



# **Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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**Councillors** - Johns (Chair), Baker-Smith, Bano, Benham, Hussain, Iqbal, Northwood, Richards, I Robinson, M Sharif Mahamed and Taylor

## 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 - 10  
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2023.
- 5. Greater Manchester Public Transport Network** To follow
- 6. Census Update** To follow
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This report provides a summary of the recent Greater Manchester Trailblazer deal and its implications for Manchester.
- 8. Overview Report** 23 - 46  
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.

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## **Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**

### **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 23 May 2023**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Johns (Chair) – in the Chair

Councillors Baker Smith, Benham, Hussain, Iqbal, Northwood, I Robinson and Taylor

#### **Also present:**

Councillor Craig, Leader of the Council

Councillor Hacking, Executive Member for Skills, Employment and Leisure

Councillor Igbon, Executive Member for Vibrant Neighbourhoods

Councillor White, Executive Member for Housing and Development

Councillor Abdullatif

**Apologies:** Councillor Richards

#### **ERSC/23/20 Minutes**

#### **Decision**

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

#### **ERSC/23/21 Purpose-Built Student Accommodation**

The committee received a report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) which provided an update on the provision of Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) in Manchester and issues that had arisen since the last report in December 2020.

Key points and themes within the report included:

- An introduction and background to student accommodation;
- The key considerations against which a proposal for new PBSA are tested;
- Recent changes, including acknowledgment that there is a shortage of PBSA in Manchester;
- Details of twenty sites which had been identified and assessed by Deloitte LLP, in consultation with officers, to determine whether there is the potential to meet anticipated demand for PBSA in line with Policy H12, including an assessment of the number of beds these sites could accommodate; and
- The deliverability criteria against which these sites had been assessed.

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

- How the Council's approach to PBSA would consider oversaturation in nearby communities;
- Consultation on the proposed schemes;
- The demand for PBSA amongst second- and third-year students;
- How the Council ensured that sufficient infrastructure and amenities, such as GPs and dentists, are in place where PBSA was built;
- The appropriateness of Policy H12, citing a recent Planning Inspector decision to allow a PBSA appeal at Deansgate South;
- Noting increases in the number of students continuing to live at home whilst studying; and
- Expressing concerns with the affordability of PBSA.

The Executive Member for Housing and Development introduced the item and explained that the Council wanted to ensure an appropriate plan for good-quality student accommodation in suitable locations for students and other communities in Manchester. He acknowledged a challenge in capacity and informed the committee that discussions had been held with universities to bring forward developments within the university estate to help meet demand. He also explained that a shortfall in PBSA impacted the wider housing market as students moved to private rental properties which led to increased rents, higher demand and less availability, particularly for family homes.

The committee was also advised that a site at Whitworth Park was incorrectly listed in the report as being in Hulme ward. This would be amended to state that it was in Ardwick. The Chair also highlighted that Cambridge St Circus was incorrectly listed as being in the Piccadilly and Hulme wards and that this should be Deansgate and Hulme.

Councillors Igbon and Abdullatif addressed the committee in their capacities as ward members for Hulme and Ardwick. Councillor Igbon explained that Manchester embraced the contributions of universities and students to the city but stated that the report did not highlight existing PBSA in Hulme. She stated that PBSA should not consume existing communities and requested that the Committee recommend to the Executive the removal of the Gamecock Pub and McDougall Site from the list of sites for potential PBSA.

Councillor Abdullatif echoed Councillor Igbon's sentiments and reiterated the impact of PBSA on communities in Hulme and Ardwick, particularly in densely populated areas. She expressed concerns that there had been no consultation with residents on the number of bedspaces at proposed sites and challenged the need for PBSA to be located near to university buildings given the extensive public transport network in Manchester. She requested that the committee did not endorse the list of schemes to the Executive.

In response to a query by the Chair regarding oversaturation in communities as a result of PBSA, the Executive Member for Housing and Development explained that

there was a need to increase the capacity of student accommodation in the city but that it was important to be mindful of existing communities.

The Executive Member for Housing and Development explained that the sites listed were at varying stages within the planning process, with some built and occupied already. He acknowledged concerns over a lack of consultation with residents and members but stated that consultation would be undertaken at an appropriate point in the planning process.

The Strategic Director (Growth and Development) stated that the report was the result of a desktop exercise to test the appropriateness of policy H12 and to demonstrate the abilities within specific areas of the city to meet a pipeline of demand for PBSA. She emphasised that the sites listed would be subject to due process and would be individually assessed on their merits, including supporting infrastructure.

In response to a query around the appropriateness of policy H12, the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) stated that the Council believed there was sufficient capacity to meet future demand for student accommodation, countering the recent findings and recommendations of the Planning Inspector. The Assistant Director of Planning also explained that the list of sites was not definitive or exhaustive but sought to demonstrate that there were a number of sites which could possibly be put forward for planning permission to meet demand in line with policy H12.

The Assistant Director of Planning noted the importance of affordability and explained that this would be examined through the review of the Local Plan. He advised the committee that there were several schemes in development which had an element of affordability secured through Section 106 agreements.

The committee was also advised that there was currently no policy to provide infrastructure and amenities within the proximity of PBSA, but the Assistant Director of Planning explained that this could be provided through major regeneration schemes as demonstrated at Great Jackson Street. He also stated that discussions were underway to build a doctor's surgery at Upper Brook Street, subject to the scheme being approved.

The Strategic Director (Growth and Development) expressed confidence in the short-term demand for PBSA and explained that this would be monitored continuously. She reiterated the Executive Member's comments that additional PBSA would increase capacity in the private-rented sector for other households. She stated that the Council would consider alternatives such as co-living accommodation, although this would not be specifically targeted at students.

The Executive Member for Housing and Development explained that the Council worked with universities and accommodation providers to ensure consultation was

undertaken. He stated that around 25,000 students lived at home whilst studying at a Higher Education Institution (HEI) in Manchester and that there had been a shift in demand for PBSA amongst second- and third-year students. He reiterated that this was a desktop study but that there had been conversations between the Council, universities, and student bodies to inform the approach to PBSA.

**Decision:**

That the committee

1. notes the changes that have taken place regarding the provision of Purpose-Built Student Accommodation since December 2022;
2. endorses to the Executive the approach set out in the report to help guide the decision-making process in advance of the review of the Local Plan and request the Planning and Highways Committee take this approach into account as a material consideration until the Local Plan has been reviewed; and
3. recommends that the Executive amend recommendation 2 to read *“Consider the list of schemes set out in the report as the pipeline that will deliver the required amount of PBSA up to 2030, pending consultation with ward members”*.

**ERSC/23/22 Economy Dashboard**

The committee considered a report of the Head of Performance, Research and Intelligence which presented the Economy Dashboard. The Economy Dashboard contains a range of data and intelligence on key aspects of Manchester’s economy.

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

- Suggesting it would be useful for future dashboards to provide a breakdown of annual median income by decile; and
- Noting trends in each section except for support provided through the cost-of-living advice line and the makeup of households accessing support, and requesting context for this.

The Head of Performance, Research and Intelligence accepted the committee’s suggestions. He advised that information within the Economy Dashboard on the cost-of-living advice line was part of a wider suite of monitoring trends and activity and that this could be included in future reports to the committee.

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.



### **ERSC/23/23 Overview Report**

The committee received a report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit which contained key decisions within the Committee's remit.

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:**

That the committee note the report and agree the work programme, noting the above comments.

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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 20 June 2023

**Subject:** The Greater Manchester Trailblazer Devolution Deal and its implications for Manchester, including Adult Skills and Technical Education

**Report of:** Strategic Director (Growth and Development)

### Summary

This report provides a summary of the recent Greater Manchester Trailblazer deal and its implications for Manchester.

### Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to note and comment on the contents 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

The Trailblazer Devolution Deal makes several announcements in relation to net zero and the environment. Whilst the significance and impact of these announcements is not yet clear, they have demonstrated that zero carbon remains an important theme across the devolution agenda which will continue to support the Council to meet our zero-carbon targets.

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion** - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments

Further work may be required at a local level to understand the EDI impact of the trailblazer deal.

<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	The devolution deal includes announcements on transport, skills, housing, and regeneration, which will have a positive impact on Manchester's economy.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	The Council will continue to work with the GMCA to ensure that announcements made in relation to skills continue to support and align with the Council's corporate priorities.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	The devolution deal announcements provide an opportunity to develop joined up working across GM on shared priorities and bespoke strategies for growth that are based on local priorities and unlock the potential of Manchester's communities.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	The devolution deal makes several announcements in relation to zero carbon. The Council will continue to work with the GMCA to ensure that the devolution deals align with the Council's corporate priorities.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	The devolution deal includes announcements on transport, skills, housing, and regeneration, which will have a positive impact on Manchester's economy.

Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

### **Financial Consequences – capital and revenue**

None at present, however UK Government will negotiate and implement a single financial settlement (capital and revenue) with GMCA at the next spending review (expected to be 2025/26) which will have financial consequences for MCC.

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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.

[Greater Manchester Combined Authority Trailblazer Devolution Deal, HM Government and GMCA, published 15 March 2023](#)

[Towards an integrated Technical Education, Skills and Work City-Region: Starting the Conversation, GMCA, published May 2023](#)

[Devolution and GMCA/AGMA Budgets, Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee, 5 January 2017](#)

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Manchester and Greater Manchester have led the way on the devolution agenda in the UK and are clear on the need for continued and further devolution of powers from Westminster to the lowest appropriate level. The Greater Manchester Trailblazer devolution deal is the latest devolution agreement between the UK government and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), which grants the city-region new powers and funding over key areas such as health, transport, housing, skills and economic development. The deal aims to boost the local economy, improve public services and enhance democratic accountability by giving more decision-making authority to local leaders and communities.
- 1.2. This report provides an overview of the main features and benefits of the devolution deal, as well as the challenges and opportunities it presents for the future of Manchester and its residents.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. Devolution refers to the transfer of political powers and decision-making from the UK government to regional administrators. This is important for local authorities as it allows for tailored policies that reflect the specific needs and priorities of local areas, which improves the efficiency and effectiveness of public services whilst ensuring local accountability.
- 2.2. Manchester has been at the core of the local government devolution agenda since November 2014, when the first 'devolution deal' was agreed between the UK government and GMCA. This led to the transfer of functions from Whitehall, including transport, planning, skills and economic regeneration. As part of the deal, the GMCA agreed to the creation of the new post of 'metro mayor', who would become its chair. Since then, several subsequent devolution deals agreed further functions being transferred to GMCA, including:
  - February 2015 - bringing together health and social care budgets (£6bn), which was followed by an agreement for a £450m Health and Social Care Transformation fund
  - July 2015 - the creation of the Manchester Land Commission, and the transfer of fire and rescue services to the GM Mayor
  - November 2015 - further transport devolution, social housing reform, and control over EU funding
  - March 2016 – the establishment of GM Life Chances Fund, Criminal Justice Devolution, and piloting of 100% business rates retention
  - November 2016 - a local industrial strategy pilot, homelessness funding, transforming cities funding, post-16 education and training, and Mayoral capacity funding.
- 2.3. However, it is important to note that not all the agreed powers have been devolved in practice and that some agreements with UK Government Departments fail to progress in detailed negotiations or are subject to change in

national policy.

2.4. Through these devolution agreements, the GM region has more power and control over budgets, including:

- more control of local transport, with a long-term government budget which will help to plan a more modern, better-connected network
- planning powers to encourage regeneration and development
- a £300 million fund for housing: enough for an extra 15,000 new homes across GM over ten years
- extra funding to get up to 50,000 people back into work
- incentives to skills providers to develop more work-related training
- extra budget to support and develop local businesses
- control of investment through a new 'earn back' funding arrangement which provides extra money for the region's infrastructure if we reach certain levels of economic growth

2.5. In February 2022, Greater Manchester and the West Midlands were invited to negotiate a new deeper 'Trailblazer' devolution deal with the government to devolve more powers and simplify their current funding arrangements.

### **3. Trailblazer Devolution Deal**

3.1. The "Trailblazer" devolution deal for Greater Manchester (alongside West Midlands) was announced in the 15 March 2023 Budget. The deal was signed by GM Leaders and Levelling Up Minister Dehenna Davison on 21 March 2023. The deal is a statement of intent from the UK Government and GM Leaders. It will now need to go through a formal process of consultation, ratification and implementation.

3.2. The headline announcement was that the deal will provide £1 billion of investment to the city region. The Trailblazer deal includes:

- A single funding assessment and block grant to cover the duration of the next spending review
- A single outcomes-based accountability framework for the Greater Manchester Mayor
- Long-term commitment (10 years) to 100% business rates retention
- Greater control over post-16 technical education - setting GM firmly on the path to become the UK's first technical education city-region
- New levers and responsibilities to achieve fully integrated public transport, including rail, through the Bee Network by 2030
- New responsibilities over housing that will allow us to crack down on rogue landlords and establish the Good Landlord Charter
- Over £150m of brownfield funding over three years to accelerate housing delivery
- Collaboration on a range of net zero, nature recovery and climate change adaptation measures, with some net zero spending decisions to be made

locally

- 3.3. In future, the Government's intention is to "roll this model out to all areas in England with a devolution deal and a directly elected leader".
- 3.4. There are four priority areas for the 'Trailblazer' devolution deal which are summarised below along with the key considerations for Manchester.

### **(1) Single Settlement**

#### **Summary:**

- 3.5. The government will negotiate and implement a single financial settlement (capital and revenue) with GMCA at the next spending review (expected to be 2025/26), in which GMCA will be treated similarly to government departments. This settlement will cover local growth and place; transport; housing and regeneration; adult skills; and retrofit/net zero. A memorandum of understanding covering how the settlement will operate will be agreed by January 2024.
- 3.6. The single settlement will:
- Cover an entire Spending Review period;
  - Replace individual grant funding streams;
  - Be the default mechanism for receiving funding in areas covered by the settlement;
  - Give GMCA greater flexibility to plan and fund priorities over the longer term;
  - Be subject to a single, streamlined accountability framework; and
  - Represent a change to the wiring of funding decisions rather than quantum.

#### **Considerations for Manchester**

- 3.7. The Single Settlement will provide the Council with greater certainty over key funding streams, which will help to plan investment and resources for the medium term. It also gives the Council a significant benefit by not being involved in competitive bidding rounds which have uncertain outcomes and require a large amount of officer time. It may also be a precursor to further funding streams being included. Due to the "trailblazer" status of the deal, there is likely to be national attention to how it is delivered, and the outcomes achieved.
- 3.8. It needs to be determined how funding of individual streams through the single settlement will work. Manchester's population accounts for 21% of the total Greater Manchester population and the Council's current allocation of core spending is also 21%. Any decision on how funding of individual streams through the single settlement work should consider different principles and factors such as economic opportunity or deprivation to ensure that the funds allocated are proportionate to each district's needs.
- 3.9. The single settlement will not be delivered until the next spending review, which is due to begin in 2025/26. This will take place after the next general election which adds an element of uncertainty in terms of the implementation of policy



decisions taken by the current Government. The national fiscal outlook for that period currently looks challenging, and the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) has predicted that there will be an average of 3.2% per annum real terms funding cut to unprotected departments. For Manchester, this translates to an overall budget shortfall of circa £10m in 2024/5 and £10.5m in 2025/26.

- 3.10. It will be important that the Council works with GMCA to ensure that the right processes are in place to administer the single pot, and that Manchester's officers are connected into the right groups and are involved early in the design of the processes. GMCA should also seek to receive assurances that the single pot will not be disproportionately cut and that new funding streams from government will still be open to GM. As part of the single settlement, GMCA will be reviewing its governance and structures to ensure they are fit for purpose to administer the funding and provide adequate oversight and scrutiny of spending.

## **(2) Housing and Regeneration**

### **Summary:**

- 3.11. It was announced that £150m of brownfield funding will be devolved to GMCA over the next 3 years to deliver 7,000 new homes. GM's existing Strategic Place Partnership (SPP) with Homes England will also be strengthened. This will include closer joint working on the delivery of truly affordable net zero homes, and working with partners to drive innovation in construction, materials, skills and finance needed to bring forward the development of a pipeline of net zero homes across GM.
- 3.12. The deal also confirms a new Housing Quality Pathfinder to support action to tackle poor quality housing in the private rented sector. This will deliver new powers and partnership arrangements to support GM authorities on this agenda. There will also be local leadership of the Affordable Homes Programme (£400 million in GM) which will enable greater powers and more flexibility over time.

### **Considerations for Manchester**

- 3.13. The announcements in relation to Housing and Regeneration will provide a beneficial shift to a more strategic and targeted approach to fund the delivery of Manchester's ambitious regeneration and housing pipeline – one that moves beyond distinct programmes and bidding for funding.
- 3.14. The Council will work with GM on developing a new approach to investment based on delivering improved outcomes through the funding allocation, avoiding replication at GM level of multiple bidding rounds into annual or programme allocations.
- 3.15. The challenge with brownfield funding is the scale and volume, for example the Victoria North development in Manchester is delivering 5,500 homes at Redbank with a £51.6m Housing Investment Fund grant. The Council will need to agree which Manchester schemes to prioritise for inclusion within the brownfield funding pipeline to ensure that they become GM priority projects. It is important

to note that the Government have indicated that this first allocation of £150m is intended to be followed by a subsequent settlement for the next Spending Review period. Demonstrating that GM can deliver outcomes effectively should unlock greater certainty of funding over a longer period moving forward, enabling GM to develop a clear strategic pipeline of investment. The revenue funding for Homes England will also need to be aligned with the city's pipeline of development.

### **(3) Transport**

#### **Summary:**

- 3.16. A new rail partnership with Great British Railways will be introduced to support the integration of rail into the Bee Network by 2030. There are also firm commitments from the government to deliver full fares and ticketing integration across bus, Metrolink, and rail by 2030. The deal also includes a further Devolved City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) as part of the single settlement, which includes funding for highways maintenance, buses, active travel and electric vehicles. The current settlement runs until 2027.
- 3.17. The government has also committed to working with GMCA and TfGM to identify legal powers to effectively tackle anti-social behaviour and fare evasion on bus services and are open to working with GMCA to address challenges presented by out-of-area working by pre-booked taxi and private hire vehicles.

#### **Considerations for Manchester**

- 3.18. These announcements are a further step towards the delivery of the Bee Network by 2030 which will deliver a 'London Style' transport system with integrated and simple ticketing for users. They also provide an opportunity to ensure that the next tranche of CRSTS is fully aligned to the city's growth priorities. Integrated transport will be of significant economic benefit to the city, with improved connections within the city region and with its neighbours contributing to increased GDP and productivity growth.
- 3.19. The Council will need to ensure close involvement in the discussions with Government on out-of-area taxi licensing, given the volume of trips which take place in Manchester city centre and the Council's existing standards.
- 3.20. TfGM have a statutory duty to produce a new Local Transport Plan by spring 2024. Early engagement will be required from the Council to ensure that the plan reflects Manchester's transport priorities, including those articulated in the City Centre Transport Strategy and Active Travel Strategy.

### **(4) Skills**

#### **Summary:**

- 3.21. The 'trailblazer' deal commits to a new partnership for post-16 Technical Education and Skills, which will be underpinned by a Joint Governance Board to

provide strategic oversight and to ensure that there is alignment with local labour market needs. The deal builds on the successful devolution of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) by committing to devolution of non-apprenticeship adult skills functions and grant funding in the next Spending Review period.

- 3.22. Manchester schools have improved considerably over the last decade with 88.9% of all Manchester schools rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted. This is above the national average of 88.2% and reflects a significant improvement in the secondary sector, with 82.1% of secondary schools judged good or better in November 2022 compared to 74% in June 2019.
- 3.23. Manchester has focused on improving educational attainment and increasing aspiration throughout the school system. In 2022, the provisional headline measure of the proportion of Manchester's young people achieving attainment 8 at GCSES is 46.3% compared to 43.3% in 2019. Attainment 8 scores are based on pupils' results across eight subjects with a double weighting for English and Mathematics.
- 3.24. The 'trailblazer' deal also has commitments to a co-design approach to all future contracted employment support programmes in the city region for young people and adults, with an assumption of a GM footprint and a delegated delivery model.
- 3.25. There will be a more place-based approach to careers education and the development of joint governance arrangements for the delivery of careers services in GM. A new DWP-GMCA Joint Strategy and Oversight Board will also be formed.

### **Considerations for Manchester**

- 3.26. The skills announcements enable further progression towards a skills and employment support system that is tailored to the local labour market and aligned to the Council's Work and Skills Strategy. The Council will continue to work with GMCA to shape the devolution of post-16 technical education and vocational education to ensure that the priorities of the Work and Skills strategy are delivered.
- 3.27. Currently GM does not have control or power in the pre 16 educational sector, and these announcements should be seen as a step in opening the discussion about what a successful, meaningful technical education pathway looks like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- 3.28. Manchester is the driver of growth in the city region and the skills system must meet the needs of growth sectors. Manchester also has the highest level of needs and numbers of Universal Credit claimants which needs continued and proportionate investment in adult education/low skills.
- 3.29. The Council has offered to be involved in the co-design of programmes and commissioning which will enable more local and more targeted focus than GM wide programmes in some cases.

- 3.30. The Council will need to continue to engage with the Department for Education on critical Manchester issues not covered by the Deal, particularly the need for capital and revenue for more post-16 places to meet the need of the population growth.
- 3.31. To note, GMCA currently has a [consultation](#) open until 30 June 2023 to gather feedback on the proposed plans and subjects to shape the development of a Manchester Baccalaureate (MBacc), which is a proposed pathway for young people from the age of 14 who want to take technical qualifications. The stated aim of the MBacc is to provide a parallel and high value alternative to the existing English Baccalaureate (EBacc)<sup>1</sup>, which is designed to maximise a young person's chances of gaining a university place but is a school measurement tool rather than an actual qualification. The Committee may want to request an item on this issue at a later date.

#### 4. Additional announcements

- 4.1. A number of other announcements were also made alongside the four priority areas of the Trailblazer Devolution Deal outlined in section 3, though the significance and impact of these are not yet clear:
- **Fiscal devolution.** Authorities in GM will be allowed to retain 100% of their Business Rates for 10 years. The Government will also work with GM to designate a number of specific growth zones, within which 100% of Business Rates growth will be retained for 25 years.
  - **Economy, private sector growth and culture.** Strengthened partnerships with Government on innovation, business productivity, business support, trade and investment, and culture, also work to recognise Marketing Manchester as a recognised Local Visitor Economy Partnership.
  - **Net zero and environment.** Government will pilot devolving net zero funding (inc. buildings retrofit) to GMCA from 2025 onwards, as part of GMCA's single department-style settlement. The Mayor of Greater Manchester will be appointed as the responsible authority to develop the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for GM, and Government and GM will work on a range of net zero, nature recovery and climate change adaptation strategies, regulations, pilots and policies.
  - **Public services.** New funding streams relating to prevention and/or multiple disadvantages will be considered for inclusion as part of the single settlement. Government will also work with GM to review the secondary legislation underpinning pooled budgets.
  - **Data and digital.** A new Data Partnership, alongside a review of options (legislative or otherwise), will support better sharing of data between Government and GM bodies. A new Digital Infrastructure Leadership Group will also be established.

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<sup>1</sup> The EBacc is a national performance measure for any student who achieves good GCSE or accredited Certificate passes in English, mathematics, history or geography, two sciences and a language. These are subjects which are studied in many subsequent university programmes. The consultation is available here: <https://www.gmconsult.org/work-and-skills/mbacc/>

- 4.2. Clarity will be required on the aims and objectives of the suggested new partnership groups outlined above to avoid there been open-ended commitments of officer time.

## **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1. The Trailblazer devolution deal provides an opportunity to develop joined up working across GM on shared priorities and bespoke strategies for growth that are based on local priorities and needs. The deal represents a step in the right direction towards rebalancing the national economy towards Manchester.
- 5.2. Manchester City Council supports and welcomes the continued and further devolution of power and funding from Westminster to GMCA. Going forwards, it will be important for Manchester to maximise the positive outcomes for the city against potentially competing interests of the other GM authorities, ensuring that the needs and interests of our varied partners and stakeholders are well balanced throughout the implementation of the deal.
- 5.3. The complexity and diversity of the devolved policy areas and funding streams will require effective and comprehensive governance arrangements, which are able to respond effectively to uncertainty and volatility from the current national political and economic context. Manchester will continue to play a key role in this as an integral part of the GM system.

## **6. Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to note and comment on the contents of the report.

## **7. Appendices**

- 7.1. None.

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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 20 June 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
23 May 2023	ERSC/23/21 Purpose-Built Student Accommodation	That the Executive amend recommendation 2 to read <i>"Consider the list of schemes set out in the report as the pipeline that will deliver the required amount of PBSA up to 2030, pending consultation with ward members"</i> .	This was accepted by the Executive at their meeting on 31 May.	-

## 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 **12 June 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.

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Consultation	Background documents	Officer Contact
<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>	<p>City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)</p>	<p>Not before 1st Dec 2022</p>		<p>Checkpoint 4 Business Case &amp; Briefing Note</p>	<p>Richard Cohen, Strategic Lead - Development (South and East) richard.cohen@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<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>	<p>Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 3rd Jul 2023</p>		<p>Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development</p>	<p>Mike Robertson, Principal Development Surveyor mike.robertson@manchester.gov.uk</p>

<p><b>Restructure of existing multiple ground leases at Manchester Science Park 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>	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 1st Sep 2023		Report and recommendations	Mike Robertson, Principal Development Surveyor mike.robertson@manchester.gov.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,</b></p>	Strategic Director - (Growth and	Not before 19th Jun 2022		Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and	Joe Martin, Senior Development Surveyor joe.martin@manchester.gov.uk

<p><b>Manchester, M22 5RS (2022/05/19A)</b></p> <p>Approval to the terms for the leasehold disposal of the former Gala Bingo, Rowlandsway, Manchester, M22 5RS.</p>	Development)			Development	
<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	David Lynch, Director of Development david.lynch@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>	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

Approval to the granting of new ground leases to allow the repair and 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	David Lynch, Director of Development david.lynch@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>	Executive	18 Jan 2023		Report to Executive - Manchester Active Travel Strategy	Rob Scott, Principal Policy Officer robert.scott@manchester.gov.uk

To adopt the Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan				and Investment Plan	
<b>Leasehold disposal of Unit 5, Nuovo A, Great Ancoats Street (2022/12/13B)</b>  To approve a 15 year lease of Unit 5, Nuovo A	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 11th Jan 2023		Briefing Note	Richard Cohen, Strategic Lead - Development (South and East) richard.cohen@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Local Authority Housing Fund to obtain and refurbish property for sustainable housing (2022/01/18A)</b>  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	Executive	Not before 18th Feb 2023		Capital Strategy report	Martin Oldfield, Head of Strategic Housing martin.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk

(collectively referred to as Ukraine schemes).					
<p><b>Lease Renewal to 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>	Director of Development	28 Feb 2023		Delegated Decision Report to Head of Development and Director of Development	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 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>	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 11th May 2023		Checkpoint 4 Capital approval	Richard Munns, Head of Corporate Estates and Facilities 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>	<p>Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 25th May 2023</p>		<p>Briefing Note</p>	
<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>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>31 May 2023</p>		<p>Capital Programme Update Report</p>	<p>Martin Oldfield, Head of Strategic Housing martin.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<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>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>31 May 2023</p>		<p>Capital Programme Update Report</p>	<p>Shelagh McNerney Shelagh.McNerney@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Acquisition of Leasehold Interest at 35 Garratt Way</b></p>	<p>Strategic Director -</p>	<p>Not before 21st Jun</p>		<p>Briefing Note</p>	<p>Richard Cohen, Strategic Lead - Development (South and East)</p>

<p><b>(2023/05/23A)</b></p> <p>Acquisition of residual leasehold interest to support the delivery of Gorton District Centre Development Framework.</p>	<p>(Growth and Development)</p>	<p>2023</p>			<p>richard.cohen@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) budget for 2023/24 (2023/04/26A)</b></p> <p>Approval of capital funding from DFG Grant allocation for home adaptations for people with disabilities</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>28 Jun 2023</p>		<p>Capital Outturn / Update report</p>	<p>Martin Oldfield, Head of Strategic Housing martin.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) - Communities and Place (2023/05/30C)</b></p> <p>To approve capital budget to utilise allocated grant funding (subject to award) to deliver specific projects that will improve and enhance district and local centres across the city, making them better places to live, work and visit and also creating the conditions for further public and private investment.</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>28 Jun 2023</p>			<p>Rebecca Heron, Strategic Director (Growth and Development) rebecca.heron@manchester.gov.uk</p>



<b>Highways</b>					
<p><b>Highway Investment Patching Defect Repairs additional funds (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>	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>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>	Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	Not before 17th May 2023		Report and recommendations	Simon Liversage, Senior Project Manager simon.liversage@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Q20542: PTMP Part 2 - Post-Tensioned Management Plan. (Mancunian Way Flyover, Bonsall Street footbridge,</b></p>	Deputy City Treasurer	Not before 18th Jun 2023		Report and recommendation	

<p><b>Freeman Street footbridge) (2023/05/18A)</b></p> <p>The appointment of a contractor to undertake PT special investigation works including trial holes, drilling into post-tensioned ducts to detect voids, concrete testing etc.</p>					
<p><b>Northern/Eastern Gateway Walking &amp; Cycling Scheme (2023/05/30B)</b></p> <p>Approval of capital expenditure for construction costs for Phase 2 (Oldham Road/ Rochdale Road and Thompson Street) and the Ashton Canal Bridge.</p>	Executive	28 Jun 2023			Ian Halton, Head of Design Commissioning & PMO ian.halton@manchester.gov.uk

### 3. Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Work Programme

Tuesday 20 June 2023, 10.00am (Report deadline Thursday 8 June 2023)

Title	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
Census Update	To receive an update on the results of the 2021 Census and how this information is used to help with decisions about how funding and resources are used for public services.	Cllr Craig (Leader)	James Binks	
Devolution Trailblazer	To receive a report on the GM Trailblazer Devolution Deal and its implications for Manchester, including Adult Skills and Technical Education.	Cllr Craig (Leader)	Becca Heron	
Greater Manchester Public Transport Network	To receive a report on public transport in Greater Manchester, including the Metrolink.	Cllr Craig (Leader) Cllr Rawlins (Environment and Transport)	Pat Bartoli James Tate	Invite TfGM
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	

**Tuesday 18 July 2023, 10.00am (Report deadline Thursday 6 July 2023)**

*Theme: Housing*

<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Strategic Director/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Housing Strategy	To receive an update on the Council's Housing Strategy, with reference to short-term and holiday lets.	Cllr White (Housing and Development)	Becca Heron David Lynch	
This City update	To receive an update on the progress of This City's strategic and scheme specific activities.	Cllr White (Housing and Development)	Becca Heron David Lynch	
How the Council works with MHPP and the Private Rented Sector	To receive a report highlighting how the Council works with the Manchester Housing Providers Partnership (MHPP) and the private rented sector and the Council's role as a good landlord.	Cllr White (Housing and Development)	Becca Heron David Lynch	
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	

Tuesday 5 September 2023, 10.00am (Report deadline Wednesday 23 August 2023 to account for Bank Holiday)

Title	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
Economic Strategy Update	To receive a report which provides an update on the development of a new Economic Strategy which sets out how the next phase of Manchester's growth can ensure that the city's economy is both high performing and drives a reduction in inequalities.	Cllr Craig (Leader)	Becca Heron Angela Harrington David Houlston	
Making Manchester Fairer	A report providing an update on the elements of the Making Manchester Fairer work programme that fall within the remit of this committee	Cllr Midgley (Deputy Leader)	Angela Harrington David Houlston	
Housing Needs Assessment	A report on the outputs of the HNA commissioned to inform the development of the Local Plan	Cllr White (Housing and Development)	Julie Roscoe	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information. This will also include the most up-to-date Economy Dashboard.	N/A	Scrutiny Support	

**Tuesday 10 October 2023, 10.00am (Report deadline Thursday 28 September 2023) to be held at Gorton Hub**

*Theme: Places*

Title	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
Strategic Regeneration Frameworks	Explaining the role of SRFs and providing an overview of SRFs in place and in development	Cllr White (Housing and Development)	Becca Heron Pat Bartoli David Lynch	
District Centres	To consider a report that provides information on the activities and initiatives to support and develop District Centres. The report will further describe the progress to date following the findings and recommendations of the District Centres Subgroup.	Cllr White (Housing and Development)	Becca Heron David Lynch	
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	

**Tuesday 7 November 2023, 10.00am (Report deadline Thursday 26 October 2023)**

*Theme: Business Support*

<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Strategic Director/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Support for Businesses	To receive a report on the support offered by the Manchester Growth Company and the Council to support businesses in Manchester to set up and grow.	Cllr Hacking (Skills, Employment and Leisure)	Becca Heron Angela Harrington	
Oxford Road Corridor	To receive a report that provides information on how the Oxford Road Corridor facilitates and promotes innovation, commercialisation and employment growth in Manchester.	Cllr Craig (Leader) Cllr Hacking (Skills, Employment and Leisure)	Becca Heron Pat Bartoli Angela Harrington	
Revenue Budget Update	To receive a report on the financial challenge facing the Council, the latest forecast position, and the next steps.	Cllr Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Carol Culley Tom Wilkinson	
Growth and Development 2024/25 Budget Proposals	To receive a report which sets out the priorities for the services in the remit of this committee, including Highways, and details the initial revenue budget changes proposed by officers.	Cllr Craig (Leader) Cllr Hacking (Skills, Employment and Leisure) Cllr White (Housing and Development) Cllr Rawlins (Environment and Transport)	Carol Culley Tom Wilkinson Becca Heron Paul Hindle	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work	N/A	Scrutiny Support	

	programme and any items for information. This will also include the most up-to-date Economy Dashboard.			
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**Tuesday 5 December 2023, 10.00am (Report deadline Thursday 23 November 2023)**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Strategic Director/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Social Value and the Economy	To receive a report which provides information on the economic impacts and benefits of social value.	Cllr Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Angela Harrington Peter Schofield	
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	

**Tuesday 9 January 2024, 10.00am (Report deadline Wednesday 27 December 2023 to account for Bank Holiday)**

*Theme: Highways*

<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Strategic Director/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Highways State of the City Annual Report 2022/23	To receive a report on the Highways service's performance, key outcomes, and successes achieved in 2022/23 and the challenges going forwards.	Cllr Rawlins (Environment and Transport)	Kevin Hicks	
Pavement Parking	To receive a report on pavement parking and schemes to address this.	Cllr Rawlins (Environment and Transport)	Kevin Hicks	
Road Safety	To receive a report on road safety in Manchester, including road safety around schools.	Cllr Rawlins (Environment and Transport)	Kevin Hicks	Invite Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
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	

**Tuesday 6 February 2024, 10.00am (Report deadline Thursday 25 January 2024)**

Title	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
Revenue Budget Update	To receive a report on the financial challenge facing the Council, the latest forecast position, and the next steps.	Cllr Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Carol Culley Tom Wilkinson	
Growth and Development 2024/25 Budget Proposals	Consideration of the final 2024/25 budget proposals that will go onto February Budget Executive and Scrutiny and March Council.	Cllr Craig (Leader) Cllr Hacking (Skills, Employment and Leisure) Cllr White (Housing and Development) Cllr Rawlins (Environment and Transport)	Carol Culley Tom Wilkinson Becca Heron Paul Hindle	
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	

**Tuesday 5 March 2024, 10.00am (Report deadline Thursday 22 February 2024)**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Strategic Director/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
LTE Group update	To receive an update from the LTE Group on its performance and strategy.	Cllr Hacking (Skills, Employment and Leisure)	John Thornhill LTE Group  Angela Harrington	
Work and Skills Strategy 2022-27 Update	To receive an update on the Council's Work and Skills Strategy, which sets out how the Council will use learning and employment to meet the Our Manchester Strategy vision of being a more highly skilled city, and how it will help create a more inclusive and zero-carbon economy in Manchester where more residents are connected to the city's success.	Cllr Hacking (Skills, Employment and Leisure)	Angela Harrington	
Manchester Adult Education Service (MAES) Update	To receive an update from Manchester Adult Education Service on performance and outcomes.	Cllr Hacking (Skills, Employment and Leisure)	Brian Henry  Angela Harrington	
Culture	To receive an update on Culture including the results of the Cultural Impact Survey, including the economic impact of cultural organisations & events.	Cllr Rahman (Statutory Deputy Leader)	Neil Fairlamb Neil MacInnes Louise Lanigan	
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	

## Items to be scheduled

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Design for Life and Rightsizing	TBC	Cllr White	Dave Thorley	This has been listed since August 2022.
Food Poverty	To receive a report on how the Council is addressing and trying to mitigate food poverty, with particular reference to the Food Grant scheme and the decision-making behind it.	Cllr Midgley	Shefali Kapoor	This has been listed since December 2022.
Local Plan Update	To receive a report on the development progress of the Local Plan. The Manchester Local Plan guides development within Manchester. It was previously known as the Local Development Framework.	Cllr White	Julie Roscoe	See minutes from 9 February 2023.
Piccadilly Gardens	A report providing an update on the proposed redesign of Piccadilly Gardens	Cllr White (Housing and Development)	Becca Heron Pat Bartoli	

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