

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Executive – 22 July 2022

Subject: Our Manchester Progress Update

Report of: 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 latest 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 GM Integrated Care Partnership – Manchester

- 2.1 NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership was formally established on 1 July 2022, further cementing Greater Manchester's health and social care devolution arrangements.
- 2.2 It brings together the city region's 10 pre-existing Clinical Commissioning Groups, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership and Greater Manchester Shared Services, as well as community and voluntary sector and other relevant partners.
- 2.3 The chief executive of Manchester City Council, Joanne Roney OBE, has been appointed as Place Lead for the Manchester Integrated Care Partnership. Place Leads are responsible for driving the further integration of health and social care services and connecting to wider public services to address the social determinants of health.
- 2.4 There is now a much greater emphasis for the NHS on tackling health inequalities in Manchester, in line with the city's local response to the Greater Manchester Building Back Fairer report led by Professor Sir Michael Marmott which was endorsed at the Health and Wellbeing Board earlier this month.
- 2.5 The partnership plan sets out how Manchester will tackle health inequalities over the next five years to narrow the health gap within the city, and between the city and the rest of the country.
- 2.6 This plan, with the chief executive as Place Lead, will give the city a strong platform for improvements.

Related Our Manchester Strategy themes:

- *Progressive and Equitable City*
- *Liveable and Low Carbon City*

3.0 Smoke Free Spaces pilot

- 3.1 Manchester's Health and Wellbeing board has given its support to a Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership project on smoke free outdoor spaces.

- 3.2 The partnership will begin public consultation later this month and as part of this consideration will be given to a number of potential pilot sites in the city centre including the new Mayfield Park, which opens later this year, St Peter's Square and Piccadilly Gardens. Other potential locations may also be considered.
- 3.3 The pilot project is intended to complement work currently being undertaken on Manchester's Outdoor Spaces Strategy and wider health campaigns to encourage people to stop smoking.
- 3.4 Smoke free spaces model healthy behaviours for children and young people and provide a supportive environment for the majority of smokers who want to quit. They also discourage people from gathering to smoke illegal substances.
- 3.5 There is also an environmental benefit as discarded cigarettes contribute to litter and environmental damage.
- 3.6 Any final decision on the pilot site, or sites, will be brought to Executive for consideration.

Related Our Manchester Strategy themes:

- *Progressive and Equitable City*
- *Liveable and Low Carbon City*

4.0 New high school for Wythenshawe

- 4.1 A brand new high school, to be run by Dixons Academies Trust and serving the community in and around Newall Green and Wythenshawe, is set to open in September 2023.
- 4.2 The new co-educational free school – to be known as Dixons Newall Green – will open to pupils in Year 7 from next September.
- 4.3 The school will open initially for 140 Year 7 pupils and will grow year by year until it has students aged 11 to 16 by 2027.
- 4.4 It will open on the site of the former Newall Green High School which closed its door to pupils last year, following a decision to do by the Trust that ran it at the time with the agreement of the Department for Education. The Council had opposed the closure, pointing out that the school places were needed for the area.
- 4.5 The existing school sites will now undergo extensive building works to ensure the provision of a state-of-the-art space for learning for its pupils.

- 4.6 This will be the second Dixons Academies Trust school in the Wythenshawe area, alongside Dixons Brooklands Academy. All of Dixons' free schools have been graded outstanding.

Related Our Manchester Strategy themes:

- *Thriving and Sustainable City*
- *Progressive and Equitable City*
- *Liveable and Low Carbon City*
- *Highly Skilled City*

5.0 Bee Green summit

- 5.1 A summit for school and college leaders who want to cut carbon emissions in their institutions attracted more than 100 delegates representing 80 educational settings.
- 5.2 The Bee Green summit, organised by the Council in partnership with Connell College in East Manchester where it was held on 30 June, saw leaders, business managers and governors from across the sector attend workshops to help them understand the opportunities and the support available to them.
- 5.3 Topics covered included reducing energy consumption, promoting active travel, green procurement, working with the wider school community and embedding climate change within the curriculum.
- 5.4 More than 100 delegates representing 80 educational settings attended a summit organised by the Council, in partnership with Connell College in East Manchester. 95 per cent of delegates who fed back described the event as either 'excellent' or 'good' and there is real enthusiasm to put carbon reduction ideas into practice.
- 5.5 In parallel with the summit, 66 students from 10 different schools across the city attended the Green Bee Assembly in which they learnt more about climate change before coming together to share carbon reduction ideas with each other and their teachers.

Related Our Manchester Strategy themes:

- *Liveable and Low Carbon City*
- *Thriving and Sustainable City*

6.0 Baby Week

- 6.1 A programme of events took place 11-16 July to celebrate and promote the importance of a child's early life.

- 6.2 Free activities and events took place in cultural and leisure venues across the city, as well as Sure Start centres, for 0-2 year olds and their families with information and advice provided. The Week ties in with the Start Well Strategy designed to give every child in the city a positive start to life and extend support to families who may struggle, as well as building a network of supportive parents.
- 6.3 Baby Week is part of the Council-led Our Year campaign which is promoting opportunities, activities and a positive legacy for Manchester's young people following the disruption of the pandemic.
- 6.4 It is estimated that as of 2021 there were 22,000 0-2 year olds living in Manchester.

Related Our Manchester Strategy themes:

- *Progressive and Equitable City*
- *Thriving and Sustainable City*

7.0 Deansgate

- 7.1 Proposals have been put forward which will keep in place measures to reduce the amount of traffic on Deansgate.
- 7.2 Since the road was first temporarily restricted during the early months of the Covid pandemic, support has remained strong among the public for a more pedestrian and cyclist-friendly Deansgate. A further consultation has also found broad public support for the measures in place, and the Council is keen to build on this.
- 7.3 As part of the wider City Centre Transport Strategy, which aims for 90% of all peak morning journeys to be via walking, cycling or public transport by 2040, the Council is working to encourage people to use more active methods of travel, as well as public transport.
- 7.4 The proposals for Deansgate aim to maintain a balance between the space already given over to cyclist and pedestrians and the infrastructure still required for public transport and taxis.
- 7.5 As the situation in Deansgate moves from a temporary scheme to an interim one, its main features will be:
- Bus gate and Deansgate one-way southbound between Blackfriars and King Street – buses and taxis only. Segregated cycle facilities included.
 - Traffic one way southbound between King Street west and Quay Street.

- Bridge Street westbound bus gate, located west of Gartside Street (eastbound traffic unaffected).
- Existing access will remain across Deansgate at St Ann Street, King Street and Bridge Street.
- Right-turn ban from Bridge Street onto Deansgate will be removed.
- Northbound contraflow cycle provision between Bridge Street and Blackfriars.
- Two-way cycle lane between Quay Street and Bridge Street.

7.6 Other changes have also been proposed including improvements to the barriers, cones and signs which have until now separated vehicles on the road. More attractive bollards, signs and road markings will be put in place.

7.7 The temporary 'wands' which separated cycle lanes from vehicles will be replaced with more substantial segregation which will be bolted to the carriageway.

Related Our Manchester Strategy themes:

- *Connected City*
- *Liveable and Low Carbon City*
- *Thriving and Sustainable City*

8.0 UEFA Women's EURO 2022

8.1 Manchester has been hosting a festival of football this month as one of nine host cities of EURO 2022, the biggest women's sport event ever held in Europe.

8.2 From 6 July to 31 July, Piccadilly Gardens is hosting a fan festival, welcoming fans from competing nations, showing games on a big screen, offering food and drink and a range of events and activities including football taster sessions.

8.3 The fan zone has welcomed fans from Austria, Belgium, Iceland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland – all of whom have played group games in Greater Manchester with the Academy Stadium in the Etihad Campus among the venues.

Related to Our Manchester Strategy themes:

- Thriving and Sustainable City
- Progressive and Equitable City

9.0 Contributing to a Zero-Carbon City

9.1 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.

10.0 Contributing to the Our Manchester Strategy

- 10.1 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.

11.0 Key Policies and Considerations

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

12.0 Recommendations

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