

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 9 January 2024

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 |
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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 leads on the vulnerability agenda for the City of Manchester Division. | Sam Stabler |
| 10 October 2023 | Review of the Homelessness Strategy, Information on Winter Provision and Equalities Data for the | 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 |

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| | Homelessness Service | | | |
| 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 Samiya Butt |
| 7 November 2023 | CESC/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 |
| 7 November 2023 | CESC/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 |
| 5 December 2023 | CESC/23/52 Age Friendly Manchester Refreshed Strategy 2023-2028 Draft Delivery Plan | That a progress update on the work of the Age Friendly Manchester Strategy Delivery Plan be provided in 6 months, to include an update on recruitment to the Assembly; plans for transport improvements; and an update on communications. | This will be brought to the June 2024 meeting. | David Regan Barry Gillespie Naomi Davies |
| 5 December 2023 | CESC/23/52 Age Friendly Manchester Refreshed Strategy 2023-2028 | That the committee undertakes an annual 'deep dive' into the Age Friendly Manchester Strategy and Delivery Plan. | This has been noted and will be incorporated into the committee's work programme for 2024/25 from May onwards. | David Regan Barry Gillespie Naomi Davies |

| | Draft Delivery Plan | | | |
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| 5 December 2023 | CESC/23/53 Our Manchester Funds Programme Overview | That further information on the number of community leaders who have attended Zero Carbon training be shared with members. | This information is provided under section 4 – items for information. | Keiran Barnes |
| 5 December 2023 | CESC/23/53 Our Manchester Funds Programme Overview | That confirmation on monitoring arrangements for the distribution of HSF between the Council and Macc be provided. | This information is provided under section 4 – items for information. | Keiran Barnes |
| 5 December 2023 | CESC/23/53 Our Manchester Funds Programme Overview | The committee writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to express concerns about the possibility of HSF not being continued in 2024/25 | This letter is currently being drafted and will be circulated to the Chair, officers and the relevant Executive Members prior to sending. | Charlotte Lynch |
| 5 December 2023 | CESC/23/53 Our Manchester Funds Programme Overview | The committee welcomes the offer of 6-monthly update reports on the outcome of monitoring periods. | This has been noted and will be incorporated into the committee's work programme going forwards. Officers have indicated that these could be considered around November 2024 and May 2025 based on the monitoring periods and subsequent review and moderation process. | Keiran Barnes |
| 5 December 2023 | CESC/23/53 Our Manchester Funds Programme Overview | The committee requests that the next update report on the Our Manchester Funds Programme references organisations which donate time and goods to their communities. | This recommendation has been accepted and will be actioned for future reports. | Keiran Barnes |
| 5 December 2023 | CESC/23/53 Our Manchester Funds Programme | The committee requests more detail on the support provided by Conversation 2 Cash (C2C). | This recommendation has been noted and work to provide this information is ongoing. | Keiran Barnes |

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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 **1 December 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 |
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| <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> | City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive) | Not before 21st Nov 2023 | | Part B report as decision will be commercially sensitive | John Rooney, Director of Neighbourhood Delivery john.rooney@manchester.gov.uk |

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| <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> |
| <p>Serious Violence Strategy (2023/12/18A)</p> <p>Agree the Serious Violence Strategy for the Council.</p> | <p>Executive</p> | <p>14 Feb 2024</p> | | <p>Serious Violence Strategy</p> | <p>Sam Stabler, Strategic Lead (Community Safety) samantha.stabler@manchester.gov.uk</p> |

**Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – January 2024**

Tuesday 9 January 2024, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Friday 22 December 2023 to account for Bank Holidays)

| Item | Purpose | Executive Member | Strategic Director/ Lead Officer | Comments |
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| 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. This will be a Part B report. |
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Tuesday 6 February 2024, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Thursday 25 January 2024)

| Item | Purpose | Executive Member | Strategic Director/ Lead Officer | Comments |
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| 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 | Carol Culley Neil Fairlamb | |

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| | | Councillor Midgley 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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. |

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| | | | | 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. |
| Age Friendly Manchester Strategy Delivery Plan Progress Update | To receive a progress update on the work of the Age Friendly Manchester Strategy Delivery Plan, 6 months on from the last update. | Councillor Midgley | David Regan Barry Gillespie Naomi Davies | To be considered in June 2024. See December 2023 minutes. |
| Update on recommendations made by the Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Task and Finish Group | To receive a response on recommendations made by the Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Task and Finish Group, including whether these recommendations are accepted or rejected, and progress made to implement accepted recommendations. | Councillor Rahman | Sam Stabler Sara Duckett | To be considered in May 2024. See December 2023 minutes. |

4. Items for Information

CESEC/23/53 - Our Manchester Funds Programme Overview - further information on the number of community leaders who have attended Zero Carbon training

35 of 59 OM funded organisations have been trained on carbon literacy in December. A mop up session is being arranged for January for those groups that could not attend. All attendees are receiving 'train the trainer' accreditation for carbon literacy, which will help build capacity in the sector and enhance future funding applications which require demonstration.

CESEC/23/53 - Our Manchester Funds Programme Overview - confirmation on monitoring arrangements for the distribution of HSF between the Council and Macc

The Household Support Fund work carried out by Macc monitors:

- referral organisations
- number of referrals
- value of each referral
- value of gratuity paid to each referral organisation (contribution to recognise administration burden)
- totals of values
- geographical distribution of funds
- communities of identity

This information has been reported to the Policy and Programmes Manager, VCSE on a monthly basis or more frequently as requested. It is then shared in turn with the Household Support Fund coordination group, a cross-Council officers forum which includes representatives of the Contact Centre. At this time, it is not forecast that a further round of HSF will be available in 24-25.