

## **Manchester City Council Report for Information**

**Report to:** Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee – 16 January 2025

**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
- Items for Information

### **Recommendation**

The Committee is invited to discuss and note the information provided and agree the work programme.

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**Wards Affected:** All

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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.

None

## 1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report contains 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.

**There are no outstanding recommendations.**

## 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 **6 January 2025**, 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>Corporate Core</b>					
<p><b>Framework Agreement for the Provision of TC067 - Provision of Transportation for Officers and Members (2024/04/17A)</b></p> <p>The appointment of Providers to deliver Provision of Transportation for Officers and Members</p>	City Treasurer	Not before 17th May 2024		Report & Recommendation	Mike Worsley, Procurement Manager mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>TC1005 - Provision of Security Services (further competition against Crown Commercial Services Framework RM6257 - Lot 1 - Total Security) (2024/07/03B)</b></p> <p>To appoint a provider for security services.</p>	City Treasurer	Not before 31st Jul 2024		Report and recommendation	Louise Causley, Procurement Officer louise.causley@manchester.gov.uk, Steve Southern, Head of Facilities Management steven.southern@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>P-0200 Provision of the Managed Print Service and Multifunctional Devices (2024/10/17A)</b></p>	City Treasurer	Not before 14th Nov 2024		Contract Report	Lorna Carey, Senior ICT Project Manager lorna.carey@manchester.gov.uk

<p>To award a contract to a selected supplier for the provision of multifunctional print devices and associated print management services.</p>					
<p><b>Contract for the Provision of Microsoft Products and Associated Services. (2024/11/05A)</b></p> <p>The appointment of a Reseller for the provision of Microsoft licences across the Council estate, including support and maintenance, and other relevant services and products.</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Executive</p>	<p>Not before 5th Dec 2024</p>		<p>Report and Recommendation</p>	<p>Mary Lynch, Head of Programme Office mary.lynch@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Council Tax Balance for 2024/25 (2024/11/27A)</b></p> <p>Agree the estimated council tax surplus or deficit for 2024/25</p>	<p>City Treasurer</p>	<p>Not before 27th Dec 2024</p>		<p>Council Tax Balance report</p>	<p>Neil Doherty, Group Finance Lead - Revenue neil.doherty1@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Business Rates Balance for 2024/25 (2024/11/27B)</b></p> <p>Agree the estimated business rates surplus or</p>	<p>City Treasurer</p>	<p>Not before 27th Dec 2024</p>		<p>Business Rates Balance report</p>	<p>Neil Doherty, Group Finance Lead - Revenue neil.doherty1@manchester.gov.uk</p>

deficit for 2024/25					
<b>Council Tax Base for 2025/26 (2024/11/27C)</b>	City Treasurer	Not before 27th Dec 2024		Council Tax Base report	Neil Doherty, Group Finance Lead - Revenue neil.doherty1@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Business Rates Base for 2025/26 (2024/11/27D)</b>  To set the 2025/26 Business Rates Base	City Treasurer	Not before 27th Dec 2024		Business Rates Base report	Neil Doherty, Group Finance Lead - Revenue neil.doherty1@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Development and Growth</b>					
<b>Restructure of existing multiple ground leases at Manchester Science Park into a new overriding single head lease (2021/07/16A)</b>  Restructure of existing multiple ground leases at Manchester Science Park into a new overriding single head lease.	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 30th Sep 2024		Report and recommendations	Mike Robertson, Principal Development Surveyor mike.robertson@manchester.gov.uk
<b>Disposal of land at Hinchley Road, Charlestown, Manchester,</b>	Strategic Director (Growth and	Not before 21st Sep 2023		Report and Recommendation	

<p><b>M9 7FG (2023/08/21A)</b></p> <p>Approval to the freehold disposal of land at Hinchley Road for residential development.</p>	<p>Development)</p>				
<p><b>Disposal of Land at Lord North Street (2023/10/12A)</b></p> <p>To agree the disposal of land at Lord North Street on a 250-year leasehold interest to facilitate redevelopment for employment use.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 12th Nov 2023</p>		<p>Delegated Decision Report to Head of Development and Director of Strategic Housing &amp; Development</p>	
<p><b>Replacement of critical Business Application for Planning, Licensing and Building Control (2024/01/30A)</b></p> <p>To award funding to enable the purchase of a replacement critical line of business application to support the statutory services conducted by the Licensing, Planning and Land Charges departments and will also include replacing the address</p>	<p>City Treasurer</p>	<p>Not before 1st Jul 2024</p>		<p>Business Case</p>	<p>Andrew Blore, ICT Strategic Business Partner andrew.blore@manchester.gov.uk</p>

management system which provides address data to critical front line applications.					
<p><b>Lease Renewal of Licensed Premises Accommodation at Heron House, Manchester (2024/02/15A)</b></p> <p>Approval to renew Lease Agreement.</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 15th Mar 2024		Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development	Elliot Hines, Graduate Development Surveyor elliot.hines@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Disposal of part of Corn Exchange, Exchange Square, Manchester (2024/04/19B)</b></p> <p>Approval to the disposal of the Council's freehold interest to the majority landowner</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 1st Jun 2024		Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development	David Norbury, Strategic Lead Development City Centre david.norbury@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Acquisition of leasehold interest at Nicholls College Campus, Hyde Road, Ardwick (2024/09/02A)</b></p> <p>To acquire the leasehold interest of Nicholls College Campus.</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 2nd Oct 2024		Confidential Delegated Approval Report & Heads of Terms	Richard Cohen, Strategic Lead - Development (South and East) richard.cohen@manchester.gov.uk

<p><b>Former Gamecock Public House - Disposal of Leasehold (2024/09/09A)</b></p> <p>Disposal by long leasehold of the site for development</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 8th Oct 2024</p>		<p>Report &amp; Heads of Terms</p>	<p>Mike Robertson, Principal Development Surveyor mike.robertson@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Disposal of land at Elsa Rd, Manchester, M19 3JG (2024/10/08B)</b></p> <p>Approval of terms for disposal of land to facilitate affordable residential development.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 6th Nov 2024</p>		<p>Report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development</p>	<p>Jamie Ferguson, Development Surveyor jamie.ferguson@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Disposal of land at Peacock Center &amp; Pipewell Avenue (2024/11/05B)</b></p> <p>Approval to the terms for the freehold disposal of the land at Peacock Center and Pipewell Avenue for housing development.</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 5th Dec 2024</p>		<p>Report and Recommendation</p>	<p>Anthony Moore, Development Surveyor anthony.moore2@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p><b>Acquisition of leasehold interest at Wythenshawe District Centre (2024/11/13D)</b></p> <p>To approve the commercial</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Growth and Development)</p>	<p>Not before 11th Dec 2024</p>		<p>Confidential report to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development and the City Treasurer</p>	<p>Joe Martin, Senior Development Surveyor joe.martin@manchester.gov.uk</p>



terms for the acquisition of a leasehold interest at Wythenshawe District Centre to support the wider regeneration project					
<p><b>Disposal of Land and Property in Miles Platting (2024/11/19A)</b></p> <p>To approve the disposal of land and property within the Miles Platting area for social rented apartments.</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 17th Dec 2024			Georgia Buckley, Development Surveyor Georgia.buckley@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Disposal of Land in Clayton and Openshaw (2024/11/19B)</b></p> <p>To approve the disposal of land within the Clayton and Openshaw area for a Learning Disability and Autism scheme.</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 17th Dec 2024			Georgia Buckley, Development Surveyor Georgia.buckley@manchester.gov.uk
<p><b>Lease of land at Chester Road Roundabout for the purpose of 3 no. advertisement screens. (2024/12/05A)</b></p> <p>To approve a 10 year lease (with the option of a 5 year</p>	Strategic Director (Growth and Development)	Not before 5th Jan 2025		Delegated Decision Report	

extension) for land at  
Chester Road Roundabout

**Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme – January 2025**

**Thursday 16 January 2025, 10:00am (Report deadline Monday 6 January 2025)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Strategic Director/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Budget Settlement	To receive a report on the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement to outline the impact on the Council's budget position for 2025/26.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Tom Wilkinson Sam McArdle	
Exceptions to New Council Tax Premium on Second Homes	To receive a report on the proposed exceptions from the 100% premium to be charged on empty, furnished properties from 1 April 2025.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Lee Owen Charles Metcalfe	
Sales, Fees, and Charges	To review the Council's commercial activities through trading operations and the setting of fees and charges.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Tom Wilkinson Paul Hindle	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	N/A	Scrutiny Support	

**Thursday 13 February 2025, 10:00am (Report deadline Monday 3 February 2025)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Strategic Director/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Corporate Core Budget 2025/26	To receive and consider the final 2025/26 budget proposals that will go onto February Budget Executive and Scrutiny, and March Council.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Tom Wilkinson Paul Hindle	
Commercial Activity Update	To receive an overview of the performance of the portfolio of Council commercial activities including companies, Joint Ventures, loans, equity investments and development agreements.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources) Councillor White (Housing and Development)	Tom Wilkinson Sarah Narici David Lynch	<b>This report will be divided into a Part A and a Part B report.</b>
Advertising Income	To receive a report on the Council's income derived from advertising and its relationship with the Council's zero carbon ambitions.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Tom Wilkinson John Rooney	<b>This will be a Part B report. Invite Chair of ECCNSC.</b>
Social Value Policy	To consider an updated Social Value Policy, including a draft of the new policy and a summary of work and engagement activity undertaken to develop it.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources)	James Binks Peter Schofield Peter Norris Dee Lowry	<b>Deferred from December 2024 with Chair's agreement. Invite Chairs of ERSC and ECCNSC</b>
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's	N/A	Scrutiny Support	

	work programme and any items for information.			
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**Wednesday 26 February 2025, 10:00am BUDGET (Report deadline Friday 14 February 2025)**

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/Lead Officer	Comments
The Council's Budget 2025/26	To receive a suite of reports from all Scrutiny Committees on the budget proposals for 2025/26 subject to Executive and Council approval.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Tom Wilkinson Sam McArdle	

**Thursday 6 March 2025, 10:00am (Report deadline Monday 24 February 2025)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Strategic Director/Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Digital Strategy Update	To receive a report on the progress of the Council's Digital Strategy and its future direction, including alignment with the Manchester Strategy and benefits for Manchester and its residents.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Paul Marshall Chris Wanley Angela Harrington	<b>Deferred from Feb 2025 with Chair's agreement.</b>
Our Town Hall Project Progress Update	To receive a report that outlines progress made to date on the Council's restoration and refurbishment of Manchester Town Hall since the last report to the committee in October 2024.	Councillor Bridges (Deputy Leader) Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Paul Marshall Jared Allen Paul Candeleant	
Manchester Energy Network Medium-Term Business Plan	To receive the medium-term business plan from 1 April 2025 for the Manchester Energy Network Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), which is wholly owned by Manchester City Council.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources) Councillor Rawlins (Clean Air, Environment and Transport)	Tom Wilkinson Sarah Narici	<b>This will be a Part B report. Invite Chair of ECCNSC.</b>
Progress Made with Council Motions	To receive a report on progress made against the Council's agreed motions over the last 12 months.	Councillor Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Fiona Ledden	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations	N/A	Scrutiny	

	monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.		Support	
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#### **4. Items for information**

##### **RGSC/24/87 - Update on the insourcing of the contract for provision of property management and professional services from Jacobs UK**

##### **Are all TUPE'd staff now members of the Local Government Pension Scheme?**

Everyone in the Council's employment is enrolled into the Greater Manchester Pension Fund (GMPF). However, we cannot transfer a Defined Contribution (DC) scheme, such as the Jacobs private pension, into a Defined Benefit (DB) scheme such as GMPF. As this is not possible, those on Jacobs Pension schemes previously have started with a new pension account with GMPF, and their Jacobs pensions will have been frozen (for them to have been given options by their pension provider).

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