

Economic Recovery Workstream- Sitrep Summary

As at 30/09/2021 for meeting on 01/10/2021. Updated fortnightly. Latest updates shown in yellow.

Issue/theme/activity area	Impact/ challenges experienced	Key planning and response activity being undertaken
<p>General Overview</p>	<p>Rising wholesale prices affecting industries: the cost of wholesale electricity has risen enough to cause a pause in production for a range of products at certain times in the day in the UK. The production of steel has been hit, fertiliser production (which uses massive amounts of energy) has shut down which has meant that carbon dioxide, which is produced as by-product of fertilisation production, and used in food production is resulting in food supply issues.</p> <p>IFS report on job opportunities: the Institute for Fiscal studies released a report on the demand and supply of the labour market in summer 2021. The report found that layoffs and furloughing during the pandemic were heavily concentrated in close-contact service roles and that new opportunities were below 30% of their usual level for three-quarters of people. For the majority (64%) of unemployed workers, competition for relevant new job openings is at least 10% greater than pre-pandemic.</p> <p>First ever civic university agreement for Greater Manchester signed</p> <p>The five higher education institutions of Greater Manchester have launched a flagship agreement to work together to drive social and economic change in the city region.</p> <p>The Greater Manchester Civic University Agreement was signed by the vice-chancellors of</p>	<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</p>

the University of Bolton, The University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University and the University of Salford, the principal of the Royal Northern College of Music and Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham, alongside the 10 local authority leaders of the city region. Pledges have been made for collective action on six priority areas of education and skills; reducing inequalities; jobs and growth; the digital economy; net zero; and the creative and cultural economy.

Priority areas of action in the civic university agreement include Innovation GM – the £7bn innovation blueprint for the city region, pressing on with action to reach net zero by 2038 and supporting the growth of the digital economy through initiatives such as the AI Foundry and the Cyber Foundry. The pledge also builds on a recent commitment to collaboration with further education colleges in Greater Manchester and will seek to build partnerships with wider stakeholders across the public and private sector.

Boost for live events industry at PROGRESS21 event at Manchester Central on 23rd September

PROGRESS21, designed and produced by The Growth Company, featured a wide-ranging programme of presentations, workshops and support in a bid to progress skills, careers and business opportunities across Greater Manchester and beyond. It was also one of the first major in-person conferences held in the North since lockdown restrictions eased. Early feedback is positive and estimated 2000+ in attendance.

Latest Economic Survey Reports that Business Prospects are Stabilising across Greater Manchester

Increased consumer spending after the lifting of all Covid-19 related restrictions in July has contributed

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](#)

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

to an increase in economic activity in the third quarter according to the findings of this quarter's Economic Survey (QES) conducted by Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce. The QES based composite indicator for the city region, the Greater Manchester Index™, improved marginally with trade in services and manufacturing recording growth in the quarter. The survey of 483 businesses reveals that sales to both domestic and overseas customers increased in this quarter.

The Greater Manchester Index™ now stands at 31.9, an increase of 1.5 points from the previous quarter's results. Current sales and advance orders from domestic customers increased relative to Q2 2021. Inflationary pressures persist - a third of businesses expect to have to raise the price at which they sell their goods and services to meet higher input prices and operational costs (due to labour costs, transport and supply chain issues and cost of raw materials increasing).

Manchester venues set to boost economy by millions

Depot Mayfield, Manchester's 10,000 capacity venue for culture located at the former railway, has been host to Escape to Freight Island and other events bringing in thousands of visitors each month. The timetable of events at Depot Mayfield and the economic and social impact for this will be key in the recovery for the night-time industry.

In addition to each ticket holders spend on every event ticket and within the venue itself, it is calculated -using the metric from Deltic – that each person will bring in £35 revenue during their time in the city, injecting an estimated total of £10.5m into the local economy for Q4 of 2021. In addition Escape to Freight Island, with an estimated footfall

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 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 re risk assessments and now working until 04.30hrs; officers are also monitoring re 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.

14 September – temporary licences enabling use of outside space by hospitality will not be renewed in most cases over the winter. This will give the opportunity to look long term at use of space. Where licences are part of already approved schemes, these will continue. Comms going out this week.

24 September – Christmas markets will return to the city centre for 2021. Piccadilly Gardens will be the site for an expanded 'winter gardens' featuring market stalls, lighting, food and drink, seating areas and entertainment space.

figure of around 10,000 visitors per week there will be over £2.4m spent within the local economy.

Manchester Central launches 'Incubator' initiative to find the event of the future: A new incubator programme is set to launch in the coming weeks, offering businesses the opportunity to bring their next big idea to life with the backing of Manchester's iconic city centre events venue. The scheme will be open to all businesses across the UK, from start-ups to FTSE listed companies, giving them the opportunity to present groundbreaking large event concepts which envision what the 'event experience of the future' will look like. Experts from the venue and industry will review submissions, inviting shortlisted concepts to begin commercial conversations, with the most promising 'big idea' offered the chance to partner with the 10,000 capacity Manchester Central venue and gain the support, insight and expertise of the team to develop and grow the new event concept for future years.

Final tourism business barometer: Marketing Manchester released the final wave of their business barometer for September. The main findings are: business travel was still significantly impacted, but weekend leisure was at the same level or better than pre-pandemic; 13% of businesses were supported by CJRS (compared to 92% in May 2021); most businesses saw staff wages at all levels increase; 25% of respondents were at or above bookings compared to 2019, but 25% of businesses said that forward bookings were down 30-44% on 2019. The main concerns for the businesses were the threat of another lockdown and recruiting and retaining staff.

NHSA report on Northern Supercluster: a new Northern Health Science Alliance (NHSA) report concludes that a Northern Supercluster of life

sciences businesses across the North of England could contribute £16.52bn to the UK's economy and lead to the creation of a further 64,600 jobs by 2040. The [report asks that the](#) Government, UKRI, NHTA and NP11 work together to support the cluster approach. It identifies advanced therapies, infectious diseases, diagnostic and MedTech and healthy ageing as some of the sectors that would benefit from the supercluster.

Consumer confidence dips: [GfK reports that consumer confidence has fallen](#) in the start of September, reversing gains that were made when restrictions started to ease in April. This was around concerns about rising prices for fuel and food, the growth in headline inflation, tax hikes, empty shelves, and the end of the furlough scheme.

Footfall

Footfall trends- City Centre (Springboard / CityCo)

Week 38 19th Sept – 25th Sept

	Week on week %	Year on year %	Pre Covid
St Ann's Sq	0.2%	38.8%	-30.5%
Exchange Sq	-3.0%	-42.1%	-63.1%
King Street	3.2%	3.7%	-41.3%
Market Street	-0.2%	37.6%	-20.5%
New Cathedral St	6.0%	37.6%	-15.0%

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<p>Higher Education Institutions</p>	<p>MMU - Teaching on campus commenced, testing and vacs taking place on campus.</p> <p>RNCM - 90% students back, 10% still online due to Covid.</p> <p>UoM - have 2k more students in the first year intake than in previous years, but had anticipated and planned for this. MECD and the Royce Institute opened this Sept.</p>																																		
<p>Aviation</p>	<p>From 4am Monday 4 October 2021, the rules for international travel to England will change from the red, amber, green traffic light system to a single red list of countries and simplified travel measures for arrivals from the rest of the world. The rules for</p>	<p>Statement from MAG CEO</p> <p>'The simplification of the UK's international travel system, including doing away with pre-departure tests and switching to</p>																																	

travel from countries and territories not on the red list will depend on your vaccination status.

If you are **fully vaccinated** you will have to:

- book and pay for a day 2 COVID-19 test – to be taken after arrival in England
- complete your passenger locator form – any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in England
- take a COVID-19 test on or before day 2 after you arrive in England

Under the new rules, you will not need to:

- take a pre-departure test
- take a day 8 COVID-19 test
- quarantine at home or in the place you are staying for 10 days after you arrive in England

If you **are not fully vaccinated** from 4am Monday 4 October, you must:

- take a pre-departure COVID-19 test – to be taken in the 3 days before you travel to England
- book and pay for day 2 and day 8 COVID-19 tests – to be taken after arrival in England
- complete your passenger locator form – any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in England

After you arrive in England you must:

- quarantine at home or in the place you are staying for 10 days
- take a COVID-19 test on or before day 2 and on or after day 8

lateral flow on arrival, will make it easier and cheaper for people to travel abroad.

For too long, the recovery of UK aviation has lagged behind the rest of Europe. The changes announced today will help to close that gap by encouraging more people to book foreign travel.

But for as long as vaccinated travellers have to pay for tests, the recovery of one of the UK's major industries will be held back.

Government must now find a way to give people back the freedom to travel without the barrier of testing.'

- Charlie Cornish, CEO, MAG

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may be able to end quarantine early if you pay for a private COVID-19 test through the Test to Release scheme. 	
<p>Culture</p>	<p>Culture Recovery Fund CRF Round 3 announced 25/6 for the cultural, heritage and creative sectors. £218.5 million will be available through the Culture Recovery Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>ACE Emergency Resource Support</u> programme (now live) Application deadline is 14 October & deadline to get permission to apply is 30 September. <u>Culture Recovery Fund Round 3 Resource Grants</u> - Historic England & National Lottery Heritage Fund are also delivering two further CRF funds (now live) a) Emergency Resource Support aims to provide emergency funding for organisations who are at imminent risk of failure (EOI by 30/9). b) the Continuity Support fund for those that have already received support from the CRF opened for applications 16/8 will close 29/10. Other CRF Funds now closed. <p>ACE Capital Investment Fund £20m grants pot for England.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressions of Interest by 26/10 Full applications can be submitted from 10/11 to 13/12. The grant range is between £100,000 to £750,000. 5% match is required for grants up to £250,000 and 10% for grants above that. 50% 	<p>Culture Re-openings</p> <p>Corridor of Light Oxford Road Corridor based partners are arranging a major light-based festival for 21-23/10</p> <p><i>"BRIGHT LIGHTS - Celebrating new ideas, innovation and creativity"</i></p> <p>Artworks on display include a new neon work atop Booth Street East Bridge, a projected poem travelling around different corridor sites, 'Stories under our Feet' projected text spilling out under benches around Central Library and an immersive sound and light installation at the Holy Name Church. Venues involved also include Circle Square, Manchester Central, RNCM, HOME, The Whitworth, Manchester Poetry Library and SODA. The programme is accompanied by talks & a wider hospitality offer across the area including at Hatch.</p> <p>Contact Contact reopened fully to the public on 20/9 following its refurbishment and extension. Works completed early in the pandemic and first national lockdown and the venue has been open for participatory activities and talent development as restrictions have allowed.</p> <p>Music</p>

	<p>of match must be cash. This capital scheme is the only one planned for 2021-24.</p> <p>Officers are working with potential applicants to review the scheme and support applications</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Cultural partners are consistently reporting difficulties in recruiting staff especially in the hospitality related roles.</p>	<p>Classical music season opened last weekend: Halle Orchestra and BBC Philharmonic at BWH, Psappha at Halle St Michael's and Manchester Collective at Halle St Peter's. Chet's/Stoller Hall held their Medieval weekend.</p> <p>HOME</p> <p>HOME's new theatre production War of the World opened last week 22 September (first HOME production since lockdown).</p> <p>Manchester Museum - building closed</p> <p>Construction of the new and South Asia Gallery and Exhibition Hall have completed, and the Museum is now closed until late 2022 to allow for completion of redevelopment works.</p>
<p>Development</p>	<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. 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. 	<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. Planning & Highways Committee 23 September: Refurbishment and conversion of Brunswick Mill to provide 277 apartments and townhouses were approved. Joint venture partners Greater Manchester Pension Fund (GMPF) and property developer HBD have secured detailed planning permission for Island, their 100,000 sq ft next generation office building in the heart of Manchester city centre. Occupying an entire city block site in the central business district on Bridge Street and St. James Square. Island will

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Economic Recovery & Investment Plan identifies key schemes which can drive recovery and create new jobs. Ongoing work to identify funding opportunities for schemes.</i> • <i>Long term impact on office demand being monitored on an ongoing basis, but positive indications from office agents and the Business Sounding Board.</i> • <i>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.</i> 	<p>comprise 10-storeys with a roof terrace and be HBD's first net zero carbon smart enabled building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Michael's shift to offices: a further planning application for St Michael's has been submitted, which has changed the 29-bedroom boutique hotel to office space. The number of car parking spaces has decreased, and the amount of leisure space has also reduced. The rest of the project remains the same. • Swan Street: a 118 apartment, the Kamani Property Group and Capital & Centric backed scheme was approved last week. It will feature roof terraces, ground floor retail and workspace, as well as a 270 metre canvas on the side of the building for artwork.
<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 • Expediting design & planning phases of projects. • Risk of registered providers slowing down or pausing programmes to consolidate finances/liquidity 	<p>Current forecasts suggest 497 new affordable homes will be built across Manchester in 2021-22 – 30 of which have already completed. This includes 278 social rent, 104 affordable rent, 113 shared ownership and 2 rent to buy homes.</p> <p>In addition, there are currently over 1,000 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 the Former Belle Vue Stadium Site (130 affordable homes) and Gorton Lane (109 affordable homes) and 2 city centre schemes delivering Affordable Private Rent at Swan Street (19 homes) and Addington Street (50 homes).</p> <p>Feedback from MHPP Growth is suggesting that problems with supply chains for products and materials are beginning to impact on delivery timescales and costs</p> <p>Updates on further key schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning has been approved for MCC's development of 69 social rent homes at Silk Street

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alongside their purchase of the Former Boddingtons Brewery Site, Latimer - the development arm of Clarion – have acquired the final phase at Islington Wharf which will provide 54 shared ownership homes as part of a mixed tenure development • Mosscares St Vincents are set to acquire the Boundary Lodge student accommodation block in Hulme and redevelop it into a supported living scheme for up to 30 young people to add to their existing accommodation on Booth St West • Great Places secured planning consent for 68 new affordable homes at Downley Drive and 39 new affordable homes at Ancoats Dispensary at July Planning Committee. • Grey Mare Lane Estate – One Manchester have started construction on the first two phases of the Estate Regeneration programme (Blackrock Street & Windermere Close). 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 the autumn of 2021.
Transport and Infrastructure	<p>GM Bus Service Improvement Plan</p> <p>Work is underway to finalise Greater Manchester's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), which details how TfGM, councils, bus operators will work together, in conjunction with local communities, to deliver better services for all passengers.</p> <p>TfGM has led this work in consultation with local authorities. The final plan is due to be submitted to government by 31 October, in order to unlock funding outlined in their National Bus Strategy which was published earlier this year.</p>	<p>Summary of transport activity for week ending 24 September (GM-wide)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were an estimated 52.6m trips made in Greater Manchester last week, this is consistent with the previous week – with estimated trips exceeding typical pre-pandemic levels by around 2%. • Weekday trips reduced by approximately 1% compared to the previous week. While weekend trips increased by 3%, with large scale events driving demand and continuing the recent trend of leisure trips during the Friday to Sunday period leading the recovery of overall trip numbers.

GM Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy

On 24 September, the GMCA approve the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure strategy, which sets out a vision for 2030 in which businesses and residents who choose to travel by car or LGVs, will be able to use electric vehicles with the confidence that they will be able to conveniently recharge them. The strategy was developed by TfGM in consultation with local authorities. Building on the GM strategy, MCC officers are continuing work to develop locally-specific plans and approaches to EV charging for Manchester, as well as continuing to bid into charging infrastructure funding bids being coordinated by TfGM to deliver chargepoints across the city.

- Trips on public transport increased by 6% overall, where again demand was higher over the weekend – with levels up 8% compared to a 5% increase in weekday trips.
- Cycling increased by 3%, with events in the regional centre and universities returning contributing to increased cycle activity. While highways trips increased by 1%.
- Estimated walking trips across GM reduced by 5% overall. This was largely due to a fall in weekday walking trips, which could be the result of more people returning to education and workplace settings potentially reducing the opportunity for multiple short trips in one day.

Transport activity by mode (GM-wide)

Bus (patronage): +4.4% on previous week; -10% on pre-Covid levels. The busiest day was Wednesday with 449,035 passengers.

Metrolink (patronage): -+8.6% on previous week; -32% on pre-Covid levels. The busiest day was Saturday with 87,590 passengers.

Rail (passenger footfall Piccadilly): +10% on previous week; -22% on pre-Covid levels. The busiest day was Saturday with 105,070 passengers.

Highway (private vehicle trips): +1% on previous week; +1% on pre-Covid levels. The busiest day was Friday with 5,435,606 trips.

Cycling (trips): -+3% on previous week; -12% on pre-Covid levels. The busiest day was Tuesday with 147,096 trips.

Walking (pedestrian trips): -5% on previous week; +14% on pre-Covid levels. The busiest day was Sunday with 1,814,630 pedestrian trips.

Skills, Labour Market and Business Support	Headlines include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In August 2021 there were 30,500 claimants of unemployment benefits in Manchester – down from 33,464 in July. • The number of furloughed residents has continued to drop sharply as COVID-19 restrictions on the economy have been lifted. 14,900 residents were furloughed in July (p), down from 18,200 in June. The majority of residents that remain furloughed are employed in accommodation & food services or wholesale & retail. There is no evidence, yet that formerly furloughed residents have moved onto UC, where the number of claimants has remained broadly stable at just under 80,000 since the start of the year. 	Newly Unemployed Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress 21 – successfully took place on the 23 Sept with 1,000 live vacancies and around 2,000 registered attendees • Employer Suite set to re-open in Town Hall Extension from 4 October, this will support employer lead recruitment. • Insights from hospitality - Bar/Restaurant/Nightclub only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staffing still an issue but calmed down slightly, students are joining workforce but inexperienced ○ 90% of venues still need staff ○ Skilled staff still needed – Chefs and Sous Chefs ○ Duty managers and experienced bar staff being recruited with assistant manager wages rising accordingly ○ Pay rates have gone up with some venues offering £12p/h, some venues offering to pay for taxi's home as an extra benefit ○ Security still an issue for some venues
	Offer for 16-19 year olds <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>	Offer for 16-19 year olds <p>Transition Mentors – employed in Five High Schools to work with their high-risk of NEET (RONI) students into the autumn term. This will be evaluated in the autumn term.</p>

	<p>September DfE submission was NEET 4.0% and Unknown is 3.6% which has increased slightly since the June Update which was at 3.1%</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>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>MCC Kickstart opportunities – due to slow referrals, we are looking to hold an open day in the Employer Suite, mid-October to fill cohort 1 and 2 opportunities (10 roles).</p> <p>Work and Skills has been successful in helping to secure funding for MCFC and Reform Radio through the Prince's Trust Sustainable Futures Programme. The projects will support NEET and other disadvantaged young people with training linked to employment.</p> <p>Our SME Grads offer with MMU continues to be promoted via networks and social media. We are now looking at additional promotional routes.</p>
	<p>Skills and employment support for adults</p> <p>Challenges -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll out of phase 2 of the MCC Digital Device Scheme – reaching groups 	<p>Support all residents to access and effectively engage with the internet for both work and life. Bridging the cities digital divide through the DI Action Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 336 assessments for phase 2 device scheme • Following consultation, digital skills campaign “Let's Get Digital” will launched October during get online week.

	<p>identified as most excluded via the Digital Exclusion Index.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the City's learning provision is responding to new challenges as well as existing challenges. • MAES Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At present MAES have 3,766 learners starting on courses over the next two weeks, an overall average of 11.1 learners per class. ○ This is 89% of the total in 2019 (last time September was unaffected by Covid) when there were 4,192 at a comparable point and there was an average of 13.2 per class. ○ The budget was overachieved in 2019/20. However, MAES will be continuing to promote and enroll to courses on an ongoing basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Exclusion Index – first draft of User guide complete and out for consultation. <p>Providers having access to up-to-date Labour Market intelligence to support them to design their skills offers to better align with the cities current and future needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconvening Manchester Adult Education and Skills Plan Partnership – providers approved of action plan. Next session to allocate action to providers. <p>Take action that contributes to tackling inequalities - ensuring adult learners across curriculum are representative of our communities – with a particular focus on age (i.e. 50-64), race (i.e. Black and Asian), disability and gender.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population Health have highlighted a lack of support for black people linked to training and employment based on the disproportionate impacts from Covid – particularly for young black men in low paid low skilled work. Meeting to be convened with workstream leads to address.
	<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>Separately, planning started this week on the MCC-CLES social value conference to be held Feb/Mar 2022. MCC officers and CLES will be working together over the coming weeks to develop the proposed programme and the prior work (including a survey of MCC's top spend suppliers on the social value they are creating).</p> <p>Following the Social Value Governance Board, officers are reviewing system approaches for monitoring and managing social</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>	<p>value, drawing on the experiences from different directorates across the council.</p> <p>Maximise Social Value opportunities arising from Victoria North and North Manchester General Hospital developments –</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</p> <p>Business Grants</p>	<p>Business Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new business grant scheme for businesses with last remaining ARG grant expected to go live mid October to support businesses with ongoing fixed property and employee costs. Officers in place to reach out and survey some of those businesses who benefitted from a grant. <p>Small Business Saturday Tour</p> <p>The Small Business Saturday team are touring the UK with (24 stops across the UK) Manchester being one of the chosen locations:</p> <p>Date: 11 November 10-2pm</p> <p>Location: Wellington, Piccadilly</p>

Growth

An overview / communications brief will be available to share w/c 4th October. A joint communications plan is being drawn up with partners to support this key event for the city.

Working closely with the Manchester Business support group and events team to plan, safely co ordinate and support this for the city. A small project team has been formed to support the event including W/S team, BGH, Growth Co the Cyber Resilience Centre and Environmental Health team to support on the day.

Manchester Enterprise Group reconvened. This network includes all key partners providing Business start up support in the city. The group have agreed to meet again to develop a campaign and work jointly on shared priorities for the City.

SME and District Centres Support

- Planning the next SME business support webinar (date tbc).
- The Manchester Business Support group has grown in membership to help support SMEs / District Centres / High Streets.

	<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>'Uncertain Futures ' – women over 50 and work art commission. W&S team leading on a series of 'Careers Talks/Events to coincide with the art commission from October 21 through to March 22. The first webinar on the 6th October will be covering the topic of Finding Work at 50.</p> <p>Support being given to Adult Social Care, Carers in Employment project. A working group is being established to support the promotion of the carers contact point website and make links with the business networks</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>Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund Round 3 has been announced – MCC secured c.£19m from round 1 of the fund and delivery of that programme is our priority. Officers are looking at options to bid into Round 3. Deadline for bids is 3rd November 2021. The level of funding available will not be confirmed until the Spending Review on 27th October.</p> <p>Digital Connectivity Infrastructure Accelerator launched 9th September, closing date 18th November. DCMS will allocate up to £4 million of funding to pilots "which support the implementation of digital asset management solutions to open up public assets for the rollout of wireless communication networks." This is to encourage 5G pilots in conjunction with industry. Details have been shared with the Digital Strategy Governance Group.</p> <p>Funding in Progress</p>

		<p>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. Withington Village bid has been asked to supply legal advice regarding Subsidy Control (was State Aid) by 24th September to progress application to next stage. This is in progress.</p> <p>Community Renewal Fund –applicants were expected to hear by end of July, extended then to 1st September but this has been delayed. No further update at present.</p> <p>On both Levelling Up Fund and Community Renewal Fund, Government have informed NW Local Govt Chief Executives that they are working hard on processing both funds as quickly as they can.</p> <p>Proptech Engagement Fund – MHCLG have announced a new fund to pilot new approaches to digital engagement around the planning process. 12 awards up to £100,000 each will be made with EOIs in by 31st August 2021. MCC have made a submission to support engagement around the Local Plan.</p> <p>Funding Approved</p> <p>Energy Savings Trust's (EST) eCargo Bike Grant Fund, Local Authority Scheme 2021/2022. . Confirmation of funding received.</p>
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<p>External Lobbying</p>	<p>Parliament returns from summer recess on 6 September 2021 with an announcement on the date of the 2021 Spending Review expected soon after. There is currently uncertainty surrounding the 2021 Spending Review period in relation to a 1 or 3 year settlement for local government. Direct lobbying of Government is needed as well as working via Greater Manchester and networks such as Core Cities UK, Convention of the North and the LGA.</p>	<p>Manchester's submission to the 2021 Spending Review has now been submitted via the government portal. The documents have also been shared with key senior civil servants and ministers. Greater Manchester's 'levelling up deal' submission has also been submitted and is aligned to Manchester's.</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer attended a Local Government Association climate change round table with Permanent Secretaries from DLUHC, BEIS, DfT, Defra, DfE and a senior official from HM Treasury on 27 September. This provided an opportunity to share Manchester's perspectives on the role local government can play in delivering this agenda and to highlight some of the projects within the Spending Review submission.</p> <p>The Convention of the North event will take place in Liverpool in January 2022 with a senior representative from government expected to attend. Metrodynamics have worked with Leaders and Mayors across the North plus NP11, Northern Powerhouse Partnership and other agencies to produce a paper which sets out a pitch to government. The paper focuses on 5 game changers and 10 high level propositions and is centred around the opportunities presented by delivering 'Net Zero' to make 'Levelling Up' an economic reality. The report will be launched on 14 October 2021 and the Convention are offering to work with the Levelling Up Taskforce on a detailed operational plan for the duration of Andy Haldane's secondment.</p>
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