Manchester City Council Report for Information

Report to: Economy Scrutiny Committee – 3 December 2020

Subject: Update on COVID-19 Activity

Report of: Strategic Director (Growth and Development)

Summary

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

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to note the update.

Wards Affected: All

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

Manchester Strategy Outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	This unprecedented national and international crisis impacts on all areas of our city. The 'Our Manchester' approach has underpinned the planning and delivery of our response, working ir partnership and identifying innovative ways to continue to deliver services and to establish new
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	services as quickly as possible to support the most vulnerable in our city.
	A reset of the Our Manchester Strategy is now underway following a meeting of the Our
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Manchester Forum on 16 June 2020. An extensive engagement exercise will take place to inform a draft document in late 2020 and a final version in February 2021.

A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work

A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

None

Economic Recovery Workstream- Sitrep Summary

As at: 19/11/20 For Economic Scrutiny Committee on 03/12/20 Changes since last updated highlighted in yellow. Updated fortnightly.

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General	Prime Minister announcement 31/10 : the PM	
overview	announced that from 5/11/20, the country will enter	
	its second national lockdown until at least 2	
	December when,	
	The Government has announced a range of	
	Local Restrictions Support Grants (LRSG) to	
	support businesses required to close during local	
	and national lockdowns. These include grant	
	payments to support:	
	 Nightclubs, dance halls, and discos and 	
	sexual entertainment venues and hostess	
	bars which have been required to close since	
	23 March 2020. (Grant payments are	
	effective from 1 November and will not be	
	<mark>backdated).</mark>	
	 Businesses required to close due to 	
	Manchester being placed in Local COVID	
	Alert Level: Very High (Tier 3) from 23	
	October until 4 November 2020. This includes	
	pubs, bars, casinos, adult gaming	
	establishments, betting shops and soft play	
	centres.	
	 Businesses required to close due to national 	
	lockdown restrictions from 5 November until 2	
	December 2020. This includes the business	

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	affected by the Tier 3 restrictions as well as all non-essential retail, hospitality venues, accommodation, leisure and sports facilities, entertainment venues, personal care facilities and community centres • Additional discretionary fundingThe Government has provided additional discretionary funding for Local Authorities to support businesses that suffered disproportionately under the local restrictions which came into effect in Manchester on 5 August 2020 (the equivalent to Local COVID Alert Level: High (Tier 2). Government has asked us to prioritise hospitality, hotel, bed & breakfast and leisure businesses for this additional discretionary funding.	A common set of principles and priorities for applying for the additional discretionary grant have been agreed by Leaders across GM for consistency, ease of access and communication with businesses & business organizations: 1. Businesses which have been badly affected by the restrictions either legally required to close or open but struggling financially. These businesses would not generally be liable for business rates and would include businesses in shared workspaces & market traders; 2. Self-employed individuals and company owner/managers who have not benefitted from the Government's SEISS, operating in the hospitality, accommodation & leisure sectors 3. Other businesses which are important to GM's economy e.g. major employer, drives footfall or part of supply chains 4. Taxi drivers. The Manchester scheme would operate within the GM principles and priorities. The full details of the scheme are currently being developed, with a view to launching on 30 November, in order to start making payments as soon as possible to eligible businesses.

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	Spending Review to conclude late Nov. This will be one-year only and focus on Covid and response to jobs. 3 priorities: • providing departments with the certainty they need to respond to C19 and deliver the <i>Plan for Jobs</i> ; • giving vital public services some enhanced support to fight the virus • investing in infrastructure to deliver the levelling up agenda (21/10) Business Feedback- GM Economic Resilience Group 18/11 • Discussion on the business support grant schemes • Growth Co survey has identified a rise in business insolvency risk, which is expected to hit in January, and could lead to further redundancies. Business Sounding Board 11/11 • Concern that significant numbers of hospitality businesses may not reopen, particularly small and "wet" venues. • Concern about impact of lockdown potentially not ending on 2/12/20 or going back into Tier	Webinar to be hosted by the Business Sounding Board to launch Manchester's Economic Recovery Plan on 25/11. Work is continuing on the United City campaign which is business led and will have a focus on how the city centre is reopened. Looking to launch in December and run until end of January.

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	This will affect all those businesses who	
	had been planning events for Christmas.	
	 Extension of the furlough scheme is 	
	problematic for those organisations who have	
	received monies through the cultural recovery	
	grant. Working with the Arts Council to get	
	<mark>clarity.</mark>	
	 Some real estate projects such, as office 	
	moves, have been paused as a result of	
	lockdown. Some organisations are	
	downsizing, planning for 2.2 people to 1 desk,	
	and therefore need less space.	
	 Indications are that some organisations are 	
	not planning to return staff to the office until	
	March/April. Professional Services seem	
	comfortable to keep staff working from home.	
	However, there does appear to be a desire	
	from employees to return to working from	
	offices at some point.	
	 Some enquiries from big organisations for 	
	office space. Believe that news of a potential	
	vaccine has helped.	
	 Residential rental numbers are holding up 	
	reasonably well. Very strong sales and	
	reserves since April and this is continuing.	
	 Need clarity on the post lockdown situation 	
	and whether Manchester will remain in Tier 3	
	 Business would like further information on 	
	how they access grants etc.	
	 Covid cases have reduced at the Universities. 	
	Universities have achieved 75% of target for	

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	both domestic and international students.	
	50% of international students are studying on	
	line and it is hoped that some will arrive after	
	Christmas if the situation improves.	
	 Construction has been largely unaffected by 	
	current lockdown.	
	Manchester has been named the second most	
	attractive city in the UK for tech investment.	
	This is based on data from the Office of National	
	Statistics, Tech Nation and job search engine	
	Adzuna, which showed venture capital investment	
	reached \$687.6m in 2019, up from \$199.1m in 2018.	
	The new ranking sees the city overtake Cambridge,	
	home to a large cluster of high-tech businesses, for	
	the first time, making Manchester second only to	
	London.	
	Digital Minister Caroline Dinenage said	
	Manchester's "tech star has been rising for the past	
	few years" and the success of e-commerce giant	
	The Hut Group, which floated on the London Stock	
	Exchange in September, "has helped to cement the	
	city's reputation as an industry hub to rival the	
	capital".	
	The Hut Group is the company seeking the most	
	new recruits in the region, followed by TalkTalk and	
	Sage, data showed, with the most in-demand job in	

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	the city being software developers, NET developers and front-end developers.	
	The digital tech sector in Manchester employed more than 100,000 people in 2019 according to the data, and there are 4,235 open tech vacancies across the city region. Some 3,690 IT vacancies are from across the city alone.	
	Footfall figures- Footfall had been slowly improving from June to Sept but seeing a decline in trend over last few weeks. City Centre Footfall Trends	
	Full week- w/c 8 November: 180,346 visitors in the week, a reduction of 85.8% on the same period last year, when footfall was 1,277,327, and a 46.8% decrease on the previous week, when footfall was 338,999	
	There were 2 days when footfall numbers were higher than the previous week:	
	Thurs 12/11 +29.26%	
	Fri 13/11 +20.12%	

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	UK High Street -74 % of previous year -26.3 of	
	previous week	
	Manchester wide figures (excluding city centre)-	
	Week 46/ week commencing 9/11/20.	
	-4.4 % week on week (-23.7% year on year)	
	District Centres Week on Week	
	Cheetham Hill -4.6 %	
	Chorlton -0.7 %	
	Fallowfield 1.4 %	
	Gorton -7.8 %	
	Harpurhey -5.2 %	
	Levenshulme -2.1 %	
	Northenden -5.5 %	
	Rusholme -6.3 %	
	Victoria Avenue -5.4 %	
	Withington -6.4 %	
	The busiest day in week commencing 9 November	
	2020 was Friday with 32,372 visitors.	
	The peak hour of the week was 12:00 on Friday 13	
	November 2020 with footfall of 3,494	
	Hospitality and Night time economy- CityCo	
	impact report 11/11 161 city centre food and drink	
	businesses remain open and/or are offering take-	
	away and delivery services. The breakdown is as	
	follows:	
	7 Café's offering takeway/delivery	

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	58 classed as Off Licences are open 1 Off Licence offering takeway/delivery 7 pubs/bars offering takeway/delivery 63 restaurants offering takeway/delivery 25 takeway offering takeway/delivery	
	Most city centre hotels are currently planning to remain open in November for essential workers, business travel and in some, allowing the booking of meeting rooms. All businesses are hoping that lockdown will only last until early December, and that therefore there will still be time for some Christmas trade. Retail- Whilst non-essential retail has closed, there remains 34 essential businesses open in the BID shopping district (spanning Arndale, Exchange Square, King Street, St Ann's Square, Market Street, Deansgate). This is alongside 23 stores offering 'Click and Collect' and 29 food and beverage operators still open. Online sales – National picture is that, as of August, on line spending has seen year on year growth of 51.6%, although some areas saw a decrease in on line sales when compared with July.	Culture/Events/Sport 50 Windows of Creativity (Organised by Wild in Art) launched on 26 Oct across city centre- showcase of local artists. Runs until 5 Dec. Collective work underway with marketing campaign to encourage people back into venues. A number of partners are exploring the idea of a broader Go out to help out scheme- Manchester specific to incorporate cultural venues and wider offers. Consideration being given to potential timing for this, possibly January. Christmas- Markets on St Ann's Square for two long weekends in December/ Winter Gardens food and drink venue with
	Clothing/footwear/household goods are areas where there was continued growth in on line sales from the previous month. The biggest year on year increase	illuminations, covered seating and 'bandstand' for rota of

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	in online sales relates to the purchase of food at 89.5%. (ONS).	musicians/ viewing Tower exchange Square/ marshals presence throughout high footfall areas
	Culture/Events/Sport Expected Impact of Extension to Job Retention Scheme (Furlough) Organisations are again utilising the scheme where it is appropriate to do so for current employees. Early discussions show there are a range of responses from employers in the sector where staff had been or are in the process of being made redundant. For most it appears the extension of furlough is too late. • Companies are having to assess their own financial and legal risks and seek legal advice. • Some companies feel unable to retain or rehire staff when the job no longer exists. Companies have made structural staffing changes to equip themselves in the medium term with roles having been made redundant which still be unavailable in March when scheme ends. • Some companies have benefited from Culture Recovery funding to support staff salaries but support for these is now being	Capital Kickstart Fund. £120m to support existing arts & heritage capital projects that have experienced delays to build programmes. £55m to be distributed via ACE. Decision on applications now due end November. Culture Recovery Board • Meeting 10/11. • Review of the new government business grants the potential eligibility for cultural sector. • Impact of second lockdown and extension of furlough scheme. • Reports from working groups covering: Theatre—Galleries & Museums - and the Music Sector. • Progress updates on the Joint Cultural Education Project and Joint Audience Development project. • Detailed discussion on the role of an outdoor events strategy identified a focus on supporting city center recovery. Notable on-line cultural programmes announced incl: 13/11 The Halle Orchestra announced a winter season of nine concerts, recorded at the Bridgewater Hall and Halle
	sought through the Job Retention Scheme too. Companies are in dialogue with ACE to reallocate that proportion of their grant	St Peter's and streamed via Vimeo. Five of them will be conducted by their Music Director Sir Mark Elder: https://www.halle.co.uk/winter-season-2020/

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	awarded to other parts of the business to support stabilisation - (eg underpinning lost income from local and national lockdown measures). Local Restrictions Support Grant The Culture Team will alert cultural and creative companies when applications open. Culture Team officers will provide 1-2-1 support as required DCMS announced £1.57 billion investment 'Culture Recovery Funding (CRF)' (5/7) Culture Recovery Fund Grants - £500m for England. Fund being delivered by ACE for Cultural organisations and National Lottery Heritage Fund/ Historic England for heritage sector	Aviation Work and Skills alongside MAG, The Airport Academy, DWP and the Growth Company and other key partners are working behind the scenes to ensure there is a high quality offer and level of support for those people whose jobs are affected. Role of the Work and Skills Team (Manchester focus) In advance of MAG's announcement re job losses, the team has been in discussion with the Communications Director at MAG, alongside colleagues in the Neighbourhood Team to prepare for this scenario. Local elected members have been fully briefed by MAG, in advance of the National news breaking. Work and Skills team has provided a summary of the support on offer to MAG
	 Aviation- The impact of the national lockdown need to be assessed, although the breadth of the aviation supply chain make it difficult to truly ascertain the impact This is on the back of MAG announcements, confirming that 465 jobs at Manchester airport were at risk (with a further 427 job 	 Next Steps Officers across work and skills, DWP and AA are liaising directly with MAG's HR representatives to develop a better understanding of the roles and demography. Officers will ensure Neighbourhood colleagues and local elected members are regularly appraised of the situation. Working with MAG and the AA, the W&S team will support them to develop a plan to ensure all people

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	 losses for East Midlands and Stansted airports). MAG has had to close two of its terminals and has had to undertake measure to reduce its staff costs and has widely used the Government furlough scheme. Work and Skills alongside MAG, The Airport Academy, DWP and the Growth Company and other key partners are working behind the scenes to ensure there is a high quality offer and level of support for those people whose jobs are affected. Work and Skills officers will continue to work in partnership with BGH, and their manufacturing and aviation advisers as a GM level who have links with many supply chain businesses to continually gain local intelligence. 	 affected are provided with a level of outplacement support including training, advice, guidance and support around employment, skills and financial support. As part of these discussions the team hope to ascertain with MAG if there might be wider supply chain implications that the taskforce partnership could support with. The Hut Group has offered its support to do what it can to support as many people with the right skills to move them into opportunities. Work and Skills officers will continue to work in partnership with BGH, and their manufacturing and aviation advisers as a GM level who have links with many supply chain businesses to continually gain local intelligence.
	Wider national and international context on passenger numbers The International Air Transport Association has downgraded its 2020 traffic forecast from 63% to down to 66% when compared to 2019 traffic volume on the back of poor August figures that have reflected a weaker-than expected recovery from the effects of the global pandemic. August revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) were down 75.3% when compared to August 2019,	

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	The International Air Transport Association identified	
	the key negative turning point in what appeared to	
	be a growing recovery in passenger numbers in	
	August as the period when a number of	
	governments in key areas re-introduced restrictions	
	based on the resurgence of the COVID-19	
	virus. Whereas the decline in year-on-year growth	
	of global RPKs was expected to have moderated to	
	55% by December, a much slower improvement is	
	now expected with the month of December forecast	
	to be down 68% on a year ago.	
	MAG	
	In addition to MAG's announcements, other National	
	companies' have proposed redundancies, affecting	
	roles in baggage handling and catering, including;	
	783 jobs at Swissport	
	304 at Menzies	
	• 219 at BA	
	Other firms consulting on job cuts are Gate	
	Gourmet, Stobart Aviation, ICTS, Alpha LSG,	
	ASIG, Sodexo and North Air.	
	The ban on international travel included within the	
	national lockdown has seen traffic levels fall to	
	similar very low levels as seen in the first lockdown.	
	Manchester Airport have consolidated all activity into	
	T1.	
	MAG is making maximum use of the furlough	
	scheme in December, and with its extension to	

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	March are likely to continue to do so whilst traffic	
	levels remain low.	
	There have been no further developments around	
	airport testing, which is needed to enable travel.	
	MAG is expecting a Government announcement	
	shortly on this issue - it is important that any	
	scheme is implemented in time for the lifting of	
	lockdown on 3 Dec, and is the 1st step towards a	
	more comprehensive travel testing regime (in the	
	news, BA are trialling testing for some London-US	
	flights).	
	Whilst the news around vaccines is very positive,	
	the aviation industry still faces a very depressed	
	2021 and continues to ask for Government support.	
	EasyJet posted a £1.3bn full-year loss, its first loss	
	in its 25-year history.	
	Higher Education Institutions-	
	MMU are moving to online teaching with 3 hours on	
	campus teaching per week. They have exceeded	
	targets for 1st year student enrolment and met the	Inward Investment-
	target for 2 nd year students. In respect of	MIDAS focusing messaging around resilience of Mancr.
	international students there are a lot that have not	
	arrived in the country as yet but they are broadly	One year GM International Strategy released this week-
	where they were last year in terms of number of	key messages around global competitiveness and
	students that have arrived.	resilience. 13/10

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	Throughout the period staff cases have remained low. Positive student cases increased very rapidly from almost no cases to over 200 in just four days. Reported infections are now declining. (Daily cases are reported on UoM website)	Group preparing comms on positive messages around commercial developments/activity.
	This decline in infections is encouraging but they could increase again, particularly in light of high infections in the region. The new local testing site may result in an increase as more students and staff are able to access tests. University remains committed to having robust COVID security measures in place, many of which exceed what is required. Risk assessments are kept under review and have been developed with our trade unions.	
	Testing facilities on Denmark Road and mobile facility in Fallowfield. Student numbers are higher than expected with an estimated 80% of international students arriving (continuing to arrive in waves). Overall number of returning students is marginally down. Accurate picture of enrolments will be available in early November. U of M 14/10	
	Inward investment - 13/10 MIDAS remains positive with a number of projects coming in. Many investment decisions however on hold due to range of practical issues.	

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 Real Estate sub group- 10/11 Trading conditions are tough and there is nervousness about what January and February will look like. Questioned whether there are any plans for mass Covid testing similar to what has happened in Liverpool. Need a living with Covid strategy for early 2021. Tier system not going away and need to work towards being in lower tier. Concerns about businesses moving to a hybrid way of working and will therefore need less office space. Office space is coming back into the market. Concerns that in 2021 banks will go after landlords who cannot service their debt. 	
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	Possible impact on pension funds as these are often underpinned by property.	
Developmen t	 Stimulating development & investor confidence, including: Understanding current impact through intelligence gathering. Assessing sources and levels of investment, and any obstacles (access to debt). Seeking financial and other support needed to enable early start of key projects. Understanding supply chain issues and identifying appropriate support measures. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the appetite of contractors to bid for apartment led residential schemes has been significantly impacted in the short term due to issues in 	 MCC has now entered into contract with Homes England for £51.6m Housing Infrastructure Fund (Forward Fund) grant award for Northern Gateway and procurement processes are commencing to deliver civil engineering / core infrastructure works that will unlock development plots for c5,500 new homes in the Redbank neighbourhood. Infrastructure works must be delivered by March 2024 and housing delivery will commence from that point onwards. Announcement of Government approval on 04/08 for Getting Building Funding for BASE Manchester Innovation Activities Hub at MSP (£4M) and Mayfield (£23M). Draft offer letters received early September, with final terms being negotiated with GMCA (hoping to conclude by 30/10) The final terms for Mayfield

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	the supply chain (i.e. loss of subcontractors and access to materials). This concern has also been raised by developers of commercial schemes. Developing guidance/share good practice for safe operation of sites. Expediting design & planning phases of projects. Productivity increased across most major sites- 97% of infrastructure and construction sites now operating. Social distancing measures impacting on programmes. Issues re supply chain/access to materials. Infrastructure sites are now achieving 89% of pre-Covid productivity.	have now mainly been agreed and initial works on the park started on 9th November. 2 Manchester schemes approved in principle for Round 1(22/09) of the Brownfield Land Fund (for schemes due to start 2020-21) Mulbury City - New Cross Zone A and Viadux. Call for Round 2 now launched, with a revised closing date of 8/12. A number of schemes are being worked up with partners, focusing on Northern Gateway, Eastern Gateway and affordable housing schemes. Decision awaited on the bid for an additional 10% allocation. Key shovel ready schemes are included within Recovery Plan, included as part of CSR submission. Community consultation on the first phase of the delivery of Collyhurst will be restarted in advance of planning applications for the delivery of approximately 270 homes (including up to 130 new Council properties) in Collyhurst Village and Collyhurst South and the first phase of a new park. The intention is that this consultation exercise will lead to the submission of planning applications in the Autumn of 2020. Scheme could commence Spring 2021. Planning & Highways Committee on 19th Nov Speakers House, 39 Deansgate — Demolition of the current 1960s building, which occupies a prominent position on Deansgate and replacement with a 17 storey office building. A number of objections from local residents and the ward councillors. Concerns have been raised about the height, overlooking of existing residential units, the impact of light on

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		surrounding buildings and its proximity to conservation areas and historic buildings. Deferred pending a site visit . • 67-75 Piccadilly and 4-6 Newton Street – demolition and replacement of 67 Piccadilly with a 11-storey building, linked to 69-75 Piccadilly (Grade II listed) which would be refurbished: the whole would for a 151-bed hotel with ancillary ground floor uses. The construction would deliver around 228 FTE jobs, with a construction spend of £27million. There would be around 186 FTE jobs generated by the hotel and ground floor uses, and visitor spend of around £5.5m and business rate contributions of £3.9m over the first 10 years of operation. Approved subject to consultation with ward councillors over the capacity and operational hours of the roof terrace.
Affordable Housing	 Risk to developer and investor confidence. Working with RP's and other developers to understand current impact and forward plans. Assessing sources and levels of investment, and any obstacles Investigating grant funding, financial and other support needed to enable early start of key projects Understanding supply chain issues and identifying appropriate support measures. Developing guidance/share good practice for safe operation of sites 	 Extra Care facilities in development: 4 schemes under construction 257 apartments 3 RP schemes 1 MCC (PFI scheme) Regulator for Social Housing (RSH) called for RP's to provide revisions of their business plans by September. This will identify any viability risks but should also identify progress on development programmes. Managing existing onsite, pipeline and planned development with RP's. These were referenced in the June Executive report.

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	 Expediting design & planning phases of projects. Risk of registered providers slowing down or pausing programmes to consolidate finances/liquidity Ensure Zero Carbon and Fire safety provision are part of the programmes. Potential flooding of the PRS sector as the short term let market shrinks. 	 398 homes under construction and anticipated in the 2020/21 year. Remobilization of sites now underway. 252 homes currently in the programme for 2021/22. New projects emerging. The scheme with Clarion has been finalised to deliver shared ownership homes for the full development Silk Street Silk Street funding has been approved and is progressing through the Capital Strategy Board with the CP2 complete. The project team has been established to take this through to delivery with Rowlinson Construction. Progressing the establishment of a Local delivery vehicle. Looking to start on site with key projects and novate across. Site assessments have now been completed by CBRE and this work is now with PwC who are producing a financial model to ensure project viability. The financial modelling will influence the final legal structure to be used and how future phases are going to be delivered. Project 500 progressing. Will deliver 500-600 homes.
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		The sites have been broken down into 3 phases and RP's have been allocated to work up individual designs	
		All members have been contacted to outline development plans in their wards and follow up meetings are being planned where necessary	
		 Entering into formal agreement with Homes England and signing an MOU to take a partnership approach to accelerated development. Complements similar arrangements with GMCA. 	
		The GMCA proposed partnership has been delayed so this will have a knock-on effect to the Manchester Collaboration.	
		Once the GMCA approach is signed off the Manchester collaboration will be agreed and a series of outputs and outcomes will be set out in a shared vision	
		 Ongoing intelligence gathering with developers to understand status of projects and support needed. MHPP Growth workstream capturing current position and plans. Prioritisation of land assembly and due diligence to allow acceleration of build programme. 	

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		 Working with Your Housing Group to bring forward a 200+ new build scheme in East Manchester with 60% planned for affordable housing Working with One Manchester to deliver the regeneration of the Grey Mare Lane Estate, which will lead to the reprovision of 124 existing homes, the retrofit of 169 homes and the delivery of 166 new homes. Masterplanning / community consultation currently underway and a masterplan will be taken to MCC Executive for endorsement in early 2021 in advance of the scheme commencing. Work progressing on a mixed tenure scheme on the former Manox site in East Manchester. This will provide over 400 new homes on a very complex site, proposed delivery of a net zero carbon scheme with just under 30% of affordable housing. Homes England recently announced a new Affordable Homes Programme Fund for 2021-2026. Officers are working with partners to maximise the funding for a Manchester Affordable Housing Programme that will include a substantial amount of specialist and supported housing. AHP submission is still proposed for December.
Transport and Infrastructur e	Work with TfGM to agree a broad overall transport plan to support gradual opening up of the city with a focus on pedestrian movement and safe use of public transport linked to an agreed package of measures to support safe pedestrian access.	 TfGM issued updated messages on Tier 3 travel: You should not travel into or out of GM unless your journey is essential for work, education, medical reasons, to access youth services, for caring responsibilities, or as part of a longer journey. You can continue to travel within GM but please think about how and when you travel and aim

to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible. You can use public transport, but space is limited due to social distancing. Please cycle or walk if you can. You should work from home if possible. Plan ahead, allow extra time for your journey, consider travelling outside the busy morning and afternoon peak times, and using quieter routes. Download the NHS COVID-19 app before you travel.(21/10) Manchester SpecificTransport Usage Data (for w/e 9/11) Bus Patronage, (960,838) reduced by 9.3% on the previous week and was -49% on pre Covid levels. Metrolink Network patronage, (192,853), reduced by 20.8% on the previous week and was -77.2% on pre Covid levels. The busiest lines were Rochdale and Altrincham but both experienced reductions on the previous week of 13% and 21% respectively. The Didsbury East line saw the highest weekly decrease of 30%. Highway - Private vehicle trips, (25,791,137), decreased by 6.7% on the previous week and were -28.4% on pre Covid levels.

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		Rail - Passenger numbers, (169,652), decreased by	
		16.8% on the previous week and were -77.8% on the same	
		period last year.	
		Cycling - Cycle volumes, (622,017), decreased by 8% on	
		the previous week and were -27.4% on the same period	
		last year.	
		GM Wide Data	
		Latest data shows the following differe	nces with the
		position on 09/03 (based on the busies	t day of the week)
		showing a slight increase in all mode	
		the last couple of weeks except for	<mark>rail.</mark>
		o Metrolink 9/3/20	122,613
		14/7/20	37,834
		4/9/20	53,885
		18/09/20	57,144
		4/10/20	27,633
		11/10/20	27,197
		13/11/20	33,714
		o Bus 9/3/20	515,309
		14/7/20	192,181
		24/8//20	237,847
		4/9/20	291,273
		18/09/20	333,220
		4/10/20	113,999
		11/10/20	119,760
		10/11/20	274,267
		Rail 9/3/20	104,795
		14/7/20	28,257
		11/09/20	48,123

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		18/09/20	47,871
		4/10/20	32,577
		11/10/20	34,910
		13/11/20	28,381
		GM Highway 9/3/20	5,082,000
		14/7/20	4,221,209
		25/8/20	4,370,915
		8/9/20	4,528,836
		18/09/20	4,838,128
		4/10/20	3,268,167
		11/10/20	3,378,133
		13/11/20	4,230,726
		markets (King St West and Arndale) are terms of recovery to last year's volumes, focussing on commuters or business relaspinningfields). 01/09	than those
		Face Coverings- Face covering compliant on buses, 86% on Metrolink and 87% on 15/11)	
		City Centre Transport Strategy consultational closed on 4/11/20. There were 2346	
		the on line survey and currently 8 emaile	
		we are expecting more to be sent over from	
		Analysis of responses is underway and a	

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		Working Group on 19/11/20. Initial analysis indicates overwhelming support for the proposals within the draft strategy.
		Active Travel Fund (ATF) GM awarded £15.9m. Manchester detail to follow. We submitted business cases for the city centre 'triangle' and Wythenshawe for pedestrian and cycling routes
	Analysis of businesses' plans for reopening, working with TfGM, CA, Chamber, Growth Company	TfGM linked into Day Time Economy recovery group work
	Identify and implement interventions that support social distancing and support business reopening and procure necessary equipment to facilitate this.	Re-purposing of city centre streets and open spaces. Initial ideas are now being developed further in consultation with members. The proposals seek to draw on best practice from other cities in the UK and abroad.
	Continue with highway works that can be undertaken during lockdown	 Continuing with all our major projects that are on site and continuously monitoring government guidance about construction Finding ways to accelerate all our programme of walking and cycling schemes aiming to have early starts on all our programmed projects Maintaining our roads at business as usual levels by inspecting them and making repairs Resurfacing and treating many more main roads than originally planned to take advantage of lower traffic levels Working with TfGM to review bus stops and increase pedestrian phasing at signalised crossings.

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Skills,	Significant growth in the number of Manchester	
Labour	residents claiming Universal Credit.	
Market and		
Business	 151% rise in claimant count in Manchester 	
Support	during from April to September – 73,709	
	claimants in September	
	affects every LSOA in the City & all age	
	ranges. The area with the highest number of	
	claimants is Harpurhey with 3714.	
	The city centre (Piccadilly & Deansgate) has	
	seen an increase of 480% - 230 claimants in	
	April;1334 claimants in September.	
	particular impact on young people which has	
	seen an increase of 136% - 12,261 claimants	
	in September. Highest levels are in Moss Side with 639 claimants.	
	Side with 639 claimants.	
	Furlough and Newly unemployed	Furlough and Newly unemployed
	I driough and Newly unemployed	Comms is now live and there has been a small take up in
	We have seen an increase in the number of HR1s for	numbers. We are experiencing a time lag in the workforce
	businesses in the City and know that there will be other	wanting to take up support as they are taken through the
	employees made redundant from smaller businesses or	redundancy process and come terms with their situation. Extra
	others with a lower threshold than a HR1. It is more	support is in place for all those being made redundant as part of
		large scale redundancies. A universal offer is being developed
	difficult to reach those businesses and employeesThe	which will residents can book directly onto alongside the support
	extention of the furlough scheme to the end of March	from Citizen's Advice Bureau, National Careers Service and
	will offer more protections to workers who would	Growth Company. This will be made live on the council web
	otherwise been at risk of redundancy which is positive.	pages in the next week. Work continues with partner agencies
		on building a central database of intelligence which will identify
		those sectors most at risk, skills gaps etc which and allow us to
		be more proactive with strategies for support.

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	Offer for 16-19 year olds Social Mobility: The main challenge is that the universities are an ever changing situation and that they are likely to see the impact of retention after christmas and so there is a further follow up meeting after December.	Offer for 16-19 year olds Meeting took place 17/11 with Leads of Widening Participation at MMU/ UoM and GM Higher to understand current issues around recruitment and retention of WP students, issues around finance and digital and concerns re loss of work expereince etc and impact on emploment outcomes. Further mtgs scheduled to stay on top of this as it develops after Christmas holidays. Identified need to uspport HEIs with employer engagement opps. Youth Unemployment • Youth Hubs - Proposal worked up for citywide Youth Hubs in partnership with The Princes Trust and wider Youth Employment Group partners. Next step to agree funding parameters with DWP. • Apprenticeships - we have connected Total People to our ongoing work with Citizens Advice Bureau to explore delivery of a new level 3 pathway. Next steps include feasibility and understanding compatibility with traineeships and Kickstart. • Kickstart - 76 KS vacancies, 24 of which are currently open. 12 are based in and around Manchester, the rest are spread across GM. 1145 referrals have been made and 574 have resulted in an application. Vacancies include customer services (Tesco), display representatives (working in retail outlets), recruitment screening support, product copywriter, buyer intern, digital content intern, digital marketing, trainee pharmacy dispenser, associate delivery consultant, storytelling executive, online developer, sales and operational support. Also

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		seeing home working Kickstart jobs (sales roles for digital billing solutions company).
		Youth Unemployment
	Youth Unemployment	Currently working closely with the BW3 committee and
		employers in South Manchester to develop both Kickstart
	Develop a range of quality Kickstart Gateway	placements and a robust wrap around support offer. Work is underway planning to implement the recommendations to
	Organisations in the city . A main challenge is due to the	support graduate retention in the city: a 'Roundtable' event with
	pressures faced by the universities which is due to the	HE partners and employers will lead some of the discussion on
	isolation of students and blended learning we are taking	this work - working to establish the strong relationships with the
	time to build strong relationship for the future.	best placed HE partners. Working in partnership with HE regional
		partners and GMCA to understand the labour market issues
		facing grads.
		Skills & employment Support for adults
		400 digital devices have now been distributed out to residents.
		Over half of the residents receiving a device have reported they
	Skills & Employment Support for Adults	have a disability or long-term health condition. Approximately 80
	Tackling the digital divide during lockdown v2. Wellbeing	of the residents who received chromebooks already have Wi-Fi
	and motivation of learners.	installed in their home, but no device to access the Internet. This
		has released 80 Sims with Internet access until March 2021
		which are being distributed to additional residents via the
		community groups represented at the Digital Inclusion Working
		Group. Early feedback has been hugely positive with residents

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		already being able to contact family and friends, access courses
		and access information online. This has been particularly timely
		with the second lockdown. MAES have also provided their
		learners who have no access to digital devices with
		Chromebooks and will have distributed 600 by the end of the
		week ahead of their online learning week next week when all
		learners will take part in on line sessions.
		Manchester Adult Education and Skills Plans are planning a
		celebration /awards ceremony to celebrate learners and
		providers during a challenging time. This will be delivered
		through the Plan's steering group.
		Social Value and Local Benefit
		While required policy changes are going through relevant
		governance processes officers have started work to update
		relevant guidance and documentation. There will be significant
	Social Value & Local Benefit	cross-departmental effort to update and implement that
	Change approach to Social Value to ensure Manchester	changes.
	residents most affected by economic consequences of	
	COVID are able to access employment and training	
	opportunities.	Business Support, Sustainability & Growth
		 Scenario and preparation work with Rates to ensure
		communication to Business reaches those that will be
	Business Support, Sustainability & Growth	eligible for the Local Restriction grants.

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	 Comms for business is critical to underpin the business support offers from Biz Growth Hub especially whilst businesses are navigating the complex Business grant schemes. Reach is challenge. BREXIT - deal unlikely, implications in relation to trade is becoming an apparent issue. MCC will continue work with GMCC/BGH to push messages around "Preparation for Brexit" but this could get lost with lockdown and businesses in Survival mode. Feedback from businesses is that they still do not actually know what they are preparing for — not huge details about potential tariffs. BGH and GMCC will soon deliver webinars and will be fully promoted via MCC's channels. In Manchester the specific sectors at greatest risk continue to be aviation, arts, cultural and creative industries and parts of the leisure and hospitality industry and associated supply chains. Anecdotally, the extension of Furlough means that some businesses are refocusing /realigning their focus away from compulsory redundancies and looking at re-furloughing skills staff with a view to reviewing staff structures post lockdown. 	 W&S leading data / intel work with key stakeholders including Growth Company, The Business Growth Hub and GM Chamber of Commerce, GMCA and PRI to inform the development of a Manchester economy dashboard. Work and Skills officers will continue to work in partnership with BGH, and their manufacturing and aviation advisers and Cultural team at a GM level who have links with many supply chain businesses to continually gain local intelligence. MAG - Work and Skills alongside MAG, The Airport Academy, DWP and the Growth Company and other key partners are working behind the scenes to ensure there is a high quality offer and level of support for those people whose jobs are affected.
Funding	No specific known impacts on current external funding bids caused by C19 as yet. Known bids	1) Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) -

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	Impact/ challenges experienced progressing through funding approval processes as expected. Team in City Policy developing a funding action plan based on C19 recovery and Corporate priorities	 Key planning and response activity being undertaken The Government announced a £1 Billion Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme in October 2020. The scheme will be available for capital energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation projects within public sector non-domestic buildings that will deliver the following objectives: Deliver stimulus to the energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation sectors, supporting jobs. Deliver significant carbon savings within the public sector. Manchester City Council is participating in a GM led bid, and the bid is being submitted by the GMCA into the 23rd November bidding round. Green Recovery Fund - 2 bids full bids submitted 26th October with Manchester components. The first one was is looking to do work in Wythenshawe Woodlands and Irk Valley, and the second is around greening the Rochdale canal in the city centre.
		3) ERDF – our 3 projects have successfully completed the approvals process: GM Clean Energy (£17,233,000), Bio Health Accelerator
		(£5,523,516) and Build a Business in GM (£3,399,776). Resource and Programmes will be undertaking the financial management for these 3 projects.

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Strategy & Economic Narrative Review	C19 has necessitated a review of existing strategies to understand whether they are fit for purpose given the predicted exacerbation of existing inequalities. This will inform the Economic Recovery Plan & Our Manchester Strategy reset. Formal refreshes would not take place until 2021 when the Our Manchester Strategy has been reset and the full impact of C19 is known.	 First draft of the Our Manchester Strategy reset has been completed and is being discussed at SMT 24 November with Executive Members and the Our Manchester Forum 9 December. A schedule for refreshing other strategies is being developed with the Work and Skills Strategy proposed to be started in spring 2021
External Influencing & Lobbying	The Government's economic response to C19 has been fast moving and feeding in Manchester's priorities has required a coordinated approach.	 MHCLG have provided a response to the proposals from the 4 Local Economic Recovery Group task & finish groups. Comments on the Government response have been drafted for Joanne to share back to Emran Mian at MHCLG. A summary of the key projects from the Economic Recovery and Investment Plan has been developed with key project outputs. A lobbying grid matching projects to Government Departments has also been created.
Economic Intelligence	 Need to engage with Manchester Businesses and Key sectors to understand current status re Covid related impacts. Understanding of businesses in rented spaces and analysis to support the Business Rates Discretionary Grants. Need to understand status of development pipeline across the city. Need to update population modelling (MCCFM), reflecting both the impacts on and from the economy. 	 Ipsos Mori large scale survey results to inform MCC priorities. Ongoing dialogue with business community to understand latest issues and impact. Tracking underway - pipeline used to support Financial Resilience work - including forecasting potential council tax & business rates revenues - drafts for forecast CT / BR revenues from new development with Finance colleagues for comment Update of the MCCFM is in progress, more difficult and time consuming than normal due to macro uncertainties. ONS Mid Year Estimates released recently to support this work.

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	 5. Demand appraisal for residential lettings market in Manchester post pandemic. 6. Challenge re the scale of analytical capacity required to support this, other Covid-19 workstreams and Business as Usual activities. 	 Data sweep complete - work now underway to collate trends across sub-sectors (mainstream, students, short term lets) to contribute to overall appraisal. Ongoing discussions to re-prioritise work areas and understand where the gaps may be. Risk we could run out of internal capacity. Future format for economic monitoring currently being considered.