

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee - 7 March 2023

Subject: Progress made with Council Motions over last 12 Months

Report of: The City Solicitor

Summary

This report updates the Committee and confirms the progress made in respect of motions that have been passed before Manchester City Council over the last 12 Months.

Recommendations

To note this update report and the progress made on the motions agreed by Council.

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city
The motions that have been before council includes a motion declaring a Climate Emergency.

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Council Motions look to promote inclusion across all of our protected Characteristics and have widened those to include vulnerable groups such as those leaving the Council care.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	Council motions are seeking to assist in developing a world class city. Addressing issues around poverty.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	A number of the motions passed seek to unlock the potential of our communities including promoting youth services and looking at equalities issues across the City.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	The motions passed through Council address both climate issues for the City.

A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	The Motions passed by Council seek to address the issues around connectivity through addressing t poverty issues.
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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.

- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on 4th March 2022
- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on the 30 March 2022
- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on 13th July 2022
- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on 6th October 2022
- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on 30th November 2022
- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on 1st February 2022

All are available at <https://democracy.manchester.gov.uk>

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report is provided to update members on the progress of the motions that have been passed by full Council since March 2022 and following previous report to this Committee by the City Solicitor. In the City Solicitor's department, a tracker is maintained of Council motions passed during the course of the year, progress on the actions taken is monitored at SMT. A number of the motions have requested a call on the government to take action and have raised serious issues of concern to Manchester residents and the Council.
- 1.2 The tracker is attached with an update as to the actions taken for each of the motions, passed over the last 12 months with the progress made to date. It should be noted this report only records those actions taken to date and whilst there is a reference to some of the debates in formal committees there continues to be considerable work and discussion of these key issues that the motions relate to undertaken throughout the Council. All the work is not able to be covered in a single document that only records and tracks the key actions identified in the resolutions and is a small reflection of the overall work of the Council on these important areas.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The consideration and resolution of motions, and amendments to motions, is an important part of the Council's decision-making processes. They are a significant part of the meetings of the full Council throughout the year and are a normal part of the business of Council meetings, with the exception of the Annual Meeting. Proposing and debating motions allows Councillors to participate directly in policy development and policy making enabling democracy in action.
- 2.2 The Council's procedures for debating and deciding motions are set out in Part 4 Section A of the Council's Constitution. They allow a motion to be considered at a meeting of the Council if it is supported by any five Councillors. Amendments to motions that are to be considered can be proposed by any two councillors. To be passed and adopted, motions and amendments generally require the support of a majority of the members present and voting at the meeting.
- 2.3 The decisions on motions, the resolutions of the Council, are recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting. After each meeting the resolutions are considered by the members of the Council's senior management and any necessary plans of action agreed and acted upon. Progress with these is then tracked on a periodic basis by SMT. Appended to the report is the schedule that is being maintained by the SMT to record the actions and track progress on Council resolutions.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 For the Committee to note the contents of the report and to continue to receive regular updates.

4.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Motions Tracker