

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Executive – 28 July 2021

Subject: COVID Progress updates - Population Health and Economic Recovery

Report of: The Director of Public Health and the Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure

Summary

This report provides the Executive with the monthly updates on the following Covid19 Sit Reps:-

- (a) Population Health; and
- (b) Economic Recovery Situation Report

Recommendations

The Executive is asked to note the updates.

Wards Affected - All

Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Contribution to the 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 reset of the Our Manchester Strategy is now underway following a meeting of the Our Manchester Forum on 16 June 2020. An extensive engagement exercise will take place to inform a draft document in late 2020 and a final version in February 2021.
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	

Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for

- Equal Opportunities Policy
 - Risk Management
 - Legal Considerations
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Financial Consequences – Revenue

Not Applicable

Financial Consequences – Capital

Not Applicable

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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

1.0 Introduction

1.1 On 8 June 2021, Manchester along with the rest of Greater Manchester and parts of Lancashire were designated as an 'enhanced response area'. The Executive in June received a copy of the Manchester enhanced response area plan and work has continued throughout July on the priority workstreams listed below:

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

1.2 On 23rd July the City Council received a letter from Lord Bethell along with all other areas in the north west. The letter stated that due to a slower rate of increase in case rates in the north west compared to other parts of the country, NW local authorities would not have the formal era designation from Monday 26th July.

1.3 Indeed, Manchester has seen case rates fall over the last week as the table below highlights;

Number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 7-day rate per 100,000 population in Manchester: 14 July to 23 July 2021

7-days ending...	Daily number of cases	7 day total number of cases	Rate per 100,000 population	7-day rate of change (%)
14/07/2021	560	2,932	530.3	4.1%
15/07/2021	536	3,044	550.6	10.4%
16/07/2021	545	3,209	580.4	16.7%
17/07/2021	361	3,238	585.7	17.4%
18/07/2021	306	3,213	581.2	15.7%
19/07/2021	442	3,226	583.5	16.1%
20/07/2021	365	3,115	563.4	10.3%
21/07/2021	338	2,893	523.3	-1.3%
22/07/2021	269	2,626	475.0	-13.7%
23/07/2021	213	2,294	414.9	-28.5%

- 1.4 Manchester has benefited from era status in relation to military support for the vaccination programme and additional capacity to support the testing programme in schools. However, with Manchester now outside the top 100 areas with the highest rates, it is understandable that areas of the country with the highest rates such as the North East should benefit from a 5-week rolling programme of era support.
- 1.5 It is important to note that this does not mean existing programmes of work will not continue at pace, such as the targeted vaccination drive, nor does it mean that additional support will not be available for the rest of this financial year. It is likely that through the National Contain Framework issued this week, Manchester will be asked to submit proposals for programmes where additional funding and capacity would accelerate progress over the medium term (i.e six to eight months).

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Executive:

1. Note the report and the end of the enhanced response area designation