

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Health and Well Being Board – 23 March 2022

Subject: State of the City 2021

Report of: The Assistant Chief Executive

Summary

State of the City is the annual report that monitors delivery of the Our Manchester Strategy: Forward to 2025. It highlights progress made towards the ambitions for the city and the challenges faced.

The four themes highlighted in the summary of the report are inclusive economy, inequalities, climate change, and housing. The accompanying slides in Appendix One provide more detail.

Recommendations

Board members are asked to note the contents of the State of the City 2021 report and use this to inform their work for 2022.

Wards Affected All

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of the contribution to the strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	State of the City is the annual report that monitors delivery of the Our Manchester Strategy: Forward to 2025. The full report and slides in Appendix One are structured according to the five themes of the Our Manchester Strategy. Each section highlights the progress made and the challenges faced.
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

Financial Consequences – Revenue

Financial Consequences – Capital

State of the City informs the Council's annual budget setting process and capital programme

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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.

The full State of the City 2021 report is available on the MCC website
https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200088/statistics_and_intelligence/8299/state_of_the_city_report_2021

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 State of the City is the annual report that monitors delivery of the Our Manchester Strategy: Forward to 2025. It highlights progress made towards the ambitions for the city and the challenges faced.
- 1.2 The structure of State of the City is the five themes of the Our Manchester Strategy:
 - A thriving and sustainable city
 - A highly skilled city
 - A progressive and equitable city
 - A liveable and low-carbon city
 - A connected city
- 1.3 State of the City bring together data and intelligence from the Council and a range of partners, with a narrative and commentary and series of case studies for each theme.
- 1.4 Each year, State of the City is presented to the Our Manchester Forum, the Our Manchester Investment Board, and a range of other partnerships across the city. In relation to health and well being, the 2021 report has been presented to the Manchester Partnership Board (MPB) and Manchester Health and Care Commissioning (MHCC) Board.

2.0 Summary

- 2.1 The key headlines from the report have been grouped into four priority themes for 2022, which align with the Council's Corporate and Business Plans, the strategic priorities for Manchester Partnership Board, and the Our Manchester Strategy themes. These four themes are:
 - a) Inclusive Economy. Resilience of Manchester's economy has been tested throughout economic closures, downturn and seismic shift in travel following COVID-19. There are now signs of the economic recovery picking up. Recovery from the pandemic must work towards a more inclusive economy, ensuring that residents from all parts of the city can benefit from high-quality jobs with fair pay and conditions, and opportunities for progression. Central to this is tackling the digital-exclusion challenge to ensure that all our residents can benefit from the opportunities digital brings
 - b) Inequalities, including health inequalities and the impact of COVID-19. Pandemic has deepened existing inequalities in city, particularly for our more deprived communities, ethnic minorities, women, migrants, those living in poverty, and older people, meaning our focus on reducing inequalities is more important than ever.
 - c) Climate change. Climate crisis remains a key priority for Manchester and a range of projects and initiatives have been delivered to progress our zero-carbon ambitions. The Council's direct carbon emissions have significantly

reduced in recent years, but the city is not yet decarbonising at the required pace and collective and urgent action is now required.

- d) Housing. A key part of the city's recovery from the pandemic will be the continued increasing delivery of housing – particularly affordable housing. Demand for housing from our most vulnerable residents has become more acute, with growing numbers on the housing register and in temporary housing.

2.2 Appendix One is a set of slides that summarises the full report and will be presented to the Board on 23 March.

3. Recommendations

3.1 Board members are asked to note the contents of the State of the City report and build the key points into their work for 2022.