

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board – 5 June 2024

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

**Report of:** Director of Public Health

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**Summary**

This report provides a progress update on two key elements of the Making Manchester Fairer Action Plan:

- (i) The implementation and delivery of the Making Manchester Fairer Kickstarter Scheme - Improving Health Equity for Children and Young People - Young People's Element
- (ii) Making Manchester Fairer Theme 6 Update – Places, Transport and Climate Change: Improving our surroundings, the environment where we live, transport and tackling climate change

**Recommendations**

The Board is asked to:

- Note progress made on the implementation and delivery of the MMF Kickstarter scheme to date.
  - Note the progress made on the delivery of Theme 6 actions in the last twelve months.
  - Feedback on Theme 6 identified priorities for 2024/25.
  - Share any specific suggestions and ideas for Theme 6 priorities based on the existing knowledge of the city and challenges facing our communities.
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**Wards Affected:** ALL

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| <b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b> - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city                              | The Making Manchester Fairer Action Plans Theme 6: Places, Transport and Climate Change contributes to improving our surroundings, the environment where we live, transport and tackling climate and ultimately the cities zero carbon target. |
| <b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion</b> - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments | All Kickstarter models featured in the report have completed an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) with the focus on improving health equity for the target population groups.  |

| <b>Manchester Strategy outcomes</b>   | <b>Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS/Contribution to the Strategy</b>   |
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| A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities | <p>There is a recognition that Covid-19 has had a disproportionate impact on certain communities in our city. In delivering Making Manchester Fairer we will address the health inequalities that have been exacerbated by the Pandemic and the Cost of Living Crisis.</p> <p>The plan, sets out how we will build on the strengths of Manchester as a city and the amount of work that is already taking place to improve lives for residents, reflecting the OMS outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Progressive and Equitable City: We will strive to create a truly equal and inclusive city, where everyone can thrive at all stages of their life, and quickly and easily reach support to get back on track when needed.</li> <li>• A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success</li> <li>• A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work</li> </ul> |
| A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success                   |  |
| A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities    |  |
| A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work                                      |  |
| A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth                                     |  |

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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

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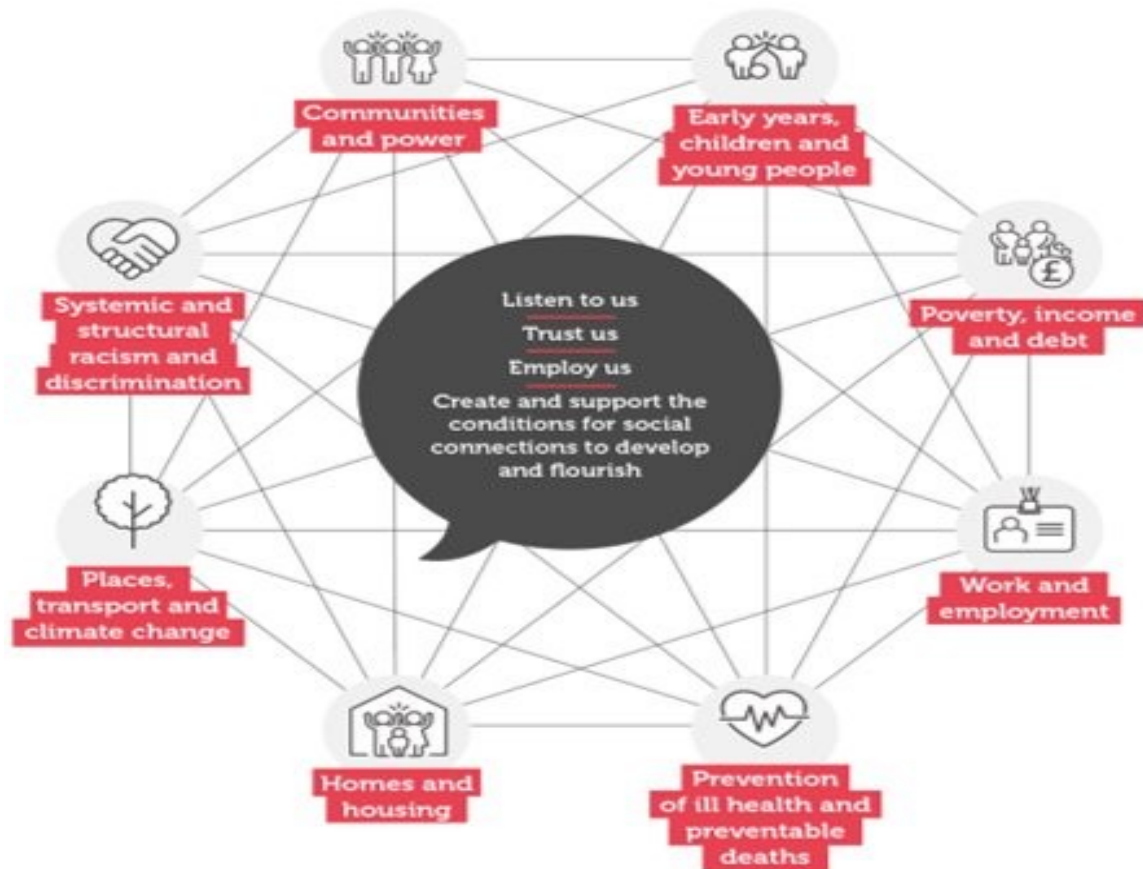
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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Making Manchester Fairer (MMF) is Manchester City Council's five-year action plan to address health inequalities in the city focusing on the social determinants of health.
- 1.2 The delivery of Making Manchester Fairer can be summarised by its eight themes, four ways of involving communities and six principles that underpin the way the programme will be delivered.

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



\*Based on insight from community group engagement

- 1.3 The six principles are:
- 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.

- 1.4 The plan is broad and ambitious plan that will take time to get underway and deliver well. In recognition of that, a number of Kickstarter schemes were identified to 'kickstart' delivery of the plan with a focus on improving health equity, exemplifying the MMF principles and building momentum for the plan's delivery whilst the detail of the broader approach takes shape.
- 1.5 An update was provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2023 on:
- (i) Improving Health Equity for Children and Young People - children's element
  - (ii) Early Help for Adults Experiencing Multiple and Complex Disadvantage. This report will provide an update on the Improving Health Equity for Children and Young People – Young People's element

## **2.0 Improving Health Equity for Children and Young People – Young People's Kickstarter Scheme**

- 2.1 The Young People's Kickstarter scheme proposal was approved by the MMF Board in July of 2023, further to changes that had been made since the initial proposal in May 2023. Leadership of the Kickstarter sits within the Public Health Department, with the Making Manchester Fairer Programme Management Team overseeing and supporting delivery.
- 2.2 Ongoing engagement with senior stakeholders within Manchester City Council (MCC) has identified that the city is currently experiencing significant challenges in terms of prevention, early intervention and treatment for children and young people (CYP) experiencing poor mental health and wellbeing. These challenges are affecting a range of organisations within the health, care, and education systems; alongside the direct impact they are having on CYP and their families.
- 2.3 The Kickstarter is relatively small in scale, with an overall budget of £445,000 for a twelve-month period, with no guarantee yet that further funding will be available after this period. Within these limitations, the Kickstarter aims, in a very targeted way, to reduce inequalities in mental health and wellbeing support for CYP by a) building capacity within the CYP's workforce to effectively support marginalised children and young people who are experiencing poor mental health and wellbeing, b) supporting mental health and wellbeing amongst some of the most marginalised and vulnerable CYP in the city, and c) informing the future strategy for CYP mental health and wellbeing.

## **3.0 Why do we need a young people's Kickstarter Scheme that focuses on mental health and wellbeing?**

- 3.1. CYP mental health and wellbeing was originally identified as a priority for the first round of MMF Kickstarter schemes as it was recognised that:
- Across the CYP population nationally and locally, the prevalence of poor mental health and wellbeing was increasing, as were challenges in accessing support and treatment for mental ill-health

- The COVID-19 pandemic had a substantial impact on CYP, particularly in terms of disruption to education and isolation, both of which can impact on mental health and wellbeing in the short and longer term
- Communities Impacted by Racial Inequalities were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which highlighted and compounded existing systemic inequities. Members of those communities consistently report issues with access to and experiences of mental health and wellbeing support and treatment
- Poverty, which has strongly evidenced links to poor mental health and wellbeing, was affecting nearly half of all CYP in Manchester; with the situation becoming worse as the 'cost-of-living crisis' intensified

3.2 These issues impact not only on CYP and their families, but also on the public, voluntary and community sector workforces, who are required to support more CYP in increasingly complex situations, with challenges for services from increased waiting lists, reduced resources, and staffing capacity and turnover.

3.3 Subsequent partnership conversations focusing on CYP mental health (e.g., CYP mental health round table discussions, and mental wellbeing plan listening events) have identified further challenges for the system, including:

- Pressure on NHS CYP services due to increased demand for mental health and learning disability/neurodevelopmental diagnosis and treatment.
- Pressure on VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) services due to increased demand from communities who do not feel they can trust statutory (i.e., NHS) services, and because of high thresholds for NHS treatment and support.
- Challenges for practitioners in 'non-specialist' settings (e.g. schools, youth services, community groups) in effectively and safely supporting young people experiencing poor mental health and wellbeing, including those awaiting treatment and support.
- The need for an increased focus on preventing mental ill-health and building resilience, including through addressing underlying social determinants and the inequalities that lead to poor mental health and wellbeing for some groups.
- The voices of CYP and communities with lived experience, which have identified challenges with stigma around mental health and wellbeing and accessing NHS mental health services (e.g. many CYP from marginalised communities prefer to seek mental health support from the VCSE sector).

#### **4.0 The current picture of CYP mental health and wellbeing**

4.1 The diagram below summarises the types of support that are currently available for CYP with mental health and wellbeing needs. As noted in section 5, substantial issues have been reported regarding the overall capacity of the system, compounded by increasing levels of demand for services and the systemic inequities which mean that some communities are less able to access the support that they need.

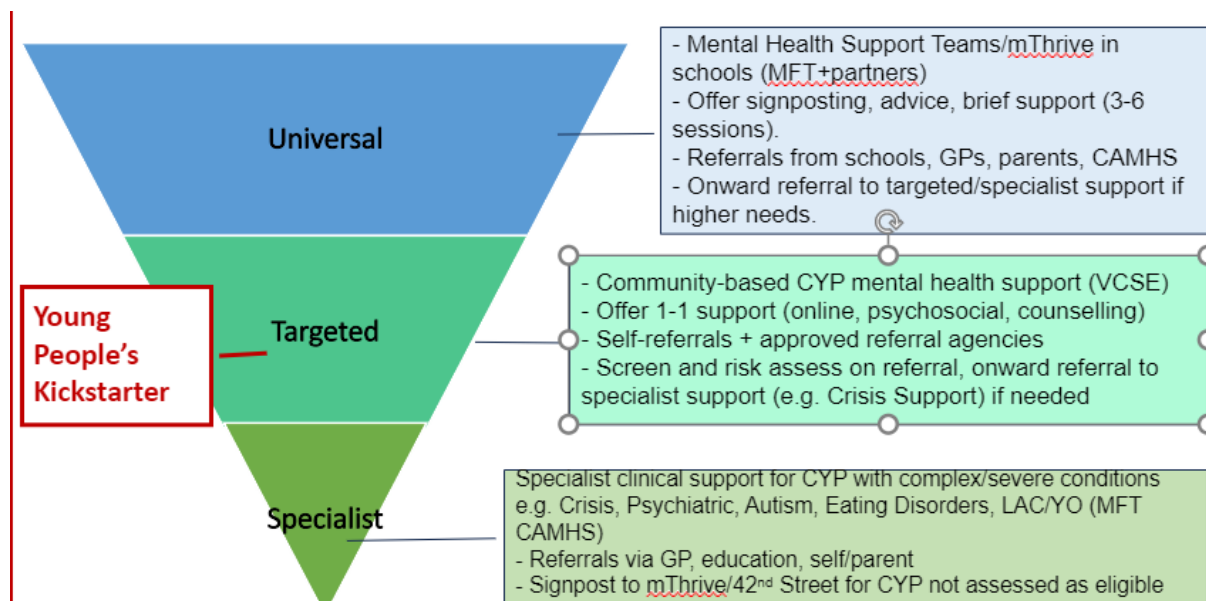


Figure 2: Current support available to CYP with mental health and wellbeing needs

4.2 It is recognised that this Kickstarter alone cannot resolve the current issues with capacity, demand and inequalities, however the scheme will provide further insight to support wider discussions taking place to address these challenges in a more sustainable way. Meanwhile, a substantial number of CYP from marginalised communities and disadvantaged communities are currently experiencing existing inequities being compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis.

4.3 The purpose of the Kickstarter is to give CYP in Manchester who are already experiencing the impact of these inequalities and inequities on their mental health and wellbeing the support that they need to improve their life chances. It is also an opportunity learn and build evidence for longer-term strategic approaches to reduce inequities in CYP mental health and wellbeing in the city.

## 5.0 Young People's Kickstarter Scheme: approach and priorities

5.1 The total budget available for the Kickstarter is £445,000. As with the other MMF Kickstarter schemes, part of the funding is allocated for project management and coordination, and evaluation. This leaves approximately £360,000 available for service delivery, over a twelve-month period.

Delivery will be focused on the following areas:

- a) Building skills and capacity in community-based organisations to strengthen the support they can provide to CYP experiencing poor mental health and wellbeing (at current funding levels, there is the capacity to train around 200 CYP practitioners to develop new skills in supporting CYP with mental health needs)
- b) Provide targeted community-based mental health and wellbeing

support to CYP from marginalised communities (e.g. CYP from racially minoritised and LGBTQ+ communities, CYP living in poverty or care experienced CYP) who are currently experiencing poor mental health and wellbeing (at current funding levels, there is capacity to support up to 550 CYP who would not otherwise be receiving any support)

- 5.2 In addition, the Public Health Department is providing funding in 2024/25 to increase capacity within the Be Well service, to support CYP from marginalised communities through social prescribing and connecting with other community wellbeing support. This service is available to CYP who are receiving mental health and wellbeing support through the Kickstarter, to CYP who are not eligible to access Kickstarter support but who need wellbeing support, and to their families through the wider Be Well service which offers a range of 'social determinants' and wellbeing support (e.g., advice services, support to remain in or return to employment, health coaching, connecting to community support). The Be Well service has an excellent track record of engaging marginalised communities in support, and of improving wellbeing outcomes across a range of domains.

## **6. Implementation and delivery of the Young People's Kickstarter to date**

- 6.1 In October 2023, a Project Manager was recruited to oversee delivery of the Kickstarter; this is a Manchester City Council post based with the Public Health Department's Making Manchester Fairer Programme Team. The postholder is leading on the commissioning and performance management of the capacity-building programme and community-based CYP mental health and wellbeing support provision and the commissioning and project management of external evaluation for the Kickstarter.

### ***Capacity building and skills development***

- 6.2 42<sup>nd</sup> Street have been commissioned to design and deliver a twelve-month modular training programme which will be delivered to VCSE organisations that are providing support to young people aged 13-18 (including ages 18 to 24 for people with Special Education Needs and Disabilities) from marginalised communities e.g., racially minoritised communities and those most impacted by Cost of Living crisis.
- 6.3 To develop and deliver the training, three Lived Experience Young Practitioners have been recruited and will receive specialist training and support to enable them to co-produce and co-deliver training alongside the experienced 42<sup>nd</sup> Street training practitioners. They have been employed at a Real Living Wage to work for two days per week. Alongside this, 42<sup>nd</sup> Street has undertaken a training needs consultation with VCSE partners across the city to develop a greater understanding of organisations, the communities they work with and within, and the specific needs of these communities. This work will inform and ensure the training programme is responsive to and reflects the specific needs of community practitioners.
- 6.4 All of the training options will give participants practical skills to begin to



explore emotional health and wellbeing, enabling young people to disclose their vulnerabilities in a safe space with a trusted adult who can practically support them and, if relevant, direct them to appropriate services so that the young person receives effective early intervention.

6.5 All training will be delivered through a trauma-informed 'lens', empowering participants to embed trauma-informed practice in their workplaces, appropriate to the communities with whom they are working.

6.6 There are four distinct elements to the training offer:

- 132 practitioners (both paid and voluntary - youth workers, faith-based workers, 'grassroots' community workers within the VCSE and youth sector) will receive training on how to support young people with mental health needs safely and effectively (including safeguarding, suicide and self-harm, crisis de-escalation). It will provide both knowledge and practical skills and techniques to enable practitioners to support young people to be safer, including:
  - Early signs and causes of mental health difficulties – common mental health issues
  - Promoting early intervention and mental wellbeing (as a prevention tool) – theory and practice
  - Complex and contextual safeguarding
  - De-escalation of a crisis, including practical techniques
  - Managing difficult conversations
  - Managing anxiety (of those you're working with)
  - Working with young people who are suicidal and/or self-harm
  - Attachment theory, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Generational and Community Trauma, Trauma-responsive practice
  - Identity/community specific support (e.g. for LGBTQ+ young people, for specific minoritised communities within Manchester)
  - Staff boundaries – 'burnout' and self-care.
- 10 VCSE leaders and managers will receive training and coaching to support them to develop safe and effective organisational approaches to supporting young people with mental health needs (including workforce wellbeing and support). Participants will explore best practice in embedding trauma-informed practice within and throughout the workplace, including:
  - Complex and contextual safeguarding practices
  - Understanding of community and generational trauma and how this impacts different communities
  - How to best promote wellbeing across the workplace
  - Understanding vicarious trauma and its impact on the workforce
  - Staff supervision (models and theory)
- 40 VCSE CYP practitioners will receive training in supporting CYP's emotional and mental health and wellbeing through creative activities. This will enable them to use art and creativity as a way of supporting young people's emotional health and wellbeing. The focus will be on

the process itself (rather than the finished product) and what the art 'piece' invokes in the young person. This can give young people language and voice without having to vocalise their challenges/issues directly.

- 25 VCSE CYP practitioners will receive training to provide on-line support for CYP hosted on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street's own online platform. Participating organisations can then be hosted on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street's own online platform (rather than having to set up or purchase their own). The platform includes support around safeguarding practice including operating within escalation processes and protocols. This will include:
  - How to work online (rather than in-person)
  - Managing difficult conversations online
  - Managing anxiety online
  - Safeguarding and escalation processes and protocols for online services

- 6.7 The Young Practitioners have now completed their induction and specialist training and are in the process of co-producing the practitioner and leader/manager training with the existing training team. The delivery of the practitioner and leader/manager elements is likely to start in July. The working creatively and online elements of the training offer are in the process of booking places and delivery will commence shortly.
- 6.8 All the training will be evaluated, and learning will be tracked by revisiting participants to measure the impact of the training when they first receive it and up to six months later.

### ***Mental health and wellbeing support for marginalised young people***

- 6.9 The purpose of this element of the scheme is to provide targeted support to the young people who would be most at risk of long-term poor outcomes. This support will be tailored to their particular needs and circumstances, and aims to improve wellbeing, reduce the likelihood of their mental health and wellbeing becoming worse and improve their outcomes and opportunities.
- 6.10 42<sup>nd</sup> Street have been commissioned to provide mental health and wellbeing support to marginalised young people who require or are waiting to access mental health and wellbeing support:
- Kickstarter support is targeted to the groups of CYP where there are the highest levels of unmet need and/or challenges in accessing other services, these are; CYP from racially minoritised communities, CYP who are LGBTQ+, CYP impacted by poverty, care-experienced CYP
  - CYP are offered Kickstarter support based on an assessment of their mental health needs and wider circumstances. They can be offered this support if they meet one or more of the above criteria, but do not have to meet all the criteria to receive support
  - All CYP referred to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street are initially screened for eligibility and risk levels (and referred to Crisis Support if needed), with a fuller assessment taking place within 2 months of referral, at which point CYP join waiting lists for 1-1 counselling, psychosocial support, or

online support.

- Outcomes for CYP receiving Kickstarter support are recorded through the Clinical Outcomes in Routine Evaluation (CORE) monitoring tool, which is a self-reported 10-question measure used regularly throughout a CYP's involvement with 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, to support the monitoring of change and outcomes. Kickstarter data (including demographic data on the CYP who are accessing additional Kickstarter support, and outcomes from support) is being reported monthly/quarterly as part of the performance monitoring of the contract.

6.11 42<sup>nd</sup> Street began delivering Kickstarter support in November 2023 and are currently contracted to do so until mid-November 2024. Between the start of delivery of support in November 2023 and the end of April 2024, the following is a breakdown of the young people commencing Kickstarter support.

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| Total  | 93 |
| Of which:                                    |    |
| Lives in cost-of-living crisis priority ward | 58 |
| From a racially minoritised group            | 55 |
| Identifies as LGBTQ+                         | 48 |
| Has a disability                             | 15 |
| Self-referred                                | 50 |
| Has self-harmed                              | 17 |
| Had suicidal ideation                        | 33 |
| Has previously attempted suicide             | 12 |

6.12 All 93 are either a member of racially minoritised group, identify as LGBTQ+, live in an area of the city impacted by poverty or any combination of these, with 54 of them being in two or more categories. Appendix 1 provides case insights of two of the young people who have received the Kickstarter support.

6.13 In addition to those commencing support, a further 103 have (to date) been identified as eligible for Kickstarter support and will commence this as Kickstarter practitioner caseloads allow (i.e. when others complete their support). This process will continue throughout the duration of the project. Attached in appendix 2 is the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street process map for general and Kickstarter support.

## 7.0 Evaluation

7.1 Each element of the Kickstarter will be evaluated as with all Making

Manchester Fairer themes and projects. Part of this will take the form of a Social Return on Investment (SROI) process. In addition to the monthly metric reporting and quarterly qualitative reporting provided by 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, some qualitative evaluation work is also being carried out with members of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street staff team. This will enable us to gain an insight into their perspectives on the impact of inequalities on the young people with whom they are working, and on the targeted nature of the Kickstarter support.

- 7.2 The process of commissioning an independent evaluation of the capacity-building training element of the Kickstarter is underway, this will determine what works well and will inform future project proposals.

## **8. CYP mental health and wellbeing – challenges and sustainability**

- 8.1 The innovation in the approach taken by the Kickstarter comes from its focus on identifying and responding to the specific mental health and wellbeing needs of marginalised and disadvantaged communities in order to reduce the inequalities between those groups and the population as a whole. These are complex issues, requiring ongoing dialogue with communities, and a commitment to understanding and responding to their lived experiences and expressed needs. They will not be resolved within the twelve-month initial delivery period of the Kickstarter, nevertheless the Kickstarter represents an opportunity to understand the impact of these issues on CYP within those communities and use that learning to develop longer term responses whilst starting to have an impact on inequalities.
- 8.2 The role of schools and other education services is key to building a mental health and wellbeing system that supports CYP and their families, although it should be noted that many CYP do not currently feel that they can seek the support they need solely through these channels. The Department for Education has provided significant investment to set up Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) in up to 50% of schools nationally by the end of the 2023/24 academic year and made funding available to all eligible state-funded schools and colleges in England. This is for a senior mental health lead to be trained. Future funding arrangements are not yet clear. It is recognised that there remain inequalities and challenges of access, capacity and trust within the mental health and wellbeing 'schools offer' across the city. Conversations are underway to understand these issues in more detail and identify how the limited 'capacity building' resource currently available through the Kickstarter might be able to support a targeted offer to some schools that serve the most marginalised/disadvantaged communities in the city. Work is already under way to identify any issues and gaps in schools' coverage for mental health support in the most disadvantaged wards in the city, this will be followed by Kickstarter engagement with key stakeholders in each of those schools, including identifying where referral pathways for CYP mental health and wellbeing support can be strengthened.
- 8.3 The Public Health Department has worked with a range of partners across the city to develop an all-age mental wellbeing framework for preventing mental ill-health and supporting good mental health and wellbeing across the

population. The framework focuses on prevention, to address the risk factors for poor mental health, improve the circumstances of people who are struggling, reducing inequalities in mental health and wellbeing. Learning from delivery of the Kickstarter scheme, has provided invaluable feedback on priorities and action areas for this longer-term mental wellbeing approach.

## **9.0. Theme 6 Update– Places, Transport and Climate Change: Improving our surroundings, the environment where we live, transport and tackling climate change**

9.1 Theme 6 of the Making Manchester Fairer Action Plan is relatively broad in scope with an overarching focus on ‘Improving our surroundings, the environment where we live, transport and tackling climate change’. The key objectives are to:

- i. Build evidence of the impact good green space has on health; prioritise provision of new/improved green space based on vulnerability to climate change and health inequalities. Increase understanding of cultural, social and accessibility barriers which prevent people using green spaces by researching access and use by people from different races, cultures & religions; strengthen Green Infrastructure and Parks strategies by targeting interventions at high-risk wards.
- ii. Work with TfGM to improve walking and cycling infrastructure, targeting less connected areas with high health inequalities. Listen to local people to support decarbonisation of transport through innovation, new solutions and policies supported through the Citywide Active Travel Strategy. Work with businesses and residents on incentives to encourage use of public transport. Adopt Fifteen Minute City principles and reduce speed limits in residential areas.
- iii. Monitor and evaluate actions to improve air quality & resulting health outcomes. Give early warning of air quality breaches to neighbourhoods, targeted at those most vulnerable to asthma and respiratory illness. Monitor inequality resulting from exposure to poor air quality and deliver action through implementation of the Clean Air Plan.
- iv. Produce a Heatwave Plan including a hot weather warning system to help communicate effects of heatwaves and what residents can do to reduce them.
- v. Map risk and vulnerability to climate change and health inequalities and demonstrate the impact of climate change on health; monitor progress and target those most at risk and support a just and equitable transition to becoming zero carbon. Clearly outline, monitor and evaluate public health outcomes for those most at risk, helping reduce the impact of flooding, fuel poverty, excess winter deaths and the ‘urban heat island’ effect.
- vi. Ensure all city strategies put climate change and health equity at the heart of planning.

9.2 The approach to Theme 6 has been to jointly coordinate action between the Council and Manchester Climate Change Agency and build a virtual team, whilst recognising that a significant amount of work is already underway across the Council and city on delivering improvements to place, climate and

transport. As such, the focus has been to prioritise actions which have a real focus on driving improvements in health inequalities. The following section summarises the areas of progress over the last twelve months.

### **Recent progress against key objectives:**

9.3 'Ensure all city strategies put climate change and health equity at the heart of planning.'

- A new Council [Strategy Development Toolkit](#) has been developed and published on the Intranet. Making Manchester Fairer is linked in the guidance under the project initiation and scoping stage. Extract below: "Review existing Council and/or GMCA strategies to identify overlaps and connections with existing priorities. Key strategies to consider include Council strategies (such as [Our Manchester Strategy](#), or [Making Manchester Fairer](#)) and GMCA strategies (such as Greater Manchester Strategy, International Strategy, or Digital Blueprint)."
- Investing in Success: An Economic Strategy for Manchester was launched in December 2024 and includes 'zero carbon and resilient' as one of the 5 themes.
- The Our Manchester Strategy 2025-2035 process is underway with health equity and climate change at the heart of the planning and engagement work, underpinned by MMF work and evidence.

9.4 'Use existing and new evidence to inform decision making on new and improved green spaces in the Green and Blue Infrastructure Board and specifically within the implementation of the Green and Blue Infrastructure Refresh, Parks Strategy and growth and development projects.'

- Assessment of all open space in Manchester undertaken by Knight, Kavanagh and Page as part of Local Plan evidence base.
- Health inequalities data taken into consideration when reviewing local sites for Biodiversity Net Gain.
- University of Manchester engaged to understand existing studies into barriers to access.
- New Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy will be initiated within the next twelve months.
- Parks Delivery Plan finalised - health inequality, inclusion and equality considered as a key challenge. Draft proposals include accessibility standard and plan alongside an Age-Friendly standard.
- Changing place toilets being installed in Heaton Park and Wythenshawe Park with adult size change benches, shower with hoist and space for carers.

9.5 'Scope options for a vulnerability assessment to climate change with particular emphasis on the intersection with health inequalities. Link this work up with wider work to deliver the Manchester Climate Change Framework and produce a Manchester Adaptation Plan.'

- Met Office Heat Pack and Story Map developed and published. The analysis shows future trends and assesses climate vulnerability across the city's wards.
- Workshops being delivered across all Council directorates March-July 2024 to inform the Plan. Content will include risk and vulnerability information with mapping and data including the Met Office Heat Pack.
- Council signed up to Department of Environment Farming and Rural Affairs Adaptation Reporting Power (ARP4) adaptation and resilience reporting pilot with report and action plan to be submitted by December 2024.
- Work will inform the next Council Climate Change Action Plan and a Manchester wide Adaptation and Resilience Plan.

#### 9.6 'Establish a Public Health Climate Change Working Group'

- A Public Health and Climate Change Working Group has been established, and the terms of reference and the governance structure through which any workstreams will be reported has been formalised.
- Priorities and objectives of the working group have been agreed based on actions outlined in the health effects of climate change report submitted to Health Scrutiny Committee in December 2023.
- The key areas of focus for the group are:
  - adverse weather events
  - air quality
  - climate adaptation.

#### 9.7 'Development of a Manchester City Council Adverse Weather Health Plan'

- Following attendance at the recent GMCA climate adaptation and extreme heat workshops, work has begun to pull together the first draft of a heatwave plan for Manchester.
- This will be combined with extreme cold and flood plans to form a singular Adverse Weather Health Plan.
- The aim of the Adverse Weather Health Plan is to protect individuals and communities in Manchester from the health effects of adverse weather, and to build community resilience to adverse weather events.
- The plan will outline actions required by the Council and key partners to prepare for adverse weather events as well as consider the actions required during and after adverse weather events, to minimise the harm experienced by Manchester residents.
- The plan will specifically consider Manchester's most vulnerable residents to prevent the exacerbation of health inequalities due to adverse weather events.

#### 9.8 'Air quality and clean air practices'

- Communications (information leaflets and posters) have been approved and will now be disseminated to GP practices across the city.
- These communications will help support GPs to encourage patients to sign up to air quality alerts as part of the roll out of the Clean Air Practices initiative.

- The hope is this initiative will support Manchester residents to be informed about outdoor air quality in their local area and empower them to take steps to minimise their exposure if they are at higher risk of experiencing harm from air pollution.

9.9 'Ensuring health inequalities and residents views are taken into account in decision making to design and deliver new projects/improvements in the Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan (MAT SIP).'  
Prioritisation:

- Prioritisation tool developed to shape future projects based on deprivation and inequality.
- Progressing with Wythenshawe Active Travel Study to identify priorities for intervention in wards with current high Indices of Multiple Deprivation and poorer health outcomes.

Schemes:

- £3.59m funding for Levenshulme Active Neighbourhood scheme.
- £1.36m for delivery of Ancoats Streets for All.
- Share of £1.25m for further feasibility/development of Sandhills Metrolink stop.
- £2.15m for Transforming Deansgate.
- Council funded element of Levenshulme and Burnage Active Neighbourhood being delivered.
- Ancoats Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) trial scheme commenced February 2024.

9.10 'Progressing new community-led projects via In Our Nature'

- Commitment to deliver 50 community-led projects by 2025 addressing six areas for action: transport, homes and buildings, energy, food, things we buy and throw away, green and blue infrastructure.
- Transport/active travel projects are currently focused in central/south Manchester, food growing in the centre and urban greening spread throughout.
- Improving use of cycling facilities at St Margaret's Centre in Chorlton Park.
- Expanding capacity/training at No.93 bike hub in Harpurhey.
- Supporting community involvement in infrastructure development of walking/cycling routes in Gorton and Abbey Hey (Yellow Brick Road walkway).
- Increasing confidence in using public transport across Manchester by organising groups trips/training e.g. funding 'Flavours from Manchester' a community group who organised weekly public transport journeys. The project aimed to address barriers towards using public transport amongst a diverse network of communities in south Manchester, helping reduce carbon emissions by giving participants the confidence to choose low-carbon forms of travel more frequently and leave the car at home.

9.11 'Developing ward level carbon footprints'



- Carbon footprints have been developed based on energy-use and transport related emissions for each ward in Manchester using the most up-to-date data available. 10 are currently available online.
- Footprints are being shared with community groups to inform project-co design
- Each footprint also highlights the coverage, frequency and reliability of public transport in individual wards, based on GMCA data.
- The hope is that these local carbon footprints can help Manchester's residents understand where their climate actions will make the biggest difference, help to shape community-led initiatives and used alongside [In Our Nature's Resource Hub](#), help make Manchester a greener, healthier and more connected city.

## **Theme 6 Priorities for 2024/25**

9.12 Theme 6 is a broad area with much of the work being driven outside of MMF. A core focus on what is being done differently because of MMF/health inequalities intelligence needs to be maintained. The draft priorities are:

- Delivery of next round of In Our Nature projects.
- Finalising work on adaptation and resilience.
- Delivery of health initiatives including adverse weather plans and clean air practices.
- Focusing on access and barriers to green spaces, delivery and future pipeline of active travel programme through a rigorous health inequalities lens.
- Inter-connectivity with other MMF Themes e.g. Communities and Power.

## **10. Summary and Recommendations**

10.1 This paper has provided a progress update on the MMF Young People's Kickstarter schemes and Theme 6 Update– Places, Transport and Climate Change: Improving our surroundings, the environment where we live, transport and tackling climate change.

10.2 The Board is asked to:

- Note progress made on the implementation and delivery of the MMF Young Peoples Kickstarter scheme so far.
- Note the progress made on the delivery of Theme 6 actions in the last twelve months.
- Feedback on Theme 6 identified priorities for 2024/25.
- Share any specific suggestions and ideas for Theme 6 priorities based on the existing knowledge of the city and challenges facing our communities.

## Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Young People’s Kickstarter Case Insights
- Appendix 2 - 42<sup>nd</sup> Street process map for general and Kickstarter support.