

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee
– 13 January 2021

Subject: Overview Report

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

Summary

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- A summary of key decisions relating to the Committee's remit
- Items for Information - Scrutiny Covid Sitrep Update is to follow
- 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 |
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| 7 October 2020 | NESC/20/41 Highways Maintenance Programme | The Committee recommend that regular meetings are convened by the Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport with all Members of the Committee to discuss Members issues or concerns relating to the delivery of highways projects, and that a briefing note on the outcomes and identified actions arising from these meetings are circulated to Members at an appropriate time. | This recommendation has been accepted and will be progressed. | 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 **4 January 2021**, containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included overleaf. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and to agree, whether to include in the work programme of the Committee.

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

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

**Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – January 2021**

| Wednesday 13 January 2021, 2 pm (Deadline Thursday 31 December 2020 to take account of New Year's Bank Holiday) | | | | |
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| Item | Purpose | Lead Executive Member | Lead Officer | Comments |
| Budget proposals 2021/22 – update | The Committee will receive a further report outlining any changes to the Officer budget proposals reported at the November 2020 meeting in light of the provisional local government finance settlement. | Cllr Akbar Cllr Stogia Cllr Rahman Cllr Richards | Fiona Worrall Paul Hindle Chris Thomas | |
| Our Manchester Strategy Reset | To receive the draft reset of the Our Manchester Strategy to allow the Committee to make its comments before Executive is requested to approve. | Cllr Leese (leader) | Fiona Worrall | |
| Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy | To receive an update report on the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy. This report will also provide an update on the implementation of the Manchester Tree Strategy. | Cllr Stogia | Pat Bartoli Julie Roscoe | |
| Planning Conditions and Enforcement | To receive a report which provides the Committee with information on the following areas of activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known active construction sites across the authority; • The city's start and end times for construction works to be undertaken and the rationale for those | Cllr Stogia | Julie Roscoe | This item was deferred from the November 2020 meeting. |

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| | <p>times;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many neighbouring local authorities and other core cities have the same permitted construction times as Manchester; and • Information on the monitoring of construction sites • The approach taken to enforcement, including examples of types of breaches identified and how these were addressed. | | | |
| 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 | |

| Wednesday 10 February 2021, 2 pm (Report deadline Friday 29 January 2021) | | | | |
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| Item | Purpose | Lead Executive Member | Lead Officer | Comments |
| Climate Change Action Plan Update | <p>To receive a report that outlines the progress made to date against the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. This will provide details of progress made and actions taken since this was last reported to the Committee.</p> <p>The report will further include details of the progress to deliver on the specific actions as prescribed within the motion that was adopted in July 2019 when the Council declared a climate emergency.</p> | Cllr Stogia | Carol Culley | |
| Budget 2021/22 – final proposals | The Committee will consider refreshed budget proposals following consideration of the original officer proposals at its November 2020 meeting and (any) | Cllr Akbar Cllr Stogia Cllr | Fiona Worrall Paul Hindle | |

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| | revised budget proposals at its January 2021 meeting | Rahman Cllr Richards | Chris Thomas | |
| Corporate Plan objectives and key priorities | This report with outline the Corporate Plan objectives and key priorities for the service areas that rest within the remit of this Committee. | Cllr Akbar Cllr Stogia Cllr Rahman Cllr Richards | Fiona Worrall | Executive Report |
| Overview Report | | | | |

Wednesday 10 March 2021, 2 pm (Report deadline Friday 26 February 2021)

| Item | Purpose | Lead Executive Member | Lead Officer | Comments |
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| Housing Allocations Policy | To receive an update report on the implementation of the new Housing Allocations Policy that went line in Sept 2020. This report will include details of any review of the policy that has been undertaken to date. | Cllr Richards | Kevin Lowry Martin Oldfield | Previously considered at NESC Nov 2019. |
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Items to be scheduled

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| 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 | |

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| Landlord Licensing Update | To receive a progress report on the delivery of the Extension to Selective Licensing Schemes that was previously reported to the Committee at their meeting of 2 Sept 2020. | Cllr Richards | Fiona Sharkey | To be scheduled for June 2021 meeting. |
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