

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 22 June 2021

**Subject:** Support for the culture sector in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

**Report of:** Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

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**Summary**

The Committee will receive a verbal update on developments since the Committee last considered this item at its meeting on 11 March 2021. The report that was submitted to the 11 March meeting is appended as background information.

**Recommendation**

To note the report.

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**Wards Affected:** All

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

Cultural organisations in the city lead the way in their response to the climate crisis. Through the Manchester Arts Sustainability Team, partners have established Carbon Literacy Training for the cultural sector. In addition to the carbon reduction programmes at individual organisations, cultural partners are working together on projects to reduce carbon emissions and engage audiences on climate change.

<b>Our Manchester Strategy outcomes</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS</b>
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	The city's cultural offer is an intrinsic part of the economic and social life of Manchester and is interconnected with the hospitality sector and night-time and visitor economies. The sector is under huge threat because of COVID-19. The Manchester Culture Recovery Plan sets out a strategy for the stabilisation and stimulation of the cultural sector so that it can play an active role in the city's economic recovery and emerge from the financial impact of the crisis.

<p>A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success</p>	<p>The cultural and creative industries sector employs a wide variety of staff, freelancers, and creative practitioners. The strength of Manchester's highly skilled talent pool is a key feature in the city's attractiveness for inward investors and the report highlights a raft of projects and programmes that nurture the talent and skills of the city's residents, provide pathways into the sector and access to employment.</p>
<p>A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities</p>	<p>The Culture Recovery Plan identifies the need for the sector to recover and support inclusive growth. The cultural sector delivers entry-level jobs and levels up educational achievement for residents.</p>
<p>A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work</p>	<p>Manchester has a world-leading cultural offer for residents and visitors to access. It adds to the vibrancy of the city centre providing key visitors attractions which engage local people and connect to the city's schools and education offer. It brings neighbourhoods together in mutual understanding. It proudly showcases the diversity in our communities.</p>
<p>A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth</p>	<p>Culture plays a vital role in making Manchester an internationally regarded city, supporting our visitor economy.</p>

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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.

*Economic Recovery of the City's Cultural Sector*, Economy Scrutiny Committee (October 2020)

*Powering Recovery: Manchester's Economic Recovery and Investment Plan*