

**Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board
Report for Information**

Report to: Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board – 1 November 2023

Subject: Making Manchester Fairer: Tackling Health Inequalities in Manchester 2022-2027

Report of: Deputy Director of Public Health

Summary

This report provides the key achievements of the Making Manchester Fairer programme in September as well as update on the Communities and Power Theme and the Race & Health Education Programme.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to note progress made on implementing the Making Manchester Fairer Action Plan, and work that is taking place in the Communities and Power and Tackling Discrimination and Racism Themes.

Board Priority(s) Addressed:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority	Summary of contribution to the strategy
Getting the youngest people in our communities off to the best start	This Action Plan has a positive impact on all the strategy priority areas.
Improving people’s mental health and wellbeing	
Bringing people into employment and ensuring good work for all	
Enabling people to keep well and live independently as they grow older	
Turning round the lives of troubled families as part of the Confident and Achieving Manchester programme	
One health and care system – right care, right place, right time	
Self-care	

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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.

Building Back Fairer – Tackling Health Inequalities in Manchester – Health and Wellbeing Board, 6 July 2022

Making Manchester Fairer, Tackling Health Inequalities in Manchester 2022-2027 – Health Scrutiny Committee, 12 October 2022

Making Manchester Fairer - The Anti-Poverty Strategy 2023-2028 – Economy Scrutiny Committee, 18 January 2023

Making Manchester Fairer - – Tackling Health Inequalities in Manchester – Health and Wellbeing Board, 25 January 2023

Making Manchester Fairer - – Tackling Health Inequalities in Manchester – Health and Wellbeing Board, 7 June 2023

Making Manchester Fairer - – Tackling Health Inequalities in Manchester – Health and Wellbeing Board, 20 September 2023

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Making Manchester Fairer (MMF) is Manchester City Council's five-year action plan to address health inequalities in the city focussing on the social determinants of health.

1.2 The delivery of Making Manchester Fairer can be summarised under its 8 themes, 4 ways of involving communities and 6 principles that underpin the way the programme will be delivered. Implementation of the plan has focused on the foundational workstreams required to ensure robust delivery of the plan (see section 2).

Figure 1: MMF Delivery Plan Themes, Principles and Ways of Involving communities

Themes	Principles for delivery	Ways of involving communities *
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Early years, children and young people. ❖ Poverty, income and debt. ❖ Work and employment. ❖ Prevention of ill health and preventable deaths. ❖ Homes and Housing. ❖ Places, transport and climate change. ❖ Systemic and structural racism and discrimination. ❖ Communities and power. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Proportionate universalism and focus on equity. ❖ Respond to and learn from impact of COVID-19. ❖ Tailor to reflect the needs of Manchester ❖ Collaboration, creativity, and whole system approach. ❖ Monitor and evaluate to ensure we are Making Manchester fairer – narrowing gaps within Manchester as well as regional and national averages. ❖ Take a life course approach with action on health inequalities starting before birth and right through to focus on ageing and specific needs of older people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Listen to us ❖ Trust us ❖ Employ us ❖ Create and support the conditions for social connections to develop and flourish

*Based on insight from community group engagement

2.0 Key Achievements Since the Last Health and Wellbeing Board Update

- The Children's Kickstarter team held an Early Years transition read event at Moss Side Millenium Powerhouse, featuring Dr Ranj, the author of 'A Superpower like mine'. This book was selected as part of the project's Universal Offer to schools and was distributed over the summer to all children going into reception.

- The final draft of the Building Stronger Communities Together strategy was completed, with design work being undertaken ahead of it being taken to the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee in October.
- Positive and useful feedback about the combined flu/cost of living creative was received from the Community Health Equity Manchester Sounding Boards and filming was completed for a Making Manchester Fairer film.
- Funding was identified to commission an organisation to host the Making Manchester Fairer Community Forum, a key element of the Resident and Community Engagement and Involvement workstream.
- A report on MMF progress to Health Scrutiny Committee, with additional focus on the Voice of Lived Experience, Theme 5 (Homes & Housing) and the Children's Kickstarter was well received.
- Evaluation work in this period focused on the children's element of the Children and Young People's Kickstarter. Nine schools have been identified (five receiving intensive support and four receiving targeted support) and interviews with staff at two schools were completed.
- An organisation called Something To Aim For was selected to host the Anti-Poverty Insight Group.
- Work started on the first phase of the Community Engagement Maturity Assessment, with a kick-off workshop and review of key documents and policies to highlight themes.
- The Race and Health Equity Education Programme was launched at an event at Manchester Art Gallery and module sessions have commenced.

3.0 Theme 7- Systemic and structural racism and discrimination

- 3.1 A comprehensive and immersive education programme on Race and Health Equity has been developed and commissioned. The programme was launched on 18th of September at the Manchester Art Museum with partners from across the council, health, and housing attending. 75 people have been invited as the first cohort which will enable our workforce to be better informed, equipped and confident to implement the right solutions that will improve outcomes for communities experiencing racial inequality and discrimination. Appendix 1 contains a slide deck that provides an overview of the programme.

4.0 Theme 8 - Communities and Power

- 4.1 A Communities and Power Steering Group, co-chaired by Manchester City Council's Deputy Leader Cllr Rahman, and Executive Member for Vibrant Neighbourhoods Cllr Igbon, has been established to drive forward the actions outlined within the two Manchester-specific themes of (i) Tackling systemic racism and discrimination, and (ii) Communities and power.

4.2 The Communities and Power Steering Group work has developed several workstreams that will support the delivery of the aims and objectives of the MMF Action Plan. Appendix 2 contains a slide deck that provides an update on these workstreams.

5.0 Next Steps for MMF Action Plan

5.1 The next steps for the programme will be:

- Establishment of the MMF Community Forum to strengthen the contribution of local people with lived experience to the programme governance.
- Development of a coherent approach to workforce development for MMF, focussed on what is needed to achieve health equity, that is integrated and aligns with the City Council's workforce plans.
- Development of the Phase 2 Kickstarter schemes on work and health and enabling physical activity in communities.
- Facilitating opportunities to bring the broad MMF network of partners and organisations together to enable collaboration and share best practice.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 The Board is asked to note progress made in implementing the Making Manchester Fairer Action Plan and specific work taking place to deliver Themes 7 and 8 of the action plan.