

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Executive – 30 June 2021

Subject: COVID-19 update

Report of: Chief Executive and Director of Public Health

Summary

This note provides the Executive with a brief update on the COVID-19 situation and the development of the enhanced response area action plan.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Executive:

1. Note and comment on the latest situation;
 2. Note and comment on the enhanced response area action plan
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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

There has been a positive short-term impact on the city's carbon emissions, as a result of reduced travel during the road map period. There are opportunities to accelerate the medium term move towards the low carbon economy through, for example, supporting investment in green technology business opportunities and employment.

Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the Our Manchester Strategy
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 in partnership and identifying innovative ways to continue to deliver services and to establish new services as quickly as possible to support the most vulnerable in our city.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	

A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	
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

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Manchester has continued to develop plans relevant to the different phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the last few months there has been a considerable focus on Variants of Concern (VOC), particularly the Delta variant (B.1.167.2), which is now the dominant strain in Manchester, the North West and the country as a whole.
- 1.2 This variant has driven a sharp increase in cases and the case detection rate up to 14 June 2021 is presented in the table below

7 day ending...	Daily number of cases	7 day total number cases	Rate per 100,000 population	7 day rate of change (%)
05/06/2021	148	1,267	229.2	81.0%
06/06/2021	183	1,336	241.7	75.3%
07/06/2021	297	1,492	269.9	85.8%
08/06/2021	311	1,581	286.0	70.2%
09/06/2021	265	1,625	293.9	54.5%
10/06/2021	270	1,665	301.2	43.5%
11/06/2021	262	1,736	314.0	39.7%
12/06/2021	203	1,791	324.0	41.4%
13/06/2021	209	1,817	328.7	36.0%
14/06/2021	312	1,832	331.4	22.8%

- 1.3 On 8 June 2021, Manchester along with the rest of Greater Manchester and parts of Lancashire were designated as an 'enhanced response area'. This designation builds on the experience of Bolton who saw a sharp increase in Delta variant cases from the beginning of May and over the past few months have implemented surge vaccination plans and widespread community testing. These activities have helped to bring rates down in the borough.
- 1.4 Manchester had already been working on a targeted VOC Action Plan with a focus on particular parts of the city. This plan has now evolved into the 'era' action plan which is attached for information.

2.0 Enhanced response area plan

- 2.1 The action plan will be implemented over a four week period up to the final stage of the road map on Monday 19 July 2021. The plan incorporates five key workstreams:
1. Targeted vaccination drive
 2. Targeted communications and engagement
 3. Identifying and breaking chains of transmission (testing, contact tracing and support to self isolate)
 4. Additional control measures
 5. Mitigating the risk of transmission in Universities

3.0 Recommendations

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