

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Executive – 19 January 2022

Subject: Our Manchester Progress Update

Report of: The Chief Executive

Summary

The report provides an update on key areas of progress against the Our Manchester Strategy – Forward to 2025 which resets Manchester’s priorities for the next five years to ensure we can still achieve the city’s ambition set out in the Our Manchester Strategy 2016 – 2025

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to note the update provided in the report.

Wards Affected - All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the decisions proposed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Contribution to the strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	The work to reset the Our Manchester Strategy considered all five of the Strategy’s existing themes to ensure the city achieves its aims. The themes are retained within the final reset Strategy, Forward to 2025.
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	
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Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

Financial Consequences – Revenue

None

Financial Consequences – Capital

None

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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.

Executive Report – 17th February 2021 - Our Manchester Strategy – Forward to 2025

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This is the seventh in an ongoing series of reports highlighting examples of areas where strong progress is being made against key strategic themes identified in the Our Manchester Strategy.

2.0 Glade of Light memorial

- 2.1 The Glade of Light memorial to who lost their lives in the 22 May 2017 Manchester terror attack opened to the public on 5 January 2022. The beautiful garden space is designed as a living memorial, a place for quiet contemplation and remembrance. Its centrepiece is a white marble 'halo' bearing the names of the 22 people who lost their lives. Families of those who lost loved ones have been able to place personalised memory capsules, containing mementos and messages, which are embedded within the structure.

- 2.2 The memorial site, designed by BCA Landscape and Smiling Wolf, features plants which grow naturally in the countryside around Manchester have been selected to provide year-round colour and reflect the changing seasons. The white flowers of a hawthorn tree will bloom each year, around the time of the anniversary, in its centre.

An outer circle path, including seating, has been included to enable people to linger in the garden for longer if they wish while preserving the intimacy of the halo area.

- 2.3 An official opening event for the memorial is being planned for this spring, ahead of the fifth anniversary.
- 2.4 A charitable trust, to be chaired by the chief executive of the Council, is being set up to oversee and support the ongoing maintenance of the memorial.

*Relates to Our Manchester strategy themes:
Liveable and Zero Carbon City
Thriving and Sustainable City*

3.0 St Michael's

- 3.1 Work was getting underway this month on the £120m first phase of the St Michael's development in the heart of the city centre. It will see the creation of 185,000 sq ft of Grade A office space and a restaurant, supporting up to 1,800 jobs, plus a new public space to be known as St Michael's Square.
- 3.2 The first phase, which is expected to conclude in 2024, is a sign of continuing confidence in the city as we emerge from the economic impacts of the pandemic and will be a significant step forward in the regeneration of the Jackson's Row area. The scheme is a joint venture between Relentless and global investment firm KKR.

*Relates to Our Manchester Strategy themes:
Thriving and Sustainable City
Highly Skilled City*

4.0 The Manchester College Openshaw Campus

- 4.1 The Manchester College has officially opened new £25m state-of-the-art facilities for Construction and Engineering, Health and Social Care, Childhood Studies and Sport at its Openshaw Campus in East Manchester.
- 4.2 The new industry-standard facilities include a six court multi-discipline sport hall and media suite with match analysis capability for the College's Centre of Excellence for Sport; a hospital suite including a mock hospital ward for students in the College's Industry Excellence Academy for Health and Social Care; Specialist facilities for carpentry, joinery, brickwork and plastering for students in the Industry Excellence Academy for Construction and Engineering; A mock nursery setting for students studying in the Industry Excellence Academy for Childhood Studies.
- 4.3 The new Openshaw Campus facilities are a key part of the The Manchester College's estates transformation project and will complement the forthcoming £95m City Campus Manchester close to the AO Arena. City Campus will be home to Industry Excellence Academies for computing and digital, and digital and creative media while also providing new facilities for students in hospitality and catering and its centre of excellence for performing arts.
- 4.4 The modernised estate will help support training in key growth areas for the city.

*Relates to Our Manchester strategy themes:
Highly Skilled City
Progressive and Equitable City
Thriving and Sustainable City*

5.0 ECargo Bike Fleet

- 5.1 A fleet of electric cargo bikes is being launched in Manchester, offering businesses and residents a viable and affordable emission-free alternative to cars.

Some 26 eCargo bikes and 4 eCargo trailers are now available for use across from the city from this month. The scheme is part of the Council's commitment to exploring and providing alternatives to polluting forms of transport to support the goal of the city becoming zero carbon by 2038.

- 5.2 Manchester City Council secured £173,000 in funding for the project from the Energy Savings Trust, in a bid supported by the Department for Transport. The Council will be one of the several groups who will begin using the cargo bikes as part of day-to-day operations with parks, cemeteries and neighbourhood services teams all signed up to take part.

- 5.3 As part of the project a number of cargo trailers will also be made available so that people with non-electric cycles still have the opportunity to carry larger loads without resorting to car use.
- 5.4 For public use the bikes start at £12 per day, up to 14 days of usage with checks made before their hire to make sure users have the appropriate level of cycling proficiency to ride.
- 5.5 Manchester Bikes, the group tasked with the operation of the scheme has a website - www.manchesterbikes.co.uk/cargo - where more information can be found.

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Liveable and Zero Carbon City
Connected City
Thriving and Sustainable City*

6.0 Sustainable Events Guide

- 6.1 The Council has published a range of sustainable events guides to help organisers of events whether large or small, commercial or community, outdoor or indoor, to reduce their carbon footprints.
- 6.2 They are intended to help organisers in the city to review their approaches, share good practice and contribute towards the city's aim to become zero carbon by 2038.

There are also bespoke guides for food and drink traders, production suppliers and waste and cleaning services and about reusable cups at events.

They can be downloaded at:

https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500004/events_and_tourism/7837/sustainable_events

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Liveable and Zero Carbon City
Thriving and Sustainable City*

7.0 1921 Census

- 7.1 Manchester Central Library is playing a key role in making the 1921 Census for England and Wales freely available to view.
- 7.2 The census, available via Findmypast, is free to access online in digital format at Manchester Central Library, one of only two places in the country where people are able to receive this service for free. Ordinarily it costs £2.50 for every record transcript and £3.50 for every original record image. In recognition as its status as the busiest public library in the country, containing the excellent Archives+ service, Manchester Central Library joins The National

Archives in Kew as one of only two venues where research on Findmypast can be carried out completely for free. The census is available on all 130 computers at Central Library. Support is also be available from the Manchester and Lancashire Family History Helpdesk which runs Mondays – Friday from 10.30am – 3.30 pm.

- 7.3 For more information visit:
https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/200062/libraries/78/join_the_library

*Relates to Our Manchester Strategy themes:
Progressive and Equitable City*

8.0 Zero carbon social homes

- 8.1 Two zero carbon social properties – the first of their kind in the UK – have been completed and passed over to the first residents as part of a wider 22 low carbon housing development.
- 8.2 Developed by housing provider One Manchester working in partnership with the Council using Council-owned land, the development is a landmark for sustainability in the social housing sector.
- 8.3 The 100% social housing development has delivered a total of 22 two and three bed homes for social rent on Blackrock Street in Beswick, east Manchester which have been built to low carbon standards, including two which are full net zero carbon – a pilot build to test the potential of zero carbon social housing for the future.
- 8.4 These properties are built with additional insulation, triple glazed windows, an air source heat pump which provides hot water and a Mechanical Ventilation Heat recovery system installed. All of these items installed together contribute to retaining heat and making the homes incredibly energy efficient. There is no gas in the properties and the homes are built using a holistic approach to building that reduces the carbon throughout the whole build process, giving them minimal impact on the environment.

*Relates to Our Manchester Strategy themes:
Liveable and Zero Carbon City
Progressive and Equitable City*

9.0 Ancoats Dispensary

- 9.1 Work has commenced to restore and redevelop what remains of Ancoats Dispensary, creating 39 new one and two-bed apartments for affordable rent. The plans look to protect the heritage legacy of the building, incorporating its listed Old Mill Street and Lampwick Lane facades, while providing much-needed affordable homes in the area.
- 9.2 The scheme is being developed by Great Places, in partnership with Manchester City Council, and is part funded by Homes England.

Great Places has worked on the proposals with a range of stakeholders, including Manchester Life who are developing a number of sites in this growing and vibrant neighbourhood.

*Relates to Our Manchester Strategy themes:
Progressive and Equitable City
Thriving and Sustainable City*

10. Apex House

- 10.1 Since opening in March 2021, new Council accommodation to support homeless families getting back on their feet has helped 75 families. Apex House in Levenshulme is a former office building converted to a high standard into 20 flats where families who have become homeless are given advice and assistance to enable them to move into their own homes, with support workers based on site.
- 10.2 Families can need support for a variety of reasons including escaping domestic violence and relationship breakdown.
- 10.3 Since Apex House opened 55 families have been helped to move on while a further 20 are still being supported.

*Relates to Our Manchester Strategy theme:
Progressive and Equitable City*

11.0 Contributing to a Zero-Carbon City

- 11.1 Achieving Manchester's zero carbon target has been reflected throughout the work on the Our Manchester Strategy reset, with sustainability being a key horizontal theme throughout. Forward to 2025 restates Manchester's commitment to achieving our zero carbon ambition by 2038 at the latest.

12.0 Contributing to the Our Manchester Strategy

- 12.1 The reset of the Our Manchester Strategy will ensure that the city achieves its vision. The five themes have been retained in the reset Strategy, with the new priorities streamlined under the themes.

13.0 Key Policies and Considerations

- 13.1 There are no particular equal opportunities issues, risk management issues, or legal issues that arise from the recommendations in this report.

14.0 Recommendations

- 14.1 The Executive is requested to note the update provided in the report.