

Economic Recovery Workstream- Sitrep Summary

As at 22/07/21 for Executive on 28/07/21. Updated fortnightly. Latest updates shown in yellow.

Issue/theme/activity area	Impact/ challenges experienced	Key planning and response activity being undertaken
General Overview	<p>ONS National Statistics 15th July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the week ending 11 July 2021, the seven-day average number of daily flights increased by 9% compared with the previous week to 2,307 flights; this is around one-third of the level seen in the equivalent week of 2019 (EUROCONTROL). • On 9 July 2021, the total volume of UK online job adverts had decreased by 4% when compared with the previous week (2 July 2021), but remained much higher than pre-pandemic levels at 129% of its February 2020 average level (Adzuna). • In the week to 12 July 2021, the seven-day average estimate of UK seated diners fell by 2 percentage points compared with the previous week to 117% of its level in the equivalent week of 2019 (OpenTable). • In the week to 10 July 2021, overall retail footfall in the UK was at 74% of the level seen in the equivalent week of 2019; footfall at retail parks continued to be much higher than at shopping centres and high streets relative to their 2019 levels (Springboard). See Section 8. • Currently trading UK businesses reported that 11% of their workforce have moved from furlough or fully homeworking to a 	<p>Powering Recovery: Manchester's Recovery and Investment Plan' launched in Nov. Four investment priorities around: innovation; city centre and urban realm; residential retrofit programme; and North Manchester regeneration. Seeking govt funding for over 50 projects of £798.8 m. The plan can be accessed here.</p> <p>United City business-led campaign launched 22/11 and supported by MCC.</p> <p>Business Sounding Board and Real Estate subgroup continue to meet regularly to share intel across sectors and to help support MCC lobbying.</p> <p>Weekly MCC newsletter issued to over 9,000 businesses with updates.</p> <p>Comms update</p> <p>Link to the film: Manchester is back. Stronger than ever. - YouTube</p> <p>The film performed most well on Twitter with over 100k impressions, 13k view of the video and over 300 likes. Our Twitter followers tend to include partners and well as residents and businesses. It also did well on LinkedIn with 7k views and 367 likes.</p> <p>The Welcome Back campaign moved into the next phase of lockdown messaging from the 17th May with emphasis on culture venues opening back up. We produced another film with the Contact Theatre on what opening up meant to them and how important it is to support our cultural venues. Manchester art & entertainment venues are opening 🇬🇧 #WelcomeBackMCR - YouTube</p>

hybrid model of working, i.e. spending at least some of their time at their usual place of work, in the last two weeks (at the point at which they responded) (Business Insights and Conditions Survey (BICS) 14 to 27 June 2021).

Government issues sector by sector guidance for businesses: The guidelines advise how businesses should reduce the risk of Covid-19 for staff and customers in England after 19 July when restrictions such as compulsory mask-wearing, social distancing and venue check-in will be lifted.

For leisure and hospitality the guidance focuses on ventilation, advising venues to monitor CO₂ levels which is seen as a good measure of the effectiveness of ventilation. Monitors of CO₂ that provide this level of detail typically cost more than £250 and venues with multiple areas of poor ventilation may need several.

The government will encourage the use of Covid passports in large venues and says that it “expects and recommends” that face masks be worn in crowded areas. However none of this is mandatory.

Where searches of people are performed, such as at nightclubs, venues are advised to do this outdoors if possible and to encourage staff to sanitise their hands between each search.

Business confidence up: a survey from BDO, an accountancy and business advisory firm, has found that businesses were at their most optimistic since 2005, following the announcement of restrictions finishing on 19 July. A separate survey by

Alongside this, visitors to the city will see a raft of Welcome Back messaging from outdoor digital advertising, poster sites, shop windows and in taxis to name a few.

The weekly Welcome Back ebulletin signposts to the events taking place, such as the flower show, along side key advice to ask that people continue to follow the advice and guidance so we can all return safely.

Re-opening update

c. 400 licences have been issued to the hospitality sector. Overall businesses have responded to all requirements positively, have engaged with authorities and are overwhelmingly compliant. However the impact does continue to be significant for them. The delayed lifting only delays their recovery and makes for continued higher operational costs. More widely than that because as a sector they are required to record customer contacts in a way that other sectors are not required to (retail/transport for example), they are harder hit when an individual tests positive – and isolations/temporary closures are required that are not mirrored in the retail sector.

There has been a shift in employment within the sector as already reported, with many leaving it altogether and there is a real shortage of staff at the minute that is compounding all the aforementioned issues meaning some businesses also have to shut due to staff shortages.

19th July- Several city centre nightclubs did a NYE’s style countdown and one venue had a full capacity ticketed queue of 800. Most nightclubs operating a tickets only entry. Of the 650 hospitality venues, almost all will be open by the coming week end (only 6% were not operating in some form). Many night time venues had reinvented themselves during the pandemic to allow trading to continue and are now reverting back or upgrading to previous operating patterns.

Prior to stage 4, additional opening and operating safely guidance has been issued to businesses and venues including for nightclubs and for

	<p>Accenture found that two thirds of 1,400 business surveyed expected an increase in business activity this year.</p> <p>Retail park shopping rises: British Land, who owns a number of out of town retail parks and is one of Britain's biggest commercial landlords, has said that sales are almost back to pre-pandemic levels and rents are stabilising. The British Retail Consortium also reported that spending after the winter lockdown was at its fastest quarterly rate on record, with the warmer weather, the Euros and some foreign travel allowed increasing retail sales.</p>	<p>weddings and funerals. Bulletins continue to encourage staff vaccination and regular use of Lateral Flow Tests with comms that protecting staff protects the business. The Licensing and Out of Hours Team is visiting all nightclub premises and engaging on risk assessments and is now working until 04.30hrs; officers are also monitoring noise levels (particularly with current ventilation advice) and waste from external operations. 'Pinging' is having impact on hospitality staff and on waste and cleansing staff availability.</p>
<p>BSB Real Estate Sub Group 20.7.21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city centre appears busy in the evenings, and there seems to be a large number returning for leisure use with bars and restaurants busy. • The return to the office was discussed amongst the group with a mix of approaches being taken. Many larger businesses are seeing a dip in staff numbers due to school holidays, annual leave etc. and because of this they are considering postponing the return to work messaging till September when staff numbers are higher. • It was felt that better technology was needed to support staff to work in new hybrid/agile ways. • Anecdotally there had been a mixed response to the restrictions lifting with many seeing masks worn on public 	

	<p>transport, but less so in shops and around the city centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public transport patronage has plateaued in the last 4 weeks, which could be linked to school holidays and people taking leave. 	
<p>Business Sounding Board 13.7.21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was an update on the numbers on furlough and the impact on residents as those measures are reduced and how we are working with employers. It was raised that people are aware of the additional 6 symptoms of the delta variant and that regular testing was important. It was discussed how important messaging is and that the balanced messages from MCC were welcomed. United City had a meeting with a number of large employers in the city. Following this they are undertaking a review of how businesses are responding to the lifting of restrictions following the 19th July and have a follow up review in September. United City will also be engaging with faster growing tech businesses, to look at how different businesses will return to the office. Sector feedback: Cultural sector – there is likely to be a balanced return rather than a complete lifting of restrictions. Feedback from audiences is that mask wearing and other covid secure measures are welcomed. For example, all front of house staff will continue to wear masks and cultural 	

	<p>leaders are working together to ensure consistency across the sector in the city.</p>	
<p>TIER Group 14.7.21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotelier feedback is that business has been strong and in the main driven by excellent leisure business. Despite this there is virtually no international or business custom. Weekend occupancy is almost 80%, however room rates are down significantly. • Hopeful that corporate meeting bookings start soon. • Staffing and recruitment remain the largest concern for businesses. With football stadiums, nightclubs etc all reopening this will compound the issue as all venues will be recruiting from the same pool. <p>National Tourism Recovery Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The key aims of the recovery plan are to: • Recover domestic overnight trip volume and spend to 2019 levels by the end of 2022, and inbound visitor numbers and spend by the end of 2023 – both at least a year faster than independent forecasts predict. • Ensure that the sector’s recovery benefits every nation and region, with visitors staying longer, growing accommodation occupancy rates in the off-season and high levels of investment in tourism products and transport infrastructure. • Build back better with a more innovative and resilient industry, maximising the potential for technology and data to enhance the visitor experience and employing more UK nationals in year-round quality jobs. • Ensure the tourism sector contributes to the enhancement and conservation of the 	

country's cultural, natural and historic heritage, minimises damage to the environment and is inclusive and accessible to all.

- Return the UK swiftly to its pre-pandemic position as a leading European destination for hosting business events.

Footfall

Footfall trends- City Centre (Springboard / CityCo)

Week 28– Sun 11 July to Sat 17 July			
	Week on week %	Year on year %	Pre Covid
St Ann's Sq	+2.8%	+51%	-39.6%
Exchange Sq	+16.5%	+90.3%	-52.1%
King Street	+1.5%	+62.9%	-51.6%
Market Street	+7.0%	+31.6%	-16.7%
New Cathedral St	-7.2%	+53.3%	-37.5%

The busiest day was Saturday with a footfall number of 112,001 a 5.5% decrease on the previous week. Footfall overall for the week was a 3.36% increase on the previous week, similar to the UK figure of 3.3%.

Mon 12 July to Sun 18 July

District Centres

	Week on week %	Year on year %
Cheetham Hill	+28.10%	+51.90%

Chorlton	+3.90%	+4.40%
Fallowfield	+14.70%	+80.30%
Gorton	+19.80%	+49.00%
Harpurhey	+8.60%	+30.10%
Levenshulme	+19.70%	+35.40%
Northenden	+14.20%	+33.80%
Rushholme	+15.30%	+26.40%
Victoria Avenue	+10.60%	+51.40%
Withington	-2.40%	+28.40%

The overall percentage increase for district centres on the previous week was 12.40%, whereas the UK figure was +1.6%.

Higher Education Institutions

A blended working approach will continue for now. Testing will continue to manage potential infections and outbreaks.

MMU are keen to have staff and students back.

UoM have pulled back from the earlier public statement on online learning, however, are thinking it through.

Aviation

Grant Shapps confirmed that Bulgaria and Hong Kong would be added to the green list from 19th July, while Croatia and Taiwan will be added to the green watchlist. However, the Balearic Islands and British Virgin Islands are being moved to the amber list from the green watchlist. On the eve of Bulgaria's switch to the green list, the UK was

Manchester Airport's new Terminal 2 was launched on 14 July. Jet2 and TUI flights will operate from the terminal initially, with further announcements to continue, in terms of both flights and facilities, as the Government updates its traffic light system, and plans to relieve double-vaccinated passengers from the need to self-isolate are brought into

added to the Bulgarian red list for arrival of UK travelers. Only travel from Bulgarian citizens and long term residents will be permitted from the UK.

Fully vaccinated individuals travelling from amber list countries no longer have to isolate on arrival. They will however need to take a Covid test prior to returning to the UK and a second test on day 2 of arrival. Travelers will need to complete a passenger locator form, declare that you have been fully UK vaccinated and provide proof of your vaccination status.

Government has confirmed that foreign travel can resume from Monday 17th May under a traffic light system, with countries ranked green, amber or red. Travelers from an amber list country will need to self isolate for 10 days with the option to shorten that period with a negative PCR test. Whilst those from a red list country will be required to quarantine in a hotel for 10 days. All travelers will be required to take a pre-departure test and a further test on day 2 of returning to the UK.

place. Many of the shops, cafes, bars and restaurants are owned by northern-based businesses.

EasyJet have released [new services](#) to Ibiza three times a week and airBaltic will fly to Riga twice a week.

MAG was unsuccessful in its legal challenge against the Government on transparency of the traffic light system.

Statement from Charlie Cornish, CEO, MAG, Michael O’Leary, Ryanair Group CEO, Luis Gallego, CEO, IAG, Johan Lundgren, CEO, easyJet, Andrew Flintham, Managing Director, TUI UK & Ireland and Shai Weiss, CEO, Virgin Atlantic on the outcome of the legal challenge against the Government:

“British businesses and consumers deserve to understand how the Government takes decisions on the traffic light system so that they can book their travel with confidence whether for business, visiting friends and family or simply taking a holiday. The way decisions have been taken to date has not been transparent and has created huge confusion and uncertainty for the British public. In a recent poll 80% of UK consumers agreed.

“The most recent changes including to the status of travellers from France which overnight created yet another category of “amber+” were shambolic and made it even harder for consumers and businesses to plan. The Government should do the right thing by consumers and provide clarity on any changes it makes to the system.

“If the Government is truly following the data then it must make significant changes to the ‘green’ list including adding the US and major EU countries. There is also no reason why travellers from the US and EU should not be exempt from quarantine and testing as soon as possible. The UK has already fallen behind the EU’s reopening and our overly cautious approach to international travel will further impact our economic recovery.”

<p>Culture</p>	<p>Roadmap for easing COVID restrictions announced 22 Feb Most venues were able to legally open at stage 3, from 17 May and stage 4 commences from 19 July.</p> <p>National <u>Event pilots</u> So far only findings of Phase 1 have been published. Phase 2 events have completed but not yet published and Phase 3 events are ongoing. It should be noted that the Phase 1 pilot events took place before the infectious delta variant became prevalent.</p> <p>Additional pilots are to be held to further examine transmission data and build on existing evidence base. These events include Latitude and the Grange Opera Festival. While these additional events continue to gather further evidence, no decisions have been taken on the full reopening of mass events.</p> <p>Culture Recovery Fund investment Previous round of culture recovery funding awards was designed to support companies in need until 30 June 21. CRF Round 3 announced 25/6 the third round of funding to support the cultural, heritage and creative sectors was announced. £218.5 million will be available through the Culture Recovery Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Resource Support programme (now live) Applicaion deadline is 14 October & deadline to get permission to apply is 30 September. Limit on the cumulative total of CRF funding that any one organisation can receive this is £4m for non-profit organisations and 	<p>Culture Reopening Plans</p> <p>Wider reopening plans being implemented by venues from 19 July</p> <p>Cultural organisations are sharing approaches and plans for the next phase of reopening and trying to develop some consistent approaches:</p> <p>Consistency amongst venues: Masks to be worn by staff; wearing of masks to be encouraged in audience but not mandatory; enhanced cleaning continues with sanitizer; ventilation continues to be an important message, especially moving into the autumn.</p> <p>Variances between venues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing - some will relax but continue in some capacity, some need to move to full capacity • table service in bars and restaurants - some will relax however some will continue • refund / exchange policy – different approaches being taken. <p>Notable Re-opening Events include:</p> <p>Ancoats based Hope Mill Theatre launched HOPE FEST being held in a pop-up summer venue (16/7– 8/8). The events are taking place inside a large theatre tent (250 capacity) based beside New Islington Tram Station. The line-up inc family theatre, comedy, music, musical theatre & community events with an onsite bar and eating area. They are also launching a scheme for local residents, offering ticket discounts and holding a residents' gathering event aimed at bringing the local community together.</p> <p>ACE's Cultural Development Fund</p> <p>Officers are submitting a proposal for the 23rd July deadline for a c£5m investment in Z-arts as a hub for cultural education and employment pathways which is aligned with the Culture Recovery Plan.</p>
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	<p>£1.5m for commercial organisations except in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Further information pending on strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuity Support programme. • The Heritage Stimulus Fund 	<p>CRF Round 3 - Officers planning webinar support for applicants to take place 23 July for companies to apply to the Culture Recovery Fund (CRF) Emergency Resource Support Emergency grants - funding to organisations that have not previously received CRF funding and are now at imminent risk of failure.</p> <p>All Party Parliamentary Group - Northern Culture Enquiry - Session 2 9/7</p> <p>Speakers incl Lord Mendoza who has responsibility for the £2bn Culture Recovery Fund- reported positive working between Gvt departments and arms-length bodies and Gvt recognition of the role of culture in recovery & levelling up (recognition investment in the sector is cost effective & fast acting). Other key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong Yorkshire focus from speakers - reference to Mcr / Salford infrastructure for the screen sector seen as beneficial to our area & calls for infrastructure investment in Yorkshire. Dismay at Gvt plans to sell of C4 and predictions of the impact of negative impacts. • Calls for a Culture Skills Audit • Discussions about the inequity in cultural funding distribution - companies facing difficulties applying for ACE funds & Levelling Up Fund and the impact on cuts to most LAs cultural teams making bidding harder in town and cities in the North. <p>Centre for Cultural Policy C-19 project policy reference workshop 8/7</p> <p>Key findings from the research initiative to date included:</p> <p>Skills & Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skills lost during pandemic, esp. performing arts (stage craft, tech). Evidence of labour shortage for some jobs inc front of house. • however digital skills were developed • networks have been strengthened, e.g. peer support and audience focus & audiences and organisations looking closer to home, greater civic focus
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Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued development interest in the city for both commercial and residential scheme. • All schemes are back on site, and construction levels increased since the beginning of the pandemic, although with some overall delays to programmes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brownfield Housing Fund - Officers continue to work with GMCA on grant agreements for the 2nd round and additional 10% schemes, which need to be in place by end of July 2021. • Victoria North – Housing Infrastructure Fund: The full team of contractors, designers, programme management, technical advisors and planning consultants required to

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risks around supply chains/access to materials, with associated increases in costs. • Access to finance for hotel and retail schemes likely to be more challenging. • Economic Recovery & Investment Plan identifies key schemes which can drive recovery and create new jobs. Ongoing work to identify funding opportunities for schemes. • Long term impact on office demand being monitored on an ongoing basis, but positive indications from office agents and the Business Sounding Board. • Government increased housing target by 35% in UK's 20 largest cities, including Manchester, in December 2020. The implications of this are currently being assessed. 	<p>deliver the £51.6m of infrastructure works that will unlock development opportunities in the Lower Irk Valley has now been appointed and design works, planning applications, public consultations will commence in order to deliver works and expenditure by March 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express Building completes: the office building on George Leigh Street has been refurbished by its owners to provide 22,600 sq ft of office space, enabled by smart technology, a new reception, meeting rooms, gym and café. • New tenant for Arbata: Mission Labs (cloud comm's specialist) has taken 11,000sqft at the office building at Central Park, as part of plans to double its workforce over the next year. The amount of space agreed was the same as originally discussed. • Expansion for marketing company: KOMI Group has doubled its space at Beehive Mill, taking an additional 1,300sqft of space on a 6-year lease. The business currently has just under 40 staff, but they are looking to grow the numbers to 50 by September.
<p>Affordable Housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Current forecasts suggest 436 new affordable homes will be built across Manchester in 2021-22 – 20 of which have already completed. This includes 266 social rent, 104 affordable rent, 64 shared ownership and 2 rent to buy homes.</p> <p>In addition, there are currently 883 new affordable homes currently under construction across the city and expected to complete over the next few years. This includes a number of large-scale developments including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belle Vue Stadium Site – Countryside and Great Places have begun work on the redevelopment of the mixed tenure scheme which includes 130 new affordable homes • Grey Mare Lane Estate – One Manchester have started construction on the first two phases of the Estate Regeneration

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>programme (Blackrock Street & Windermere Close) which are expected completed in 2021-22. The redevelopment is set to deliver c.290 new affordable homes (incl. 124 of re-provision) and the retrofit of 169 homes over the next 5 years. A Master Plan will be submitted to MCC Executive in September 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gorton Lane – One Manchester have also begun construction on the scheme delivering 109 homes (18 for shared ownership & 91 for rent-to-buy) – expected to complete in 2022-23 <p>Updates on further key schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Places have submitted plans for Ancoats Dispensary which is set to go to Planning Committee at the end of July •
<p>Transport and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Roadmap update</p> <p>GM leaders have agreed face coverings will continue to be 'strongly encouraged' in the next phase of messaging, along with emphasis on protecting others. The overarching communications campaign will transition from Keep Doing Your Bit and the continued safety and reassurance messaging, to encouraging mode shift around mid-August ahead of the September return. Messaging and assets will be shared for use on local authority channels.</p> <p>To support greater numbers returning to work, TfGM has launched further sustainable transport support, including grants. TfGM will offer local authorities tools and resource support.</p> <p>Transport Decarbonisation Plan</p> <p>On 14 July the Government released its Transport Decarbonisation Plan. This follows an outline paper in March 2020 entitled Decarbonisation of Transport: Setting the Challenge, and stakeholder engagement over summer/autumn 2020 which</p>	<p>Summary of transport activity for week ending 4 July (GM-wide)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In total there were around 49.7m trips made in Greater Manchester last week – with levels broadly equivalent to the previous week. • Overall journeys remain around 4% below typical pre-pandemic levels – with the last six weeks seeing a plateau in trip numbers at around this level. • Public transport trips fell by approximately 2.6% (Bus down by 3%, Metrolink down by 2% and Rail was equivalent to last week), meanwhile highway trips also declined by 0.8%. This was balanced out by an overall increase of 3% in active travel trips. • During the week ending 4 July trips in and out of GM were 1% up on the week when the advice was published. <p>Transport activity by mode for week ending 4 July (GM-wide)</p> <p>Bus (patronage): -3.2% on previous week; -33.6% compared to pre-COVID levels. The busiest day was Friday with 343,054 passengers.</p>

informed the final Plan. MCC fed into a TfGM submission which questioned the ambition shown and the reliance on electric and other low emission fuels over a shift to non-car modes, and the exclusion of non-tailpipe emissions in calculating net zero.

The plan is arranged around the themes of:

- Accelerating modal shift to public transport and active travel
- Decarbonisation of road vehicles
- Decarbonising how we get our goods
- Place-based solutions
- UK as a hub for green transport, technology and innovation

The Plan does not contain any new funding commitments for active travel or public transport beyond the £2bn and £3bn announced in 2020. The Plan retains the £27bn roads budget for England and relies on take up of zero emission vehicles and other future technologies for aviation and shipping to reach net zero by 2050.

Commitments in the Plan to mode shift for local travel align with the GM2040 and City Centre Transport Strategy visions for sustainable transport and investment priorities.

Officers are continuing work with GM colleagues on prioritisation of schemes for a multi-year transport funding settlement which will help to deliver our decarbonisation target of net zero by 2038.

Metrolink (patronage): -2.4% on previous week; -53.3% compared to pre-COVID levels. The busiest day was Friday with 67,426 passengers.

Rail (passenger footfall Piccadilly): -0.2% on previous week; -49.8% compared to pre-COVID levels. The busiest day was Friday with 64,959 passengers.

Highway (private vehicle trips): -0.8% on previous week; -5% compared to pre-COVID levels. The busiest day was Friday with 5,189,181 trips.

Cycling (trips): -2.7% on previous week; +11.3% compared to pre-COVID levels. The busiest day was Thursday with 172,959 trips.

Walking (pedestrian trips): +3.7% on previous week; +18.4% compared to pre-COVID levels. The busiest day was Friday with 1,783,643 pedestrian trips.

<p>Skills, Labour Market and Business Support</p>	<p>Headlines include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In June 2021 there were 32,280 claimants of unemployment benefits in Manchester – down slightly from 33,645 in May. • The latest claimant count data highlights that the unemployment in Manchester has fallen at a similar rate across all age groups. • 79,450 people are currently claiming Universal Credit in Manchester (June 2021 – provisional). Growth in UC claimants has therefore effectively stopped in recent months – now hovering between 79K & 80K • There are 22,600 residents furloughed in May(p)– down from 31,000 in April. Numbers have been dropping since January, but the reopening of the economy has seen a sharp decline in April and May with no sign of formerly furloughed residents moving onto UC. • The opening of Night Clubs will see an increase in vacancies in the hospitality sector in late August and September but will give more opportunities for structured support e.g. Sector Based Work Academies. 	<p>Newly Unemployed Support</p> <p>MCFC Market place Event 30 & 31 July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work and Skills have supported with Marketing and pre sale tickets for vulnerable groups • Over 80 employers and 9,000 vacancies across a range of sectors have now been secured over 2 days See attached the brochure MCC is working hard to promote <p>Progress 21 – 23 September.</p> <p>- Link here</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ The Growth Company delivering a large-scale ‘in-person’, one-day conference at Manchester Central. One day – 3 events, covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Careers ▫ Business ▫ Global <p>Hospitality</p> <p>The partnership continues to co-ordinate a response to hospitality with updated bespoke comms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on bulletins/coms/marketing/connections work from the Hospitality Sector and partners has been very positive and new coms are being planned. • The Partnership continues to work with culture leads, Growth Company and The Factory to prepare an offer to support the culture sectors recovery with many similarities to hospitality in relation to underlying causes.
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		<p>Wider recruitment support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The JETS programme which started in 2020 as a response to COVID will continue for a further 12 months, this programme supports those out of work under 12 months. • The Restart programme for unemployed 12-18 months has started effectively with first referrals being taken from 12 July. MCC will see between 8000-11,000 residents on this scheme over the next 3 years.
	<p>Offer for 16-19 year olds</p> <p>Unknown's remain at 4.1% and NEET is at 3.6% with a combined figure of 7.7%</p> <p>All schools have now completed the verification of their lists of high and medium risk of NEET students. Out of a total cohort of 5,823 – 560 (9.6%) have been identified as high risk with more than one risk factors and 605 (10.4%) have been identified as medium risk with the majority having one risk factor.</p> <p>September guarantee has increased to 79% from 67% at the same time this year – this means recorded on the CCIS system 79% of year 11's has a guaranteed offer of a post 16 destination.</p>	<p>Offer for 16-19 year olds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a Comms campaign for young people and parents highlighting key messages in relation to opportunities and high-level guidance particularly to support transition from School into an EET destination. • The RONI process to identify those at risk of being NEET in Year 11 has been completed and Schools will be encouraged to secure an offer for all these students and put transition plans in place for the high-risk learners. Career Connect and the Growth Company (ESF NEET Contract) have met with all high schools who have high numbers of high risk RONI students to identify those young people who will need transitional support over the summer. Additional funding has been secured to create summer provision • Post 16 Transition Guides have now been circulated to providers. • The MEET your Match website, commissioned by MCC and delivered by GMCVO is now live with over 70 pre-employment opportunities listed. • Career Connect have reinstated face to face visits to track the unknown. In Wythenshawe they are carrying out joint home visits with the Wythenshawe Community Housing Group.

	<p>Youth unemployment</p> <p>Maximise the opportunities from and work with partners to roll out the Kickstart Scheme.</p> <p>Supporting youth employment programmes</p> <p>Developing a clear offer to support our graduates</p>	<p>There have been 20 referrals so far for the 7 kickstart opportunities with MCC. Closing date for referrals is 30th July. We're working closely with colleagues in DWP to encourage further referrals.</p> <p>Kickstart Engagement Events</p> <p>Following the success of Kickstart in the Park in Wythenshawe, we are now working with DWP to plan two further open-air events in the city centre and Alexandra Park. The city centre event is planned for August, with the Alexandra Park event planned for September.</p> <p>Youth Hub</p> <p>Proposal to DWP to be submitted w/c 26th July to create youth hubs in Wythenshawe and Manchester.</p> <p>Princes Trust Sustainable Futures Fund</p> <p>Working with partners to support bids to this fund, which aims to improve pathways into apprenticeships and traineeships. Met with Reform Radio to discuss a pilot programme, which focuses on connecting NEET and hard to reach young people to employers in key sectors such as hospitality, construction and digital.</p> <p>SME Grad support scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester will be launching a pilot SME Graduate support scheme with MMU to support up to 30 grads into employment with SME's. • Communications for the scheme now agreed with MCC and MMU. Launch date to be confirmed.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data sharing agreement between MCC/ MMU supporting Labour Market Intel needs and intelligence of skills pipeline.
	<p>Skills and employment support for adults</p> <p>Challenge -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll out of phase 2 of the MCC Digital Device Scheme – reaching groups identified as most excluded via the Digital Exclusion Index. • Raising awareness of the digital support. • Ensure that the City's learning provision is responding to new challenges as well as existing challenges. 	<p>Further develop a comms campaign and events to raise the profile of adult learning and the ambition of MAESP -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester Adult Education and Skills Awards was a very successful event and has driven ongoing visits to the plans webpage. • Newsletter circulated in July to give training providers information on LMI, awards collateral, Skills and training opportunities and updates on the plan. • Enable the CRF and MAES CL programme to deliver Manchester's priorities - • Government due to provide outcomes in late July early August to CRF applicants in the 2nd stage. Over 1000 applications understood to have been received by Government. <p>Support all residents to access and effectively engage with the internet for both work and life –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCC Digital Device Scheme – • Digital skills and access support - 2006 people supported since May 2020 – 866 with skills support and 1,140 with access to devices (740)/wif (400)i.
	<p>Social Value and Local Benefit</p> <p>Challenge: Many residents are not connecting to opportunities created in the city – how can we use social value internally to maximise creation of employment/skills/training opportunities targeted at our residents and use our influence to do the same with organisations externally?</p>	<p>Working with Anchor Institutions to deliver social value – Officers are in the early stages of developing a new Anchors pilot to establish Manchester as a Living Wage City and maximise employment opportunities.</p> <p>Maximise Social Value opportunities arising from Victoria North and North Manchester General Hospital developments –</p>

	<p>Ensure that MCC's approach to SV reflects current economic circumstances and <i>Think</i> recommendations.</p> <p>Coordinate employment and skills related social value "offers" from across MCC's largest suppliers and capital projects into a pipeline of opportunities that can be promoted to residents and employment/skills/training organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options appraisal looking at establishing a construction skills hub produced by Think Trinity Ltd leading, was considered at Work and Skills Board and work will continue to be developed. CLES commissioned to review FEC development area business plans from a social value perspective provided with initial learning disseminated into the contractors and social value implementation approach.
	<p>Business Support, Sustainability & Growth LRSG, ARG and Closed business lockdown grant allocations to 18 July 2021 has been £101k last week. £113.118m allocated in total.</p> <p>UK economic growth revised - The CBI now expects UK GDP to rise by just over 8% this year.</p> <p>Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) increased to 2.1% in May, it's highest level for two years.</p> <p>Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Economic Survey (headlines).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic sales have increased significantly in all 3 sectors groups with Construction showing the further uptick in activity. - Consumer spending has gone up and there has been an increase in advance orders 	<p>Business Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team prioritising reports and returns in relation to post payment assurance for BEIS. Officers developing an approach to reach out to those businesses who benefitted from a grant in the next month. <p>District Centres Support</p> <p>Following the success of the last webinar- the next event is planned for 29 July and will focus on Newly unemployed / Furlough scheme coming to the end for any employers using this scheme to provide advice and support.</p> <p>Partnership work is underway to support Local High Street and District centres.</p>

- Prospects for bringing more staff out of furlough and additional employment has improved.
- International trade has picked up and showing a positive position for the first time since April 2020
- More businesses are getting accustomed for the new international trade requirements – but Brexit challenges remain for trade with the EU.

Business Growth Hub Survey (1.7.2020 mthly)

- Concerns raised : raising cost of raw materials, inflation pressures,
- 40% of firms are expect to increase their allocations in the year and are keen to continue investing in workforce development, innovation and digital.
- 69% of firms (up from 55%) expect profits to increase, while 2% (down from 4%) expect profits to decrease - manufacturing and digital/technology sectors are most likely to report an increase in profit.
- 31% of firms in the last month reported that they experienced an increase in sales (up from 18%), and the sectors most likely to report an increase in sales over the last 8 weeks are manufacturing and health & social care.
- 35% of firms are currently recruiting new staff (this has increased significantly in the last month). However, 43% of all respondents think that their workforce skills are only 'partly' at the correct level to meet their business plan objectives for the year

Initiatives are-being developed to support footfall across High Streets and DCs.

- First Business workshop held on Thursday 6th May – with a Business Resilience workshop and update on Biz Grants. More being planned with a focus on hospitality also.

Small Business Saturday – We are in the early stages of planning this work as we are keen to follow on with the support to M/CR SME's. The SBS tour bus has not been in Manchester for a number of years and we are keen to support this work. Potential date for the Manchester tour will be 11.11.21 and the Wellington area@ Piccadilly being highlighted by the events team as a good location to bring the bus. We are working closely with the Manchester Business support group and events team to plan, safely co ordinate and support this key tour for the city.

	<p>ahead, a significant increase from the previous month.</p>	
	<p>Equalities/ Disadvantaged</p> <p>Ensure that disadvantaged and underrepresented groups are supported by activity included in Workstreams 1-6. This would include Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups, young people, over 50's, homeless, veterans, survivors of DV&A, ESA claimants, and those experiencing family poverty.</p> <p>Covid has worsened the situation for many already experiencing inequality – the challenge is to ensure support is targeted to reach the communities in most need.</p>	<p>A new accredited learning programme for Over 50's employability support has been launched (19 July). The Centre for Ageing Better and Institute for Employability Professionals (IEP) aim to change employment outcomes for over 50s by training employability professionals to understand the issues faced by this group better and thus provide improved support.</p> <p>'Uncertain Futures' – women over 50 and work art commission – launch event at MAG on 24 June with a series of interviews. The commission will run until May 2022.</p> <p>W&S team leading on a series of 'Careers Talks/Events to coincide with the art commission from October 21 through to March 22.</p>
<p>Funding</p>	<p>No specific known impacts on current external funding bids caused by C19 as yet. Known bids progressing through funding approval processes as expected.</p> <p>Team in City Policy developing a funding action plan based on C19 recovery and Corporate priorities</p> <p>Working with City Centre Growth to map funding opportunities through the 2020 Spending Review</p>	<p>Funding Announcements</p> <p>Community Ownership Fund – prospectus published on 15th July 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £150 million for purchase of community assets - At least 8 rounds between now and 24/25 - First 3 dates announced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Closing date Round 1 – 13 August 2021 o Round 2 opens – December 2021 o Round 3 opens – May 2022 - To be eligible for investment from the Fund, the terms of community ownership must be either the ownership of the freehold or a long-term leasehold of at least 25 years minimum (with no break clauses). - Round 1 priority for projects that have done preliminary work and ready for sale or transfer in 6 months

- Matched capital grants of £250,000 for most projects. (Up to £1 million for sports clubs)

May be of interest to community groups and for MCC owned buildings that have been leased to community organisations

Funding in Progress

Levelling up Fund bids for Withington Village and Culture in the City were submitted ahead of the deadline on Friday 18th June. We have received an automatic confirmation of receipt. It is anticipated the announcement on the outcome of the bids will be in the autumn. Article appeared in MEN about our applications on Friday 16th July.

[Manchester council bids for £33.3m to 'level up' Withington and city centre - Manchester Evening News](#)

Community Renewal Fund – Update

Community Renewal Fund – bids submitted 18th July by GMCA

- 76 bids submitted across GM. 27 put forward for consideration inc. 12 wholly or partly in Manchester
- £3 million of bids submitted for Manchester (22% of applications received for Manchester). Overall bids to the value of £17.4m submitted by GMCA
- Applicants should hear by end of July

Funding Approved

Energy Savings Trust's (EST) eCargo Bike Grant Fund, Local Authority Scheme 2021/2022. A bid was submitted on 2nd July seeking £183k to purchase 28 eCargo bikes, 6 eCargo trailers and 8 eCargo boxes (see Appendix 1) for use by various MCC teams and 6 city partners. The objective is to reduce the carbon emissions associated with the delivery of goods and services. This is a resubmission following extension of the scheme. Confirmation of funding received.

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further details are beginning to emerge about the Levelling Up White paper which will be published in autumn. The paper will be commissioned by the Levelling Up Unit which is being led in the Civil Service by Tom Walker and is likely to have 5 areas of focus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• leadership/ devolution• growth and investment, productivity gaps• 'people issues' such as health deprivation, educational attainment, life expectancy• transport infrastructure and funding• regeneration, civic pride, culture
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