

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee - 10 October 2024

**Subject:** Manchester Climate Change Partnership and Agency Impact Report 2023-24

**Report of:** Samantha Nicholson, Manchester Climate Change Agency

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**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to highlight the latest report which outlines the work of the Manchester Climate Change Partnership and its members, of which Manchester City Council is one, and of the Manchester Climate Change Agency between April 2023 and March 2024.

The report is attached to this paper and can be read here:

<https://www.manchesterclimate.com/impact-reports>

**Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the information in the report.

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**Wards Affected:** All

<b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b> - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city	The Partnership and Agency are responsible for setting the zero carbon targets for the city within the Manchester Climate Change Framework.
<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	Manchester's Climate Change Framework is underpinned by the principle of a just transition.

Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the Our Manchester Strategy/Contribution to the Strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	The transition to a zero-carbon, climate resilient city will help grow the local low carbon goods and services sector and create a more sustainable economy.
A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	Growing the green economy delivers new economic opportunities for home-grown talent and for highly skilled jobs.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	The Manchester Climate Change Framework is underpinned by the principle of a just transition.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	The core focus of the Partnership and Agency's activity is to help Manchester become a low carbon, climate resilient city.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	Well-connected and climate resilient infrastructure is key to ensuring a successful transition to a zero carbon city.

### Financial Consequences – Revenue

There are no financial consequences to the Revenue budget that arise from the content of this report.

### Financial Consequences – Capital

There are no financial consequences to the Capital budget that arise from the content of this report.

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### Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy, please contact one of the contact officers above.

- *Manchester Climate Change Framework (2022 Update):*  
<https://www.manchesterclimate.com/2022-update>

## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 The role of the Partnership is to work with the Agency to:

- **Set the climate change strategy and targets for the city**, within the Manchester Climate Change Framework
- **Champion climate action** to engage and inspire others to act
- **Convene and catalyse** organisations and individuals to work collaboratively towards Manchester's climate change goals
- **Report progress** towards the city's climate change goals
- **Position Manchester** as a leading city for climate action

1.2 The attached report is the second annual report outlining the work of the Partnership and Agency.

## 2.0 Background

2.1 Manchester Climate Change Partnership was established in 2018. Manchester City Council is a member of the Partnership and sits on the Partnership Board (Executive Member for Clean Air, Environment and Transport; Deputy Chief Executive; and Strategic Director for Growth and Development).

2.2 The Partnership has 26 core members, representing 122 organisations from across the public, private and voluntary/community sectors in Manchester. Collectively, they employ over 37,000 people and have a turnover of over £19billion in the UK alone.

2.3 Partnership members commit to taking urgent action within the scope of their own activities and to working collaboratively to help others in the wider Manchester community to take urgent climate action.

2.4 Manchester Climate Change Agency was established in 2015 and is a not-for-profit community interest company with an independent board of directors.

2.5 Together, the Partnership and Agency set the city's high-level climate change targets – to stay within a science-based carbon budget of 15million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> between 2018 and 2100, and to reach zero carbon by 2038 at the latest – these are contained within the Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25, and its 2022 Update, which can be found at: [www.manchesterclimate.com/content/2022-update](http://www.manchesterclimate.com/content/2022-update).

2.6 Manchester City Council's own climate change action plan is aligned to the city's science-based carbon budget and its zero carbon target date.

## 3.0 Contents of the Partnership and Agency Impact Report

3.1 The report highlights the key activities and impacts delivered between April 2023 and March 2024 by Manchester's Climate Change Partnership and Agency, organised across four strategic priorities:

- **Targets and Tracking:** Helping our city to set the right strategy and targets, and to understand its progress towards them.
- **Taking Action:** Helping our city to take action, learn from others and build on best practice.
- **A Fair Transition:** Supporting an inclusive, socially just transition to a zero carbon, climate resilient future.
- **Positioning Manchester:** Helping to position Manchester as a world class city for climate action.

3.2 The report also includes 28 success stories from across the Partnership and Agency to illustrate the breadth and depth of climate action being taken across our city.

3.3 Whilst a key focus of the report is to highlight the positive actions being taken, it does not shy away from stating that more urgent action, at scale, by all sectors, is needed to tackle the climate crisis, and that working in partnership is essential to ensuring our success in this endeavour.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the information in the report.

#### **5.0 Appendices**

5.1 Appendix 1: Manchester Climate Change Partnership and Agency Impact Report 2023-24.