

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 5 December 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 the information provided and agree any changes to the work programme that are necessary.

Wards Affected: All

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

None

1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report lists 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
10 January 2023	CESC/23/05 Overview Report	To request that Committee Members be provided with a briefing note on the analysis of the information on Bonfire Night 2022, when this is available.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated to Members.	Fiona Sharkey, Head of Compliance, Enforcement, and Community Safety
20 June 2023	CESC/23/23 An update report on the Homelessness Service	That information on where leasing scheme properties will be located in the city be provided once available.	This information will be provided once available.	Nicola Rea, Strategic Lead for Homelessness
18 July 2023	CESC/23/31 Community Events 2023/24	That further information on all CEF-funded events be provided, including how these meet the criteria for funding, their reach and location, and whether these are recurring events.	This request has been added to the scope of the Community Events report being brought to the committee in February 2024.	Mike Parrott
18 July 2023	CESC/23/31 Community Events 2023/24	That information on the geographical reach of events be provided for each event included in future reports.	This request has been added to the scope of the Community Events report being brought to the committee in February 2024.	Mike Parrott
5 September 2023	CESC/23/36 Domestic Abuse and Safety of Women and Girls	That enquiries are made with GMCA regarding data on the time taken for domestic violence incidents to be dealt with by GMP.	Officers have emailed the member who proposed this recommendation to get clarity on the nature of the specific case described so that a response can then be obtained from the Detective Chief Inspector who	Sam Stabler, Strategic Lead for Community Safety Ian Halliday, Community Safety Policy Manager

			leads on the vulnerability agenda for the City of Manchester Division.	
10 October 2023	Review of the Homelessness Strategy, Information on Winter Provision and Equalities Data for the Homelessness Service	Welcomes the Assistant Director of Homelessness' offer to provide data on call handler capacity and call waiting times within the Homelessness Service.	Awaiting confirmation that this information has been circulated.	Rob McCartney, Assistant Director of Homelessness
10 October 2023	Building Stronger Communities Together Strategy 2023-26	That further information of the wards where the pilot activities will be tested and delivered be provided.	The detail on this is still being worked on and a workshop will be held to develop further as referenced in the report. Once confirmed, this information will be shared.	Shefali Kapoor, Director of Communities Samiya Butt, Prevent and Community Cohesion Coordinator
7 November 2023	CESC/23/47 Community Safety Partnership Overview	The committee expresses concern over staff turnover within GMP's Neighbourhood Policing teams and asks that this is addressed in the Crime and Policing item at January's meeting.	This has been added to the scope of the Crime and Policing item to be considered at the meeting in January 2024.	GMP
7 November 2023	CESC/23/47 Community Safety Partnership Overview	That further information on where accommodation for prison-leavers is located in Manchester be provided.	This information was shared with members by email on 17 November 2023.	GM Probation Service

7 November 2023	CESEC/23/47 Community Safety Partnership Overview	That the next update on the Community Safety Partnership include detail on outcomes, deliverability of priorities and objectives and how this could be monitored going forward.	A response to this recommendation has been requested.	Sam Stabler, Strategic Lead (Community Safety)
7 November 2023	CESEC/23/48 Serious Violence Update	That members be given clarification on which protected characteristics as listed under the Equality Act 2010 were likely to be disproportionately affected by serious violence, with figures and statistics.	A response to this recommendation has been requested.	Sam Stabler, Strategic Lead (Community Safety)
7 November 2023	CESEC/23/48 Serious Violence Update	That further information on the work of the Peace Together Alliance and SAFE taskforce be provided.	This was emailed to members on 14 November 2023.	Sam Stabler, Strategic Lead (Community Safety)
7 November 2023	CESEC/23/48 Serious Violence Update	That further detail on 'hotspot areas' of serious violence in the city be shared with members.	This information was emailed to members on 22 November 2023.	Sam Stabler, Strategic Lead (Community Safety)
7 November 2023	CESEC/23/49 2024/25 Budget Proposals	That the Neighbourhoods directorate 2024/25 budget report in February 2024 includes information on any plans to mitigate the financial implications of cuts to homelessness grants, such as the Afghan Resettlement Funding.	This recommendation has been noted by officers.	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods) Paul Hindle, Head of Finance
7 November 2023	CESEC/23/49 2024/25 Budget Proposals	That the Neighbourhoods directorate 2024/25 budget report in February 2024 provides further breakdown of	This recommendation has been noted by officers.	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

		the budget allocated to tackle crime and disorder.		Paul Hindle, Head of Finance
7 November 2023	CESC/23/49 2024/25 Budget Proposals	That the committee expresses concern with the proposed £30k cut to the book fund budget and requests detail on how the impact of this cut might be mitigated for service users and what the year-on-year cuts to this budget have been.	This recommendation has been noted by officers.	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods) Paul Hindle, Head of Finance

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 **27 November 2023** 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
Growth and Development					
<p>Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Project phase 2 (2023/06/27A)</p> <p>To approve capital funding for the acquisition and repair of 10 family homes for people currently being supported under the Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme and for Temporary accommodation.</p>	Executive	Not before 27th Jul 2023		Revenue monitoring report	

<p>Infrastructure service for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector (2023/09/05A)</p> <p>The provision of a Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector Infrastructure service for Manchester City Council (MCC) and Manchester Integrated Care System (ICS). It aims to support the continued effective functioning and growth of a safe, sustainable, high quality, diverse, local voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in Manchester.</p>	<p>City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)</p>	<p>Not before 5th Oct 2023</p>		<p>Report and recommendations</p>	<p>Mike Worsley, Procurement Manager mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Neighbourhoods</p>					
<p>Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024/2027 (2023/10/16B)</p> <p>To agree the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024 to 2027</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>13 Dec 2023</p>		<p>Executive report and associated strategy</p>	<p>Rob McCartney, Assistant Director of Homelessness rob.mccartney@manchester.gov.uk</p>

<p>Award of contract for the delivery of event services (2023/10/10A)</p> <p>To agree the awarding of contract in relation to event services</p>	<p>City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)</p>	<p>Not before 21st Nov 2023</p>		<p>Part B report as decision will be commercially sensitive</p>	<p>John Rooney, Director of Neighbourhood Delivery john.rooney@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Financial approval of MCR Active Contract 2024/25 (2023/11/03A)</p> <p>Financial approval of 6th year of MCR Active Contract for period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.</p>	<p>City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)</p>	<p>Not before 3rd Dec 2023</p>		<p>Report to Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer</p>	<p>Yvonne O'Malley, Events and Commercial Lead yvonne.o'malley@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>ASB Policy and Procedure (2023/11/20A)</p> <p>Decision to update the ASB Policy and Procedure for the Council</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)</p>	<p>Not before 20th Dec 2023</p>		<p>Proposed ASB Policy and Procedure, details of changes to existing policy and procedure.</p>	<p>Sam Stabler, Strategic Lead (Community Safety) samantha.stabler@manchester.gov.uk</p>

**Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – December 2023**

Tuesday 5 December 2023, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Thursday 23 November 2023)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Our Manchester Fund programmes overview	To receive a comprehensive programme overview to give the Committee an understanding of the programme, some key areas of progress and some coming developments.	Councillor Midgley	James Binks Keiran Barnes	
Draft Age Friendly Manchester Strategy Delivery Plan	To receive the draft Age Friendly Manchester Strategy delivery plan.	Councillor T Robinson	Barry Gillespie Dave Thorley Philip Bradley	See minutes of the meeting on 18 July 2023.
Final Report and Recommendations of the Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Task and Finish Group	To receive a report which presents the findings of the detailed investigation undertaken by the Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Task and Finish Group.	N/A	Charlotte Lynch	
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Tuesday 9 January 2024, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Wednesday 27 December 2023)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Crime and Policing	Following the item considered at the November 2022 meeting, to invite guests from the GMCA, including Deputy Mayor Kate Green, and GMP to attend a future Committee meeting, including asking Chief Superintendent Rick Jackson to provide an update on the communications work, public confidence and how the journey to improvement is going. An update on staff turnover in Neighbourhood Policing teams is also requested.	Councillor Rahman	Neil Fairlamb Sam Stabler	See minutes of the meeting on 8 November 2022.
Joint Targeted Area Inspection	To receive a report following the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) into youth violence. This report will include Strategic Partnership responses to serious youth violence, intervention with individual and groups of children affected by serious youth violence and criminal exploitation and intervention in places and spaces.	Councillor Rahman Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	Invite Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.
VCSE Infrastructure	To receive a further report on the VCSE infrastructure contract.	Councillor Midgley	James Binks Keiran Barnes	Deferred from December 2023 with Chair's approval.
Overview Report		-	Scrutiny Support	

Tuesday 6 February 2024, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Thursday 25 January 2024)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Manchester Sport and Physical Activity Strategy	To request a further report including place-based activity across the wards, comparison of different areas of the city, coaching opportunities, the impact of the cost-of-living rise, work to engage people with different protected characteristics, including women, and providing activities to engage young people.	Councillor Hacking	Neil Fairlamb	See minutes of the meeting on 6 September 2022.
Public Sector Equality Duty	To receive an update on the Council's activities to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty. To include detail on what has worked well and lessons learnt/areas for improvement to drive objectives forward. To also include information on pre- and post-pandemic work.	Councillor Midgley	Fiona Ledden Sharmila Kar	
MCC's Equality Objectives 2024-2028	To receive a report on the development of MCC's Equality Objectives for 2024-2028.	Councillor Midgley	Fiona Ledden Sharmila Kar	
Community Events	To receive an update on Community Events for 2023/24 and all CEF-funded events, including how these meet the criteria for funding, their reach and location, and whether these are recurring events.	Councillor Hacking Councillor Igbon	Mike Parrott	See July 2023 minutes.
2024-25 Budget	To receive a report outlining the budget position for 2024/25 and progress in reaching a balanced budget, including preliminary savings and investment options.	Councillor Akbar Councillor Rahman Councillor Midgley	Carol Culley Neil Fairlamb	

		Councillor Hacking		
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Tuesday 5 March 2024, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Thursday 22 February 2024)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Digital Exclusion	To receive a further report on digital exclusion, including financial exclusion.	Councillor Hacking	Neil Fairlamb Neil MacInnes	See March 2023 minutes
Libraries and Archives Report	To receive an update report on Libraries and Archives.	Councillor Hacking	Neil Fairlamb Neil MacInnes	
Making Manchester Fairer	To receive a report on the themes of communities and power and systemic and structural racism and discrimination.	Councillor Midgley	Fiona Ledden Sharmila Kar	
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Items To Be Scheduled

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Prevent/Radequal	This report sets out our response to the National Prevent Review. To include information on the radicalisation of teenage boys by the far right, and the influence of figures such as Andrew Tate.	Councillor Rahman	Neil Fairlamb Fiona Sharkey Sam Stabler	
Support for People Leaving Prison	To include information on changes to probation services, provision and geographical spread of accommodation for prison-leavers, how ex-prisoners are re-integrated into society and links with homelessness.	Councillor Akbar Councillor Rahman	Neil Fairlamb Sam Stabler Dave Ashmore	To be scheduled for May 2024.
Advice Services Update	To receive an update report.	Councillor Midgley	Dave Ashmore Nicola Rea	See minutes of the meeting on 10 January 2023.
Migration	To receive a further report at an appropriate time.	Councillor Midgley	Dave Ashmore Nicola Rea	See May 2023 minutes.
Safety of Women and Girls	To receive a report on the safety of women and girls, including the work and projects being undertaken to promote this across the city and how these are funded.	Councillor Midgley	Sam Stabler	See September 2023 minutes.
Building Stronger Communities Together Strategy 2023-26 Action Plans	To receive a report on the development of action plans arising from the Building Stronger Communities Together Strategy 2023-26, 6 months on from the October 2023 meeting.	Councillor Midgley	Shefali Kapoor Fiona Sharkey Samiya Butt	See October 2023 minutes. To be considered around May/June 2024.
Building Stronger Communities Together Strategy 2023-26 Update	To receive a report that provides a 12-month update on progress of the Building Stronger Communities Together Strategy 2023-26.	Councillor Midgley	Shefali Kapoor Fiona Sharkey Samiya Butt	See October 2023 minutes.

				To be considered around October 2024.
Sanctuary Scheme	To receive a report on the Sanctuary Scheme and the work undertaken to address the increase in the number of BAME people presenting as homeless due to domestic violence.	Councillor Midgley	Rob McCartney Nicola Rea	See October 2023 minutes.