next six months**

6.1 The primary focus whilst the vaccine programme for the Pandemic continues to be rolled out this summer, is to maintain safe access to Manchester's Parks as an essential resource for the physical and mental wellbeing of the community. The Parks Service will continue to have colleagues based in parks with safe operating systems in place to ensure that they remain safe whilst in the workplace. As and when restrictions are eased it is equally important that the Council supports traders, partners and event and activity providers to fully resume their activities. This needs to be facilitated in a timely manner in order to support the economic and community recovery.

6.2 Whilst there is an extensive work programme planned over the next 6 months, there is also an element of reactive activity which has and will continue to intensify, this includes unauthorised mass gatherings, high footfall during warm weather, high demand for play & sports facilities and heightened anti-social behaviour. The response and resolution to these activities has been streamlined through the development of good practise since March 2020, however it is anticipated that the adhoc nature of this activity may mean that resources need to continue to be diverted.

6.3 A high level overview of the planned activity is detailed below aligned to the four themes of the Park Strategy.

## **6.4 Parks at the Heart of Neighbourhoods**

6.4.1 Support to maintain compliance with government guidance and in particular social distancing for visitors, volunteers and partners whilst on site will continue. Key messages will be shared on site, through the web, in social media campaigns and during peak periods through personnel based on site. In the main there will be a shift away from what has been perceived as enforcement activity to an approach which supports visitors to feel good about



their experience. It is accepted that enforcement activity will still be required to manage a small number of scenarios.

- 6.4.2 Development of an Age Friendly standard will continue for Parks with 6 parks included in a pilot. The impact of the pandemic has been different for individuals and communities alike. The use of parks has risen; however the service has listened to partners and stakeholders who have shared that some residents, especially those that are older or have been shielding are feeling less confident about venturing out. The Age Friendly standard will support physical changes in Parks such as the provisions of suitable resting spots as well as activities that encourage residents to safely join in activities with others. This will become a key consideration in the development of park plans.
- 6.4.3 The development of park plans will also be re-energized. Engaging with stakeholders in a face to face setting is essential for the development of a park plan, virtual mechanisms such as online meetings and on site meetings in small numbers have become the new way to undertake much of the work that the service does with partners, however it does not replicate what can be achieved by bringing different stakeholders together to develop and debate what will become a common ambition. The Park Rangers have been participating in a development programme that will give a refreshed approach to park plans, supporting their growth in key areas such as inclusivity and diversity to ensure that all members of the community can and are encouraged to participate.

## **6.5 Vibrant Parks, Vibrant Communities**

- 6.5.1 Alongside remobilising the weekly programme of 100+ activities that take place across the estate, the focus on education and physical & mental wellbeing will continue, with a special emphasis on children and young people. Working in partnership with Manchester's NHS Health and Wellbeing service parks will be hosting a series of Picnic in the Park events throughout the summer months, encouraging people to talk and bring food and discover opportunities available in their local area. There will be 12 events in total, with Birchfields, Chapel Street, Fog Lane, Hulme and Manley Parks already confirmed. Activities will be age friendly, aimed at improving mental well being and reducing social isolation.
- 6.5.2 The partnership with Manchester Libraries will continue to strengthen as children and families with special educational needs are invited to participate in interactive story telling sessions in Alexandra, Heaton, Platt Fields and Wythenshawe Parks. A unique project with the National Literacy Trust will see Wythenshawe Park host the "Look for a Book" trail to discover clues to exchange for free books and a literacy trail will be launched in Platt Fields Park on 5<sup>th</sup> July, based on a new story written especially for the park with participants receiving a free book.
- 6.5.3 As part of the Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme the service is working collaboratively with colleagues in youth to provide a programme of

activity in parks that will maximum reach and coverage across the City. The offer will include Active Parks sessions which work with children, young people and families to support physical and emotional wellbeing. A programme of arts and storytelling will also take place in partnership with Read & Feed Manchester. Based on the previous success of play packs we are also exploring the provision of explorer and sport packs for children, young people and families to access from our parks for independent play and discovery.

6.5.4 An outdoor exhibition created by Manchester Histories about the River Irk and people's memories of the area between Angel Meadows and Queens Park in Harphurhey will conclude on 20 June. The project which closely partnered with the mental health charity Project23 and local residents' groups will leave a legacy in the form of an audio trail that will support visitors to explore Angel Meadows, Queens Park and the River Irk.

6.5.5 The restrictions in place over the last 15 months have significantly limited the programme of large events that would normally take place across the parks estate. Working within the guidance and with support from the Safety Advisory Group we have been able to support those that could, to return to site safely. With the details of the next phase and accompanying guidance yet to be confirmed we are continuing to work with event organisers to develop flexible plans to remobilise in our parks safely.

6.5.6 Working on the basis that there will be the potential to host events towards the back end of the summer, with alternative arrangements for capacity and reviewed charging arrangements, the following provisional bookings are in place:

- Eid in the Park, Platt Fields Park, 20 July, 8,000 capacity.
- Festival of Thailand, Platt Fields Park, 24 & 25 July, 3,000 capacity per day.
- Dino Kingdom, Wythenshawe Park, 23 July – 8 August, 8,000 capacity per day.
- Manchester Mega Mela, Platt Fields Park, 4 & 5 September, 10,000 capacity per day.
- Caribbean Carnival of Manchester, Alexandra Park, 5 September, 10,000 capacity.
- New Order, Heaton Park, 10 September, 35,000 capacity.
- Parklife, Heaton Park, 11 & 12 September, 80,000 capacity per day.

6.5.7 Supporting the event programme to take place safely will create an intensive period for the workforce in the late summer and early autumn.

## **6.6 A Manchester Quality Standard**

6.6.1 Covid has impacted both the overall resource available to undertake Grounds Maintenance services and the ways in which these resources can safely be deployed. Whilst no task will be neglected within Parks during 2021 it is proposed to prioritise the following to ensure safety and cleanliness in the coming months.

- 6.6.2 Litter collection: over the last six years the quantity of litter deposited in Manchester parks has continued to grow. In 2020 excluding Heaton Park and not counting skipped waste, a record one hundred and forty-seven thousand bags of litter were removed from Manchester Parks. Contracted support for litter continues to be deployed in several of the City's busiest parks, including Heaton Park, Alexandra Park, Platt Fields Park and Wythenshawe Park. Additional contract support will be introduced in the summer months at other locations.
- 6.6.3 Sports pitches: will continue to be line marked weekly and cut fortnightly during what is usually the closed season, to enable sports teams to complete outstanding fixtures impacted by Covid and resume match and training activity.
- 6.6.4 Volume grass cutting; is traditionally undertaken on a three-week cycle throughout the mowing season, following challenges at the beginning of the season in relation to excessively wet ground and machinery, cutting is returning to the expected cycle and it is proposed that this standard will be maintained. Trials to test the impact of differentiating the mowing regime will be carried out in a cross section of sites to inform the effect on biodiversity improvement, protection of pollinators, improving carbon sequestration and water run off control, balanced against the recreational use of those spaces. The mowing trials will begin help to inform what works best where and what is suitable for adoption into the emerging park plans.
- 6.6.5 The passion for litter picking was highlighted during the recent Great British Spring Clean with over 19 opportunities to participate in organised events in parks from 28 May to 13 June. Love Parks week starting on 23 July will see children, young people and families encouraged to participate in organised activity across the City and the support for independent groups who have made such a huge contribution so far will also continue.
- 6.6.6 An alternative model of delivering grounds maintenance in Angel Meadow and St Michaels's Flags will start this summer. Funded through a service charge associated with the newly built properties, options for the future maintenance of the site are currently being finalised and will be mobilised imminently.
- 6.6.7 The redesign of the Parks Service concluded in February 2020, with team members moving into their new roles in very unique circumstances. During this time the service has supported the team of Estate Assistants to undertake training on play and park inspections and over the coming months will be transitioning to a digital system (PSS) to collect and analyse the information that is collected during inspections. This will be a significant change for the service as colleagues embrace a different way of working, we will work closely with the team to ensure that they are supported to embrace the new technology.

## 6.7 Productive Parks in Partnership

6.7.1 The Parks in Partnership (PIP) fund totalling £960k launched the first round of applications in April 2021, a second opportunity to apply will be launched in September. Feedback from residents has been extremely positive and Round 1 received over 40 grant applications totalling £660k. There are however some wards across the city where groups have yet to make applications and the service is working with Park Friends' groups, Ward Members, and colleagues from across Neighbourhood Services to ensure that assistance is focused on supporting these wards so that funds can be allocated within the financial year.

6.7.2 Our Rivers Our City, is an EU funded project, that grew out of the Grow Green project and began in April 2020. It aimed to increase our understanding of the role of Manchester's rivers - the Irk, Medlock and Mersey and their tributaries, in terms of flood resilience, recreation, biodiversity and accessibility. The project is led by the Council, TEP and Groundwork, working with a wide range of stakeholders, including United Utilities, the Environment Agency, Natural England and development partners from Victoria North. The project seeks to achieve agreement around collaborative key actions that will improve the multi functionality of the river valleys. The project will be completed in September 2021 with the production of three action plans, recognising the individual character of each of the rivers.

6.7.3 The I-trees assessment of our tree stock undertaken by City of Trees demonstrated the value of our existing 1.2 million trees to carbon storage, sequestration, climate resilience air quality and many other benefits. In August of 2020 and despite the difficulties with Covid, the Council commissioned City of Trees and TEP to deliver this strategically important work with the following four aims:

- A retrospective look back at the composition, change and evolution of the City's treescape over the last 100 years.
- A sustainable and innovative plan for managing the City's existing tree resource.
- Ward specific opportunity maps indicating priorities for new tree planting, including species suitability options.
- The means to identify ward specific location for new Beacon Trees (mature) tree planting.

6.7.4 This work will provide the context within which opportunities for tree planting can be assessed going forward, and the Tree Action MCR programme to be delivered.

6.7.5 There has been a significant impact on the hospitality trade as a result of the pandemic, on balance the higher footfall that has been observed in Manchester's Parks has positively impacted trade for the 20 small businesses that operate from our sites. As a result, the service identified an opportunity to support pop-up, short term, mobile catering across the estate. Initial opportunities are being trialled at Chorlton Park, with a further 4 sites including

Cringle and Parkway Playing Fields preparing to start ahead of the school holidays.

## **7.0 Conclusion and Next Steps**

7.1 Recently described as a lifeline, Manchester's Parks have been essential for the health and well being of our residents. The last 15 months have required creative thinking, resilience and empathy to ensure that the service could deliver safely. Whilst the service continues to work in a dynamic setting the outcomes that are delivered to residents will remain at the forefront of our actions.

7.2 It is recognised that the opportunity of capital funding to quicken the pace for delivering the strategic themes and meeting the financial challenge ahead is unique to Manchester and the following will be prioritised:

- Delivery of the £960k Parks in Partnership Fund.
- Continued progress of investment in to our Parks through the Park Development Programme including partnerships and adhoc funds such as S106.
- Continued work to bring projects through the pipeline of capital investment to delivery stage.
- Growing existing partnerships and seeking out new ones to ensure that those that want to can do more.
- Ensuring that people are at the heart of the programme of events and activities, with a specific focus on children, education and health & well being.
- A review of progress made against the strategy in December 2021.

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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Environment & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee - 24 June 2021

**Subject:** Introduction to the Neighbourhood Climate Change Officers

**Report of:** Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

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### Summary

The report summarises progress since the 3 Climate Neighbourhood Officers were appointed in March and April 2021, how they are approaching their roles and initial areas which they have identified for development.

### Recommendations

It is recommended that the Environment and Climate Change Committee note and comment on the report.

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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
The Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25 sets out the actions that will be delivered to ensure that the Council plays its full part in delivering the city's Climate Change Framework 2020-25 which aims to half the city's CO2 emissions over the next 5 years.

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	The transition to a zero-carbon city will help the city's economy become more sustainable and will generate jobs within the low carbon energy and goods sector. This will support the implementation of the Our Manchester Industrial Strategy and Manchester Economic Recovery and Investment Plan.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	Manchester is one of a small number of UK cities that have agreed a science-based target and is leading the way in transitioning to a zero-carbon city. It is envisaged that this may give the city opportunities in the green technology and services sector.

A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Transitioning to a zero-carbon city can help to tackle fuel poverty by reducing energy bills. Health outcomes will also be improved through the promotion of more sustainable modes of transport and improved air quality.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	Becoming a zero-carbon city can help to make the city a more attractive place for people to live, work, visit and study.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	A zero-carbon transport system would create a world class business environment to drive sustainable economic growth.

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## **1.0 Introduction:**

- 1.1 The report summarises progress since the 3 Climate Neighbourhood Officers were appointed in March and April 2021, how they are approaching their roles and initial areas which they have identified for development. The posts have been established on a 2-year fixed term basis.

## **2.0 Background:**

- 2.1 The Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25 Workstream 5 is a cross cutting theme concerned with influencing behaviour as a catalyst for change. A key component of the plan is working at the neighbourhood level to work with communities on reducing their carbon imprint.
- 2.2 The Council's Neighbourhood Teams have been engaging with Councillors and communities on how the carbon imprint can be reduced at the local level. Wards have produced their own climate change action plans or embedded carbon reduction activity into their ward plans. Work is progressing to ensure that each ward has a Climate Change Action Plan.
- 2.3 To build the capacity of the Council to support communities to develop local Actions, three Climate Change Neighbourhood Officer posts have been appointed. These posts are based in each of the Neighbourhood Teams (North/South/Central). The focus of the Officers is not on detailed project delivery (which will remain the responsibility of the Neighbourhood Manager and Officer) but offering help and support in developing approaches to carbon reduction. The Climate Change Officers will give advice and direction and ensure that Councillors and communities have support and information to develop locally based climate change initiatives.

Their key tasks are to:

- Capture climate change activity across the wards such as improved walking routes, increase recycling, biodiversity, and meat free days, etc.
- Engage with key stakeholder groups involved locally such as community champions, VCSE, RPs, businesses, MLCO, other MCC teams to engage them in the climate change agenda.
- To identify opportunities to link initiatives across wards, pursuing common themes or objectives.
- To link in with The Zero Carbon and Resilient Communities Programme (In Our Nature), to trial a range of carbon reduction pilots within specific neighbourhoods. The Programme has received 15-month lottery funding and is supported by Manchester Climate Change Agency and other specialist climate change partners as well as the Neighbourhood Teams.
- Identify the learning from In Our Nature to pass onto other neighbourhoods across the city and to develop a set of case studies that capture the best examples of what can be done and replicated elsewhere.
- To establish a set of simple indicators to be used across our Ward Climate Change Actions Plans so we can monitor the cumulative impact of the plans and demonstrate their impact.

### 3.0 Review of current position

3.1 The Climate Neighbourhood Officers each conducted a review of their respective team's progress since the council's climate emergency declaration in July 2019. The reviews considered areas of strength, areas for development and identified where there are opportunities to do more.

3.2 All three localities demonstrate strong partnership working and extensive relationships with internal and external stakeholders and residents on the climate change agenda. There is a strong will within communities and organisations to engage and play their part in meeting the challenges of climate change.

3.2 Examples of partnership approaches are:

- The Wythenshawe Sustainability Working Group (which leads on zero-carbon workstreams).
- Team Around the Neighbourhood (TAN) groups are integrating climate action into their priorities e.g., Greening activities to be included within offers of social prescribing, Clean Air Day campaign and events.
- The waste consolidation project in the city centre – a collaboration between MCC, TfGM and CityCo in which a preferred low carbon commercial waste provider has been selected and will be recommended to businesses in the St Ann's/King St area.
- My Wild City project in the South area will connect communities and housing providers.
- The North Nature Network is a high-profile project which provides an opportunity to link climate projects to ecological conservation and biodiversity in North Manchester.
- "Doing Zero" project, supported by Standard Practice and SICK! Festival which links Harpurhey to Nairobi in a sustainable food activity
- Manchester Settlement which is developing a "green hub" at their base in Openshaw.
- GMP officers support for Junior PCSOs campaign days to get school pupils to walk or cycle to school.
- Asset Recovery Incentive Scheme (ARIS) funding from GMP has been used for greening projects.
- The Universities have well established and active climate change societies and a volunteering programme which is helping to drive forward positive change in the behaviour of the wider student population.
- Southway Housing are about to embark on gas boiler replacement programme in the Arrowfield Estate in Chorlton Park to provide heat pumps. This provides an opportunity to engage residents in broader climate change activity.
- Transport hub in Chorlton and Chorlton Park.
- Our Streets Chorlton is a £200k lottery funded community-led project enabling Chorlton residents to reduce local and short car journeys and therefore reduce their carbon emissions.

- 3.3 There are many examples of successful greening projects citywide (Action 11 in Manchester Climate Change Agency's 15 climate actions). Examples include:
- Support for existing allotments and friends of parks groups - to improve their infrastructure such as fencing, composting toilets, poly tunnels, rainwater harvesting and composting.
  - Our Streets Chorlton is developing a portable pocket park for use on streets in the area.
  - Manchester Active and Sow the City partnership is delivering a food growing project in Beswick, Newton Health and Miles Platting in which 700 boxes are being delivered to homes to encourage home grown food.
  - The Nature of Hulme report completed in 2018 has been a catalyst for bring residents together and generating projects around how residents interact with nature and the benefits natural spaces bring to people's lives.
- 3.4 Most wards allocated some of their NIF budget to climate activities in the last year, and there are plans to ensure that all wards allocate a portion of NIF to climate action in 2021/22. Where possible we have looked for other sources of funding or in-kind support from social value contributions or Corporate Social Responsibility to assist with climate projects. We anticipate that NIF will continue to be an important source of funding for future climate change activities and projects which are not able to access the lottery funding.
- 3.5 There are good examples of innovation and collaboration with schools and universities, including:
- AHRC and Met Office funded project, 'Community Climate Resilience through Folk Pageantry', led by, Dr Jenna Ashton, University of Manchester. It is an arts-led and social justice research project that focuses on community knowledge and creativity, responding to Manchester's climate policies and community contexts.
  - School hedging research project with University of Lancaster.
  - Invent.Make.Sense – a collaboration with University of Manchester and Manchester Met to make low-cost air quality sensors.
  - The Junior PCSO project which started in Hulme and is spreading to schools across the area.
  - Clean Air Day – the teams are providing support to schools to deliver assemblies and workshops and anti-idling banners.
  - Longer term school engagement relates to the government accredited "ModeShift STARS" and other active travel initiatives such as "walk to school week" or "walking school buses" or holding road closure "School Street" trial sessions.
- 3.6 Links are being made across wards to connect communities and extend the impact of localised activity. Examples include:
- All Wythenshawe Waste Warriors and Real Food Wythenshawe are examples of joining up action across the wider area.

- North Nature Network is a project to connect nature corridors across Charlestown, and Moston in Baileys Wood, Boggart Hole Clough and Moston Brook.
- My Wild Hulme and My Wild Ardwick is connecting green space and creating nature friendly corridors. This will be extended across the whole central area.

The above projects demonstrate that there is a large amount of commitment from within our communities and local organisations to deliver carbon reduction projects.

#### **4.0 Areas for development**

Following the baselining work undertaken key initial areas for intervention or development have been identified, which will direct the work of the Neighbourhood Climate Change Officers. These are:

- 4.1 Communities are diverse in language, ethnicity, faith and cultures. Our approach to engagement and communication needs to be appropriate and accessible. Those communities for which there are barriers to engaging with the climate change agenda need to be identified and communication channels reviewed so that people are not excluded from participation. For example, a range of communication methods will be adopted that do not depend solely on social media. It's important that people are not overwhelmed by the debate, so deterring engagement. Small changes in behavior can have a significant impact if replicated across the population.
- 4.2 More information about the relative impact of different forms of climate action will be shared within the Neighbourhood teams and more widely with partners and residents. This will generate a debate and understanding about the most positive and meaningful changes that can be made. This also links well with In Our Nature and the wider work of Hubbub and the Tyndall Centre.
- 4.3 With the support of the Tyndall Centre it is planned to identify a set of proxy measures to demonstrate impact on climate change can be identified from activities.
- 4.4 Working with the Manchester Environmental Education Network it is planned to run joint-workshops for young people to assist develop their capacity and input.
- 4.5 Greening and growing projects are popular and well understood as climate mitigation measures. It is planned to extend messages and campaigns to include a wider range of issues such as fast fashion, the food we eat, active travel, renewable energy, and conserving energy at home.
- 4.6 The roll out of the Selective Licensing programme presents an opportunity to work with landlords on improving the energy efficiency of privately rented properties.

- 4.7 There is more potential to link up activities across wards, across teams, working with partners, and the VCSE. It is planned to introduce climate conversations into all our relationships, not just with people and groups that already have a focus on the environment. The Climate Change Officers are already making links with Manchester Cares, North Manchester Together Working Group, and the GM Coalition for Disabled People.
- 4.8 The Neighbourhood Teams have undertaken carbon literacy training but so far it has not included partners and residents. There is a need to consider how we develop capacity to hold joint sessions with local partners, TANs and residents to generate joint working, discussion and more ambitious action.
- 4.9 Through the NIF application process and communications it is planned to provide more information about our carbon target and how every activity and every group can play their part in reaching net zero by 2038.
- 4.10 The Neighbourhood Climate Change Officers are a key resource in delivering in influencing behaviour within our Neighbourhoods as a catalyst for change. The climate emergency requires immediate action and the roles to have maximum impact over the next couple of years. The legacy the roles at the end of the two-year period include:
- A strong awareness within our neighbourhoods and local organisations of the need for everyone to play their part for the city to meet its climate change targets.
  - Identification and engagement of communities for which there are currently barriers to participating in the climate change agenda and an understanding on how the agenda is relevant to everyone.
  - The creation of an easily accessible tool kit to support communities of tried and tested initiatives through the zero-carbon programme and other local initiatives on how to make an impact.
  - A list of measures identified so that the impact of community activity on climate change can be identified.
  - Team Around the Neighbourhoods trained and developed to have the capacity and understanding to better support local climate change activity.

## **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 The recommendations are summarised at the beginning of the report.

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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee  
– 24 June 2021

**Subject:** Overview Report

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

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### **Summary**

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- A summary of key decisions relating to the Committee's remit
- Items for Information
- Work Programme

### **Recommendation**

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

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

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 lists recommendations made by the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee. Where applicable, responses to each will indicate whether the recommendation will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Response	Contact Officer
13 January 2021	NESC/21/06 Monitoring and Compliance – Construction Sites	Recommend that Officers, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport arrange a briefing session for Members of the Committee that provides an overview of a range of activities that included, but not restricted to planning and related enforcement; roles and responsibilities and Traffic Regulation Orders.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back once received.	Julie Roscoe Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing



## 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 **14 June 2021**, containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included overleaf. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and to agree, whether to include in the work programme of the Committee.

Decisions that were taken before the publication of this report are marked \*

There are no Key Decisions currently listed within the remit of this Committee.

**Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee  
Work Programme – June 2021**

<b>Thursday 24 June 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 14 June 2021)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Overview of the Parks Strategy	The Committee will receive a report on the Council's Parks Strategy and plans for the coming summer.	Cllr Akbar	Neil Fairlamb	A report on the maintenance of parks and green spaces will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.
Resident Engagement and Climate Change	This report will describe how the new Climate Change officers will work with local Neighbourhood Teams to support climate change activity.	Cllr Akbar Cllr Rawlins	Shefali Kapoor	
Overview Report	This is a monthly report, which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Lee Walker	

<b>Thursday 22 July 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 12 July 2021)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Climate Change Action Plan - Quarterly Update report	To received and comment upon the Manchester Climate Change Action Plan quarterly update report.	Cllr Rawlins	Samantha Nicholson	
Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan	To endorse the recommendation that the Executive agree the Greater Manchester's Clean Air Plan (GM	Cllr Rawlins	Michael Marriott	

	CAP) following a review all the information gathered through the GM CAP and Minimum Licensing Standards consultations.			
Overview Report	This is a monthly report, which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Lee Walker	

**Thursday 9 September 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Friday 27 August 2021 \* To Account for August Bank Holiday)**

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Climate Change Action Plan Annual Report	To received and comment upon the Climate Change Action Plan Annual Report.	Cllr Rawlins	Carol Culley, David Houliston	
Manchester Climate Change Agency/Partnership Annual Report	To received and comment upon the Manchester Climate Change Agency/Partnership Annual Report.	Cllr Rawlins	David Houliston	
Overview Report	This is a monthly report, which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Lee Walker	

Thursday 14 October 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 4 October 2021)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing Update	This is the annual update report that provides an update on progress in delivering waste, recycling, and street cleansing services and key priorities for the future. Further describing how this activity contributes to the climate change agenda; the work undertaken with partner organisations and an update on the Government's Waste Strategy.	Cllr Rawlins	Heather Coates Fiona Worrall	
Climate Change Action Plan - Quarterly Update report	To received and comment upon the Manchester Climate Change Action Plan quarterly update report.	Cllr Rawlins	Samantha Nicholson	
Manchester Climate Change Framework and Implementation Plan 2.0 – Consultation Two Outcomes	To receive a report that describes the outcomes of consultation two undertaken in relation to the development of Manchester Climate Change Framework and Implementation Plan 2.0.	Cllr Rawlins	Manchester Climate Change Partnership and Agency	
Overview Report	This is a monthly report, which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Lee Walker	

<b>Thursday 11 November 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 1 November 2021)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Neighbourhood Working to address climate change	This report will provide information on how the Neighbourhood Teams are supporting local communities to deliver climate change. This will include an update on the In Our Nature programme pilot schemes, describing the approach and outcomes of partnership working and information on the delivery of active travel.	Cllr Rawlins		
Manchester City Council Estates Decarbonisation	To receive a report that describes the activities and progress to date the decarbonisation of the Manchester Council Estate.	Cllr Rawlins	Richard Munns	
Overview Report	This is a monthly report, which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Lee Walker	

<b>Thursday 9 December 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 29 November 2021)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Planning and its contribution to address climate change	To receive a report that describes how the planning policy and process is used to influence and address climate change, including an update on the Local Plan.	Cllr Rawlins	Julie Roscoe	
Budget Related Reports				To be confirmed
Overview Report				

<b>Thursday 13 January 2022, 10:00 am (Report deadline Friday 31 December 2021)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Climate Change Action Plan - Quarterly Update report	To received and comment upon the Manchester Climate Chane Action Plan quarterly update report.	Cllr Rawlins	Samantha Nicholson	
Budget Related Reports				To be confirmed
Overview Report				

<b>Thursday 10 February 2022, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 31 January 2022)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy	To receive an update report on the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy. This report will also provide an update on the implementation of the Manchester Tree Strategy.	Cllr Rawlins	Julie Roscoe	
Manchester Climate Change Framework and Implementation Plan 2.0	To receive and comment upon the Draft Manchester Climate Change Framework 2.0.	Cllr Rawlins	Manchester Climate Change Partnership and Agency	
Overview Report				

<b>Thursday 10 March 2022, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 28 February 2022)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Overview Report				

<b>Items to be scheduled</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments

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