

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee
– 22 July 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
- 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 Environment and Climate Change 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
13 January 2021	NESC/21/06 Monitoring and Compliance – Construction Sites	Recommend that Officers, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport arrange a briefing session for Members of the Committee that provides an overview of a range of activities that included, but not restricted to planning and related enforcement; roles and responsibilities and Traffic Regulation Orders.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back once received.	Julie Roscoe Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing
24 June 2021	ECCSC/21/06 Overview of the Parks Strategy	All planned park events are advertised on notice boards at the entrance to parks	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back once received.	Neil Fairlamb Strategic Lead (Parks, Leisure, Youth and Events)
24 June 2021	ECCSC/21/06 Overview of the Parks Strategy	That the Council website should be regularly reviewed to ensure that all information relating to a ward, including park related information was current and correct;	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back once received.	Neil Fairlamb Strategic Lead (Parks, Leisure, Youth and Events)
24 June 2021	ECCSC/21/06 Overview of the Parks Strategy	A report should be provided to the next meeting of the Committee that detailed all of the events planned in parks for the summer period.	This is provided as an Item for Information at section 3 of the Overview Report.	Neil Fairlamb Strategic Lead (Parks, Leisure, Youth and Events)
24 June 2021	ECCSC/21/07 Resident	The Committee recommend that Carbon Literacy Training should be	Dates have been circulated to Members. For those that can't	Cllr Rawlins Executive Member for

	Engagement and Climate Change	offered to all Members of the Committee in advance of the next meeting.	make the dates other sessions will be scheduled.	Environment
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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 **12 July 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.

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Background documents	Officer Contact
GM Clean Air Final Plan (2021/06/22) To agree Greater Manchester's Clean Air Plan (GM CAP) following a review of all the information gathered through the GM CAP and Minimum Licensing Standards consultations.	Executive	Not before 22nd Jul 2021	Report on the GM Clean Air Final Plan, and supporting documents	Michael Marriott, Head of Local Planning & Infrastructure Michael.Marriott@manchester.gov.uk

3. Item for Information

Subject: Parks and summer events

Report of: Strategic Director Neighbourhoods

Summary

This item for information provides an overview of the current position in relation to the planned programme of events and activities in Manchester's Parks during the summer of 2021. The report sets out the approach that is being taken to ensure that the City's Parks are safe and vibrant places to visit within the context of covid-19.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The City's ambition is to ensure that Parks remain at the heart of their communities, delivering a vibrant programme of events and activity. During this last 16 months, there has been a shift in the number of people accessing parks and the way that they have been used. With many facilities off limits in the early parts of lockdown, indoor facilities closed and limitations on the numbers of people allowed to gather the service has adapted to support an uplift in usage of circa 30%.
- 1.2 The vast majority of the programme of activity in parks is delivered by partners and enabled by the Parks Team. The service has continued to listen to our communities and are supporting them to return to activity safely and at the earliest opportunity, whether that is a weekly litter pick or a picnic in the park to support mental wellbeing.
- 1.3 The proposal of an event or activity can raise tensions about their impact versus general park usage and it is essential that local engagement and consultation help to shape delivery. There remains an element of nervousness from organisers and the people who visit and live close to parks about their activation whilst new variants emerge and positive cases rise. This changing landscape has strengthened partnerships to support safe delivery and continues to require flexibility to move locations or dates at short notice and in some circumstances to halt planning for the current year.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In spring 2016, the Council embarked on the first conversations that would culminate in the launch of a new strategy for parks in December 2017. Two key themes emerged from these conversations that would shape the programme of events and activities over the ten years to follow, these were:
 - **Vibrant Parks, Vibrant Communities** considers the use and activities that take place in parks to ensure they are a focus of community life, providing opportunities for exercise and sport, and a wide variety of events that can generate additional income for the benefit of parks.

- **Productive Parks in Partnership** describes ways to deliver park services in a more collaborative and fruitful manner with communities and local organisations, not just the Council.

2.2 In the years to follow there has been a marked move towards enabling those that want to, to do more in the City's parks. As a result the service has seen enquiries to host events and activities in parks like Alexandra, Fletcher Moss and Heaton rise in demand. By working closely with organisers the service has influenced a greater geographic spread within the programme to reach further in to our communities.

2.3 Good progress has been made, evidenced by new events being added to the programme such as Dino Kingdom at Wythenshawe Park and albeit on a smaller scale but equally as important, the outdoor exhibition about the River Irk and people's memories of the area between Angel Meadows and Queens Park.

3.0 Regular Activities as a Focus for Community Life

3.1 Prior to the pandemic there were in excess of 100+ activities led by partners taking place across the City's Parks on a regular basis. The focus of the Parks Team has been to remobilise these safely and quickly, in line with government guidance and mindful of the potential impact that they may have on the uplifted visitor numbers that have been experienced.

3.2 During the pandemic, access to indoor facilities has been limited and this has resulted in partners seeking suitable outdoor spaces to host their activity in. As a result new partnerships have been built and the service is now enabling over 125 regular activities to take place across the estate. Whilst a handful of sites remain popular due to the facilities on site and good transport links the service continues to influence partners to consider alternative sites and work with individuals and organisations to build the skills to deliver within their own communities.

3.3 There is a real variety to the offer across the City with opportunities to take part in:

- Astronomy
- Athletics
- Gardening for biodiversity
- Healthy walks (including Nordic walking)
- Model boat sailing
- Parent and toddler activity
- Story telling

3.4 To support the communication of the opportunities available a new platform "Loads To Do" is in development for all activity across the City to be located in one easy to find place. The landing page has been built and is online whilst the service work with the provider to start uploading the programme of activity ready for launch ahead of the school holidays.

4.0 A Summer of Fun in the City's Parks

- 4.1 Manchester has adopted a collaborative approach to the delivery of holiday provision, including the City's parks. Following the success of the summer offer in 2019 and 2020, there has been continued work cross department and with external partners to maximise resources and provide a varied and sufficient offer for children and young people.
- 4.2 The addition of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme funding from the Department for Education has enabled the City to expand the offer for all children and young people. Colleagues in Youth have begun by mapping the HAF provision and then supporting services like parks, to plan universal provision around that to provide a greater reach.
- 4.3 The map in the appendices shows the current HAF provision – this data enables the targeting of provision in areas of high need and ensures that gaps in provision so that universal provision, including the offer in parks can add the greatest value.
- 4.4 Youth colleagues are working with Young Manchester to ensure that the summer playscheme funding is also mapped against HAF provision and used to support universal participation in all areas, the parks Team will continue to support the offer by promoting and enabling the use of parks.
- 4.5 A full listing of the youth offer across the City will be listed on the "Loads To Do" site, with partners and providers able to upload information to the site directly. The activities available in parks include arts, BMX, climbing, horse riding and treasure trails.

5.0 Bringing Communities Together for Large Events

- 5.1 The restrictions in place over the last 16 months have significantly limited the programme of events that would normally take place across the parks estate. Working within the guidance and with support from the Safety Advisory Group we have been able to support those that could, to return to site safely. With the details of the next phase and accompanying guidance yet to be confirmed we are continuing to work with event organisers to develop flexible plans to remobilise in our parks safely.
- 5.2 Working on the basis that there will be the potential to host events towards the back end of the summer, with alternative arrangements for capacity and reviewed charging arrangements, the following provisional bookings are in place:
 - Eid in the Park, Platt Fields Park, 20th July, 8,000 capacity
 - Festival of Thailand, Platt Fields Park, 24th & 25th July, 3,000 capacity per day
 - Village People Weekend, Sackville Gardens, 30th July & 1st August, 5,000 capacity

- Dino Kingdom, Wythenshawe Park, 23rd July – 8th August, 8,000 capacity per day
- Caribbean Carnival of Manchester, Alexandra Park, 5th September, 10,000 capacity
- New Order, Heaton Park, 10th September, 35,000 capacity
- Parklife, Heaton Park, 11th & 12th September, 80,000 capacity per day
- Manchester Mega Mela, Platt Fields Park, 25th & 26th September, 10,000 capacity per day

6.0 Communications Campaign

6.1 This summer, the council are running a communications campaign to promote the school holiday programme of activity that is available for children and young people across the city. The approach brings together activity and events, provided by the council's Parks, Leisure (MCRactive), Libraries, Culture, Events, Youth and Play services, together with their delivery partners, into a single campaign that provides families with information on what is available.

6.2 The communications campaign includes the following activity:

- Campaign branding.
- Landing page created to host all events/activity on [Loadstodo.co.uk](https://www.loadstodo.co.uk).
- MEN digital advertising package.
- Facebook and Instagram advertising - targeting parents in Manchester.
- Targeted mobile and in-app advertising to parents and youth ages in MCC area.
- Full page advert and editorial in Primary Times July edition - distributed to parents via schools. One copy allocated to each of the 42,000 families at a local primary school.
- Railing banners for parks.
- Comms toolkit for partners and providers, including social media messages and posters, for them to promote to their own audiences.

6.3 The use of "Loads To Do" as a landing page is new for the summer of 2021 and responds to previous feedback about ensuring that the offer across the City is available in one place. The look and feel is fresh and provides an intuitive and easy to use search function to find out what is on in an area and also by activity. The upload of information for the summer programme and regular activity has started and will continue to be updated throughout the summer period.

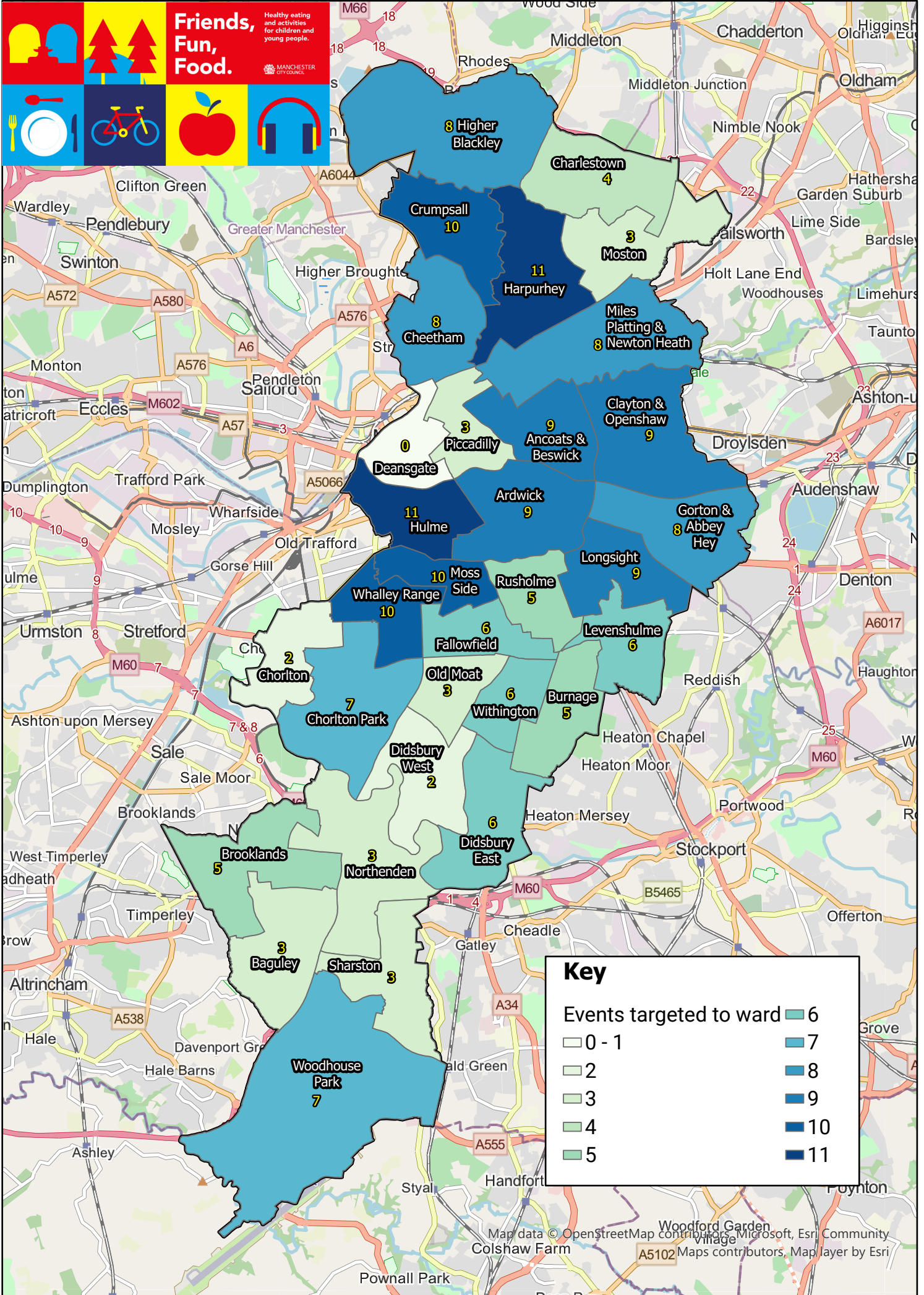
7.0 Conclusion and next steps

7.1 There is "Loads to Do" this summer in Manchester's Parks. Whilst there are significant challenges in delivering safe events and activities the approach remains flexible with a focus on enabling a vibrant programme to take place across the City.

- 7.2 The framework for the delivery of the programme is robust and offers a level of flexibility to respond to areas of focus that emerge requiring adaptations to ensure the greatest reach. The Parks Team will continue to work as part of a wider collective with colleagues in Youth to ensure that the provision in each ward is reflective of the need for children and young people.
- 7.3 Planning for the programme beyond the summer is underway. The review of the programme over the summer period will ensure that good practise is replicated and that areas of the programme that need to be strengthened receive the support they need.

Summer HAF Programme - Manchester

Friends, Fun, Food.
Healthy eating and activities for children and young people.
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**Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – July 2021**

Thursday 22 July 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 12 July 2021)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Climate Change Action Plan - Quarterly Update report	To received and comment upon the Manchester Climate Change Action Plan quarterly update report.	Cllr Rawlins	Samantha Nicholson	
Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan	To endorse the recommendation that the Executive agree the Greater Manchester's Clean Air Plan (GM CAP) following a review all the information gathered through the GM CAP and Minimum Licensing Standards consultations.	Cllr Rawlins	Michael Marriott	Executive Report
Parks and summer events	To receive a report that details of all events planned across all the city parks during the summer period.	Cllr Akbar	Neil Fairlamb Kylie Ward	This update will be included in the Overview Report as an Item for Information.
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	

Thursday 9 September 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Friday 27 August 2021) * To Account for August Bank Holiday

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Climate Change Action Plan Annual Report	To received and comment upon the Climate Change Action Plan Annual Report.	Cllr Rawlins	Carol Culley, David Houliston	
Large Scale Renewable Energy Generation Feasibility Study	To provide an update on the outcome of a feasibility study on the potential for large scale renewable energy generation to deliver 7000 tonnes of CO2 savings by 2025 as per the action contained in the Climate Change Action Plan.	Cllr Rawlins	David Houliston	Executive Report
Manchester Climate Change Agency/Partnership Annual Report	To received and comment upon the Manchester Climate Change Agency/Partnership Annual Report.	Cllr Rawlins	David Houliston	
Planning and its contribution to address climate change	To receive a report that describes how the planning policy and process is used to influence and address climate change. This report will include, but not restricted to an update on the Local Plan; describing the policy in relation to developers being required to install electric vehicle charging points and the delivery for suitable cycle storage facilities; and information on the approach to Environmental Impact Assessments.	Cllr Rawlins	Julie Roscoe	
Overview Report		-	Lee Walker	

Thursday 14 October 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 4 October 2021)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing Update	This is the annual update report that provides an update on progress in delivering waste, recycling, and street cleansing services and key priorities for the future. Further describing how this activity contributes to the climate change agenda; the work undertaken with partner organisations and an update on the Government's Waste Strategy.	Cllr Rawlins	Heather Coates Fiona Worrall	
Climate Change Action Plan - Quarterly Update report	To received and comment upon the Manchester Climate Change Action Plan quarterly update report.	Cllr Rawlins	Samantha Nicholson	
Manchester Climate Change Framework and Implementation Plan 2.0 – Consultation Two Outcomes	To receive a report that describes the outcomes of consultation two undertaken in relation to the development of Manchester Climate Change Framework and Implementation Plan 2.0.	Cllr Rawlins	Manchester Climate Change Partnership and Agency	
Overview Report		-	Lee Walker	

Thursday 11 November 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 1 November 2021)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Neighbourhood Working to address climate change	This report will provide information on how the Neighbourhood Teams are supporting local communities to deliver climate change. This will include an update on the In Our Nature programme pilot schemes; describing the approach and outcomes of partnership working and information on the delivery of active travel.	Cllr Rawlins	Shefali Kapoor	
Manchester City Council Estates Decarbonisation	To receive a report that describes the activities and progress to date the decarbonisation of the Manchester Council Estate.	Cllr Rawlins	Richard Munns	
Overview Report		-	Lee Walker	

Thursday 9 December 2021, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 29 November 2021)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Manchester Airport	To receive a report that considers the actions taken to reduce carbon emissions at Manchester Airport and an update on the progress made to reduce aviation related carbon emissions.	Cllr Rawlins	David Houliston	
Budget Related Reports				To be confirmed
Overview Report				

Thursday 13 January 2022, 10:00 am (Report deadline Friday 31 December 2021)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Climate Change Action Plan - Quarterly Update report	To received and comment upon the Manchester Climate Chane Action Plan quarterly update report.	Cllr Rawlins	Samantha Nicholson	
Budget Related Reports				To be confirmed
Overview Report				

Thursday 10 February 2022, 10:00 am (Report deadline Monday 31 January 2022)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
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 Rawlins	Julie Roscoe	
Manchester Climate Change Framework and Implementation Plan 2.0	To receive and comment upon the Draft Manchester Climate Change Framework 2.0.	Cllr Rawlins	Manchester Climate Change Partnership and Agency	
Overview Report				

Items to be scheduled				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Food Sustainability	To receive a report that provides an update on the work undertaken to support communities around the area of food sustainability and to provide an update on the work of the Manchester Food Board.	Cllr Rawlins	Angela Harrington	
Grounds Maintenance and the use of pesticides	To receive an update report on the approach to the use of pesticides when delivery grounds maintenance. This report will also provide an update on any relevant information relating to the service that falls within the	Cllr Akbar	Matthew Bennett	See 'Manchester's Park Strategy – Progress through the Pandemic'

	remit of this committee.			considered June 2021. Not to be scheduled before Oct 2021.
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