



## **Economy Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Tuesday, 23 May 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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## 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** 5 - 16  
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9 March 2023.
- 5. Purpose-Built Student Accommodation** To Follow
- 6. Economy Dashboard** 17 - 44  
Report of the Head of Performance, Research and Intelligence.  
  
This report and the Economy Dashboard contain a range of data and intelligence covering key aspects of Manchester's economy.
- 7. Overview Report** 45 - 56  
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit  
  
This report provides the Committee with details of key decisions that fall within the Committee's remit and an update on actions resulting from the Committee's recommendations. The report also includes the Committee's work programme, which the Committee is asked to amend as appropriate and agree.

**Please note, there will be a Work Programming session at the rise of this meeting for committee members only**

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## **Economy Scrutiny Committee**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9 March 2023**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Johns (Chair) – in the Chair  
Councillors Moran, Noor, Raikes, I Robinson and Shilton Godwin

#### **Also present:**

Councillor Hacking, Executive Member for Skills, Employment and Leisure  
Councillor White, Executive Member for Housing and Development  
John Thornhill, Chief Executive, LTE Group  
Rachel Curry, Principal, The Manchester College, and Group Deputy CEO  
Peter Cox, Managing Director, Novus

**Apologies:** Councillor Good and Taylor

#### **Thanks**

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair noted that this was Councillor Raikes' last Economy Scrutiny Committee meeting before the end of his term as an elected member in May. The Chair wished Councillor Raikes well and thanked him for his work on the committee.

#### **ESC/23/14 Minutes**

**Decision:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9 February 2023 be approved as a correct record.

#### **ESC/23/15 The LTE Group Update: Strategy and Performance**

The committee considered a report of the LTE Group which provided an update on The Manchester College's progress, performance and contribution to Manchester's work and skills outcomes since the last update in 2022 and an update from Novus on the work undertaken providing learning, skills and opportunity for offenders within prisons in the region and on release.

Key themes and points within the report included:

- Providing an introduction and background to the LTE Group, The Manchester College and Novus;
- The recent reclassification of Further Education and Skills providers;
- The College's T-Level Strategy, College Vision 2027 Strategy and transformational estates strategy;
- Specific case studies on the College's work within the digital sector as requested;
- Learner outcomes and performance;
- The Novus Works service, which provided qualifying organisations with a free pre-selection, upskilling, placement and integration service and learners with

an opportunity to build a better future through employment on release from custody; and

- Case studies of Novus' work in resettlement, developing education and working with employers.

In opening the item, the Chair stated that Councillors Noor, I Robinson, Shilton Godwin and himself had visited The Manchester College's City campus earlier in the week and wished to place on record their thanks to those who facilitated their visit.

Key points and themes that arose from the committee's discussions included:

- The contradiction between the devolution trailblazer scheme for Greater Manchester and the reclassification of FE providers;
- The impact of reclassification on the Group's ability to finance capital projects;
- Suggesting that the committee recommends that the Executive Member for Skills, Employment and Leisure write to the Secretary of State for Education to support the Group's lobbying efforts;
- Highlighting the importance of work experience;
- What, if anything, The Manchester College would change about T-Levels;
- How The Manchester College was preparing for future changes in ways of working, such as increased need for green and digital skills and biodiversity work;
- If FE policy instability and unpredictability had impacted the College's ability to build relationships with partners and employers;
- What prevented more educational and employment help being available to those in custody;
- The diversity of employers engaged with Novus;
- How Novus highlighted the positive contributions of their work;
- Clarifying whether the 17% of learners who secured employment after leaving custody had received a qualification whilst in custody or if this was a general figure; and
- Reoffence rates amongst those who secured qualifications and employment upon leaving custody.

The Chief Executive, LTE Group explained that the Group was operating in a significantly different context than at its last update to the committee in 2022 following the reclassification of Further Education (FE) providers into the public sector. He explained that there were challenges in the implementation of this, such as being unable to use normal banking arrangements and loans which had been key to the operation of the LTE Group. He stated that work was ongoing between the Group, the Council, Members of Parliament (MPs) and senior officials in the Department for Education (DfE) to identify how the previous practice could be replaced with a government loan arrangement. He explained that these changes could mean that work within the FE sector would be delayed and there could be a need in the future for help from the Council in lobbying the government and the Treasury to ensure that services continue to be available to young people and vulnerable adults.

In response to a member's query, the Chief Executive, LTE Group explained that the reclassification of FE providers had been pitched as a government change to control

and effectively commission public expenditure. He stated that ongoing work with the DfE aimed to highlight the day-to-day impact on delivery and that there were some implications on devolution and levelling up for Greater Manchester as the DfE was responsible for FE providers' budgets. It was unclear what impact this would have on accountability and how projects could be delivered, and the LTE Group hoped to be used as a case study to work with the DfE and the Treasury.

The Chief Executive, LTE Group noted that the Chair's suggestion of the committee recommending the Executive Member for Skills, Employment and Leisure to write to the Secretary of State for Education to support the Group's lobbying efforts could be helpful in the future. He stated, however, that officers and the relevant Executive Members were aware of emerging discussions with stakeholders and were supporting the Group with these in the interim.

The Principal of The Manchester College and Group Deputy CEO informed the committee of the College's continuing ambitions in T-Levels and commitment to the new T-Level curriculum offer, of which, she stated, the College was considered to be a flagship provider across the country. She explained that there were now over 300 students undertaking either a T-Level course or a transition course which would lead to undertaking a T-Level and these students benefitted from direct contact and exposure to employers, who co-designed the curriculum offer. She also highlighted the performance of the College and its students and expressed hope that the College would be shown to be performing well against national benchmarks once these were released. She also stated that there would be challenges in responding to increases in cohorts over the next several years and that the College had worked closely with the Council on three bids for post-16 capacity funding, which would enable the College to create additional space for post-16 students. These bids were currently with the Secretary of State for Education and a decision was anticipated in spring 2023.

The Chair noted comments around increased numbers of students in future and queried when this peak was expected. In response, the Principal of The Manchester College explained that a gradual increase was forecasted with the peak number of students expected in the 8th year. She explained that future modelling had been undertaken, which estimated an additional 800 students in the next 8 years. The College was examining how to address this increase in student numbers and hoped to create additional space at their Wythenshawe, Openshaw and City campuses.

In response to a query regarding what, if anything, the Principal of The Manchester College would change about T-Levels, members were informed that the College was a positive advocate for T-Levels and attendance on these courses was high with positive student and employer feedback. The Principal of The Manchester College noted that T-Levels were challenging and technical, and transition courses were available to prepare students. She explained that the College had taken part in the Ofsted Thematic Survey and provided feedback on what could work better and differently.

The Principal of The Manchester College noted, however, that she had been notified that day that the DfE had deferred some T-Level routes starting in September, which

would be unsettling for those students intending to undertake these courses, and she stated that better preparation and stability on the part of the DfE would be beneficial.

The committee was advised that work placement opportunities provided students with an understanding of what employers needed and to contribute towards their placement. The Principal of The Manchester College explained that digital skills were embedded into the curriculum and provided an example of a student on a work placement who used their skills to digitalise their company's employee induction programme, which was now being rolled out in the company's offices nationwide. She explained that the green agenda was being addressed within the construction T-Level course and there were certain elements within the curriculum which referred to this.

Members were also advised that the DfE had recently amended the T-Level guidance to allow remote placements, which demonstrated how the T-Level offer was adapting to changing ways of work.

In response to a query from the Chair, the Principal of The Manchester College stated that the College was fortunate to have employers embedded within the organisation and who were committed to co-designing and co-delivering the T-Level offer, which meant that the instability in FE policy did not significantly impact partnerships with employers. She commented that this instability would not prevent the College from delivering equivalent offers, such as BTECs, for those students affected by the postponement of some courses.

The Managing Director of Novus provided an overview of the provider and explained that the curriculum mirrored that offered in mainstream colleges to work with offenders and support their rehabilitation and transition from custody to the community. The committee was informed that there were 2,500 learners from across Greater Manchester with a 93% qualification rate. He also stated that Novus worked with learners to support a transition into work at the end of their sentence and offered members of the committee the opportunity to visit a Novus department, which was welcomed.

In response to a member's queries, the Managing Director of Novus explained that there were four main providers of prison education across England and Milton Keynes College delivered education at HMP Manchester as part of a high-security estate procurement lot by the Ministry of Justice.

He also explained that prisons were complex delivery environments with complex cohorts of learners and there were challenges around prison operations, officer recruitment and the impact of this on the running of a prison, the stability of learners, and changes in stay and the impact that movement between prisons can have on opportunities to learn. He commented that Novus tried to link the curriculum between sites so that learners could continue their studies seamlessly.

He explained that Novus worked with several employers across the construction, hospitality and other industries and provided a unique and supportive offer to employers. He acknowledged that there could be concerns over the reliability and



public perception of offenders and explained that Novus worked with employers to mitigate these concerns.

The Chief Executive of the LTE Group commented that the Group continuously lobbied for change and had been successful in changing legislation on apprenticeships to enable offenders who could be released on temporary licence to undertake these programmes whilst completing their custodial sentence.

The Managing Director of Novus acknowledged the need to publicise positive stories around their work and achievements of learners. He highlighted changes to legislation, work with combined authorities across the country to better link the transition from custody to the community and highlighting positive case studies in the media, although he noted that this required permission from the Ministry of Justice.

In response to queries around employment and reoffending rates, members were informed that the 17% figure listed within the report reflected the whole population released from custody, rather than just those who had achieved a qualification during their custodial sentence, and was a statistic provided by the Ministry of Justice. It was stated that this figure rose to 30% for some Novus initiatives. Members were also informed that Novus had undertaken a study with Manchester Metropolitan University on the reduction in reoffending rates which demonstrated that those who undertook education courses and progressed into employment upon release from custody were 24% less likely to reoffend than those who did not transition into the workforce.

The Director of Inclusive Economy also took the opportunity to highlight that Jobcentre Plus were co-hosting an employer roundtable event with Timpson and Kier on recruiting ex-offenders in March 2023, which demonstrated the ongoing work to utilise the talent of those leaving custody.

### **Decision:**

That the committee

1. notes the report, and
2. recommends that a report on training and skills provisions for offenders and ex-offenders be considered in the next municipal year, to support the reintegration of offenders into the economy and to promote further joint working between the LTE Group and Manchester City Council.

### **ESC/23/16 Labour Market and Recruitment**

The committee considered a report of the Director of Inclusive Economy which provided an overview of the labour market in Manchester, how it had changed in the last 3 years and the current issues and opportunities.

Key points and themes within the report included:

- The approaches being used by Manchester City Council in collaboration with partners to meet skill and labour market needs to combat challenges faced by

businesses and residents as a result of the volatile economy and labour market conditions, and the successes of this;

- The Manchester Employment Partnership's strategic approach and activity to co-ordinate a response and shape the future labour market;
- Examples of sector recruitment activity supporting health and social care, construction, digital and hospitality sectors;
- Examples of area recruitment activity supporting North, Central and South areas of the city; and
- The businesses supported by the Council's Work and Skills Team.

Key points and queries that arose from the committee's discussions included:

- Commending the Work and Skills Team for their work on hosting recruitment and careers events;
- Noting that Manchester had the fifth-highest childcare costs in the UK, and how this impacted employment rates;
- The consequences for women returning to work;
- How engaged the Council was with the Jobcentre Plus;
- Whether employers were improving their offer to attract prospective applicants for vacant roles;
- What differences residents and employers might see if there was local control over Jobcentres;
- Why there had been a low take-up of apprenticeships, and what solutions were available to address this; and
- How the Council was consulted on the Local Skills Improvement Plan to ensure it embeds with the Council's policy priorities.

The Executive Member for Skills, Employment and Leisure stated that Manchester's labour market was tight with many sectors reporting skill shortages and unfulfilled vacancies. He commented that Brexit and the Russian invasion of Ukraine had impacted the labour market, and this remained volatile. He noted that professional, scientific and technological services remained the biggest employing sector in Manchester and that unemployment and economic inactivity had risen over the previous three years despite growth in vacancies. He highlighted that the Work and Skills Team led strongly on a partnership approach to connect Manchester residents to employment opportunities and to support businesses to recruit the talent that they require, for example through recruitment fairs and focused support where required.

The Director of Inclusive Economy commented that some sectors had been worse hit by the Covid pandemic and energy crisis. She noted that 1 in 5 vacant Greater Manchester roles were in Manchester city centre and there were now 27% more jobs in the city than in 2015. She highlighted other aspects of the labour market such as job posting statistics; size of businesses; economic inactivity; and challenges in recruitment. She also highlighted the work being undertaken to address these challenges, such as the Work and Skills Strategy that was approved by the Executive in 2022, the work and focus of Jobcentre Plus, different work programmes such as Restart and Kickstart, the Adult Education Programme and the partnership working between agencies in Manchester.

In response to discussions around the significant cost of childcare and the impact this had on parents returning to work, the Director of Inclusive Economy acknowledged the issue and the impact of low wages on the viability of working. She noted that childcare businesses had been impacted by the Covid pandemic and many providers received business grants to maintain provisions. The committee was also informed that the childcare sector was competitive, and it was noted that there was some work required to encourage providers to become Real Living Wage-accredited.

The Executive Member for Skills, Employment and Leisure highlighted the need to view childcare provisions as national infrastructure, which was reiterated by committee members who suggested adult social care provisions should also be considered.

It was also noted that the income gap between men and women was lower in Manchester than nationally, but this was largely as a result of men earning less. The Work and Skills Lead noted that increases in economic inactivity during the pandemic was driven by female economic inactivity, which could be a consequence of high childcare costs or other caring responsibilities.

It was stated that the Council had a good working relationship with Jobcentre Plus and the Director of Inclusive Economy commented that the organisation was willing to work locally with the Council. She cited the Kickstart scheme as an example of where local input and design could have resulted in better outcomes more quickly.

Members were also advised that the employer offer had improved given the tight labour market with increases in the median wage.

In response to a query around apprenticeship take-up, the Director of Inclusive Economy commented that there had been low numbers of apprenticeships in the city in previous years, which was largely due to the nature of Manchester's economy and where the demand for skills was. She also explained that apprenticeships had been negatively impacted more than other learning and educational provisions during the Covid pandemic and many apprentices were furloughed which interrupted their studies. She also commented that the replacement of apprenticeship frameworks to standards had been challenged for apprenticeship providers and the resources available to them and they did not receive the same level of support during the pandemic as other learning providers. It was also stated that the apprenticeship levy had not generated the employer buy-in that was anticipated. The Director of Inclusive Economy advised members that there would be a focus on apprenticeships in the next year to promote them as an alternative offer.

In response to the Chair's query regarding consultation on the Local Skills Improvement Plan, the Executive Member for Skills, Employment and Leisure advised that the Council was engaged in this through the Leader's input at Greater Manchester level. The Council's Work and Skills Team also met with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce to discuss the content of the Plan and ensure that there was a focus on low-skilled and unskilled workers.

The Executive Member for Skills, Employment and Leisure welcomed the committee's discussion on this subject and advised that regular briefings were provided through Area Committees, which he encouraged all members to engage with.

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

**ESC/23/17 Manchester Adult Education Service (MAES) Performance Update**

The committee considered a report of the Director of Inclusive Economy and the Head of MAES which outline performance in 2021/22 and the skills challenges in the city.

Key points and themes within the report included:

- Providing an introduction and background to MAES;
- Current and upcoming projects;
- Key performance indicators and funding in the 2021/22 teaching year;
- Enrolment by each curriculum area;
- Outcomes of a review of the Quality of Education and areas for improvement;
- The work of the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Advice Service; and
- Priorities for the current academic year.

Key points and queries that arose from the committee's discussions included:

- Welcoming the use of data in the ESOL provision;
- What a more stable adult education system might look like;
- Noting that 61% of people assessed as requiring an ESOL course were enrolled, and querying whether this figure was satisfactory;
- Expressing frustration over funding constraints and the impact this had on the support that MAES could provide; and
- How the service was addressing changing skillset need.

The Executive Member for Skills, Employment and Leisure introduced the item and explained that MAES was a successful service which delivered core provisions aligned to the skills needs of the city and city region. He commented that MAES aimed to develop an inclusive economy and to ensure that all Manchester residents had access to the skills they required to participate in the economy. He stated that there were significant funding challenges as the adult education budget had not increased since 2006, which impacted on capacity to deliver, but highlighted success in the opening of a new adult educational facility in the Gorton Hub, which he encouraged committee members to visit.

The Head of MAES reiterated the Executive Member's comments and explained that the service worked with residents to help them be in a position to enter the job market or undertake further adult education. He commented that MAES aimed to get service

users to be economically active by improving their educational prospects. He acknowledged challenges in the service, such as the Covid pandemic which had impacted recruitment, and MAES estate was noted as a significant challenge to being able to provide services. Members were advised that some progress had been made to address this issue, such as reviewing options for the update of Greenheys and Withington Adult Learning Centres.

In response to the Chair's query regarding the percentage of people accessing an ESOL course, the Head of MAES explained that there was demand but the service was experiencing a lack of funding and staffing resources to meet this. He stated that the service tried to recruit ESOL tutors with limited success and work was underway to develop and train new tutors to deliver this provision.

In response to a supplementary question as to the cause of issues in recruiting ESOL tutors, the committee heard that there was a national shortage. The Head of MAES commented that many adult education providers were developing their own tutors to address the shortfall.

The Head of MAES acknowledged changes to the types of skills needed in the job market as the economy and working practices changed and he stated that MAES would need to examine the service it provides and its clientele. The committee heard that whilst MAES was not a provider of technical skills education, it would seek to identify niches in the market to help service users into careers where there was demand and need. Work was underway with the Work and Skills Team to reduce skill shortages in the digital sector and all learners gain digital skills through their studies with MAES.

The Resource and Performance Manager reiterated a previous point that adult education funding rates had not increased since 2006 and this impacted on the amount of funding given to MAES. He commented that the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) was undertaking due diligence work on the possibility of providing a 1-year uplift in funding to address impacts of the cost-of-living crisis, following discussion with providers and local authorities. This work also included identifying opportunities to increase rates and funding in the future, which the Chair welcomed.

The Resource and Performance Manager stated that cost pressures in wage inflation and particularly energy prices were impacting the service and would continue to do so in the short and medium term.

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

**ESC/23/18 Selective Licensing - Results of Public Consultation (2022)**

The committee considered a report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) which provided an evaluation of the recent public consultation undertaken in areas within Moss Side, Levenshulme, Longsight, Cheetham and

Rusholme to establish whether the designation of a Selective Licensing scheme was required in these areas.

A presentation on the findings of the consultation was also provided at the meeting.

Key points and themes within the report included:

- Providing an introduction and background to Selective Licensing;
- The rolling programme and previous schemes in Crumpsall, Moss Side, Moston and Old Moat;
- The evidence base for the introduction of Selective Licensing;
- The process and method of the public consultation;
- The survey response rate including ward and respondent breakdown;
- An analysis of survey responses;
- Formal representations from landlord trade bodies; landlord representations; two petitions; and resident groups;
- The number of internal and external inspections carried out on properties within the proposed Selective Licensing area, and the actions taken arising from these; and
- Next steps, including undertaking an additional round of consultation in Cheetham.

Key points and queries that arose from the committee's discussions included:

- Expressing concern that there may have been a campaign to pressure Cheetham residents to respond to the consultation in a particular way, and querying whether there was any evidence of this;
- How many responses were received in other languages, and how the Council engaged with non-English speakers; and
- Noting the number of category 1 hazards of excess cold in inspected properties, and placing on record hope that the government would impose higher standards for landlords which could be built into Selective Licensing.

The Executive Member for Housing and Development stated that the extension of Selective Licensing was a key manifesto pledge for the administration and a motion had been passed at Full Council in February 2022 to deliver further landlord licensing schemes to tackle rogue landlords and improve housing conditions. He commented that there were a number of successful schemes in place across the city and consultation had been undertaken in 8 proposed new scheme areas, of which 5 were proposed to be implemented. He stated that the three schemes in Cheetham which had been paused were still intended to be implemented in the future, but more work needed to be undertaken to fully understand the results of the consultation in that area.

The Housing Strategy Project Manager explained that there were several different ways of engaging with those residents for whom English was not their first language, including having bilingual staff at drop-in sessions and during the door-knocking stage of the consultation. He acknowledged that there were more ways that this

could be achieved and a 'lessons learnt' exercise would be undertaken which would address some of the points raised by the committee.

The Executive Member for Housing and Development conceded with a member's concern around the number of category 1 hazards in inspected properties and stated that this was also reflected through the consultation responses. He commented that enforcement could currently only be taken against landlords where a property either did not have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) or was rated below E for energy efficiency and stated that he would like to see the government revise this to properties rated below C or higher to match changes to social housing regulations by 2030.

The committee was also informed that an ongoing devolution trailblazer discussion between Greater Manchester and the government included devolving decision-making over Selective Licensing.

The Executive Member for Housing and Development thanked officers for their work on the schemes and consultation.

**Decision:**

That the Committee

1. notes the report, and
2. endorses the proposal to implement a Selective Licensing scheme in the 5 areas detailed in Maps 1 to 4 (Appendix 1).

**ESC/23/19 Overview Report**

The committee considered a report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit which provided details of key decisions within the committee's remit and its work programme.

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Economy Scrutiny Committee – 23 May 2023

**Subject:** Economy Dashboard

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

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**Summary**

The economy dashboard contains a range of data and intelligence covering key aspects of Manchester’s economy.

**Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to:

(1) consider and comment on the information included in 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
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None
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<b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion</b> - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments
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The Economy Update Dashboard includes key national high-level metrics which monitor how many residents are benefitting from economic growth across the City and some local data on the impact of the Cost of Living crisis on residents. This Dashboard is complemented by supplementary analyses which consider this benefit according to protected characteristics.
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<b>Manchester Strategy outcomes</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS/Contribution to the Strategy</b>
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	<p>The Dashboard contributes to assessment of progress across all Our Manchester themes by monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the growth and diversification of the economy</li> <li>• the creation of new and varied job opportunities</li> <li>• how residents are connected to the city's economic success</li> <li>• the transition to a zero-carbon economy</li> <li>• investment in the infrastructure needed to thrive and grow</li> </ul>
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	

### **Financial Consequences – Revenue**

None.

### **Financial Consequences – Capital**

None.

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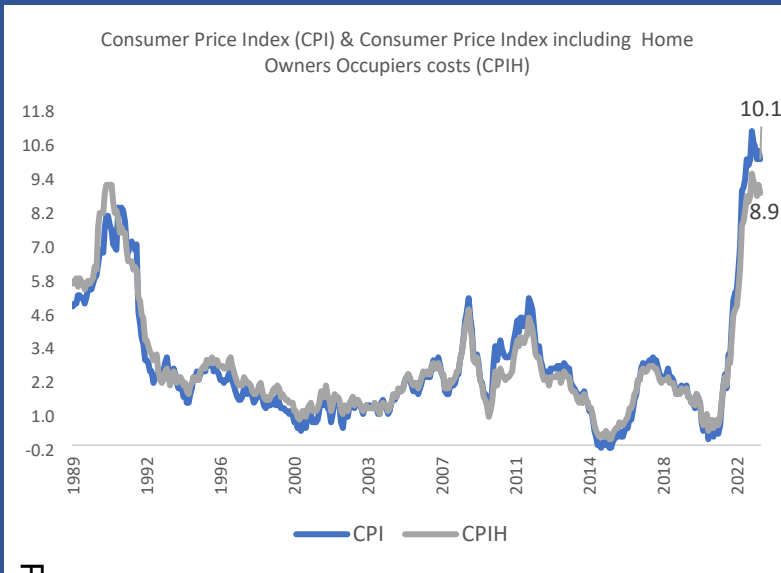
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None

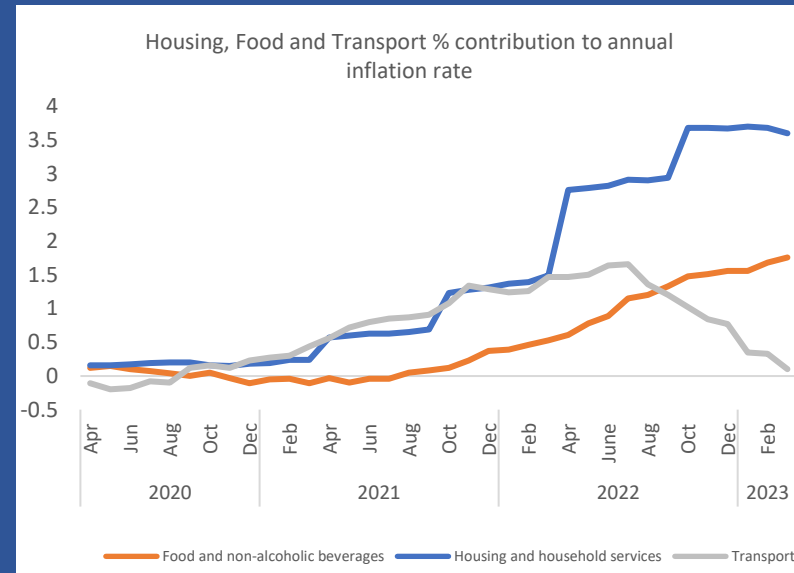
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Appendix 1 – Economy Dashboard May 2023

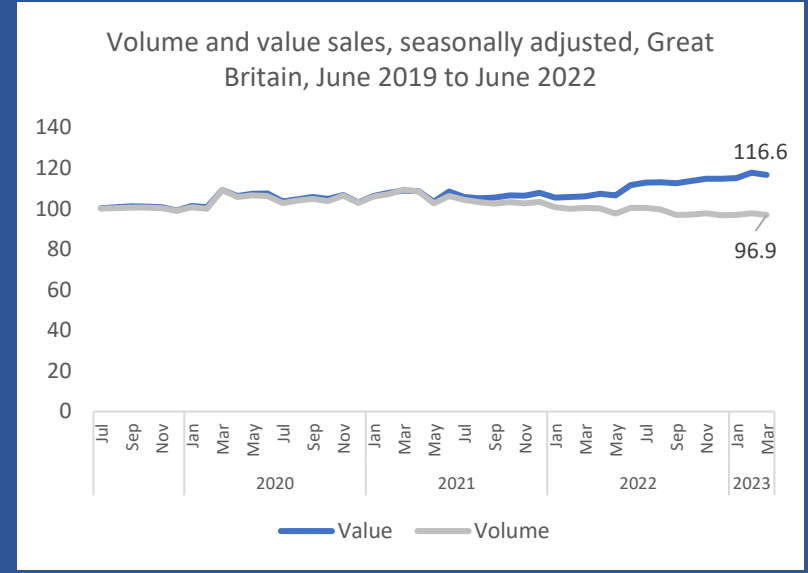
1. In March 2023, the Spring Budget was announced. Within it were several key announcements relating to the economy. The budget confirmed that the Energy Price Cap guarantee will remain in place at £2,500 until July 2023. This measure is expected to save the average family £160. Additional support will be given to motorists as the 5p cut in Fuel Duty will remain in place for a further 12 months. The Office of Budget Responsibility (OBR) expects inflation to fall from its peak of 10.7% in Q4 2022 to 2.9% in Q4 2023, a fall of over two-thirds. Despite a substantial fall forecast, the inflation rate would still remain above the 2% target set by the government.
2. The first instalment of the cost of living payments have been paid by the government which could be worth up to £900 in 2023/24 for those eligible – though some people will receive up to £1,350. More than 7 million households across the UK will have been paid a £301 Cost of Living Payment. (gov.uk)
3. Manchester beat London as Best Place for New Jobs in England. Bloomberg analysed millions of job advertisements handled by the firm Reed Recruitment in England from 2018 to March 2023. London still offers the largest pool of new jobs, although it ranks 21st among larger towns and cities when figures are adjusted for the number of postings per local worker. (Bloomberg.com)
4. Diesel has continued to trend downwards, and for the 25<sup>th</sup> week in a row has declined and the price at the pump now stands at 160.35 p/L. Petrol prices have seen a period of fluctuation however the previous two weeks have seen a decline with the price at the pump now being 145.71 p/L. In comparison with the same point in 2022, the price of a litre of diesel has declined by 9.44%. The price of a litre of petrol over the same period has declined by 10.32%.
5. Provisional figures for March 2023 shows that there has been a 1.42% rise in the number of Universal Credit Claimants from February 2023. Since October 2022, the total number of Universal Credit Claimants has increased month on month. Between February 2022 and February 2023 there has been an increase of 8.0% in the number of Universal Credit claimants who are Not in Employment, over the same period the number of In Employment claimants has decreased by 3.6%.
6. 16 - 17 year olds not engaged in education, employment or training (**NEET**) increased in March 2023 to 530, this was higher than where it was in the same period in March 2022. Those who are Not Known decreased over the same period and was 12.82% lower than where it was in March 2022. When looking at the NEET and Not Known figures it is important to remember the change in the cohort size, between March 2022 and March 2023, the cohort size has increased by 8.8% and now stands at 13,792 16-17 year olds.
7. Data provided by Lightcast shows that there were 26,881 unique job posting in April 2023, this was a decline of 13.8% against March 2023. When comparing against April 2022, the decline was a lot less at 3.5%.
8. Rental prices within Manchester have continued to rise, within Manchester City Centre the average 2 bed rental cost is £1,279 per month. This is a 3.3% rise against the previous quarter. Rental prices outside of the city centre have seen a higher rate of quarterly change, rising 4.0% against the previous quarter. The number of properties that are affordable on the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) has declined drastically between 2021/22 and 2022/23, with only 46 properties advertised within the LHA in 2022/23. The rental data comes solely from Rightmove and only includes data of listing hosted on their site, so it will not capture all of the rental market data of Manchester.
9. The residential property pipeline shows that there are over 11,000 homes under construction across the city. Of those, there are just over 1,200 affordable homes. This means that of all the new homes under construction, 11.2% are to be affordable.
10. City Centre footfall data up to the 23rd April 2023 shows that the level of footfall is up 12.5% against the same week recorded in 2022, however when comparing against the same week in 2019 the figure is substantially lower, 22.5% down. In contrast, the District centre footfall is up against the 2019 level seen the week commencing the 24<sup>th</sup> April, by 2.5%, and when compared against the 2022 level, it is higher by 12.6%.



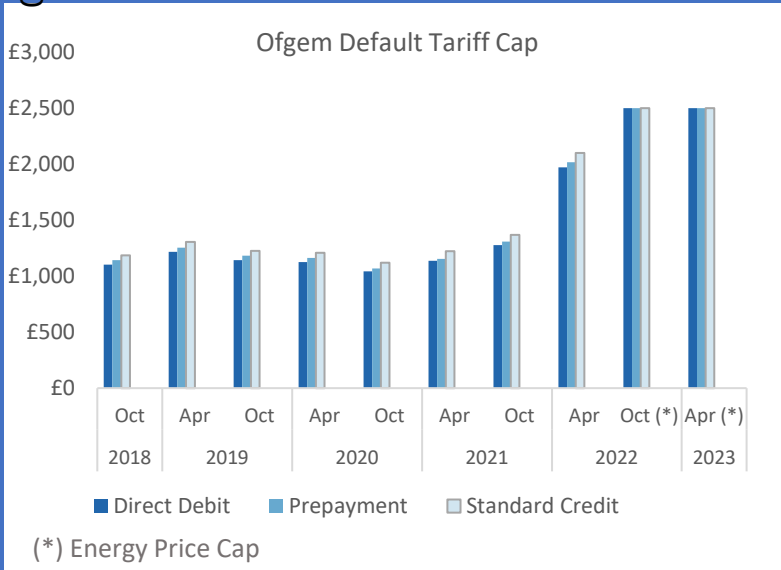
Source: ONS, CPI & CPIH  
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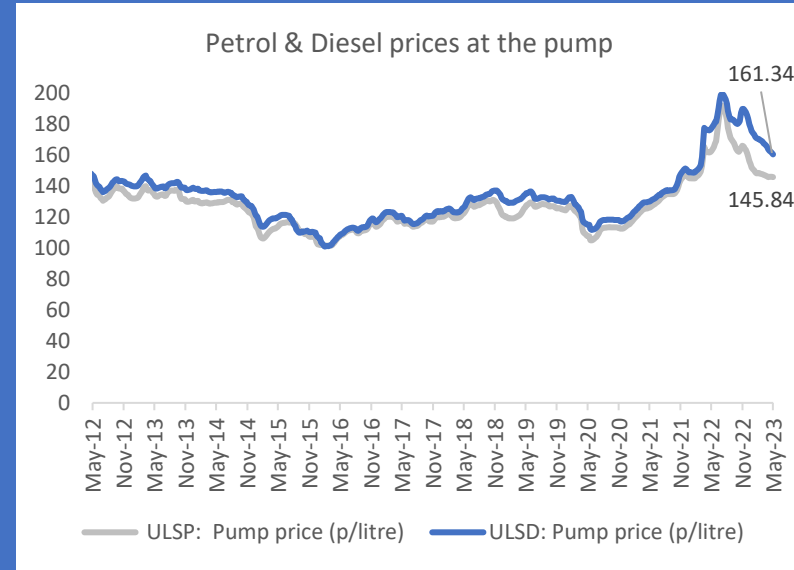
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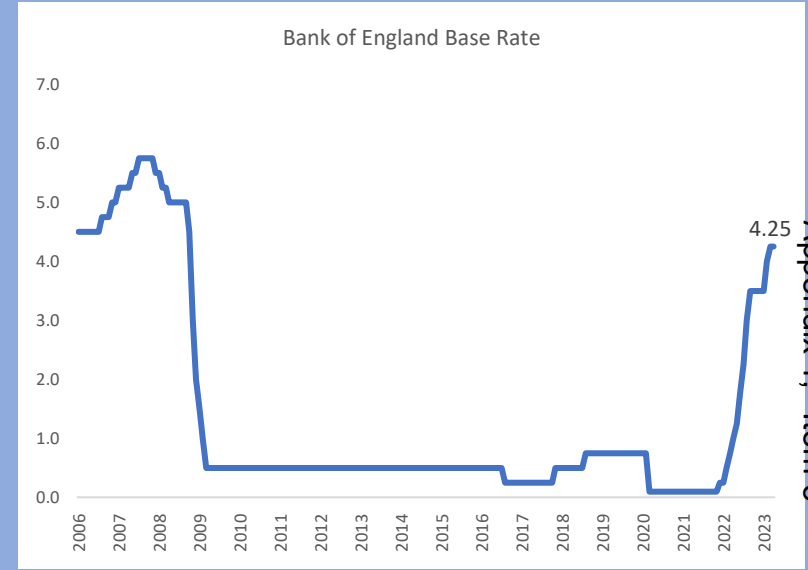
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Source: Ofgem  
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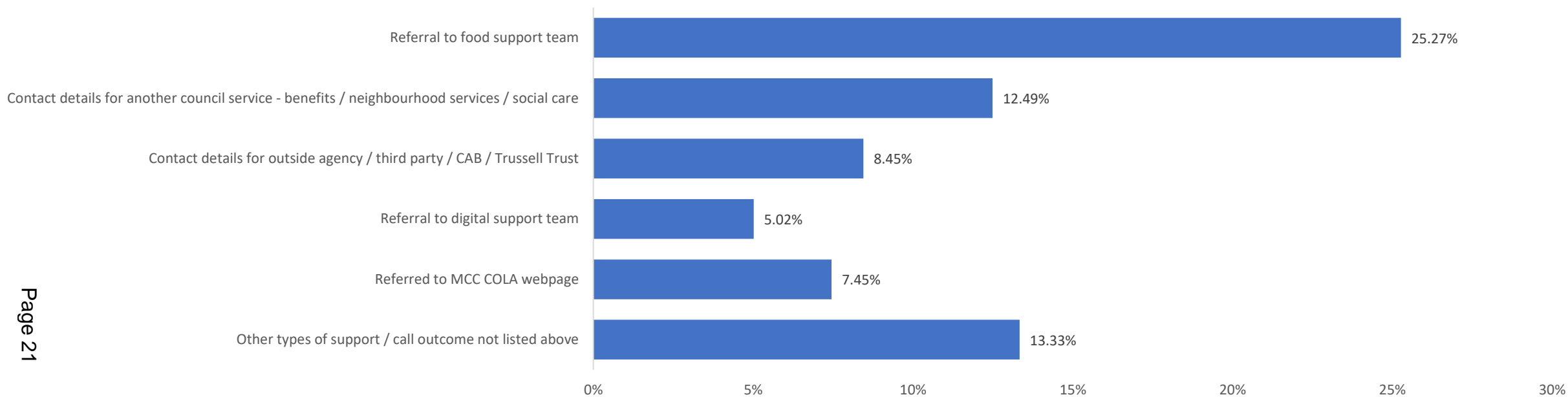


Source: Dep. for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy  
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Source: Bank of England  
Data released: 23/03/2023 Next Updated: 11/05/2023

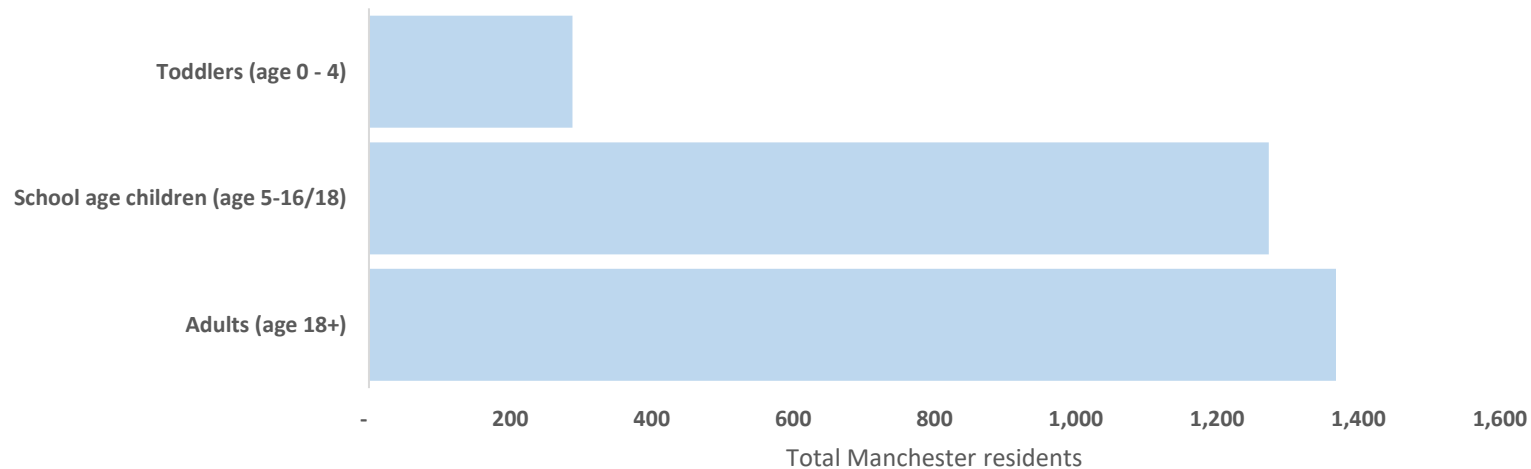
The Cost of Living Advice Line has been in operation since October 2022. Over 3000 calls have been made to the advice line and offers of support are made as appropriate to the resident's circumstances. The most frequent support offers are assistance with financial issues and referral to our food support team.



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Callers to the advice line who are referred for food support are asked for details of the number of adults and children in their household. This allows us to visualise the number of residents who reside in households in need.

The data suggests that ~2,950 Manchester residents from around 900 households are either directly (e.g. they contacted the advice line) or indirectly (they reside in a household where there is need and someone else has contacted the advice line) impacted by issues that impact on their ability to obtain sufficient food. It is worth noting that some residents have told us specifically that they ensure that it is the adults in the household rather than the children who lack food.

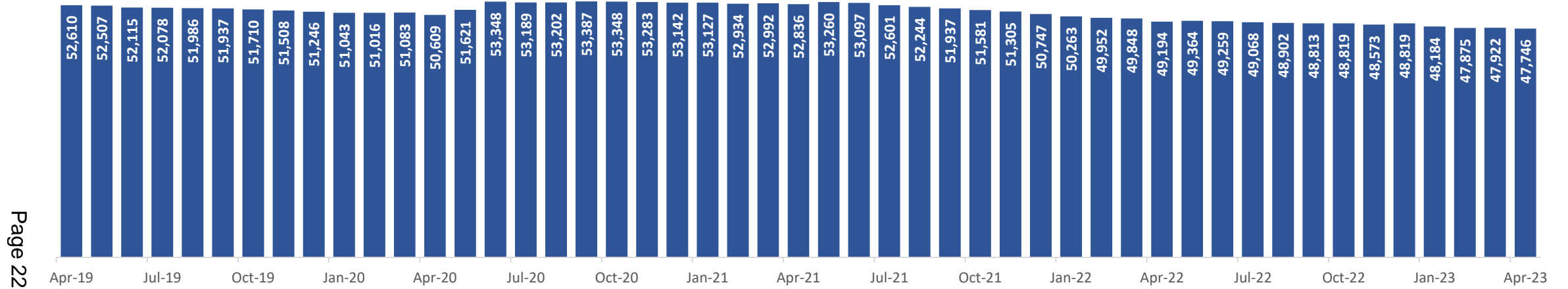


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Source: NCC Cost-of-Living advice line  
 Data is updated daily during the working week and is available via the Cost-of-Living SharePoint resource

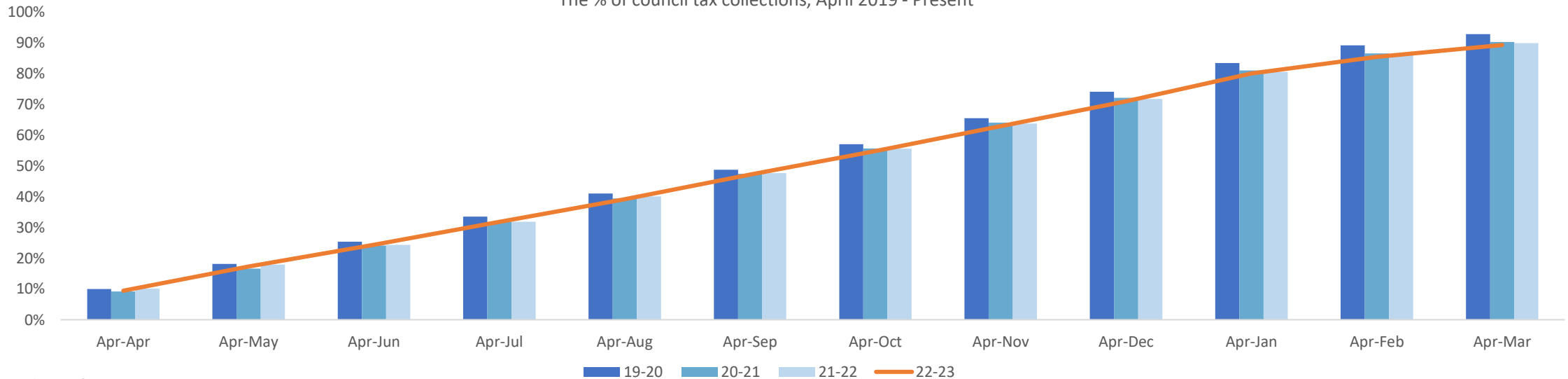
The number of people in receipt of Council Tax support continues to decline, with a very slight decline of 0.4% between February 2023 and March 2023. In the past 12 months there has been a 2.9% decline. Figures for April to March of the % of council tax collections shows that it is below where it was at the same point in the year 2021/ 2022 by 0.6%. Despite the collection % being lower, £17.2m more has been collected in 2022-23 than 2021-22. Apr-Apr 2023/24 show that collection rates currently stand at 8.99%.

Snapshot view of the number of people in receipt of Council Tax Support on that date



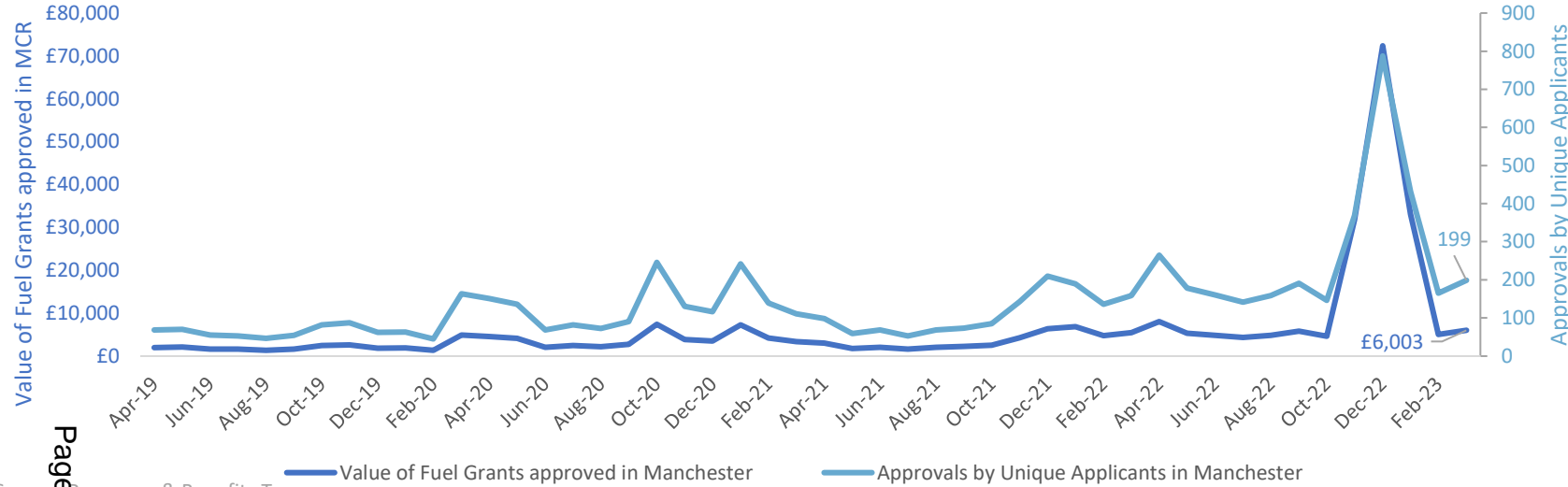
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The % of council tax collections, April 2019 - Present



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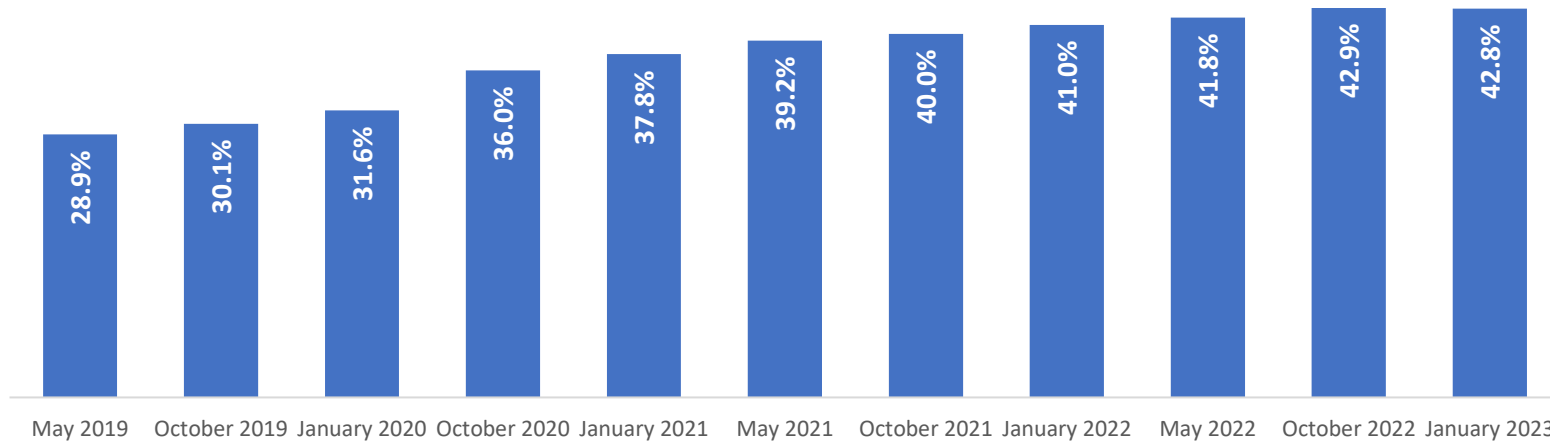
The number of fuel grant approvals by unique applicant in Manchester increased between February 2023 and March 2023 by 20.6%, and the total value of fuel grants approved in Manchester increased by 20.1% over the same period. The number of unique applicants is 25.2% higher than it was in March 2022. Free School Meal eligibility fell slightly in the January 2023 School Census, historically this figure has risen term on term however.



From November 2022 the amount of money the fuel grant could offer increased from £30 to £100, however if an award had previously been made within the last 12 months the scheme could award £70. Additional funding had been made available from the Household Support Fund. The fuel grant has now been reduced to its pre-November levels and is £30.

Source: Revenues & Benefits Team  
Data released: 06/01/2023 Next Updated: 01/02/2023

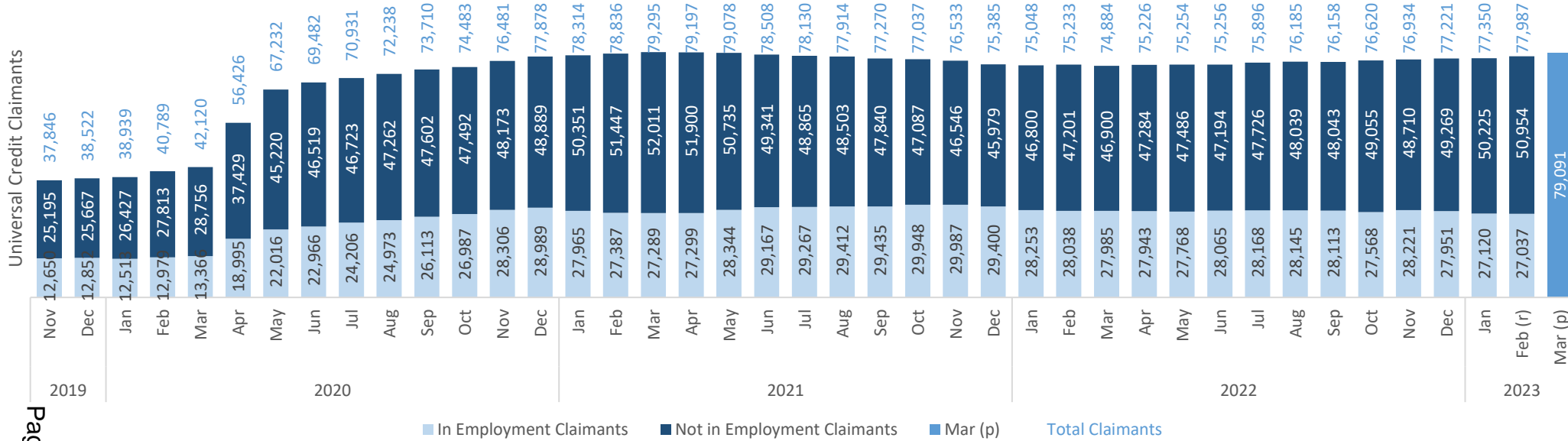
Free School Meal Eligibility



Data relates to Manchester pupils who are residents within Manchester. It should be noted that no School Census was conducted for May 2020. It should be noted that the dates relate to terms time, for example May 2019 relates to the Spring Term academic year 2018/19.

Source: MCC School Census  
Data released: April 2023 Next Updated: July 2023

Provisional figures for march 2023 show a 1.42% rise against February 2023. When comparing against March 2022, there has been a rise of 5.62%.



Total Universal Credit Claimants (March -provisional\*):

**79,091**

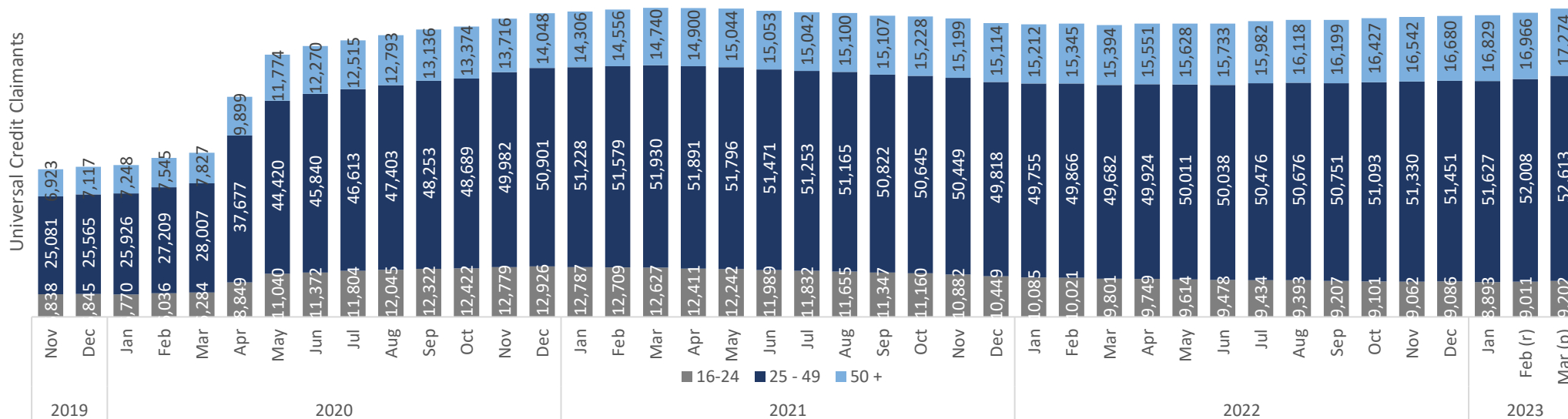
Monthly Change (Feb – Mar (p)\*)

**1.42%**

Not in Employment Claimants (Feb (r))

**50,954 (65%)**

All age bands have seen a rise, 16-24 had an increase of 2.12% from February to March 2023, which was the biggest monthly change in that period.



Largest Age Group (March (p)\*)

**25-49 year olds (52,613)**

Monthly Change in 25-49 year old claimants (Feb – Mar (p)\*)

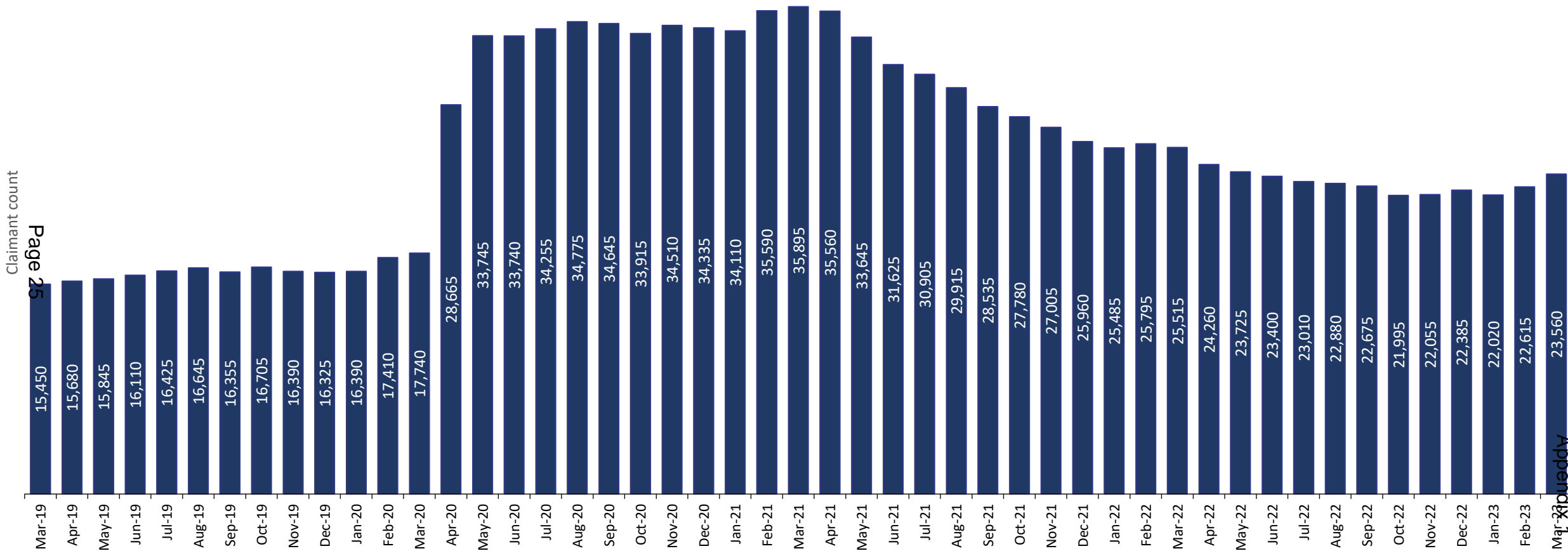
**1.16%**

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\*Provisional results generally over estimate the actual no. of claimants



Provisional figures for March 2023 show that the unemployment claimant count in Manchester rose by 4.18% from February 2023 to March 2023. Current figures show that in the last 12 months, March 2022 to March 2023 there has been a drop in unemployment claimant count of 7.66%.



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The Claimant count measures Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) and unemployed UC claimants.

Unemployment Claimant Count  
(March 2023)

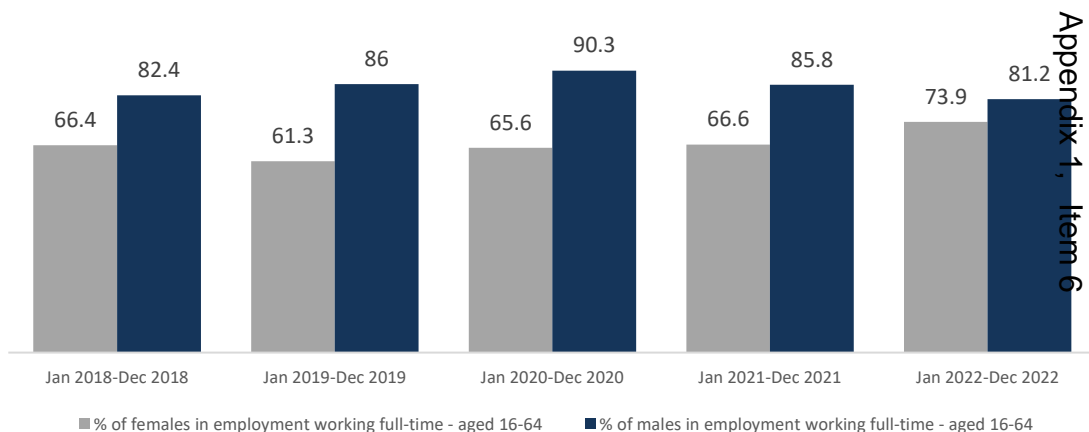
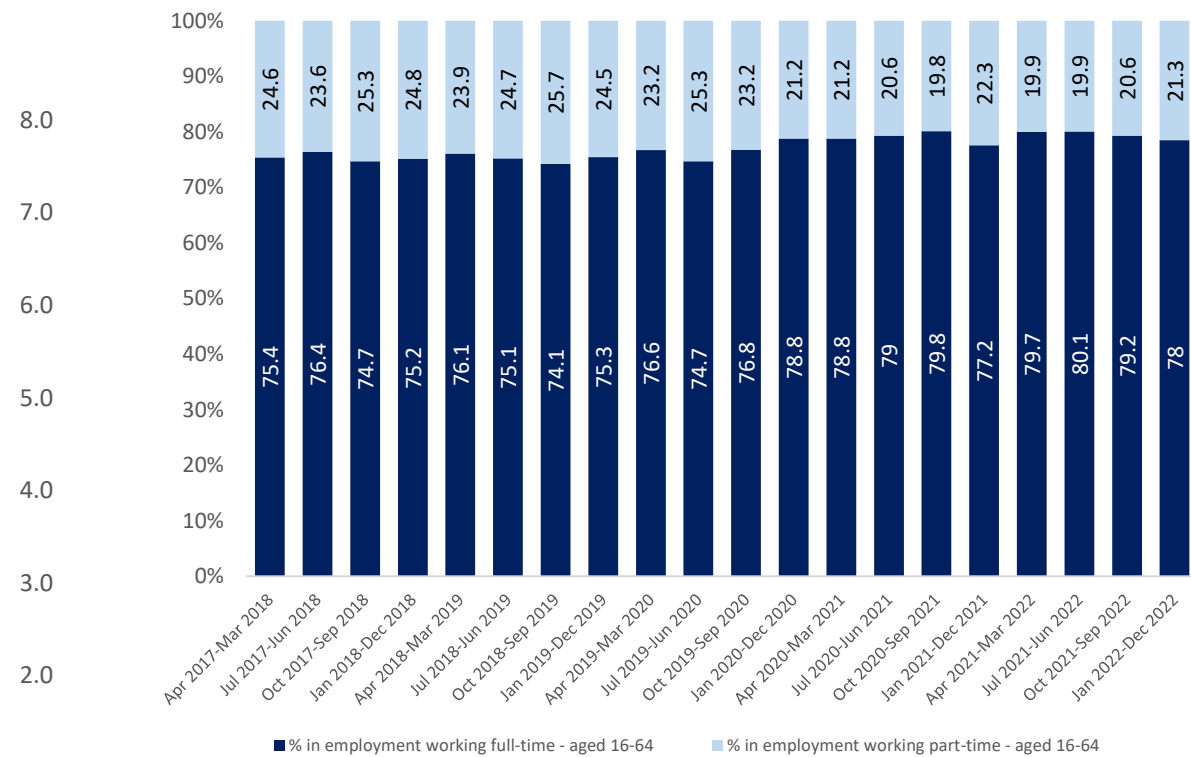
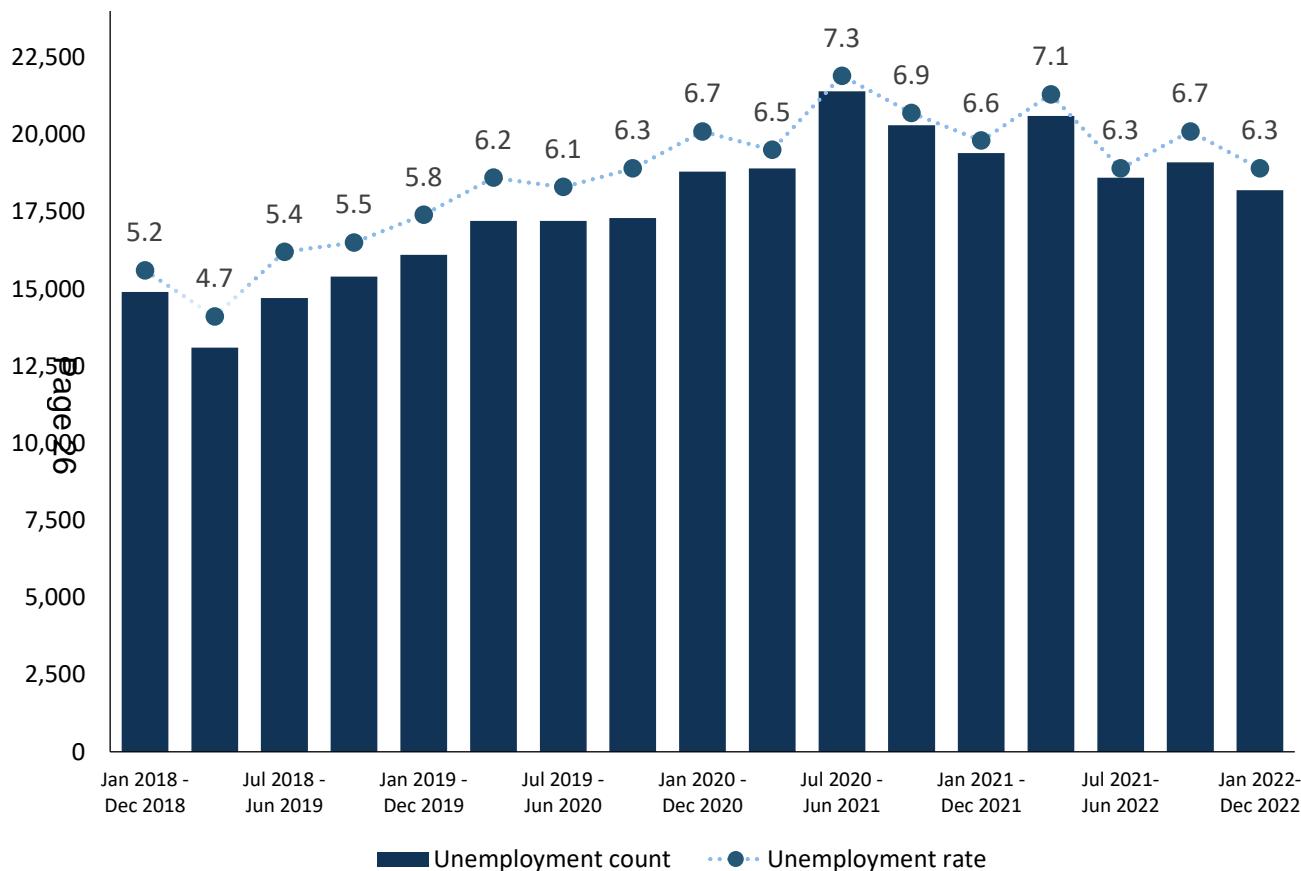
**23,560**

Unemployment Claimant Count Rate  
(March 2023)

**c. 6.0%**

In Manchester both the Unemployment rate and the count continue to fluctuate. In the latest data, the unemployment rate has declined to 6.3%. The % of people who are in employment working full time aged 16-64 declined to 78% in the latest figures, this is the lowest the rate has been since Jan 21- Dec 21.

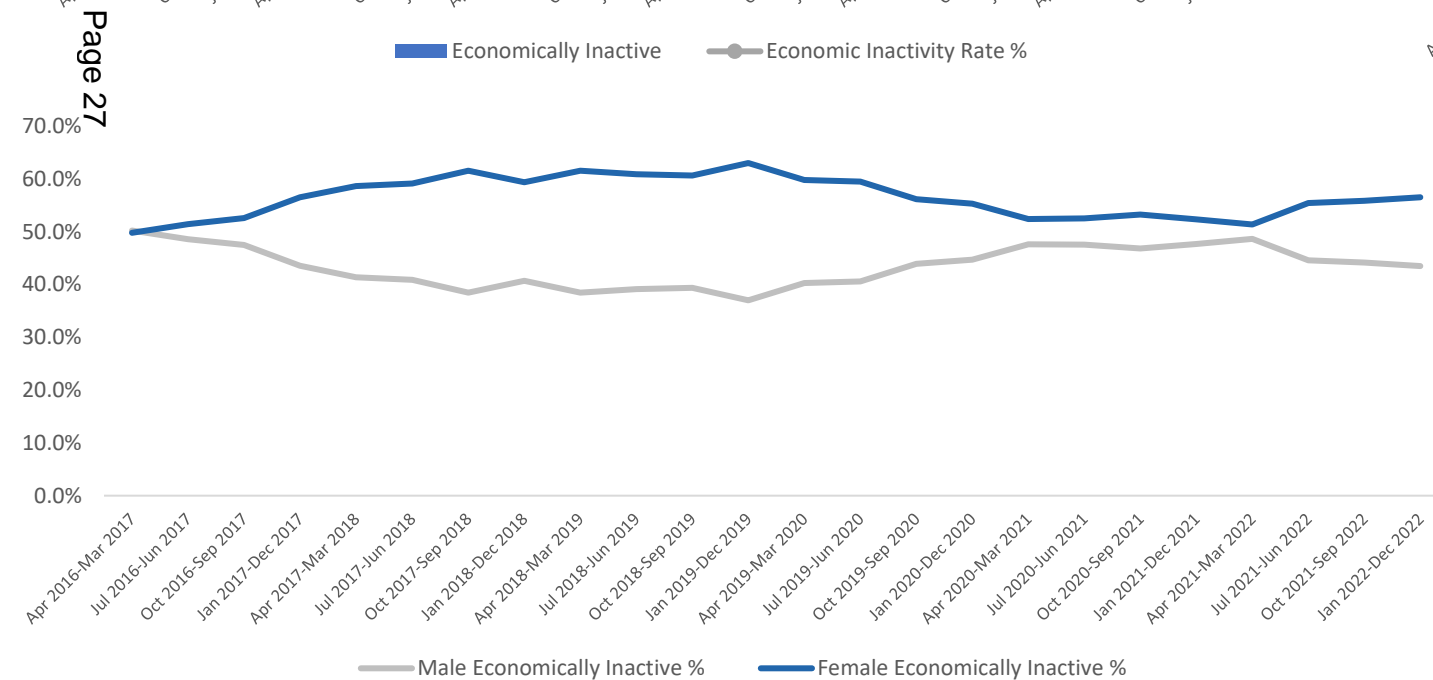
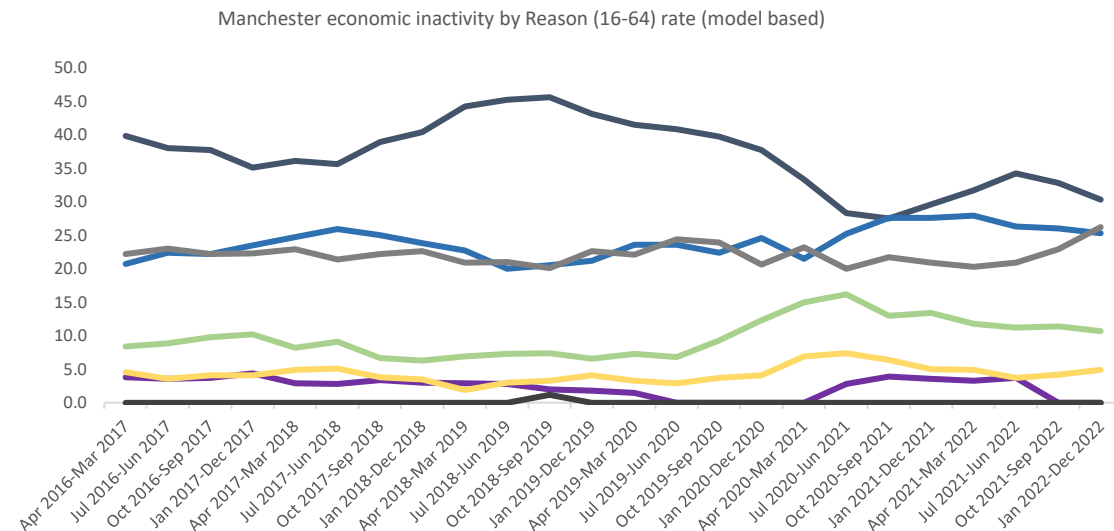
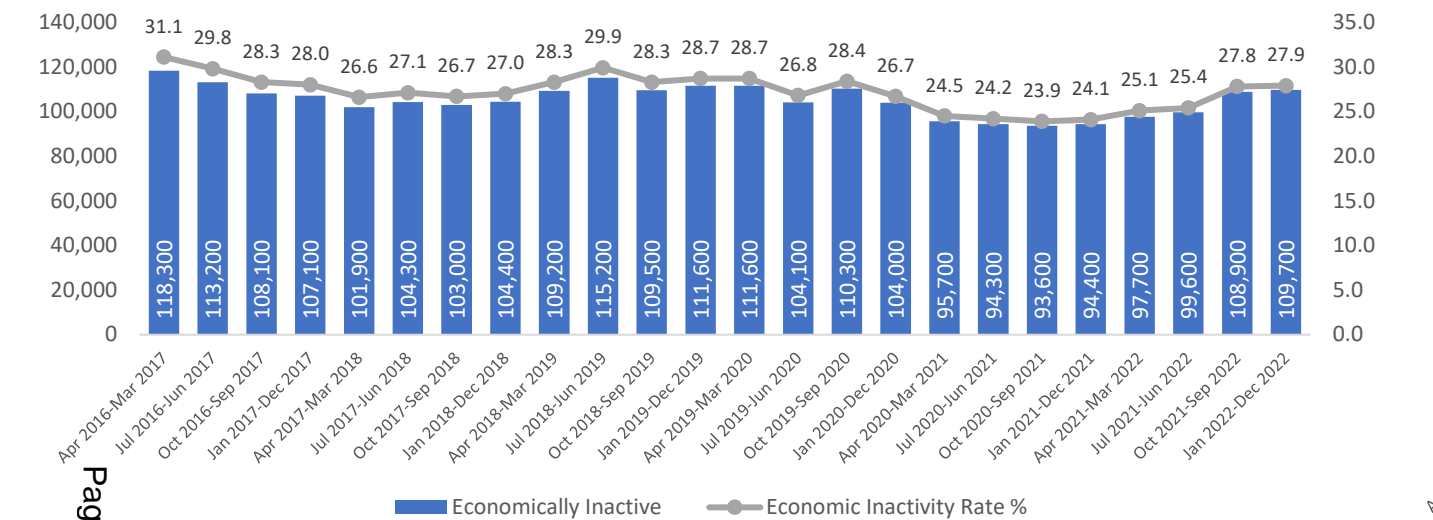
Manchester unemployment count and rate (model based)



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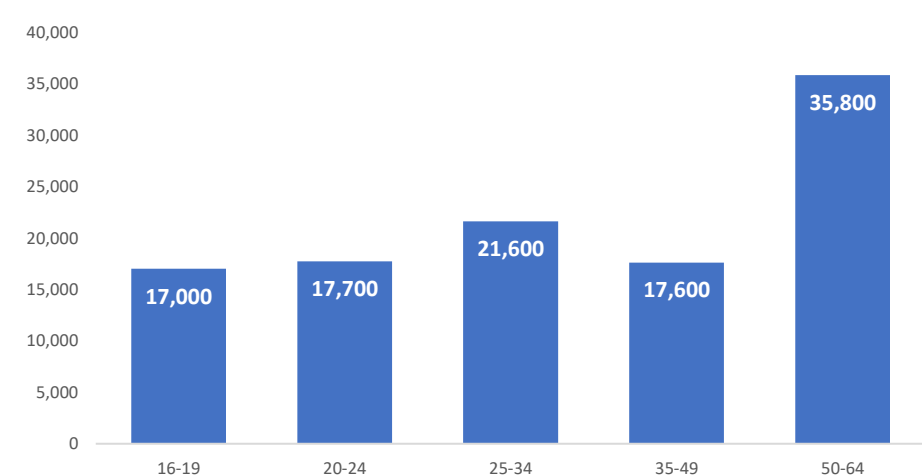
The unemployment rate is the percentage of the economically active population who are seeking work and are available to take it.

The Manchester Economic Inactivity rate has continued to increase each quarter since the low point recorded in the Oct 2020-Sep 2021, when it was recorded as 23.9%. This low point was significantly influenced by the reduction in students living in Manchester during Covid. There has been an increase in the rate of people who are economically inactive due to being long term sick.



- % Student** (Dark Blue line)
- % Long-term sick** (Grey line)
- % Other** (Light Green line)
- % Looking after family/home** (Medium Blue line)
- % Discouraged** (Black line)
- % Temporary sick** (Purple line)
- % Retired** (Yellow line)

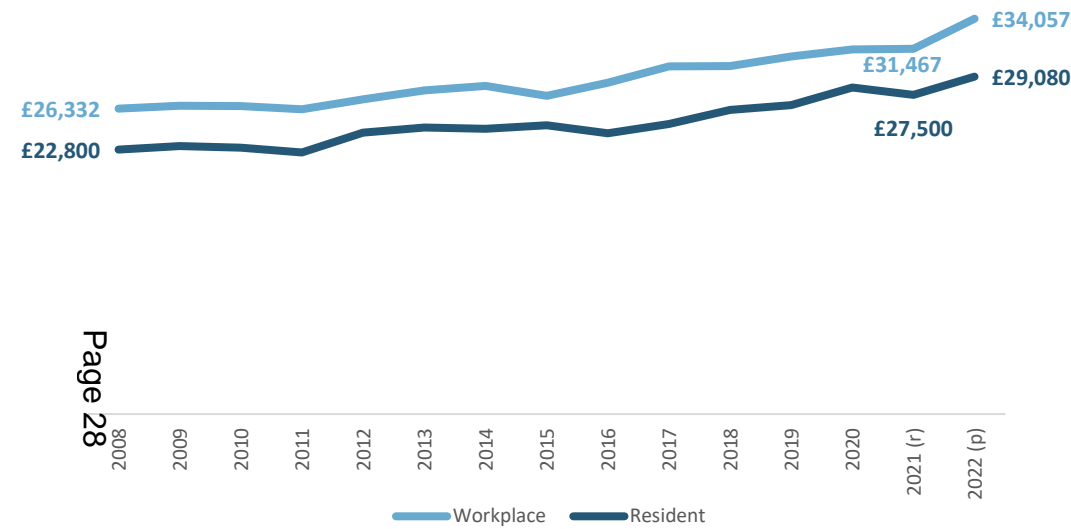
Manchester's Economic Inactivity 16-64, by age cohort, Jan 2022 - Dec 2022



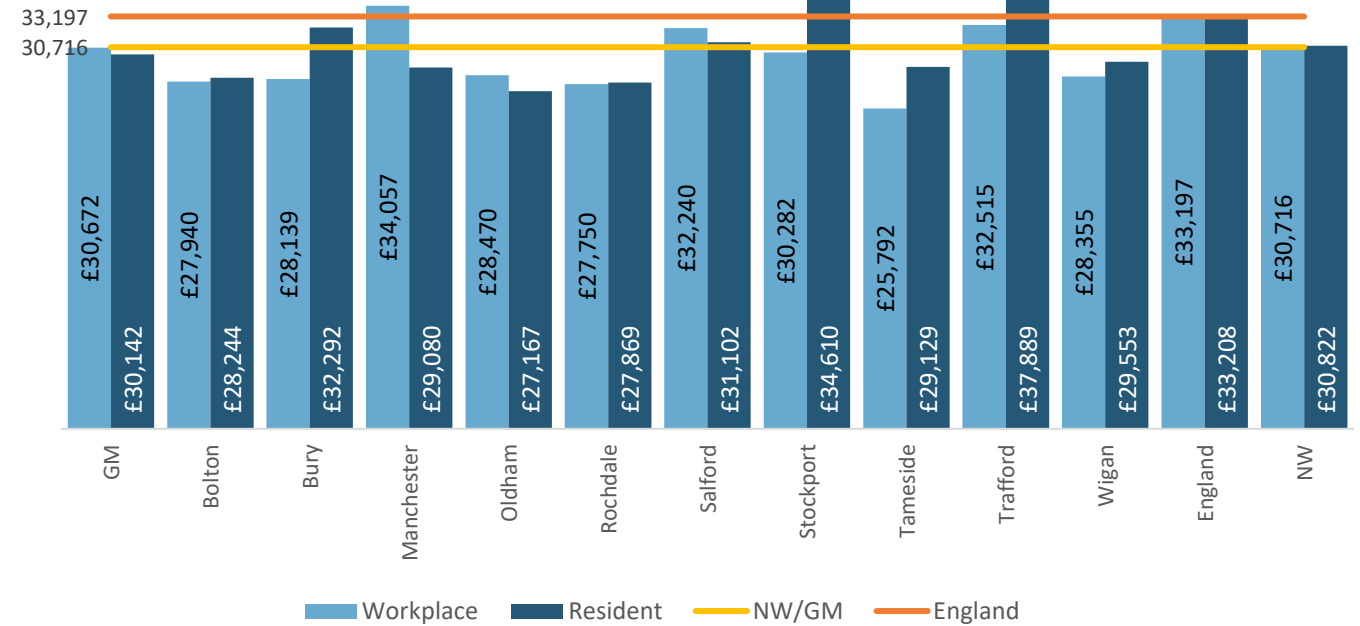
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According to ASHE the median annual income figure for both Manchester residents and workforce has increased between 2021 and 2022 (Gross income - Full-time). The median annual income for Manchester's workforce is higher than England, NW and GM, however, Manchester residents' median annual income is lower than England, NW and GM and is the 4th lowest in GM.

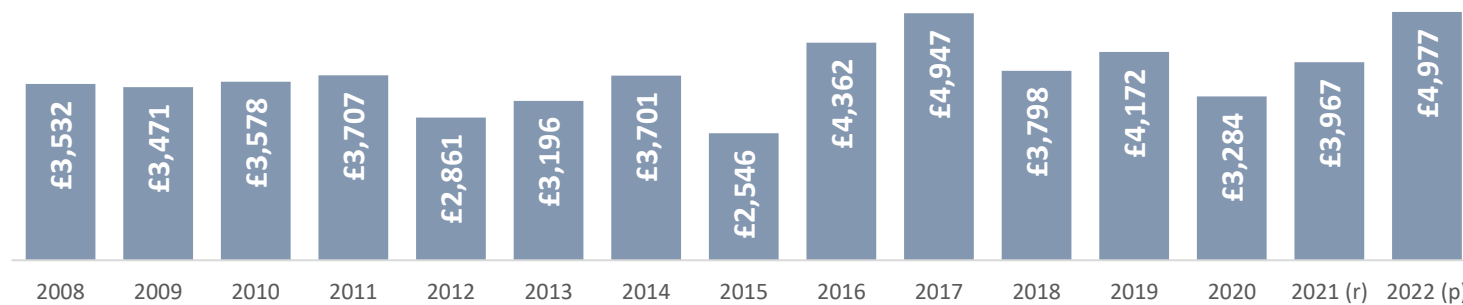
Median annual income - Manchester residents and workforce 2008-2022



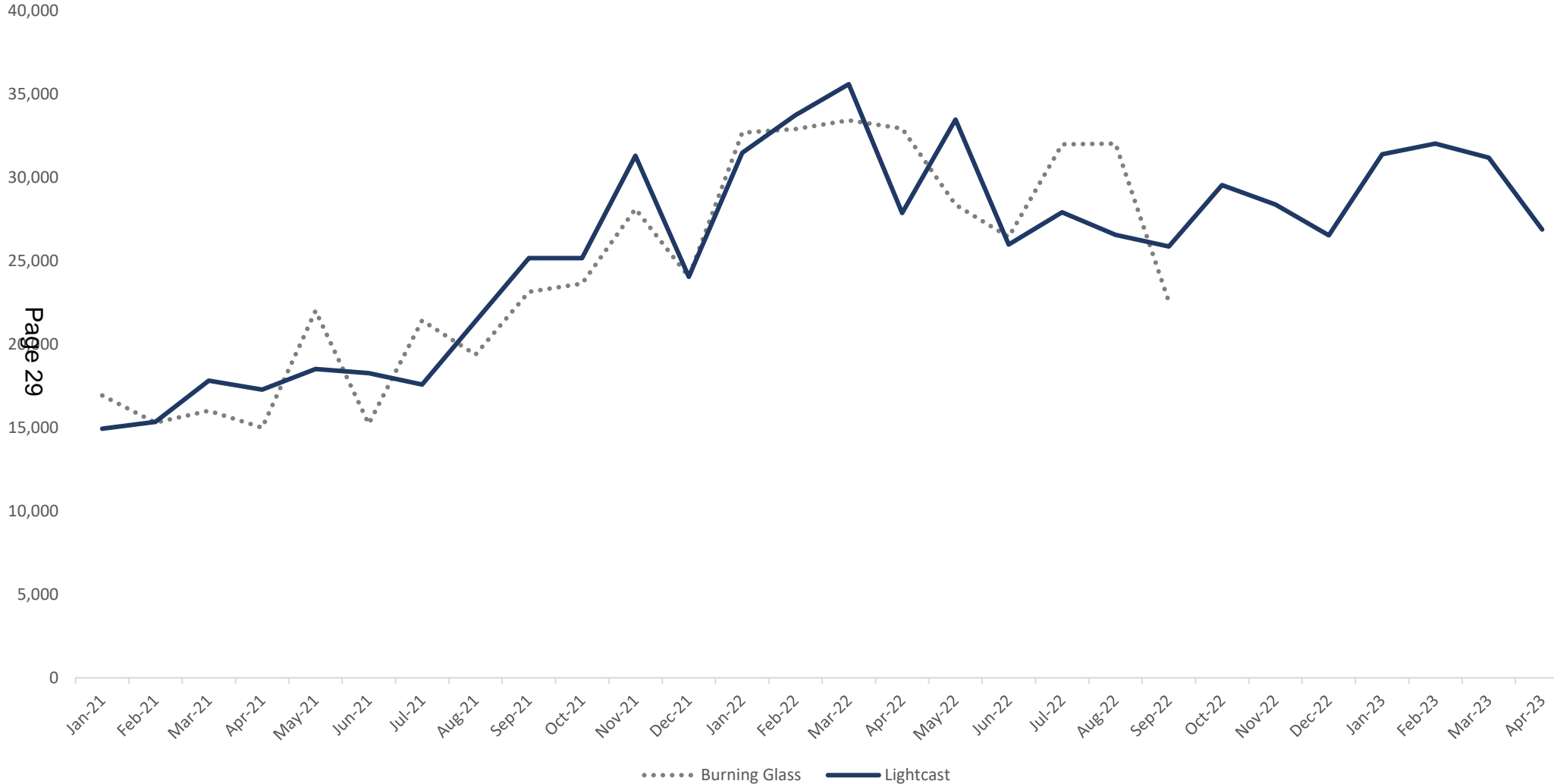
Median annual income - Manchester residents and workforce England, GM, NW and local authorities in GM.



Median annual income difference between Manchester workforce and Manchester residents



The monthly job postings in Manchester declined by 13.8% between March 2023 and April 2023. Compared to April 2022, job posting have declined 3.5%



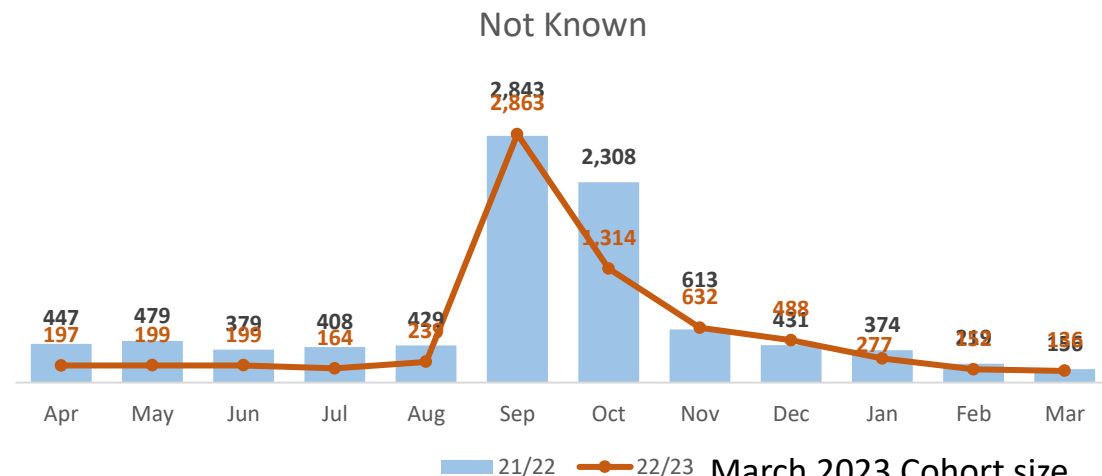
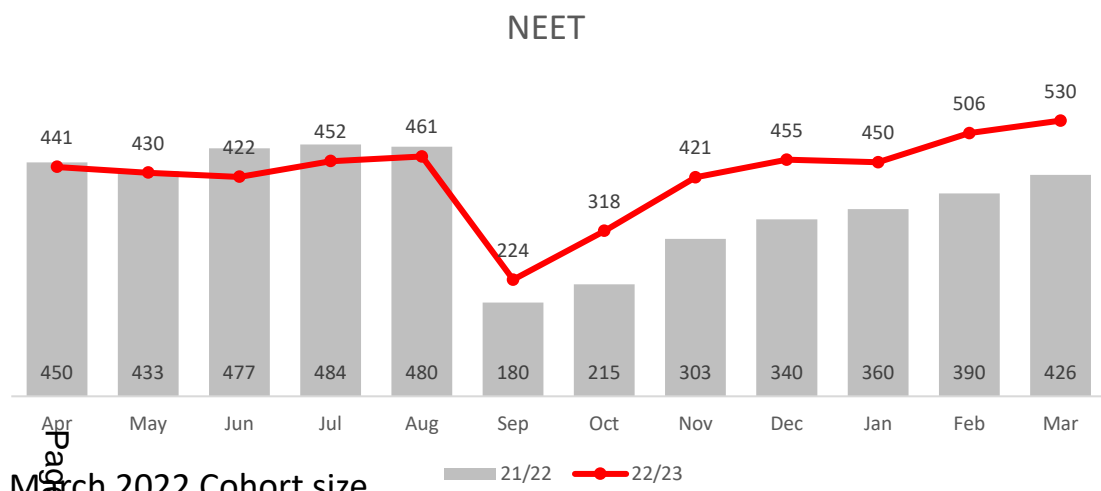
Unique job postings in April 2023:

**26,881**

% change in monthly job posting vs previous month (March 2023):

**-13.8%**

In March 2023 there were 530 16-17 year olds who were NEET, an increase of 24.1% since March 2022. Despite the cohort size increasing during that time by 8.8%, there was still a rise in the % of NEET within the cohort when compared with March 2022. Not Knowns in March 2023 were 136, a reduction of 12.8% March 2022.



March 2022 Cohort size  
**12,681**

NEET  
**426 (3.4%)**

Not Known  
**156 (1.2%)**

Combined  
**582 (4.6%)**

Category	16 Yrs	17 Yrs	Total
Participation in education and training	95.1%	89.2%	92.3%
Meeting the Duty	95.4%	89.6%	92.6%
Participating in RPA compliant education and training	95.0%	89.1%	92.2%
Working towards meeting the duty	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Temporary break from Learning	0.3%	0.5%	0.4%
Not Known	28	108	136
Not Known %	0.4%	1.6%	1.0%
In Learning	6,784	5,951	12,735
In Learning %	95.1%	89.2%	92.3%
Actual NEET	198	332	530
Actual NEET %	2.8%	5.0%	3.8%
Combined NEET and Unknown	226	440	666
Combined NEET and Unknown %	3.2%	6.6%	4.8%

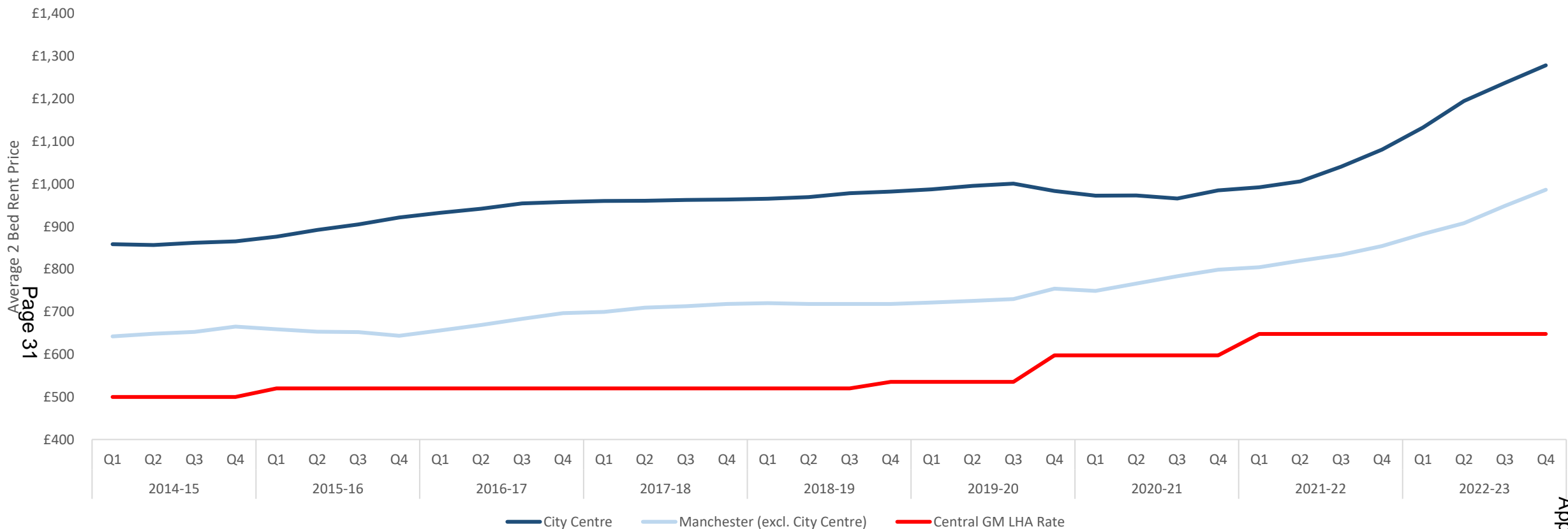
March 2023 Cohort size  
**13,792**

NEET  
**530 (3.8%)**

Not Known  
**136 (1.0%)**

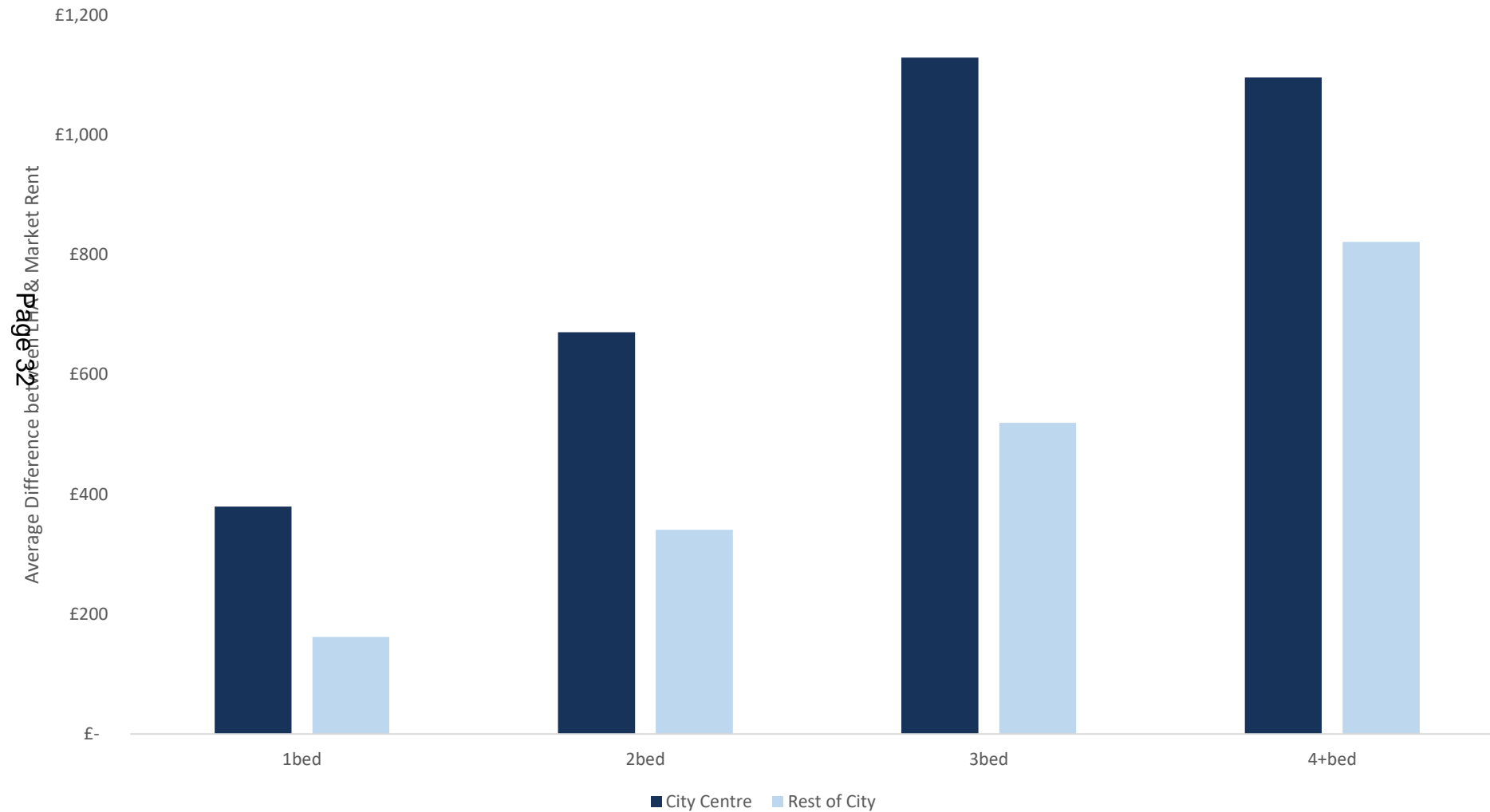
Combined  
**666 (4.8%)**

Sustained demand continuing to increase rents away from LHA – affordability pressures exacerbated by announcement that freeze on LHA is to remain in place throughout 2023-24



City Centre		Rest of City	
2Bed Rent	Quarterly Change	2Bed Rent	Quarterly Change
<b>£1,279</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>£987</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

**Gap between market rents & LHA larger for larger homes – average rents in 4+ bed properties £1,096 higher than LHA in the city centre & £821 across the rest of the city. Just 46 properties in Manchester currently affordable on LHA (almost all 1beds)\***



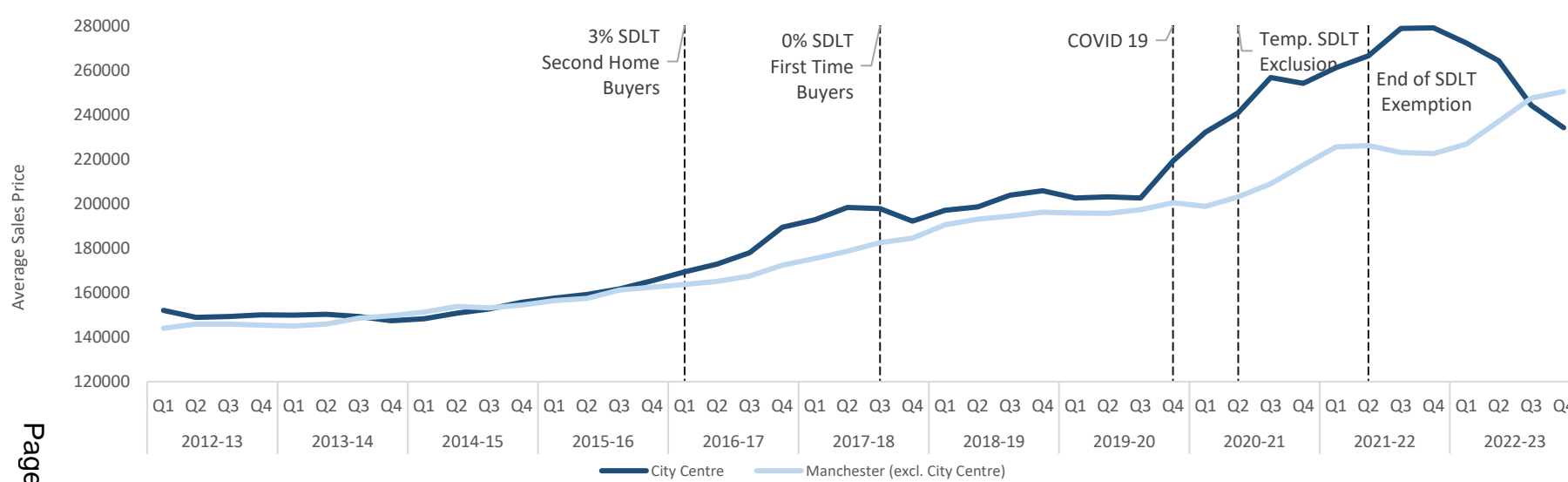
Number of Bedrooms	Properties affordable on LHA (2022-23)
1 bed	38
2 bed	3
3 bed	3
4+ bed	2

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\*It should be noted that not all rental data is included within this data set. This is because the data comes solely from properties listed for rent on Rightmove, and it does not include rental properties that are let through the informal market.



**Average sales price higher outside the city centre for the first time in a decade – lower value secondary market accounting for a greater proportion of sales in the city centre as completions fall**



City Centre Average Sales Price

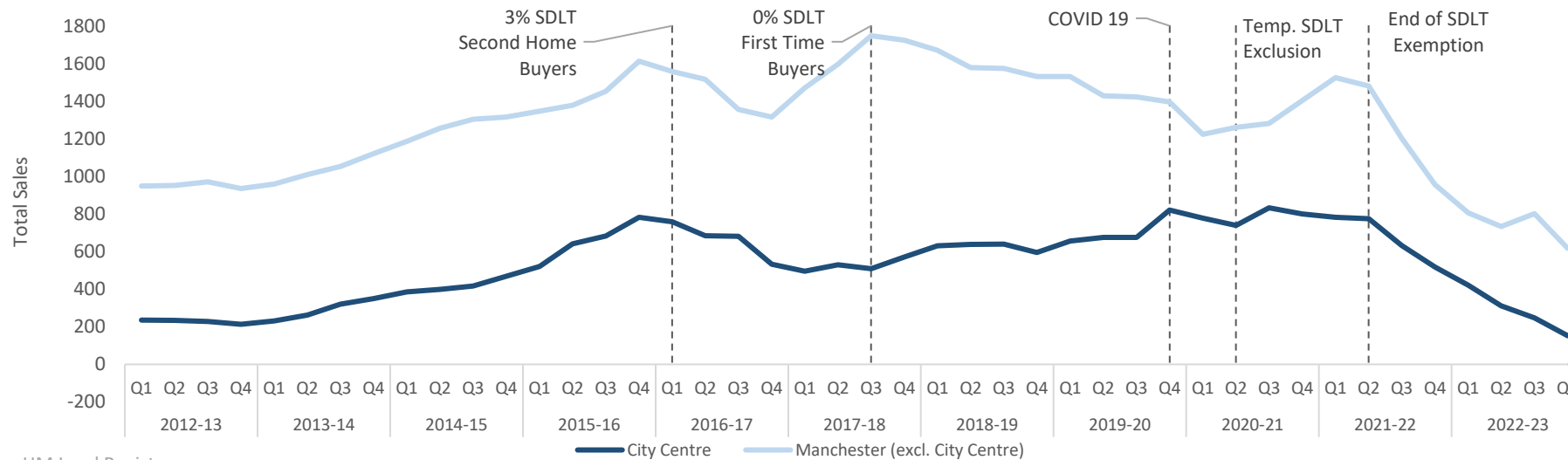
**£234,230**

Manchester (excl. City Centre) Average Sales Price

**£250,458**

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**Sales market activity at it's lowest point at any time in the last decade linked to slowdown in completions – new build sales over 90% lower in the city centre & 25% across the rest of the city compared to 2020-21**



City Centre Quarterly Change\*

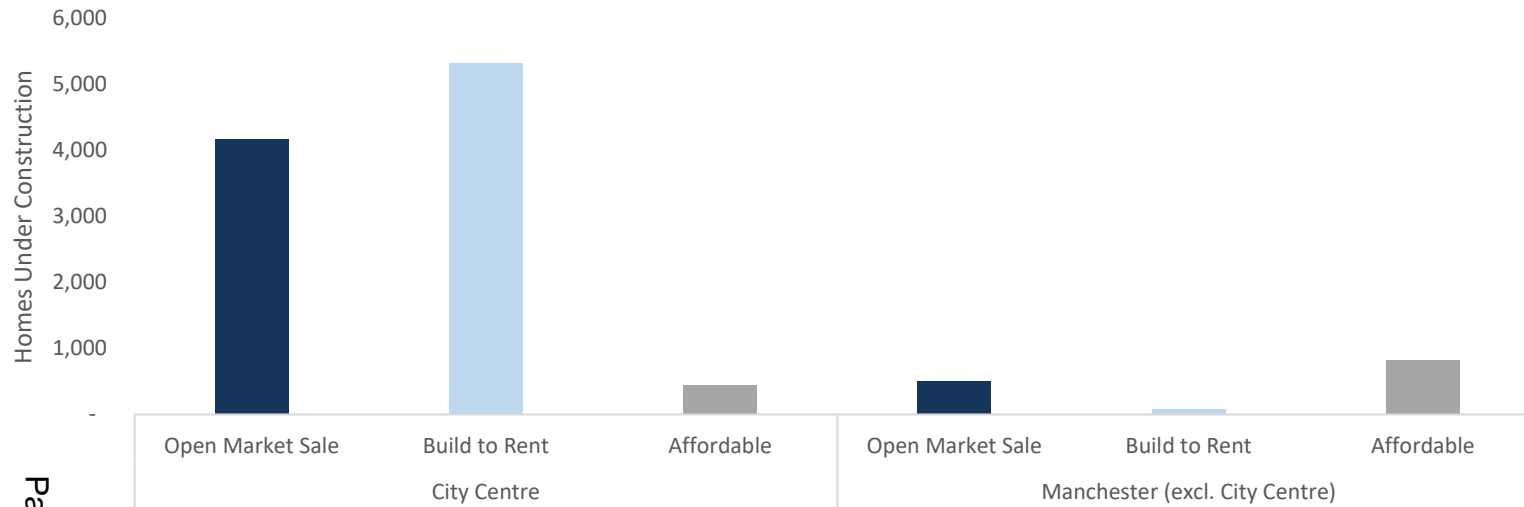
**-38.46**

Manchester (excl. City Centre) Quarterly Change\*

**-22.97**

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Over 11,000 homes under construction across the city – including over 1,200 affordable homes (\*)



City Centre Homes Under Construction

**9,932**

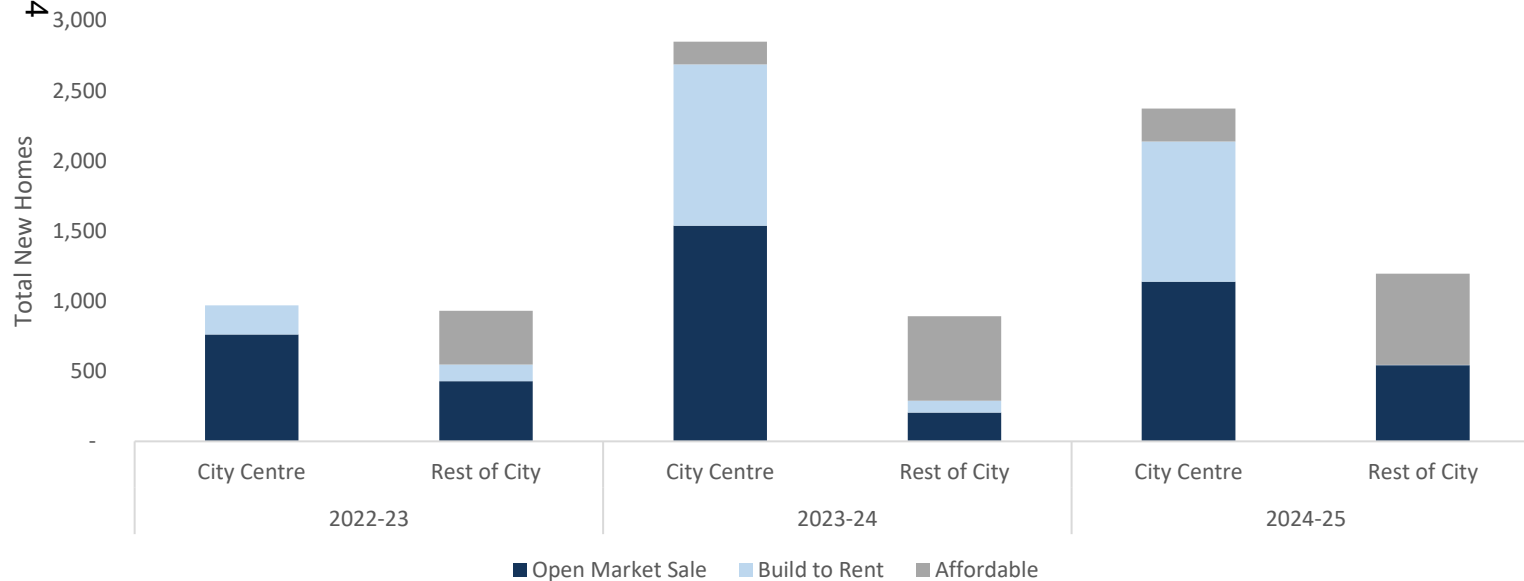
Rest of City Homes Under Construction

**1,413**

Affordable Homes Under Construction

**1,266**

c.1,900 homes completed in 2022-23 - pipeline expected to recover from 2023-24 onwards



Total Completions – 2022-23

**1,898**

Expected Completions – 2023-24

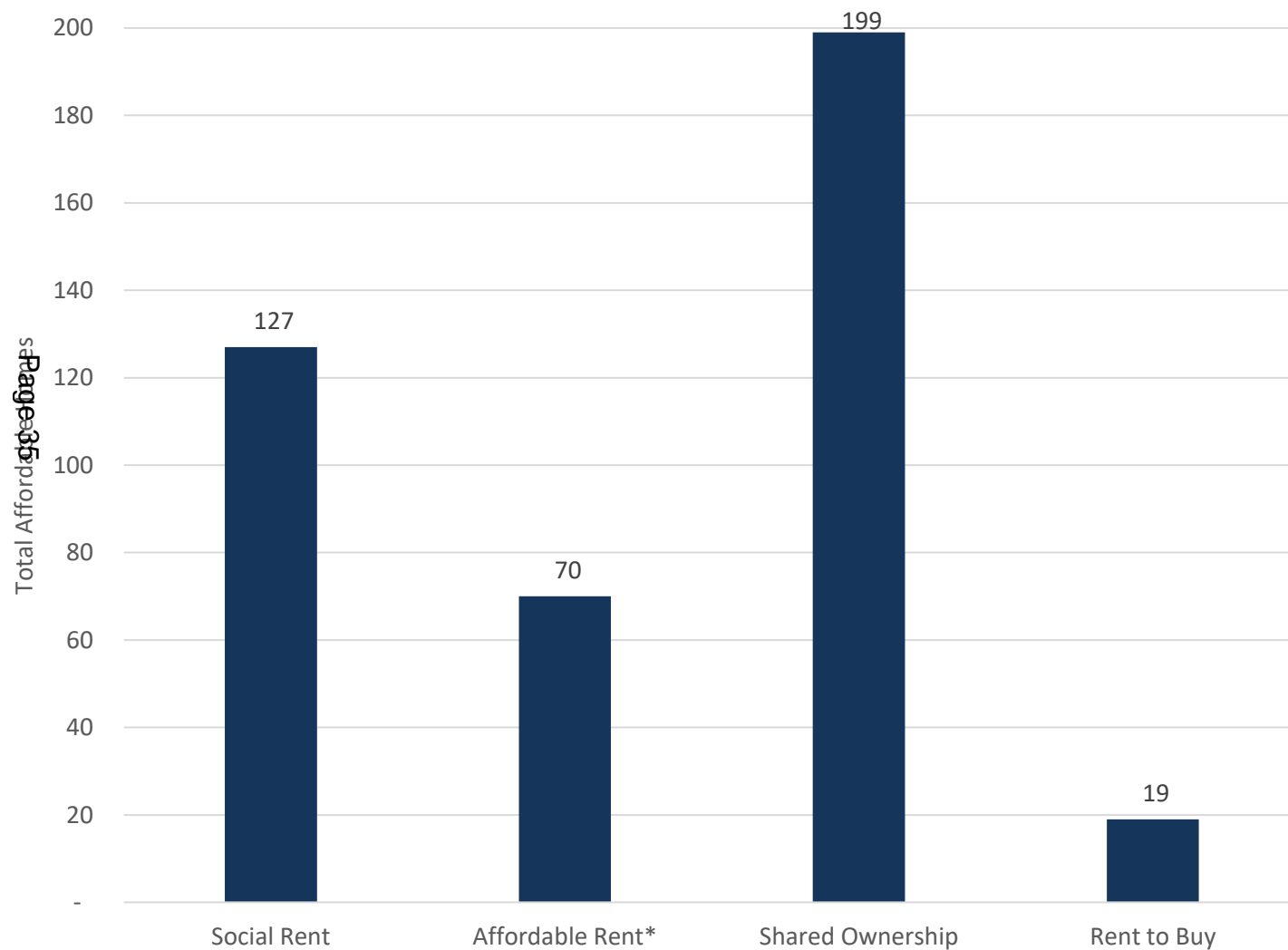
**3,740**

Expected Completions –

2024-25

**3,566**

**415 new affordable homes completed in 2022-23 - c.20% lower than in 2021-22 as the construction sector struggles with rising costs & supply chain issues albeit total completions remain higher than 2010-17 figures (c.250 homes annually)**



	Total Homes	%
One Bedroom	112	27.1%
Two Bedrooms	173	41.8%
Three Bedrooms	91	21.8%
Four+ Bedrooms	39	9.3%

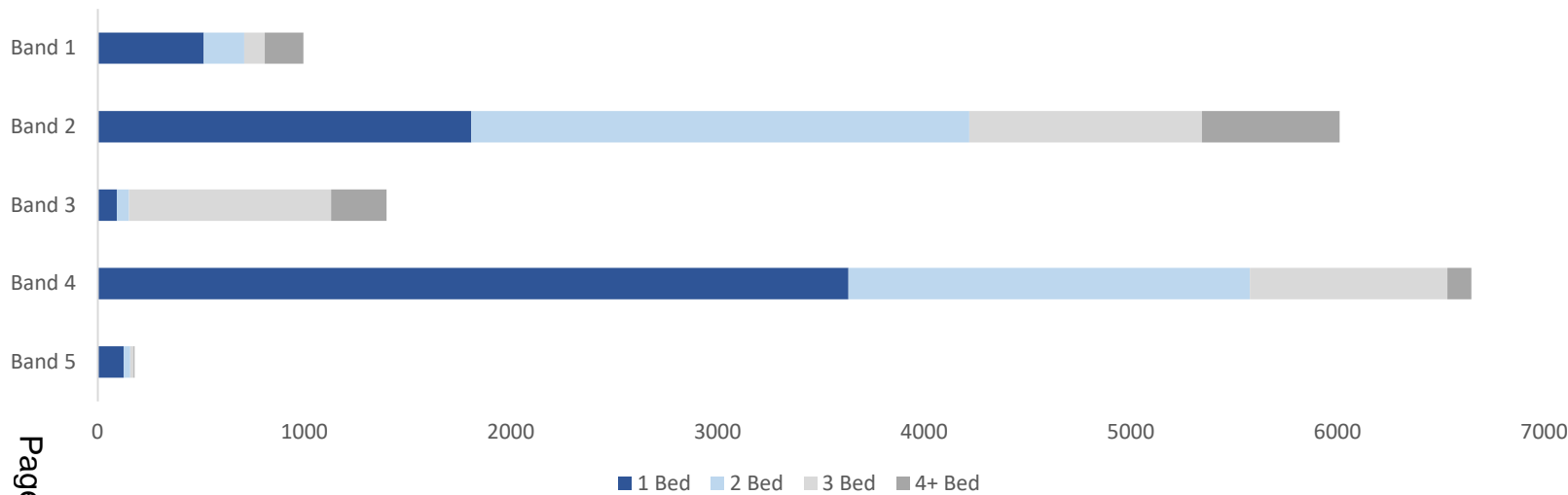
City Centre	2	0.5%
Rest of City	413	99.5%

Small Site	122	29.4%
Medium Site	165	39.7%
Large Site	128	30.9%

Small sites – Under 25 homes, Medium sites – 25-75 homes & Large sites – Over 75 homes

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A snapshot of the figures show that the majority of households in Housing Need continue to require 2 or more bedrooms. Between the January 2023 snapshot and the April 2023 snapshot there has been a 2.7% increase in the number of housing applicants.



Applicants in Priority Bands 1-3 (In Housing Need)

**8,404**

Proportion of Applicants in Housing Need Requiring 2+ Beds

**68%**

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Source: Manchester Move  
Data released: 17/04/2023 Next Updated: May 2023

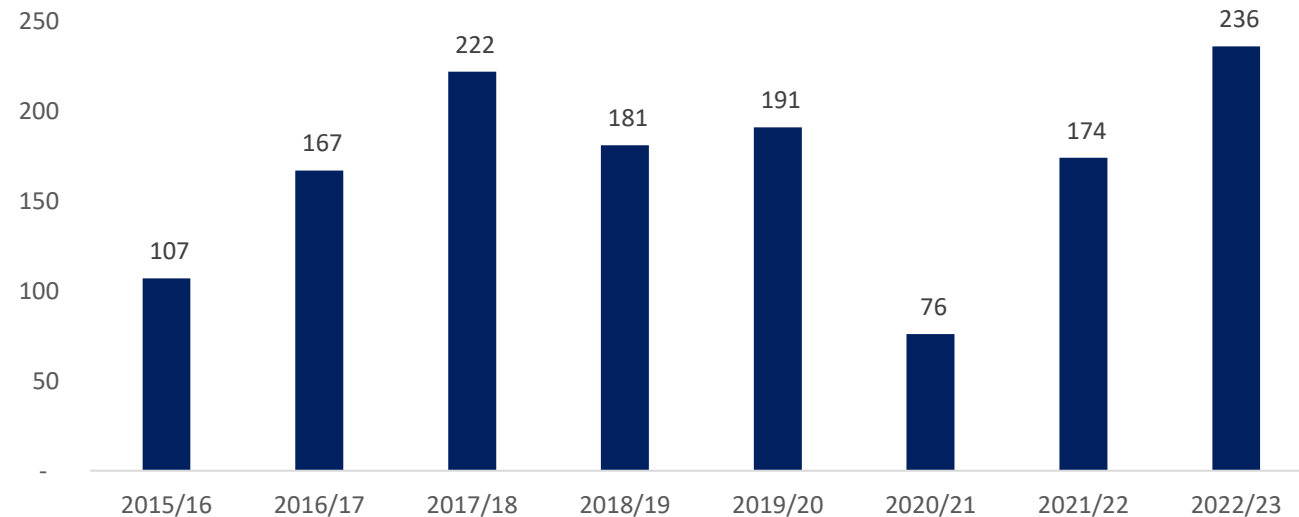
Total Right to Buys (2022-23)

**236**

Amount in the Housing Affordability Fund

**£9.31m**

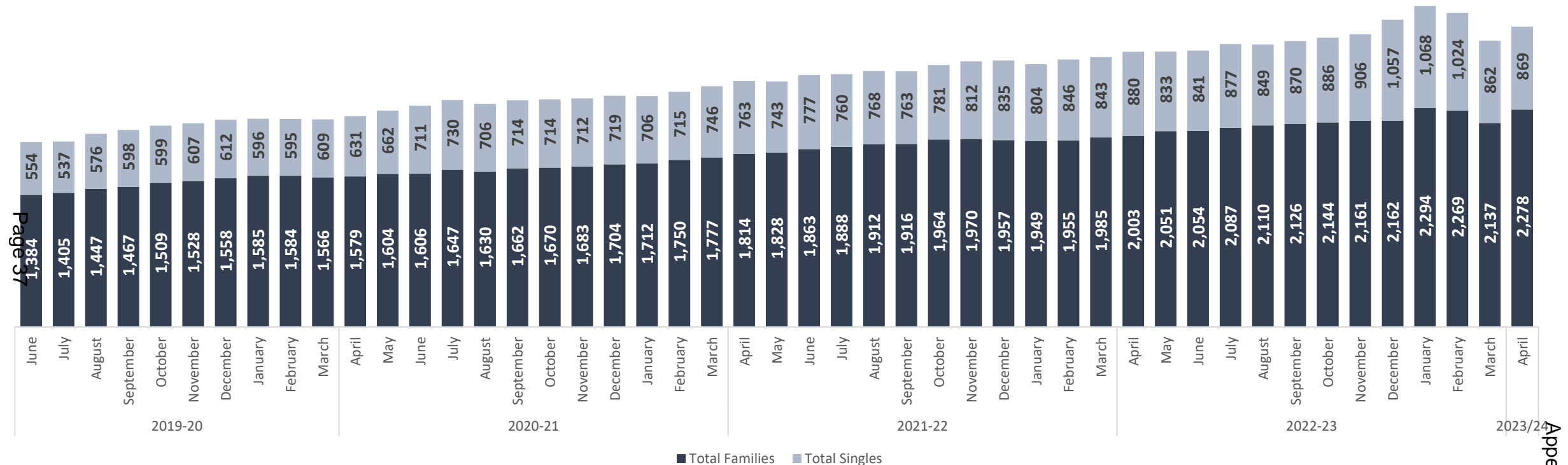
Right to Buys recovered to pre-Covid levels



Source: MCC Housing Operations  
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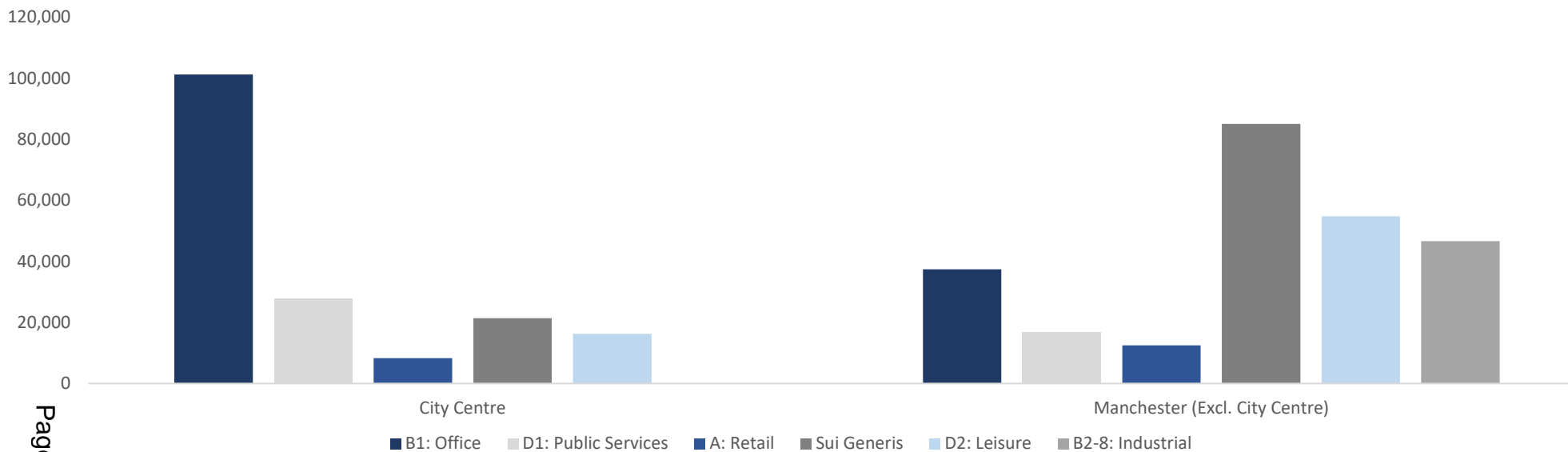
Figures for April 2023 show that in the last 12 months the total number of families and singles in Temporary Accommodation has increased by 9.2%. Between March 2023 and April 2023 there was a 6.6% rise in the number of families, a 0.8% rise in the number of singles and a rise of 4.9% in the total Temporary Accommodation.



Families in TA  
(April 23)  
**2,278**  
(14% annual change)

Single Person Households in TA  
(April 23)  
**869**  
(-1% annual change)

**101,293m<sup>2</sup> of office space is currently on-site in the city centre. Outside of the City Centre there is 54,740m<sup>2</sup> of on site classed as Leisure.**



Total Office Space Under Construction

**101,293m<sup>2</sup>**

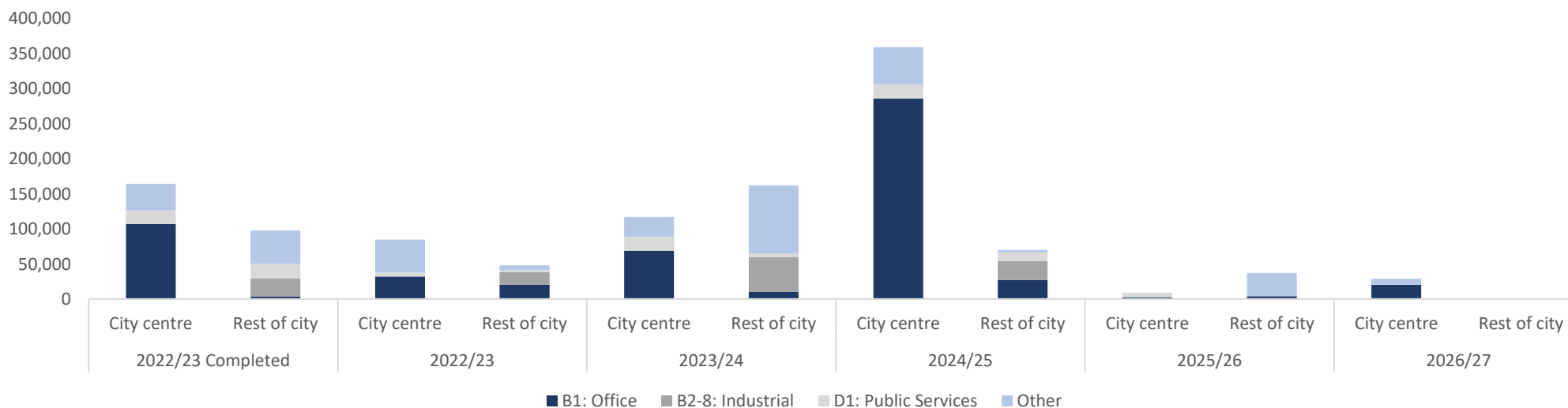
Expected City Centre Office Space Completions  
2022-22 – 2024-25

**517,288m<sup>2</sup>**

Expected Rest of City Office Completions  
2022-23 – 2024-25

**65,983m<sup>2</sup>**

**Commercial Developments – Completions & Expected Completions (2022-23 – 2026-27)**



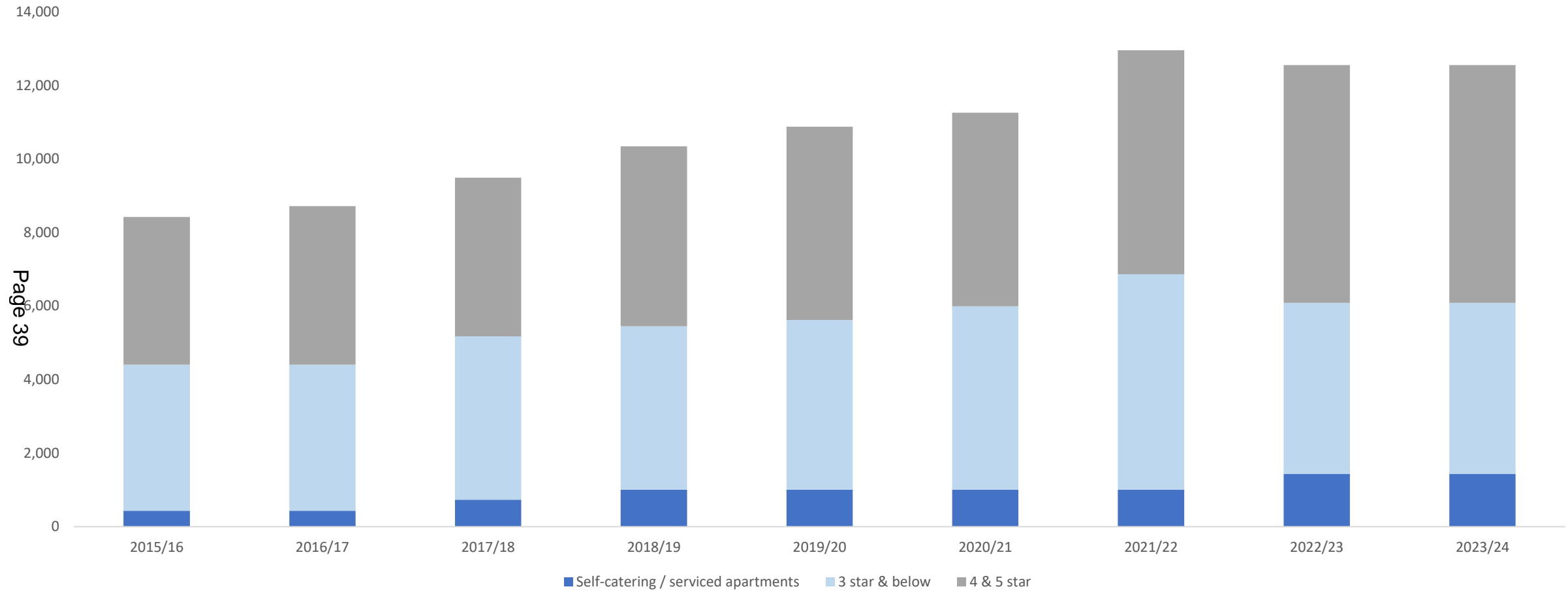
Expected City Centre Completions  
(2021-22 – 2026-27)

**762,998m<sup>2</sup>**

Expected Rest of City Completions  
(2022-23 – 2026-27)

**415,062m<sup>2</sup>**

There remains 6,466 hotel rooms in the City Centre that are 4 and 5 stars, with the majority being 4 stars. Manchester provides 46.1% of all of the visitor accommodation stock rooms within Greater Manchester.



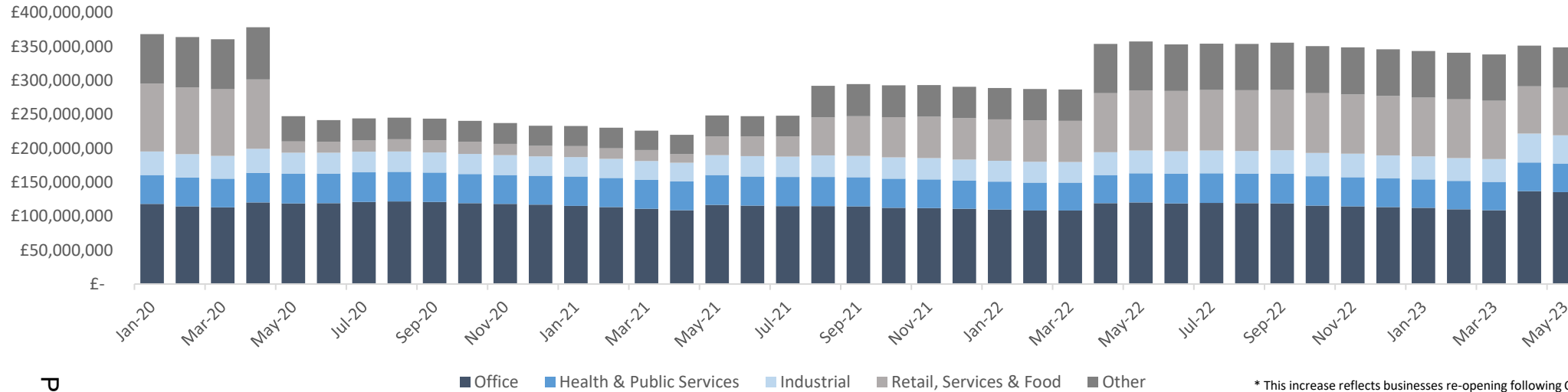
City Centre Hotel Rooms  
Constructed 2022

**1,466**

City Centre Expected Completions  
(Rooms) 2023 - Onwards

**1,962**

Total business rates charged decreased by £2.53m between April and May 2023. When comparing May 2022 with the latest figures, the amount of business rates charged is down £8.8m

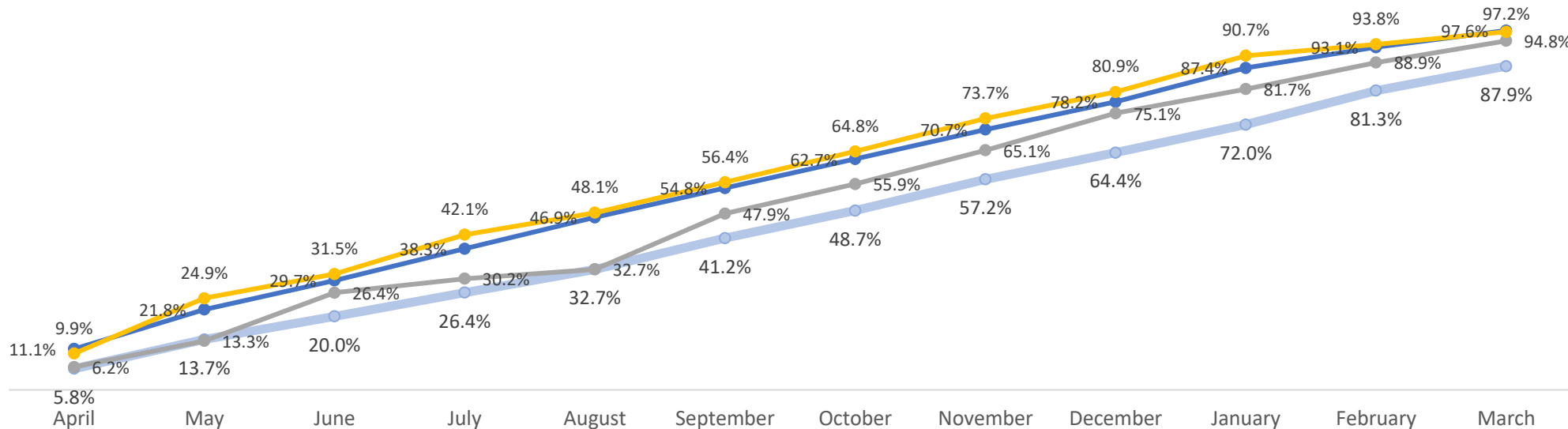


Total Annual Business Rates Charged (May):

**£348.8m**

\* This increase reflects businesses re-opening following COVID and business rates relief slowly being wound down

Business revenue collection rate 2022-23 ended the year on 97.2% which is higher than it was in both 2020/21 and 2021/22. It is slightly below where the year finished in 2019/20, which ended the year on 97.6%.

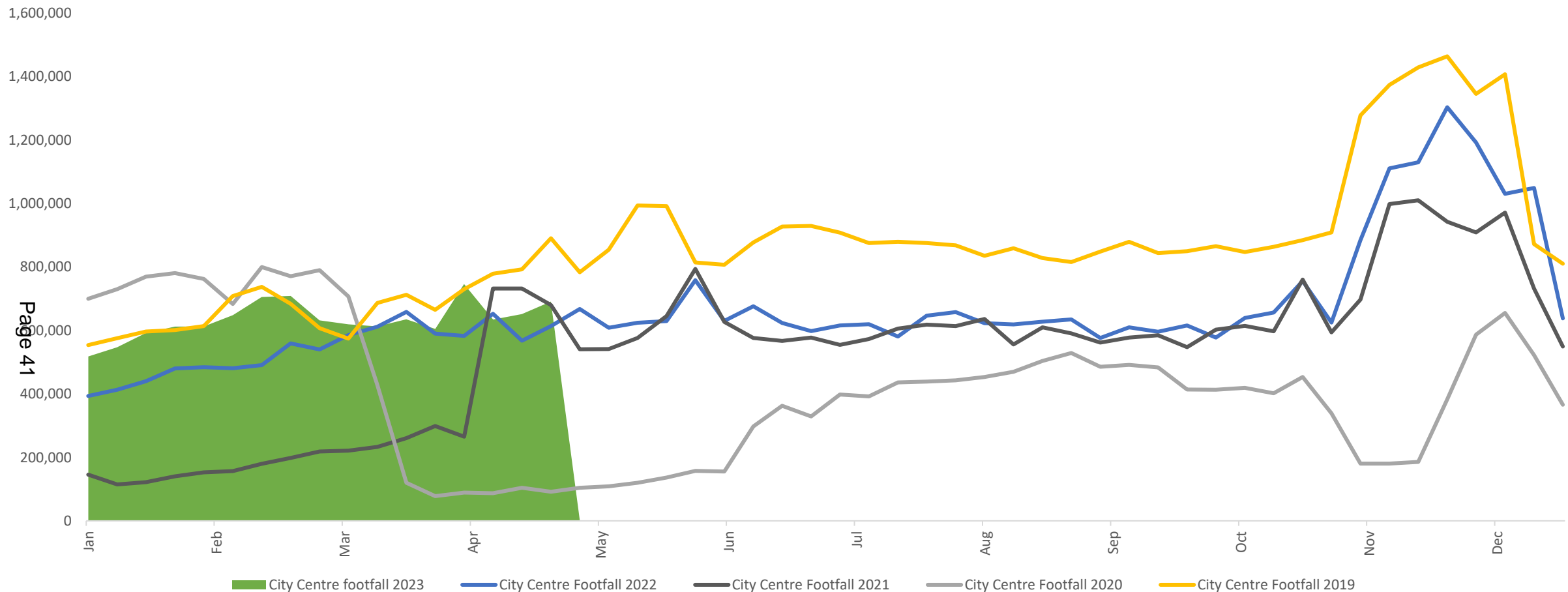


Total Collection Rate 2022-23 (April):

**97.2%**



City Centre footfall in the third week of April was 690,755, which was only the second highest recorded weekly total for April. Compared with the same point for 2022, footfall is significantly higher. Even when taking into account the large spike seen in April 2019, footfall remains substantially below the 2019 baseline.



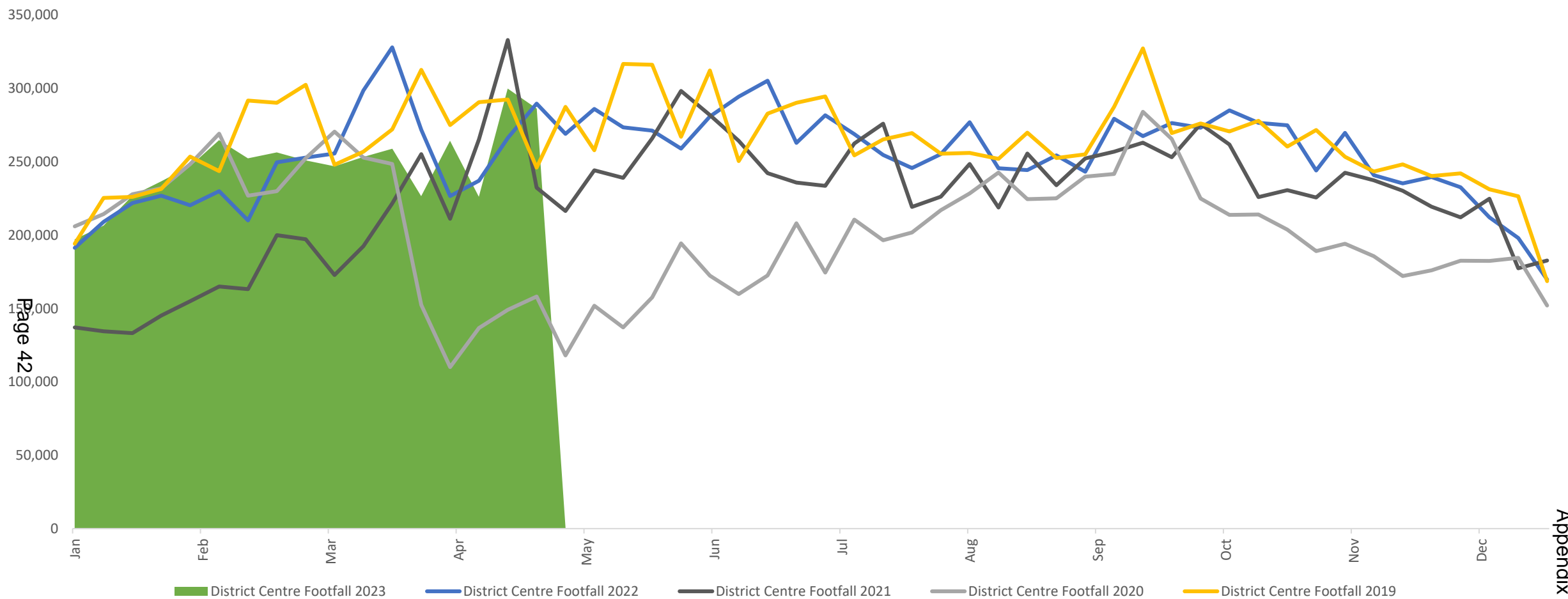
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**City Centre\* Footfall**  
 (w/s 23rd April):

<b>Change v 2022</b>	<b>Change v 2019</b>
<b>12.49%</b>	<b>-22.45%</b>

\* City Centre data on Market St, Exchange Square, St Ann's Square & King St  
 \*\* District Centres data on Blackley, Cheetham Hill, Chorlton, Fallowfield, Gorton, Harpurhey, Levenshulme, Northenden, Rusholme & Withington

District Centre footfall up to the last week of April 2023 is above where it was at the same point in 2022, and is slightly above where it was at the same point in 2019. The footfall figure for the last week of April 2023 was 286,245, which is the second highest total recorded so far in 2023, with the highest week being recorded for the third week of April.



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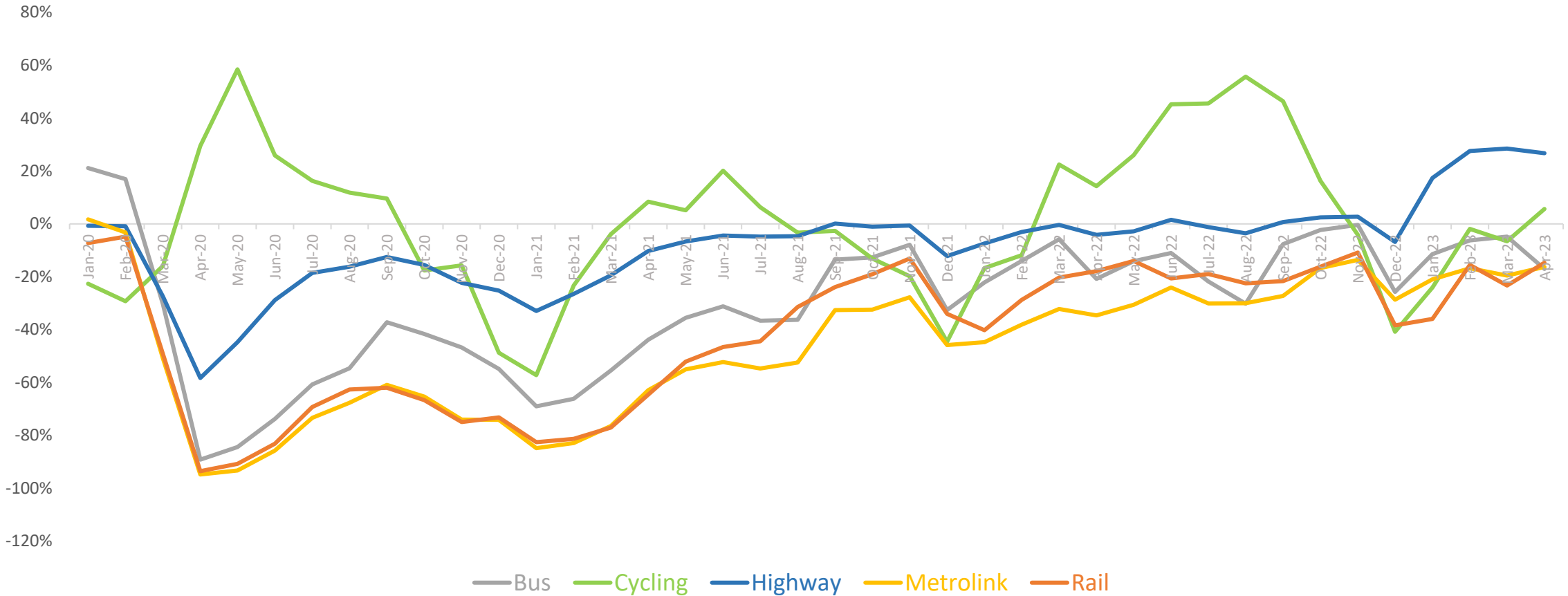
**District Centres\*\* Footfall**  
 (w/s 24<sup>th</sup> April):

<b>Change v 2022</b>	<b>Change v 2019</b>
<b>12.61%</b>	<b>2.53%</b>

\* City Centre data on Market St, Exchange Square, St Ann's Square & King St  
 \*\* District Centres data on Blackley, Cheetham Hill, Chorlton, Fallowfield, Gorton, Harpurhey, Levenshulme, Northenden, Rusholme & Withington

Except for Highways and Cycling all other forms of transport have declined over the month of April 2023 in comparison with the 2019 baseline. Cycling has increased and this could be due to the improvement in the weather. Continued rail disruption may have led to more people driving than getting onto trains.

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\* Rail data from Manchester Piccadilly



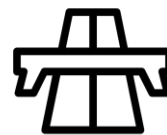
Bus

**-17%**



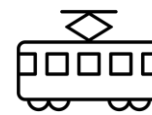
Cycling

**6%**



Highways

**27%**



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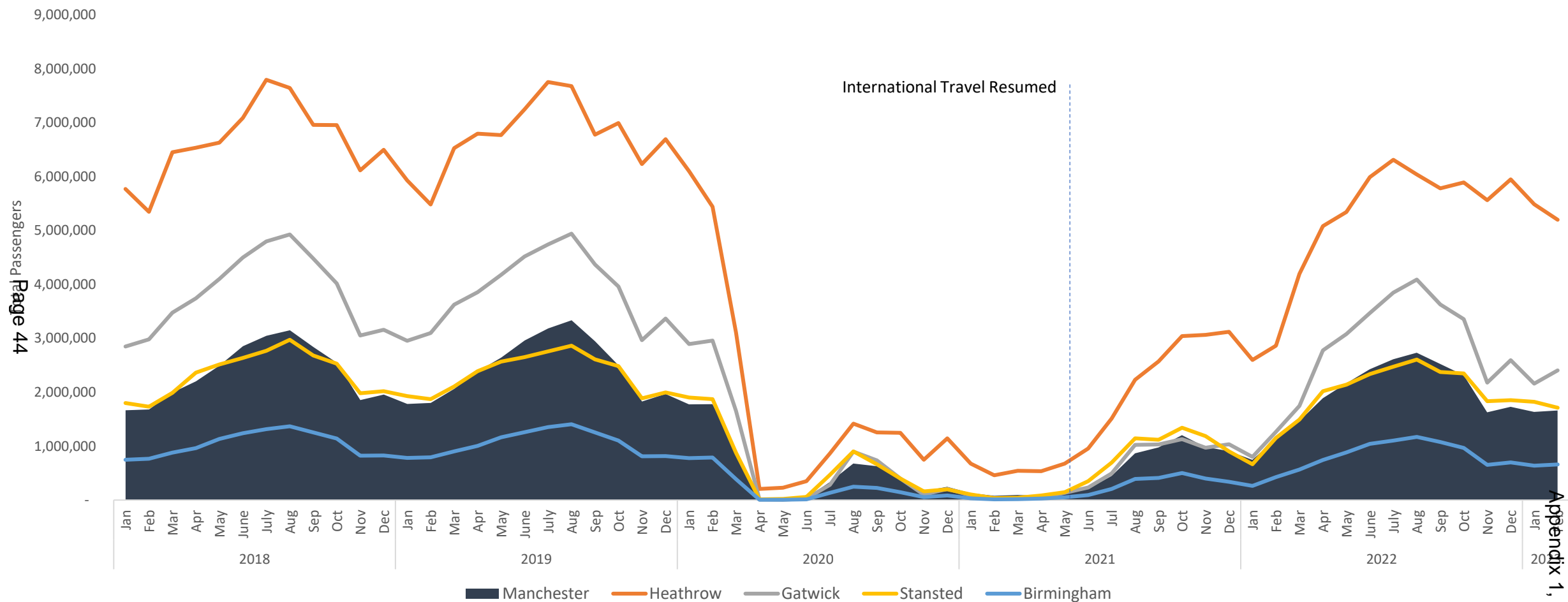
**-16%**



Rail

**-15%**

Manchester saw a slight increase of 1.81% in the number of airport passengers between February 2023 and March 2023. Over the same period both Heathrow and Stansted saw a decline in their passenger numbers. When compared against February 2022, Manchester has seen an increase of 46.66% in the number of passenger.



Manchester Airport Passengers  
(February)

**1,663,358**

Monthly Change  
(January - February)

**-1.81%**

## Manchester City Council Report for Information

**Report to:** Economy Scrutiny Committee – 23 May 2023

**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
- 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):

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.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
10 November 2022	ESC/22/44 Revenue Budget Update	That a briefing note on the Strategic Assets Management Plan be circulated to members of the committee.	Awaiting response. Further email sent on 23/02/23.	Rebecca Heron, David Lynch
12 January 2023	ESC/23/3 Update on Public Engagement for Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan	That the full MATSIP document reflects the Committee's comments and includes definitions as to what is meant by "inequalities of access" as stated at section 3.4(d) of the report.	Awaiting response	Phil Havenhand, Rob Scott

## 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 **1 May 2023**, 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.

<b>Subject / Decision</b>	<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Decision Due Date</b>	<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Background documents</b>	<b>Officer Contact</b>
<b>Development and Growth</b>					
<p><b>Strategic land and buildings acquisition 2019/06/03C</b></p> <p>The approval of capital expenditure for the purpose of the strategic acquisition of land and buildings to support the Eastlands Regeneration Framework</p>	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 1st Dec 2022		Checkpoint 4 Business Case & Briefing Note	Richard Cohen, Strategic Lead - Development (South and East) richard.cohen@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Disposal of site of former Chorlton Leisure Centre for residential development (21/05/13A)</b></p> <p>Approval to the terms for the leasehold disposal of the site of the former Chorlton Leisure Centre for residential development.</p>	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 13th Jun 2021		Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development	Mike Robertson, Principal Development Surveyor mike.robertson@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Restructure of existing multiple ground leases at Manchester Science Park</b></p>	Strategic Director - (Growth and	Not before 16th Aug 2021		Report and recommendations	Mike Robertson, Principal Development Surveyor mike.robertson@manchester.gov.uk

<p><b>into a new overriding single head lease (2021/07/16A)</b></p> <p>Restructure of existing multiple ground leases at Manchester Science Park into a new overriding single head lease.</p>	Development)				v.uk
<p><b>Strategic approach to developments of social homes via a city-wide New Build Local Lettings Policy (LLP) (2021/08/10A)</b></p> <p>Executive adopts the New Build LLP for immediate implementation.</p>	Executive	16 Nov 2022		Report and recommendations	Martin Oldfield, Head of Strategic Housing martin.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Land at Downley Drive, New Islington/Ancoats (2022/02/18B)</b></p> <p>Land disposal by way of lease for residential development at Downley Drive, New Islington/Ancoats.</p>	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 18th Mar 2022		Report and recommendations	
<p><b>Disposal of the former Gala Bingo, Rowlandsway, Manchester, M22 5RS (2022/05/19A)</b></p>	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 19th Jun 2022		Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development	Joe Martin, Senior Development Surveyor joe.martin@manchester.gov.uk



Approval to the terms for the leasehold disposal of the former Gala Bingo, Rowlandsway, Manchester, M22 5RS.					
<p><b>This City - new scheme development (2022/06/17B)</b></p> <p>To give capital expenditure approval to build a mixed development of market and accessible rent properties, initially through the Council before transferring to a Council-owned company during the build.</p>	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 17th Jul 2022		Report and recommendation	Alan Caddick, Interim Director of Housing and Residential Growth Alan.Caddick@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Housing Affordability Fund Budget (2022/06/28B)</b></p> <p>The approval of capital expenditure for affordable housing via a dedicated HAF budget.</p>	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 28th Jul 2022		Checkpoint 4 Business Case	Yvette Ryle, Project Manager Yvette.ryle@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Lower Campfield and Upper Campfield - granting of new ground leases (2022/09/07A)</b></p> <p>Approval to the granting of new ground leases to allow the repair and</p>	Chief Executive	Not before 6th Oct 2022		Report to the Chief Executive and Strategic Director of Growth and Development	David Norbury, Strategic Lead Development City Centre david.norbury@manchester.gov.uk

refurbishment of both buildings by the lessee.					
<p><b>This City: Contractor and Design Team Fees (2022/08/10A)</b></p> <p>To approve capital expenditure for the delivery of This City: Norther Quarter (Postal Street) in order to appoint a contractor under a Pre-Construction Services Agreement to progress work on a mixed development of market and Manchester Living Rent properties until planning permission has been granted.</p>	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 10th Sep 2022		Checkpoint 4 Business Case	Sarah Narici, Head of Programme Office sarah.narici@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Land at Kelbrook Road (2022/11/14A)</b></p> <p>Approval to dispose of land at Kelbrook Road for development</p>	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	4 Jan 2023		Report to the Strategic Director – Growth & Development	Thomas Pyatt, Senior Development Surveyor Tel: 0161 234 5469 thomas.pyatt@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan (2022/11/21A)</b></p> <p>To adopt the Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan</p>	Executive	18 Jan 2023		Report to Executive - Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan	Rob Scott, Principal Policy Officer robert.scott@manchester.gov.uk

<p><b>Leasehold disposal of Unit 5, Nuovo A, Great Ancoats Street (2022/12/13B)</b></p> <p>To approve a 15 year lease of Unit 5, Nuovo A</p>	<p>Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 11th Jan 2023</p>		<p>Briefing Note</p>	<p>Richard Cohen, Strategic Lead - Development (South and East) richard.cohen@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Local Authority Housing Fund to obtain and refurbish property for sustainable housing (2022/01/18A)</b></p> <p>To approve capital expenditure to obtain and refurbish property in order to provide sustainable housing for those unable to secure their own accommodation under the Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme (ACRS), Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) (collectively referred to as the Afghan Schemes), Ukraine Family Scheme, the Homes for Ukraine and the Ukraine Extension Scheme (collectively referred to as Ukraine schemes).</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>Not before 18th Feb 2023</p>		<p>Capital Strategy report</p>	<p>Martin Oldfield, Head of Strategic Housing martin.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Lease Renewal to</b></p>	<p>Director of</p>	<p>28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Delegated</p>	<p>Ken Richards, Principal</p>

<p><b>National Express at Chorlton Street Bus Station (2023/01/31A)</b></p> <p>Approval to renew the lease to National Express for a period of up to 10 years.</p>	Development			Decision Report to Head of Development and Director of Development	Development Surveyor ken.richards@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Disposal of land and buildings at Vaughan St, Manchester M12 5FQ (Space Studios) (2023/02/23A)</b></p> <p>To agree the disposal of land and buildings at Vaughan St, Manchester M12 5FQ (Space Studios) on a 250-year leasehold, subject to delegations to finalise the terms, commercial and legal agreements</p>	Executive	22 Mar 2023		Part A and Part B report to the Council's Executive on 22nd March 2023	Ken Richards, Principal Development Surveyor ken.richards@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Disposal of land at the back of Ancoats, Manchester (2023/03/23A)</b></p> <p>To approve the disposal of land bounded by Naval Street, Radium Street, Poland Street and Jersey Street</p>	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	23 Apr 2023		Briefing Note	Bhavesh Chauhan, Principal Development Surveyor bhavesh.chauhan@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Zero Carbon Programme - Hammerstone Road</b></p>	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief	Not before 11th May		Checkpoint 4 Capital approval	Richard Munns, Head of Corporate Estates and Facilities

<p><b>Depot (2023/04/11A)</b></p> <p>To approve capital expenditure for the installation of a photovoltaic electricity generation system at the Hammerstone Road Depot. Decarbonising heat and creating energy security in line with the Council's net zero strategy.</p>	Executive)	2023			richard.munns@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>The disposal of land at Store Street Manchester (2023/04/25A)</b></p> <p>To approve the disposal of land at Store Street, Manchester.</p>	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 25th May 2023		Briefing Note	
<p><b>Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) 2 (2023/04/26B)</b></p> <p>To approve capital grant funding to enable the delivery of energy efficiency and clean heating upgrades to owner occupied and private rented sector off gas grid low energy performance (EPC D-G) properties occupied by fuel poor households, in line with HUG2 funding requirements.</p>	Executive	31 May 2023		Capital Programme Update Report	Martin Oldfield, Head of Strategic Housing martin.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk

<p><b>Back of Ancoats Mobility Hub safety updates (2023/05/02A)</b></p> <p>To approve capital funding to fund essential changes required to the Ancoats Mobility Hub to meet fire safety standards.</p>	Executive	31 May 2023		Capital Programme Update Report	Shelagh McNerney Shelagh.McNerney@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Highways</b>					
<p><b>TC013 - Supply of Concrete and Bedding (2022/08/26A)</b></p> <p>Renewal of the Supply of concrete and bedding framework to supersede the existing framework where one of the two providers has ceased trading and the new bedding requirement cannot be met.</p> <p>The purpose of the framework is to supply volumetric concrete &amp; bedding to support Civil Engineering projects in the Highways Directorate</p>	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 26th Sep 2022		Confidential Contract Report with Recommendations	
<p><b>Highway Investment Patching Defect Repairs additional funds</b></p>	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 10th Nov 2022		Checkpoint 4 Business Case	Paul Swann, Team Leader paul.swann@manchester.gov.uk

<p><b>(2022/10/12A)</b></p> <p>To approve capital expenditure to undertake further areas of highways patching work, the project helps to improve the condition of our highway</p>					
<p><b>Q20525 - Active Travel Fund (ATF) City Centre (2023/04/19A)</b></p> <p>The appointment of a contractor to undertake construction works to improve cycling and walking facilities in Deansgate, Bridgewater Viaduct, Chester Road and Whitworth Street West and facilitate access into the area for businesses and disabled people.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)</p>	<p>Not before 17th May 2023</p>		<p>Report and recommendations</p>	<p>Simon Liversage, Senior Project Manager simon.liversage@manchester.gov.uk</p>

### 3. Economy Scrutiny Work Programme

Tuesday 23 May 2023, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 12 May 2023)

Title	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
Purpose Built Student Accommodation	To receive a report on Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA).	Cllr White (Executive Member for Housing and Development)	Becca Heron Dave Roscoe	
Economy Dashboard – Introduction to new Members	To receive the most up to date Quarterly Economy Dashboard.	N/A	Paul Holme Sandra Aguilera	
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 meeting will close for the annual work programming session where members determine the work programme for the forthcoming year. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation from the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) on upcoming issues and challenges within the Committee’s remit; and</li> <li>• A presentation from the Exec Member on his/her priorities for the next Municipal Year</li> </ul>	Cllr Craig (Leader) Councillor White (Executive Member for Housing and Development)	Scrutiny Support	This part of the meeting will be closed to the public.