

## Manchester City Council Report for Information

**Report to:** Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee – 12 October 2023

**Subject:** Manchester Climate Change Partnership and Agency – Impact Report 2022-23

**Report of:** Director, Manchester Climate Change Agency

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### Summary

This report introduces the attached Manchester Climate Change Partnership (MCCP, the Partnership) and Manchester Climate Change Agency (MCCA, the Agency) Impact Report covering the period April 2022 to March 2023.

The Impact Report provides a concise overview of the activities delivered by the Partnership and Agency in support of the city's climate targets and objectives, as set out in the Manchester Climate Change Framework (2020-25) and its 2022 Update.

### Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the information in the report, noting the contribution of Manchester's Climate Change Partnership and Agency to the city's climate change goals.

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### Wards Affected: All

**Environmental Impact Assessment** - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

Manchester's Climate Change Partnership (MCCP) and Manchester's Climate Change Agency (MCCA) are responsible for setting the city's high-level climate change targets – these are contained within The Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25, and its 2022 Update, which can be found at:

[www.manchesterclimate.com/content/2022-update](http://www.manchesterclimate.com/content/2022-update)

MCCP and MCCA are also responsible for tracking the city's progress towards these targets (see reports going back to 2013 here: [www.manchesterclimate.com/annual-emissions](http://www.manchesterclimate.com/annual-emissions) and a report this committee in May 2023 here: [Agenda for Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 25th May, 2023, 2.00 pm \(manchester.gov.uk\)](#)).

In addition, MCCP and MCCA are tasked with working collaboratively to catalyse positive climate action. The Impact Report attached to the report sets out recent activity aligned to this broad goal. It can be accessed here:

[www.manchesterclimate.com/Impact-Reports](http://www.manchesterclimate.com/Impact-Reports)

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion** - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments

Manchester's Climate Change Framework is underpinned by the principle of a Just Transition to a zero carbon, climate resilient city. It calls for the city to ensure that all of Manchester's residents are protected from the impact of climate change, that actions to help the transition do not have a negative impact on the most vulnerable people, and that the costs do not fall unevenly on those that are least able to afford them.

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS/Contribution to the Strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	<p>MCCP and MCCA are responsible for setting the city's high-level climate change targets – these are contained within The Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25, and its 2022 Update.</p> <p>They are aligned to the OMS outcomes, in particular the zero carbon city priority.</p> <p>This report, and its attachment, describes the actions of MCCP and MCCA between April 2022 and March 2023 that catalyse, convene and deliver climate actions in support of the OMS and Framework objectives and targets.</p>
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**

None. This report describes activity that MCCP and MCCA delivered in 2022-23.

### **Financial Consequences – Capital**

None. This report describes activity that MCCP and MCCA delivered in 2022-23.

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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.

- 2022 Update of Manchester's Climate Change Framework 2020-2025: [www.manchesterclimate.com/content/2022-update](http://www.manchesterclimate.com/content/2022-update)
- Manchester Climate Change Partnership and Manchester Climate Change Agency Impact Report 2022-23 [www.manchesterclimate.com/Impact-Reports](http://www.manchesterclimate.com/Impact-Reports)

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This report introduces the attached Manchester Climate Change Partnership (MCCP, the Partnership) and Manchester Climate Change Agency (MCCA, the Agency) Impact Report covering the period April 2022 to March 2023.
- 1.2 The Impact Report provides a concise overview of the activities delivered by the Partnership and Agency in support of the city's climate targets and objectives, as set out in the Manchester Climate Change Framework (2020-25) and its 2022 Update.
- 1.3 The annual update on Manchester's CO2 emissions is delivered in a separate report, due to be published in October 2023.
- 1.4 An update on wider actions being delivered across the city in support of Manchester's climate change targets and the recommended actions included in the city's Climate Change Framework, and on the challenges of accessing, assuring, and presenting meaningful data to track progress, was provided to this Committee in May 2023.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 Manchester Climate Change Agency was established in 2015 and Manchester Climate Change Partnership in 2018. Manchester City Council is a member of the Partnership and sits on the Partnership Board.
- 2.2 Together, the Partnership and Agency are responsible for setting the city's high-level climate change targets – these are contained within the Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25, and its 2022 Update, which can be found at: [www.manchesterclimate.com/content/2022-update](http://www.manchesterclimate.com/content/2022-update).
- 2.3 They are also responsible for tracking the city's progress towards these targets and publish annual 'Emissions Reports', which can be accessed going back to 2013 here: [www.manchesterclimate.com/annual-emissions](http://www.manchesterclimate.com/annual-emissions).
- 2.4 They also provided a report this committee in May 2023 which provided an update on wider actions being delivered across the city in support of Manchester's climate change targets and the recommended actions included in the city's Climate Change Framework, and on the challenges of accessing, assuring, and presenting meaningful data to track progress. It can be accessed here: [Agenda for Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 25th May, 2023, 2.00 pm \(manchester.gov.uk\)](http://Agenda%20for%20Environment,%20Climate%20Change%20and%20Neighbourhoods%20Scrutiny%20Committee%20on%20Thursday,%2025th%20May,%202023,%202.00%20pm%20(manchester.gov.uk))

## **3.0 Purpose and Structure of the MCCP and MCCA Impact Report**

- 3.1 This is a new report to help bring to life the work of Manchester's Climate Change Partnership and Agency which supports the city in setting, tracking, and meeting its climate change goals.

- 3.2 The report is introduced by Mike Wilton, Chair of the Partnership Board and Agency Board of Directors, and Councillor Rawlins, Executive Member for Environment and Transport at Manchester City Council and member of the Partnership Board. The Council's City Treasurer and Deputy Chief Executive, Carol Culley, is also a member of the MCCP Board.
- 3.3 The report is broadly divided into two sections: one which describes the Partnership and the activities and impacts it has delivered in the year; and one which describes the Agency and the activities and impacts it has delivered in the year.

#### **4.0 Manchester Climate Change Partnership – Overview**

- 4.1 The Partnership brings together organisations from across the city's public, private, and voluntary sectors that share the common goal of achieving the objectives and targets set out in the Manchester Climate Change Framework.
- 4.2 The Partnership has 24 core members, representing 80 organisations in 15 different sectors with 45,000 employees and £3bn turnover.
- 4.3 Partnership members commit to take urgent action within the scope of their own activities and to work collaboratively to help other to take urgent action.
- 4.4 The aim of the Partnership is to work with Agency, City Council, communities, and other partners to ensure Manchester develops and successfully implements climate change targets aligned to the latest science and built on the diverse views of the city's stakeholders.
- 4.5 The Partnership's objectives are to champion delivery of climate action, raising awareness and promoting the need for urgent and sustained action; work collaboratively to mobilise action; provide evidence based and transparent reports on the city's progress; and aspire to establish Manchester as a world class city for action on climate change.
- 4.6 The report describes the Partnership's governance via the MCCP Board and sets out in a diagram the key activities delivered by the Partnership, both of which are supported by MCCA, before going into each in more detail.

#### **5.0 Manchester Climate Change Partnership – Key Activities**

- 5.1 The 2022 Update to Manchester's Climate Change Framework. This developed a detailed set of targets to help the city halve its direct emissions from buildings and transport, and a set of recommended actions to guide local businesses, organisations, community groups, individuals, and the local authority to make impactful changes that help the city meet its climate goals.
- 5.2 The 2022 Emissions Report. This enables the city to track its progress towards its targets by publishing annual analysis of the latest UK Government data on direct emissions.

- 5.3 The two City Challenge groups. These were established to bring the expertise and capacity of local stakeholders to bear on complex climate challenges. One focused on developing stretching targets for the Local Plan to increase net zero standards in new buildings, and one focused on increasing the retrofit of commercial buildings across Greater Manchester.
- 5.4 Peer to Peer learning between Partnership members. These facilitate open sharing on organisational decarbonisation and have focused on setting science-based targets and implementing sustainable procurement.
- 5.5 The Virtual Communication Team. This was established to pool the expertise and resources of Partnership members to support the development of a city-wide communications campaign on climate.
- 5.6 The Advisory Groups on Zero Carbon, Adaptation and Resilience, and Health, Wellbeing and Climate. These provide independent expertise including on the city's emissions data, the Met Office's climate projections and Making Manchester Fairer.
- 5.7 Quarterly Partnership meetings. These provide opportunities for members to share knowledge and experience, hear from external speakers, discuss complex climate issues, and develop ideas for new initiatives.
- 5.8 Youth Climate Change Partnership. This gives young people the opportunity to join in the climate conversation by feeding into Partnership activities.
- 5.9 Best practice across the Partnership. This provides highlights of the member survey showing the scale of climate action being delivered, and nineteen case studies illustrating the variety of climate action underway, from energy efficiency to renewables, from electric vehicles to sustainable procurement and beyond.

## **6.0 Manchester Climate Change Agency – Overview**

- 6.1 Manchester Climate Change Agency is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company (CIC) with an independent Board of Directors that provide strategic governance and oversight to the Agency's activities.
- 6.2 The Agency's objective is to deliver activities that support, encourage, and enable individuals and organisations, across Manchester and beyond, to take action on climate change.
- 6.3 The Agency's strategic priorities are to help Manchester to: set the right strategy and targets and understand its progress towards them; take action, learn from others and build on best practice; support an inclusive, just transition to a net zero, climate resilient city; position the city as a climate leader; ensure an active and engaged Climate Change Partnership.
- 6.4 The Agency is a Gold Carbon Literate Organisation.

- 6.5 The Agency secured £2.7m in grant funding for climate action in Manchester in the period of the report.
- 6.6 The report describes the Agency's governance via the CIC Board and sets out in a diagram the key activities delivered by the Agency, including catalysing Partnership activity and support Manchester City Council's and Greater Manchester Combined Authority's climate action, before going into each in more detail.

## **7.0 Manchester Climate Change Agency – Key Activities**

- 7.1 In Our Nature. This is a community climate programme led by the Agency and delivered by the Agency, Hubbub, Groundwork, Amity, and the Tyndall Centre, with connections into the City Council's Neighbourhoods Team.
- 7.2 Adaptation to climate change. This included publication of new guidance and case studies on resilience, and work with the Met Office on local future climate projections and how extreme heat may impact Manchester.
- 7.3 Health, wellbeing, and climate. This supported the development of the climate change theme and associated actions within the Council's Making Manchester Fairer strategy.
- 7.4 Financing the transition to net zero. This provided technical advice to the design of a feasibility study and securing funding from Innovate UK to help Manchester explore novel ways to fund climate action.
- 7.5 European projects. This included delivery within four collaborative programmes covering nature-based solutions, food and young people, science-based targets in cities, and renewable energy.
- 7.6 International collaboration. This involved working alongside CDP, C40 Cities, and WBCSD as part of their City Business Climate Alliance initiative, to bring learning from other cities to Manchester.
- 7.7 Positioning Manchester. This involved securing an A List rating for Manchester from CDP for the climate action delivered by the Partnership and its members, Agency, and City Council.

## **8.0 Recommendations**

- 8.1 The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the information in the report, noting the contribution of Manchester's Climate Change Partnership and Agency to the city's climate change goals.