

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 21 May 2024

**Subject:** Overview Report

**Report of:** Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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**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.

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**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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
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.	<p>It is a key priority for the Homeless Service to minimise out of area temporary accommodation placements given the impact on children's education, health and wider welfare. It is estimated that it will take 2-3 years to replace properties outside of Manchester with properties in the city.</p> <p>At present, there is a high concentration of properties in the North due to the lower market rents available, this makes other parts of the City unaffordable because Housing Benefit income recoverable is fixed based on property size, regardless of location in the City. The intention is that the Homeless Service can deliver a better spread of properties across the City as a direct result of capital leasing. This can be achieved by agreeing different rent charges for the two Manchester</p>	Nicola Rea

			<p>Broad Rental Market Areas: Central Manchester and South Manchester. This should ensure that properties in the south become available within the financial envelope.</p> <p>Tailored approaches will be considered in wards with the highest number of properties to address concerns raised whilst recognising that if this proposal was not to proceed it would not be possible to procure any properties in large parts of the City and there would continue to be a heavy reliance of out of borough placements.</p> <p>We cannot guarantee where the capital leasing properties will be, as we are at the beginning of the scheme and still in the process of acquiring properties, but it is a key aim to ensure properties are dispersed more equitably across the city.</p>	
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 will be included in the Building Stronger Communities Together Strategy 2023-26 action plans report in the new municipal year.	Shefali Kapoor Samiya Butt

## 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 **13 May 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
<b>Development and Growth</b>					
<b>To enter into a 20 year lease to support the delivery of homeless accommodation (2023/11/08A)</b>  To approve the Council entering into a twenty year	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 7th Dec 2023		Report of the Strategic Director (Growth & Development)	Richard Cohen, Strategic Lead - Development (South and East) richard.cohen@manchester.gov.uk

lease to support the delivery of homeless accommodation.					
<p><b>To enter into a 10 year lease to support the delivery of homeless accommodation. (2023/11/08B)</b></p> <p>To approve the Council entering into a 10 year lease to support the delivery of homeless accommodation.</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 7th Dec 2023		Report of the Strategic Director (Growth & Development)	Richard Cohen, Strategic Lead - Development (South and East) richard.cohen@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Neighbourhoods</b>					
<p><b>TC671 - Bikeability Cycling Training (2024/02/20A)</b></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</p>	Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	Not before 20th Mar 2024		Report & Recommendation	

training in England exclusively based on the National Standard for cycle training					
<p><b>The rate for temporary accommodation properties (2024/04/19A)</b></p> <p>To increase the rate for properties in temporary accommodation to reflect market conditions</p>	Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	Not before 19th May 2024		Commercially Sensitive	
<p><b>TC983 - City-Wide Advice Service (2024/04/29A)</b></p> <p>Approval of contract award for the city-wide advice service</p>	Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	Not before 10th Jun 2024		Contract report	Anna Thorogood, Commissioning Manager - Homelessness annathorogood@manchester.gov.uk

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

**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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