Appendix 2 – Indicative Revenue Budget

Growth and Development Revenue Budget Strategy

The Growth and Development Directorate has a gross budget of £40.3m and a net credit budget of £8.943m with 427.6 fte's. The breakdown by service area is provided in the table below:

Base budget 2021/22

Service Area	2021/22 Gross Budget £'000	2021/22 Net Budget £'000	2021/22 Budgeted Posts (FTE)
Investment Estate	8,595	(12,730)	28.8
Manchester Creative Digital Assets	1,172	250	-
Growth & Development	364	164	2.6
City Centre Regeneration	3,249	1,275	25.8
Housing & Residential Growth Planning, Building Control &	3,419	1,155	34.9
Licensing	7,430	(680)	122.1
Work & Skills	2,177	1,623	25.6
MAES	9,946	0	182.0
Our Town Hall Project	2,385	0	5.8
Total	38,737	(8,943)	427.6

The 2021/22 Growth & Development cash limit budget is income of £8.943m, and this is net of £1.108m savings that were approved as part of the 2021/22 budget process. In addition, Highways services fall under the remit of this scrutiny panel and details of the Highways revenue budget and capital investment is set out at Appendix 4

Changes to the 2022/23 Budget

2022/23 Approved Savings

In addition to the £1.108m savings that were approved as part of the 2021/22 budget process, there are no further savings for 2022/23 although there are a further £300k of investment estate savings approved for 2023/24. This is to be delivered through establishing a new ground rental portfolio secured against long leasehold disposal of land as part of the Victoria North development.

MAES is funded through external Government grants and following a change in the funding regime the approved funding is not sufficient to meet the existing costs of the service. To ensure the service is sustainable and reduce the requirement to use

reserves a service redesign is underway and this involves several staff reductions that are being managed through a scheme of voluntary severance. Several staff have already left in 2021/22 and further staff reductions are planned for 2022/23 to ensure a balanced budget.

New Proposed Changes 2022/23

As part of the 2021/22 budget process £393k savings were approved in respect of holding/deleting 11 posts in planning and building control. The redesign is almost complete and expected to be implemented from January 2022. To allow for service delivery, and succession planning savings realised are around £200k. This will require alternative savings of £193k to be delivered in 2022/23 and officers are currently developing options for consideration as part of the 2022/23 budget.

Provision has been made for inflationary price increases and potential pay awards. This is held centrally and will be allocated to service budgets when the details are available.