## Manchester City Council Report for Information

**Report to:** Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee – 10 January

2023

**Subject:** Overview Report

**Report of:** Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

#### **Summary**

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- Key Decisions
- Work Programme

#### Recommendation

The Committee is invited to discuss and note the information provided and agree the work programme.

Wards Affected: All

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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.

None

## 1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report contains recommendations made by the Committee and responses to them indicating whether the recommendation will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

Items highlighted in grey have been actioned and will be removed from future reports.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
6 December 2022	RGSC/22/59 Setting of Council Tax Base and Business Rates Shares for Budget Setting Purposes	That the Council's partner agencies be provided with training on Council Tax to provide a collaborative holistic approach to residents requiring support.	Short training sessions for frontline staff in childrens/adults services have been held to explain the structure and issues of Council Tax so that they could give basic advice and know who to contact. This will be discussed further at SMT in January with a view to offering similar sessions.  The Cost of Living Advice line has now been set up and provides advice/support with the following:  • Benefits and	Lee Owen (Head of Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services)

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			help with your rent  Advice about debt and paying bills Food support Support getting online  Should a resident call advising they are struggling to pay their Council Tax bill they will be signposted to MCC's Council Tax team where staff will discuss their individual circumstances and set up a payment plan.	
			By having a strength- based conversation staff will advise/signpost the resident on ways to maximize their income and reduce their outgoings in	

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			order for the them to be able to afford to make their Council Tax payments.	
			Engagement with partners has been undertaken to promote the cost-of-living advice service including campaign toolkits which included leaflets and posters in English and 9 other languages and social media assets and messages.	
			This was also shared internally, and services asked to share with VSCE groups, stakeholders and business groups. This has also been shared with all Members for distribution and the family poverty	

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			strategy groups which includes CAM, Fairshare, Bread & Butter Thing, housing providers.	
			Zcards and leaflets have been produced. Lists of who these leaflets were shared with can be provided if members' wish to see these.	
			Several new print runs for Work and Skills roadshow events were also completed. There has also been lots of social media and digital activity.	

### 2. Key Decisions

The Council is required to publish details of key decisions that will be taken at least 28 days before the decision is due to be taken. Details of key decisions that are due to be taken are published on a monthly basis in the Register of Key Decisions.

A key decision, as defined in the Council's Constitution is an executive decision, which is likely:

- To result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or
- To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the city.

The Council Constitution defines 'significant' as being expenditure or savings (including the loss of income or capital receipts) in excess of £500k, providing that is not more than 10% of the gross operating expenditure for any budget heading in the in the Council's Revenue Budget Book, and subject to other defined exceptions.

An extract of the most recent Register of Key Decisions, published on **28 November 2022**, containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included below. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and, where appropriate, include in the work programme of the Committee.

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Consultation	Background documents	Officer Contact
Corporate Core					
Manchester City Centre Triangle (2021/01/14A)	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 31st Aug 2022		Checkpoint 4 Business Case	Steve Robinson, Director of Operations (Highways) steve.robinson@manchester.go
The approval of capital expenditure for the construction of a scheme to connect travel hubs in the	,				v.uk

city centre				
Contract for Provision of ICT and Digital resources to Manchester City Council (2022/01/31A)  The appointment ICT and Digital resources to Manchester City Council.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 28th Feb 2022	Report & Recommendation	Joanna Thorne joanna.thorne@manchester.gov .uk
Write off of EoN Reality Ioan (2022/03/01B)  Under the delegation agreed at February 2022's Executive, write off of existing £1.1m Ioan to EoN Reality Ltd and outstanding interest, following confirmation that the company has been liquidated.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 1st Apr 2022	Companies House  – liquidation progress report	Tim Seagrave T.Seagrave@manchester.gov.u k
Framework Agreement for Senior Permanent and Interim Executive Search (2022/06/09A)  The appointment of Agencies to deliver Permanent and Interim Senior Recruitment Services.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 9th Jul 2022	Report & Recommendation	Mike Worsley mike.worsley@manchester.gov. uk

Framework Agreement for the Provision of Commercial Office Furniture and Furniture Services (2022/08/04A)  The appointment of Provider to deliver Commercial Office Furniture and Furniture Services.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 4th Sep 2022	Report and recommendations	Mike Worsley mike.worsley@manchester.gov. uk
Award new Case Management System replacement (2022/08/08A)  To award the bid to a new supplier for the Neighbourhoods and Licensing including Taxi Licensing Case Management System.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 8th Sep 2022	Brieifing Document	
Award of Electricity Supply contracts from existing Framework Agreements (2022/08/22A)  To award a contract for the supply of Electricity from the Council's existing HH (large sites) and NHH (smaller sites) frameworks via direct	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Before 30 Sep 2022	Award Report	Walter Dooley w.dooley@manchester.gov.uk, Peter Schofield peter.schofielod@manchester.g ov.uk

award to the incumbent suppliers.					
Framework Agreement for the Provision of Specialist and Hard to Fill Agency Roles (2022/08/26B)	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 26th Sep 2022		Report and ecommendations	Mike Worsley mike.worsley@manchester.gov. uk
The appointment of Agencies to provide Specialist and Hard to Fill Agency Roles					
Framework for the provision of GM Online Library Service (2022/10/27B)	Strategic Director (Neighbourhood s)	Not before 27th Nov 2022		Report & Recommendation	
The appointment of Provider(s) for GM Online Library Service					
Adoption of Manchester Anti-Poverty Strategy (2022/11/08A)  To adopt the new Anti- Poverty Strategy for Manchester	Executive	18 Jan 2023	Si ac re	Oraft Anti-Poverty Strategy plus ccompanying eport and any nnexes	Peter Norris p.norris@manchester.gov.uk
Council Tax 2022/23 Balance (2022/11/11B)  To agree the estimated	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 3rd Jan 2023		Council Tax Balance report	Neil Doherty neil.doherty1@manchester.gov. uk

council tax surplus or deficit for 2022/23				
Business Rates 2022/23 balance (2022/11/11C)	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 3rd Jan 2023	Business Rates Balance report	Neil Doherty neil.doherty1@manchester.gov. uk
To agree the estimated business rates surplus or deficit for 2022/23	,			
Council Tax Base 2023/24 (2022/11/11D)	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 3rd Jan 2023	Council Tax Base report	Neil Doherty neil.doherty1@manchester.gov. uk
To set the 2023/24 Council Tax Base	,			
Business Rates Base 2023/24 (2022/11/11E)	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 3rd Jan 2023	Business Rates Base report	Neil Doherty neil.doherty1@manchester.gov. uk
To set the 2023/24 Business Rates Base				
TC1135 - Provision and supply of a System to Enforce Moving Traffic Offences, including maintenance (2022/11/23B)	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 23rd Dec 2022	Report & Recommendation	
The appointment of Provider for supply of a System to Enforce Moving Traffic Offences, including maintenance.				

Electricity contract for street lighting (2022/12/02A)  To enter into a new	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 2nd Jan 2023	Report and recommendation	Peter Schofield peter.schofielod@manchester.g ov.uk
electricity contract for the supply of electricity for street lighting.				
Development and Growth				
Strategic land and buildings acquisition 2019/06/03C  The approval of capital expenditure for the purpose of the strategic acquisition of land and buildings to support the Eastlands Regeneration Framework	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 1st Dec 2022	Checkpoint 4 Business Case & Briefing Note	Richard Cohen r.cohen@manchester.gov.uk
Disposal of site of former Chorlton Leisure Centre for residential development (21/05/13A)  Approval to the terms for the leasehold disposal of the site of the former Chorlton Leisure Centre for residential development.	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 13th Jun 2021	Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development	Mike Robertson m.robertson@manchester.gov.u k

Restructure of existing multiple ground leases at Manchester Science Park into a new overriding single head lease (2021/07/16A)  Restructure of existing multiple ground leases at Manchester Science Park into a new overriding single head lease.	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 16th Aug 2021	I	eport and ecommendations	Mike Robertson m.robertson@manchester.gov.u k
Strategic approach to developments of social homes via a city-wide New Build Local Lettings Policy (LLP) (2021/08/10A)  Executive adopts the New Build LLP for immediate implementation.	Executive	16 Nov 2022	I	eport and ecommendations	Martin Oldfield m.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk
Land at Downley Drive, New Islington/Ancoats (2022/02/18B)  Land disposal by way of lease for residential development at Downley Drive, New Islington/Ancoats.	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 18th Mar 2022		eport and commendations	
Disposal of the former	Strategic	Not before	Re	eport to the	Joe Martin, Development

Gala Bingo, Rowlandsway, Manchester, M22 5RS (2022/05/19A)  Approval to the terms for	Director - (Growth and Development)	19th Jun 2022	Strategic Director of Growth and Development	Surveyor joe.martin@manchester.gov.uk
the leasehold disposal of the former Gala Bingo, Rowlandsway, Manchester, M22 5RS.				
This City - new scheme development (2022/06/17B)  To give capital expenditure approval to build a mixed	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 17th Jul 2022	Report and recommendation	Alan Caddick, Interim Director of Housing and Residential Growth Alan.Caddick@manchester.gov. uk
development of market and accessible rent properties, initially through the Council before transferring to a Council-owned company during the build.				
Housing Affordability Fund Budget (2022/06/28B)	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 28th Jul 2022	Checkpoint 4 Business Case	Yvette Ryle, Project Manager Yvette.ryle@manchester.gov.uk
The approval of capital expenditure for affordable housing via a dedicated HAF budget.				
Large Scale Renewable	Executive	18 Jan 2023	Executive Report	Leader

Energy Project (2022/07/13B)  To purchase a large scale solar farm, associated storage and maintenance arrangements.				
King Street Multistory Car Park & King Street West Shops 35-47 (22/07/18A)  Approval to the surrender of the City Councils Leasehold interested to support the redevelopment of the site, as consented under planning application 129251/FO/2021	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 18th Aug 2022	Confidential report and recommendations	Lousie Hargan I.hargan@manchester.gov.uk
Lower Campfield and Upper Campfield - granting of new ground leases (2022/09/07A)  Approval to the granting of new ground leases to allow the repair and refurbishment of both buildings by the lessee.	Chief Executive	Not before 6th Oct 2022	Report to the Chief Executive and Strategic Director of Growth and Development	David Norbury david.norbury@manchester.gov .uk
This City: Contractor and Design Team Fees (2022/08/10A)	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 10th Sep 2022	Checkpoint 4 Business Case	Sarah Narici sarah.narici@manchester.gov.u k

To approve capital expenditure for the delivery of This City: Norther Quarter (Postal Street) in order to appoint a contractor under a Pre-Construction Services Agreement to progress work on a mixed development of market and Manchester Living Rent properties until planning permission has been granted.				
Strategy (2022/09/12A)  The approval of the Draft Strategy and agreement to its publication.	Executive	14 Dec 2022	Report and recommendations	Phil Havenhand, Interim Head of Infrastructure & Environment Phil.Havenhand@manchester.g ov.uk
Land Assembly - Back of Ancoats (2022/10/13A)  To approve the acquisition of a strategic asset at the Back of Ancoats.	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 30th Nov 2022	Briefing Note	
Culture in the City - HOME Arches (2022/11/07A)  To approve capital	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 7th Dec 2022	Checkpoint 4 Business Case	Dave Carty d.carty@manchester.gov.uk

expenditure to address cost increases largely in relation to methodology, 3 <sup>rd</sup> party requirements and market pressures which are fixed.					
Land at Kelbrook Road (2022/11/14A)  Approval to dispose of land at Kelbrook Road for development	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	4 Jan 2023	Report to th Strategic Di – Growth & Developmen	irector Surveyor Tel: 016 thomas.pyatt@m	61 234 5469
Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan (2022/11/21A)  To adopt the Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan	Executive	18 Jan 2023	Report to Executive - Manchester Travel Strat and Investm Plan	Active k	nchester.gov.u
Factory International (2022/11/22A)  To approve capital expenditure for cost pressures including inflation, market & supply chain pressures, client-side costs and fitting out costs.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 22nd Dec 2022	Checkpoint Business Ca		chester.gov.uk
Back of Ancoats: Delivery of Mobility Hub (2022/11/23A)	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 23rd Dec 2022	Checkpoint Business Ca		

To approve capital expenditure to fund construction inflation cost pressures and amendments to design.				
Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Phase 3 (2022/11/28A)	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 28th Dec 2022	Revised Checkpoint 4	Richard Munns r.munns@manchester.gov.uk
Approval of capital expenditure for cost increases to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) following RIBA2 designs identifying scope changes required, additional fees and inflationary pressures. These works are to improve energy efficiency and introduce heat decarbonisation measures across the estate.				
Gorton District Centre Masterplan (2022/12/12A)  To approve the masterplan for future development and investment within Gorton District Centre	Executive	18 Jan 2023		Richard Cohen r.cohen@manchester.gov.uk

Leasehold disposal of Unit 5, Nuovo A, Great Ancoats Street (2022/12/13B)	Strategic Director - (Growth and Development)	Not before 11th Jan 2023	Briefing Note	Richard Cohen r.cohen@manchester.gov.uk
To approve a 15-year lease of Unit 5, Nuovo A				
Neighbourhoods				
Extension of the waste & street cleansing contract (2022/03/30B)  To fund the increase in contract fee from 2023 for the remainder of the contract period - £7.95m.	Executive	1 Jun 2022	Waste Report to Environment & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee (10 March 2022)	Matthew Bennett matthew.bennett@manchester. gov.uk
Financial approval of MCR Active Contract 2023/24 (2022/10/27A)  Financial approval of 5 <sup>th</sup> year of MCR Active Contract for period 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024.	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 27th Nov 2022	Report to Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	
Z-Arts Grant Agreement (2022/11/04A)  To approve a three-year Z-Arts grant agreement with	Strategic Director (Neighbourhood s)	Not before 4th Dec 2022	Z-Arts Overview Report	

revenue support of £184,488 in 2023/4, 2024/5 and 2025/6				
Q20516 – Ashton Canal Bridge (2022/11/25B)  The works are referred to as: Victoria Northern Eastern Gateway Scheme Phase 3 – Ashton Canal Bridge. Scope of Works comprises the construction of a new bridge and access ramps over the Ashton Canal at New Islington	Strategic Director (Neighbourhood s), Deputy City Treasurer	27 Feb 2023	Confidential Contract Report and Recommendations	Joshua Ward, Procurement Officer joshua.ward@manchester.gov.u k, Nikoo Nikousokhan, Project Manager nikoo.nikousokhan@mancheste r.gov.uk
Q20515 – Bridge Maintenance, Refurbishment and Replacement (2022/11/25C)	Strategic Director (Neighbourhood s), Deputy City Treasurer	27 Feb 2023	Confidential Contract Report and Recommendations	Joshua Ward, Procurement Officer joshua.ward@manchester.gov.u k, Paul Gee, Contracts Manager p.gee@manchester.gov.uk
Manchester City Council is proposing to employ a single-stage procurement process comprising of Quality, Price and Social Value elements as set out within this document.				
This ITT is composed of 4 separate lots, each of which				

will be awarded separately to the most economically advantageous tender for each lot. The lots are as follows:  Lot 1: Rodger Street Union Bridge Maintenance Scheme Lot 2: Hoyle Street Parapet Replacement Scheme Lot 3: Boggart Bridge Retaining Wall Refurbishment Scheme Lot 4: Camelia Road Retaining Wall Replacement Scheme				
Q20509 - Victoria Northern Eastern Gateway Phase 2 (2022/11/29A)  The works are to undertake improvement works along the Victoria North / Eastern Walking and Cycling Route, Phase 2 comprises of one location Rochdale Road / Thompson Street / Oldham Road, the scheme identified as Victoria North / Eastern Walking and Cycling	Deputy City Treasurer	Not before 29th Dec 2022	Confidential Contract Report with Recommendations	Joshua Ward, Procurement Officer joshua.ward@manchester.gov.u k

Scheme Phase 2. The works will be undertaken in the following locations: • Area G Rochdale Road and Thompson Street Junction • Area G Thompson Street • Area G Oldham Road, Thompson Street and Sherratt Street Junction • Additional Route Signage				
The rate for temporary accommodation properties (2022/12/13A)  Increase the rate for properties in temporary accommodation due to market conditions.	Strategic Director (Neighbourhood s)	Not before 13th Jan 2023	Commercially Sensitive	Nicola Rea nicola.rea@manchester.gov.uk

## 3. Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme – January 2023

Tuesday, 10 January 2023, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 29 December 2022 to account for New Year's Day)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
Electoral Reform Bill Update	To receive a report on the Electoral Reform Bill with a focus on voter registrations, polling station accessibility and voter ID requirements.	Cllr Craig (Leader)	Fiona Ledden Clare Travers	
Climate Change and the Council's Estate	To receive a report on works to the Council's operational estate to mitigate the effects of climate change, including energy supplies.	Cllr Rahman (Statutory Deputy Leader) Cllr Rawlins (Environment and Transport)	Richard Munns	
Finance Settlement	To receive an update that outlines the key headlines of the Government's Finance Settlement figure for Manchester.	Cllr Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Carol Culley Tom Wilkinson	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	N/A	Scrutiny Support	

## Tuesday, 7 February 2023, 2.00pm (Report deadline Friday 27 January 2023)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
2023/24 Budget	To receive and consider the final 2023/24 budget	Cllr Akbar	Carol Culley	
Report	proposals that will go onto February Budget Executive	(Finance	Tom Wilkinson	
	and Scrutiny and March Council.	and		
		Resources)		
Commercial	To receive a report on the Council's commercial	Cllr Akbar	Carol Culley	
Activity	activity.	(Finance		
		and		
		Resources)		
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations	N/A	Scrutiny	
·	monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.		Support	

## Monday, 27 February 2023, 10.00am – BUDGET (Report deadline Thursday 16 February 2023)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
The Council's	To receive an update on the Council's financial	Cllr Akbar	Carol Culley	
Budget 2023/24	position following scrutiny of the draft budget	(Finance	Tom Wilkinson	
	proposals and Directorate budget plans by all Scrutiny	and		
	Committees.	Resources)		

## Tuesday, 7 March 2023, 2.00pm (Report deadline Friday 24 February 2023)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
Progress on Council Motions Over Last 12 Months	To receive an update on the progress made in respect of motions that have been passed before Manchester City Council since the last update in March 2022.	Cllr Craig (Leader) Cllr Rahman (Statutory Deputy Leader)	Fiona Ledden Mike Williamson	
Revenues and Benefits Update	To receive an update on collection of business rates and council tax, ethical collection and an update on Council Tax Scheme and resident support schemes with a focus on cost-of-living and the use of discretionary welfare funds.	Cllr Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Lee Owen	
Manchester's Parks Development Programme Update	To receive an update on the progress of Manchester's Parks Development Programme 2021-2025 and an overview of the financial position for parks.	Cllr Akbar (Finance and Resources) Cllr Igbon (Vibrant Neighbourhoods)	Carol Culley Neil Fairlamb	Extend invitation to the Chair of CESC.
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	N/A	Scrutiny Support	

## Wednesday, 24 May 2023, 10:00am (Report deadline Monday 15 May 2023)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
Factory International Progress Update	To receive a progress report on Factory International ahead of the project's completion and opening.	Cllr Rahman (Statutory Deputy Leader)	Carol Culley Becca Heron Jared Allen Pat Bartoli	
Work programming Overview Report	To draft the committee's work programme for the 2023/24 municipal year.  The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	N/A N/A	Carol Culley Charlotte Lynch Scrutiny Support	

#### Items to be Scheduled

# (Items highlighted in grey indicate that these have been included in the work plan of one of the above meetings). (New items added are highlighted in blue)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director / Lead Officer	Comments
Contract Monitoring	Precise Details to be confirmed	Councillor Akbar	Carol Culley	
Review of investments being made by the Council into its Capital Strategy in terms of delivering future VFM post COVID19	Precise scope to be determined	Councillor Akbar	TBC	
GMCA Governance and Public Sector Reform	To receive an update on what is being delivered for the City through these arrangements	Councillor Craig	TBC	
Revenue and Benefits	Themed meeting to include activity around position of Business Rates and Council Tax and impact on residents and how to target support most effectively	TBC	TBC	
Annual Section 106 Monitoring	To receive a report on the Governance arrangements relating to Section 106.	Councillor White	Julie Roscoe/Des Jones	Report to be considered around Sept 2023
Our Town Hall Project Update	To receive an update on the progress of the refurbishment and partial restoration of the Town Hall and Albert Square under the Our Town Hall (OTH) project	Councillor Rahman	Carol Culley Jared Allen Paul Candelent	Report to be considered in October 2023
Governance and Management of Complaints	TBC	Cllr Akbar	Carol Culley	Will be confirmed following Nov 2022 Audit Committee