

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 16 July 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 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
21 May 2024	Support for People Leaving Prison	That further information on the policies and risk and qualitative assessments undertaken at transitional accommodation be provided.	A response to this recommendation has been requested.	GM Probation Service
21 May 2024	Support for People Leaving Prison	That further information on the structures, governance arrangements and response criteria for CAS-3 accommodation provided.	A response to this recommendation has been requested.	GM Probation Service
21 May 2024	Support for People Leaving Prison	That further information on the work undertaken with young offenders to provide support upon release from custody be provided.	A response to this recommendation has been requested.	GM Probation Service
21 May 2024	Support for People Leaving Prison	That further information on the number of care leavers placed in CAS-3 accommodation be provided.	A response to this recommendation has been requested.	GM Probation Service
21 May 2024	Support for People Leaving Prison	That further information on the number of CAS-3 and AfEO	A response to this recommendation has been requested.	GM Probation Service

		accommodation units within each ward in Manchester be provided.		
21 May 2024	Update on recommendations made by Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Task and Finish Group	That a further update be provided on the use of body cameras for Out-of-Hours staff, including rationale as to why this recommendation of the Task and Finish Group was not accepted, within the next 2 months.	Further information will be submitted to the Task and Finish Group with regard to the background to the decision in the next 2 months. This is being worked on and is expected to be ready by July.	Sam Stabler
25 June 2024	Equality Objectives Report (2024-2028) Year 1 Delivery Plan	That a group be established to monitor the impact of the delivery plan, particularly on residents most impacted by the work, and that a timeline for the development of this be provided to the committee.	A response to this recommendation has been requested.	Sharmila Kar
25 June 2024	Equality Objectives Report (2024-2028) Year 1 Delivery Plan	That a series of interim measures and milestones be developed to identify progress with the culture change required to embed Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity (EDI) principles across the Council.	A response to this recommendation has been requested.	Sharmila Kar
25 June 2024	Manchester Volunteer Inspire Programme (MCRVIP)	That a report on the development of an incentives offer for volunteers be provided to the committee when available.	A response to this recommendation has been requested.	Shefali Kapoor

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 **8 July 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
TC671 - Bikeability Cycling Training (2024/02/20A) The appointment of Provider for Manchester City Council, subject to grant funding being made available from Active Travel England (ATE), The	Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	Not before 20th Mar 2024		Report & Recommendation	

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

Tuesday 16 July 2024, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 4 July 2024)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
A New 'Our Manchester Strategy' 2025-2035	To receive a report on the development of the new Our Manchester Strategy 2025-2035, with particular focus on engagement and emerging messages and themes from public and stakeholder consultation.	Councillor Craig	James Binks Peter Norris	To be considered by all Scrutiny Committees.
Advice Services Update	To receive a report on the advice services within Manchester and the range of provision across the city with information on the outcomes achieved through the advice contracts that the Council commissions and the offer of other advice providers.	Councillor Midgley	Rob McCartney Nicola Rea	See minutes of the meeting on 10 January 2023.
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. The committee requests that this be demonstrated through a RAG rating. The committee has requested that this report also includes information on recruitment to the Assembly and communications.	Councillor T Robinson	Cordelle Ofori Philip Bradley Naomi Davies	See December 2023 minutes.
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Scrutiny Support	

Tuesday 3 September 2024, 2.00pm (Report deadline Wednesday 21 August 2024 to account for Bank Holiday)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Homelessness Service Update	To receive an update report on the wider work of the Homelessness Service, including call handler capacity, call wait times, communications to those at risk of homelessness, how residents can access commissioned services e.g. Shelter and information on the Winter Provision for 2023/24 and for 2024/25 (to be appended to the report for clarity).	Councillor Midgley	Rob McCartney Nicola Rea	
Domestic Violence and Homelessness	To receive a specific report on the work undertaken to address people presenting as homeless due to domestic violence, particularly amongst protected characteristic groups.	Councillor Midgley	Rob McCartney Nicola Rea Sam Stabler	See October 2023 minutes.
Our Manchester Voluntary and Community Sector (OMVCS) Annual Report	To receive an update on the outcomes from the first of three years of the new Our Manchester Voluntary and Community Sector (OMVCS) grant programme.	Councillor Midgley	James Binks Keiran Barnes	
VCSE Infrastructure Contract Quarter 4 Update	To receive an update on the performance of the VCSE Infrastructure Contract as requested by the Committee. The committee requests that this be demonstrated through a RAG rating.	Councillor Midgley	James Binks Keiran Barnes	See December 2023 minutes.
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information, including a quarterly update on crime statistics for noting.	-	Scrutiny Support	

Tuesday 8 October 2024, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 26 September 2024)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Our Manchester Strategy 2025-2035	To receive the draft Our Manchester Strategy 2025-2035.	Councillor Craig	James Binks Peter Norris	To be considered by all Scrutiny Committees.
Building Stronger Communities Together Strategy 2023-26 Action Plans	To receive a report on the development and key priorities of action plans arising from the Building Stronger Communities Together Strategy 2023-26.	Councillor Midgley	Shefali Kapoor Samiya Butt	See October 2023 minutes.
Making Manchester Fairer	To receive a report on the themes of communities and power and tackling structural racism and discrimination within the Making Manchester Fairer programme and what community engagement is undertaken on this.	Councillor Midgley	Cordelle Ofori Sharmila Kar Shefali Kapoor	
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Tuesday 5 November 2024, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 24 October 2024)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Migration	To receive a report on the support provided to migrants arriving and living in Manchester, including the challenges experienced and positive impacts for the city.	Councillor Midgley	Rob McCartney Nicola Rea	See May 2023 minutes.
Violence Against Women and Girls	To receive a report on the work being undertaken to address violence against women and girls, with particular reference to tackling female genital mutilation (FGM).	Councillor Midgley	Neil Fairlamb Sam Stabler	
2025/26 Budget Proposals	To receive a report outlining the budget position for 2025/26 and progress in reaching a balanced budget, including preliminary savings and investment options.	Councillor Akbar Councillor Bridges Councillor Midgley Councillor Hacking Councillor Igbon	Tom Wilkinson Neil Fairlamb	
VCSE Infrastructure Contract Quarter 1 Update	To receive an update on the VCSE Infrastructure Contract as requested by the Committee. The committee requests that this be demonstrated through a RAG rating. Based on areas for concern, areas for improvement and areas of good progress.	Councillor Midgley	James Binks Keiran Barnes	See December 2023 minutes.
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's	-	Scrutiny Support	

	work programme and any items for information, including a quarterly update on crime statistics for noting.			
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Tuesday 3 December 2024, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 21 November 2024)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Crime and Policing	Following the item considered at the January 2023 meeting, to receive a further update on crime and policing in Manchester, including issues; areas for improvement; communications work; public confidence levels; changes in Neighbourhood Policing shift patterns and the rationale behind this; GMP's journey to improvement; and statistics on crime levels across the city.	Councillor Bridges	Neil Fairlamb Sam Stabler	Invite guests from GMCA and GMP.
Community Safety Partnership Overview	To receive an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership since the last report in November 2023, including progress with the Community Safety Strategy; outcomes; deliverability of priorities and objectives; and how these were monitored. Information on bonfire and water safety and violence and aggression toward emergency services workers has also been requested. Feedback from T&F Group.	Councillor Bridges	Neil Fairlamb Sam Stabler	
Serious Violence Update	To receive an update on the progress made on developing Manchester's approach to tackling serious violence, including progress on actions arising from the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) which took place in 2023.	Councillor Bridges	Neil Fairlamb Sam Stabler	
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Tuesday 14 January 2025, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 2 January 2025)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Age Friendly Manchester Strategy and Delivery Plan Deep-Dive	To undertake a 'deep dive' exercise into the Age Friendly Manchester Strategy and Delivery Plan, including the offer to older people. Members have requested that this includes benchmarks against other Core Cities.	Councillor T Robinson	Cordelle Ofori Phillip Bradley Naomi Davies	See December 2023 minutes.
VCSE Infrastructure Contract Quarter 2 Update	To receive an update on the VCSE Infrastructure Contract as requested by the Committee. The committee requests that this be demonstrated through a RAG rating. Based on areas for concern, areas for improvement and areas of good progress.	Councillor Midgley	James Binks Keiran Barnes	See December 2023 minutes.
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Tuesday 11 February 2025, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 30 January 2025)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Manchester Sport and Physical Activity Annual Update	To receive an update on progress that has been made by Manchester Active in the development and achievement of the Manchester Sport and Physical Activity Strategy. The committee requests that this report includes benchmarks against other Core Cities and, following the 2024 Paris Olympics, details on the number of Manchester-based athletes who have competed in the Olympic Games since Manchester hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2002.	Councillor Hacking	Neil Fairlamb Yvonne O'Malley	
European Capital of Cycling 2024 Annual Update	To receive an update on progress in 2024 in which Manchester has been European Capital of Cycling, with particular reference to progress with the BMX track at the National Cycling Centre and the uptake of young people in cycling.	Councillor Hacking Councillor Rawlins	Neil Fairlamb John Rooney Yvonne O'Malley Rob Scott	
2025/26 Budget	To receive a report outlining the budget position for 2025/26 and progress in reaching a balanced budget, including savings and investment options.	Councillor Akbar Councillor Rahman Councillor Midgley Councillor Hacking Councillor Igbon	Tom Wilkinson Neil Fairlamb	

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Tuesday 4 March 2025, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 20 February 2025)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Annual Public Sector Equality Duty Report 2024/25	To receive the draft Annual Public Sector Equality Duty Report, which details how the Council met its Public Sector Equality Duty in 2024/25, with an update on the delivery of the 2024-28 Equality Objectives and how progress is being monitored.	Councillor Midgley	Fiona Ledden Sharmila Kar	
Manchester Libraries Update	To receive an update on the work of the Libraries Strategy and to present future plans for the city's libraries. The committee requests that this report includes benchmarks against other Core Cities.	Councillor Hacking	Neil Fairlamb Neil MacInnes	
Digital Inclusion Update	To receive an update on the Council's digital inclusion work including the development and implementation of the Digital Inclusion Action Plan, since the last report to the committee in March 2024. The committee requests that this report includes benchmarks against other Core Cities and that it includes information on how online safety is promoted through Digital Inclusion work.	Councillor Hacking	Neil Fairlamb Neil MacInnes Philip Cooke	
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Items To Be Scheduled

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Building Stronger Communities Together Strategy Update	To receive a report that provides a 12-month update on progress of the Building Stronger Communities Together Strategy.	Councillor Midgley	Shefali Kapoor Samiya Butt	To come in 2025/26 municipal year.