

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 5 March 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
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.	This information was emailed to members on 1 February 2024.	Rob McCartney

	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
5 February 2024	Draft Equality Objectives 2024-2028	That a progress update be provided to the committee in June 2024, including the delivery plan; information on how success would be monitored; and information on the socioeconomic disadvantage duty	This will be added to the committee's work programme.	Sharmila Kar
5 February 2024	Draft Equality Objectives 2024-2028	That further updates be provided on a 6-month basis after June 2024.	This will be incorporated into the committee's work programme for 2024/25.	Sharmila Kar
5 February 2024	Draft Equality Objectives 2024-2028	That further information be provided on the percentage of school leavers in Manchester who were in care and were not in further or higher education, employment, or training 9 months after leaving school.	A response to this has been requested.	Sharmila Kar
5 February 2024	Draft Equality Objectives 2024-2028	That further consideration be given to including poverty as a protected characteristic within the equality objectives.	People living in poverty is already included as one of the priority groups and officers are looking to broaden that out to include socioeconomic disadvantage, which is in the Equality Act but has never been enacted.	Sharmila Kar
5 February 2024	Manchester's Sport and Physical	The Executive Member for Skills, Employment and Leisure writes to	This is currently being written in collaboration with the Executive	Councillor Hacking

	Activity Strategy Annual Update	the government to emphasise the importance of the Household Support Fund (HSF) in supporting the Council's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme and to request that HSF be continued after 2024/25	Member for Early Years, Children and Young People.	
5 February 2024	Manchester's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy Annual Update	An update be provided on the timescale for rolling out bike libraries across the city.	<p>Bike libraries are a TfGM funded initiative/ pilot across Greater Manchester, a number of organisations/ groups in Manchester were successful in applying for bike library funding which MCRactive supported a number of organisations with. There are currently 13 Bike Libraries in Manchester, all operated slightly differently depending on the organisation and their operational model. The full list is here: https://beeactive.tfgm.com/cycling/bike-libraries/</p> <p>The ones based in Council buildings are: 2 in leisure centres (Moss Side and Arcardia), one at Station South and one based at Miles Platting Library (operated by the Canal and Rivers Trust).</p> <p>Currently the nearest bike library to Newton Heath would be either Miles Platting Library or No. 93 in Harpurhey.</p>	Yvonne O'Malley

			<p>TFGM have yet to confirm the future roll out of Bike Libraries, the pilot libraries are still quite early in their operation and learnings are being gathered from them which will likely influence future investment and then inform the timelines.</p> <p>MCRactive staff met with TfGM colleagues in early February and although it sounds like there will be future funding streams they did not clarify if this would include bike library funding, we have asked them to keep us updated in the timescales and plans for any future bike library funding.</p>	
5 February 2024	Community Events Fund 2023/24	Further information on whether apprenticeships were offered within the Events service be provided.	This information was provided to members by email on 16 February 2024.	Yvonne O'Malley

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 **26 February 2024** 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
Development and Growth					
<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</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>growth of a safe, sustainable, high quality, diverse, local voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in Manchester.</p>					
<p>To enter into a 20 year lease to support the delivery of homeless accommodation (2023/11/08A)</p> <p>To approve the Council entering into a twenty year lease to support the delivery of homeless accommodation.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 7th Dec 2023</p>		<p>Report of the Strategic Director (Growth & Development)</p>	<p>Richard Cohen, Strategic Lead - Development (South and East) richard.cohen@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>To enter into a 10 year lease to support the delivery of homeless accommodation. (2023/11/08B)</p> <p>To approve the Council entering into a 10 year lease to support the delivery of homeless accommodation.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 7th Dec 2023</p>		<p>Report of the Strategic Director (Growth & Development)</p>	<p>Richard Cohen, Strategic Lead - Development (South and East) richard.cohen@manchester.gov.uk</p>

<p>Long-term leasing of temporary accommodation for homeless households (2024/01/02B)</p> <p>To approve the Council entering into leases of 10 year plus 1 day with TA providers.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 30th Jan 2024</p>		<p>Report of Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Rob McCartney, Assistant Director of Homelessness rob.mccartney@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Neighbourhoods</p>					
<p>TC671 - Bikeability Cycling Training (2024/02/20A)</p> <p>The appointment of Provider for Manchester City Council, subject to grant funding being made available from Active Travel England (ATE), The purpose of the Grant is to deliver a program to provide Bikeability cycle training for children and young people attending education and training in England exclusively based on the National Standard for cycle training</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)</p>	<p>Not before 20th Mar 2024</p>		<p>Report & Recommendation</p>	

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

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	
Manchester Indoor Built Facility Strategy Update	To receive an update on the work of the Manchester Indoor Built Facility Strategy.	Councillor Hacking	Yvonne O'Malley	
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Tuesday 21 May 2024, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 9 May 2024)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
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.
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.
Work programming	A work programming session will be held on the rise of the committee meeting, to draft the committee's work programme for the 2024/25 municipal year.	N/A	Neil Fairlamb Charlotte Lynch	
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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	Councillor Rahman	Neil Fairlamb Fiona Sharkey Sam Stabler	

	the influence of figures such as Andrew Tate.			
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.
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.
Equality Objectives Delivery Plan	To receive the delivery plan for the 2024-28 Equality Objectives and to outline how success will	Councillor Midgley	Fiona Ledden Sharmila Kar	To be considered in June 2024.

	be measured and to provide further information on socioeconomic disadvantage and how this will be addressed through the Equality Objectives.			See February 2024 minutes.
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	Deferred from March 2024 at Chair's request.