

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Resolution**

**Report to:** Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee  
– 4 March 2020

**Subject:** Overview Report

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

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### **Summary**

This report provides the following information:

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

### **Recommendation**

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

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

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

None

## 1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report lists recommendations made by the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee. Where applicable, responses to each will indicate whether the recommendation will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Response	Contact Officer
6 February 2019	NESC/19/12 Highways and the flow of traffic across the city	Recommend that legal advice is obtained in relation to Stopping Up Orders issued under provisions within the Town and Country Planning Act and the time limits contractors and developers are permitted to close the highway. Following this advice, a review of all Stopping Up Orders issued should be undertaken to establish if there had been any breaches of such orders.	A report on 'Planning Conditions and Enforcement' was considered by the Committee at their meeting of 5 February 2020.	Fiona Worrall
9 October 2019	NESC/19/39 Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing Update	Recommend that invitations be sent to ward Councillors to accompany officers when undertaking street cleansing inspections to assess the standard of cleansing and quality of services provided by Biffa.	This recommendation has been accepted and this information has been shared during member briefing sessions in 2019. If members would like to accompany officers undertaking street cleansing surveys in their wards, they should contact David Sabet, Contract Manager: d.sabet@manchester.gov.uk.	Fiona Worrall / Heather Coates
9 October 2019	NESC/19/39 Waste, Recycling and Street	Recommend that the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods reviews the Biffa contract to ensure that it	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be	Cllr Akbar

	Cleansing Update	stipulates that Biffa operatives to replace emptied bins in a safe and appropriate manner so as not to cause a hazard or obstruction to other users of the highway and pavement.	circulated once received.	
9 October 2019	NESC/19/39 Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing Update	That the passageway programme of works and cleaning for the next six months is circulated to all Members.	This recommendation has been accepted. During quarter 3 2019/20, updates have been provided to ward members as passageway cleansing work has been completed. The programme for 2020/21 will be shared with members by 31st March 2020.	Fiona Worrall / Heather Coates
9 October 2019	NESC/19/39 Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing Update	Recommend that an intelligence based approach to street cleaning should be adopted with consideration to using intelligence from local residents; and understand how other core cities engage with residents around the issue of waste and recycling to influence behaviour change. The Committee shall receive a report on this at an appropriate time.	This recommendation has been accepted, the service continues to work in partnership and with guidance from Keep Britain Tidy, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Waste and Resources Action Plan (WRAP) and many others.	Fiona Worrall / Heather Coates
5 February 2020	NESC/20/12 Climate Change	Recommend that the Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25 be amended to report targets in metrics of tonnes CO2 to align with the decision to adopt a science based carbon budget and assist with measuring progress against this	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated once received.	Cllr Stogia

		budget.		
5 February 2020	NESC/20/12 Climate Change	Recommend that the Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport produce quarterly progress reports to report progress against the carbon budget target.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated once received.	Cllr Stogia
5 February 2020	NESC/20/13 Planning Conditions and Enforcement	The Committee recommend that the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and the Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport work together to ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate the disruption to residents and services delivered in neighbourhoods that result from building construction.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated once received.	Cllr Akbar and Cllr Stogia

## 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 **21 February 2020**, containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included overleaf. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and to agree, whether to include in the work programme of the Committee.

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

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
Manchester Zero Carbon 2038 Action Plan 2020-2025 (2020/01/16B)	The Executive is requested to: - - To endorse the Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25 (including citywide carbon reduction targets);	Executive	11 March 2020	Covering report, Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25, Manchester City Council Climate Change Action	David Houliston d.houliston@manchester.gov.uk

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To note the summary of Manchester Climate Change Partnership members' action plans; and</li> <li>- To adopt the Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25.</li> </ul>			Plan 2020-25.	

**Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee  
Work Programme – March 2020**

<b>Wednesday 4 March 2020, 2 pm (Report deadline Monday 24 February 2020)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25	The Committee are invited to comment on the Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25, the citywide framework that sets out how the city as a whole needs to play its full part in tackling climate change, to ensure that Manchester stays within its carbon budget of 15 MtCO <sub>2</sub> .	Cllr Stogia	David Houliston	Executive Report
Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25	This sets out the Council's commitments to tackle climate change over the next five years, building on and scaling up activity from previous action plans over the last decade. It summarises the specific actions which are required to ensure that the Council reduces its direct emissions by at least 50% by 2025, whilst also playing our full part in supporting and influencing the city to do the same.	Cllr Stogia	David Houliston	Executive Report
Taxi Licensing	To receive a report that provides Members with information on the work undertaken in Manchester and across Greater Manchester to improve standards across Private Hire Taxis.	Cllr Akbar	Julie Roscoe	Invitations to be sent to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Licensing Committee
Private Rented Sector Strategy	To receive a report on the Private Rented Sector Strategy.  This will include information on the issues related to Airbnb across the city and the response to this.	Cllr Richards	Kevin Lowry	Executive Report

Update on Selective Licensing Schemes	To receive a report that provides an update on the Selective Licensing Schemes. The report will provide and analysis of the impact of such schemes and the options for extending the scheme to other areas of the city.	Cllr Richards	Fiona Sharkey	
Overview Report	This is a monthly report, which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.		Lee Walker	

<b>Wednesday 27 May 2020, 2 pm (Report deadline Thursday 14 May 2020)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Work Programming Session	The Committee will receive presentations from Directors on upcoming issues and challenges within the Committee's remit, following which Members will determine the work programme for the forthcoming year.	Cllr Akbar Cllr Stogia Cllr Richards	Fiona Worrall	This part of the meeting will be closed to the public.

<b>Items to be scheduled</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Air Quality Task and Finish Group – Update report	To receive a report that provides the Committee with an update on the actions taken to progress the recommendations made by the Air Quality Task and Finish Group. The report will include a section specifically on air pollution around schools.	Cllr Stogia Cllr Craig	Richard Elliott	See minutes of NESC November 2017. Ref: NESC/17/53
Update on the Delivery of Cycle Schemes and Proposed Principles to Guide the Extension of Cycling and Walking Networks	To receive an update report on the Delivery of Cycle Schemes and Proposed Principles to Guide the Extension of Cycling and Walking Networks. This report will included information on the Chorlton Road Corridor consultation.	Cllr Stogia	Richard Elliott Steve Robinson	Invitation to be sent to Chris Boardman, Cycling and Walking Commissioner for Greater Manchester
War Memorials Update	To receive a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee following their consideration on this item at their meeting of 4 Sept 2019.	Cllr Stogia	Fiona Worrall	See minutes of the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee Ref. NESC/19/35
Highways Department's communication strategy	To receive a report on the Highways Department's communication strategy, including communication with Members.	Cllr Stogia	Steve Robinson	See minutes of the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee Ref. NESC/19/45
Homelessness Update	To receive a report on the approach to accommodating homeless families with children. The report will include data on the numbers of children housed in temporary accommodation; the length of	Cllr S Murphy	Mike Wright	See minutes of the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee Ref.

	time spent in temporary accommodation and the support that is offered to families to minimise the disruption to children's education.			NESC/19/44
Lithium Batteries for the use in electric vehicles	To receive a report on the environmental and social impact of lithium batteries, including the extraction of the materials used for the production of these units and the arrangements for the safe recycling of them when they degrade.	Cllr Stogia	TBC	See minutes of the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee Ref. NESC/19/39
Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing Update	This is the annual update report, previously considered by the Committee at their meeting of 9 October 2019. At the meeting of January 2020 the Committee had further requested an evaluation of the revised service at Household Waste and Recycling to be introduced from February 2020.	Cllr Akbar	Fiona Worrall	September 2020  See minutes of the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee Ref. NESC/20/02
Behaviour Change and Waste Task and Finish Group – Update report	To receive a report that provides the Committee with an update on the actions taken to progress the recommendations made by the Behaviour Change and Waste Task and Finish Group that were endorsed by the Committee at their meeting of 9 October 2019.	Cllr Akbar	Fiona Worrall	See minutes of the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee Ref. NESC/19/40