

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Resolution**

**Report to:** Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee  
– 9 October 2019

**Subject:** Overview Report

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

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### **Summary**

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- A summary of key decisions relating to the Committee's remit
- Items for Information
- 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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### **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 lists recommendations made by the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee. Where applicable, responses to each will indicate whether the recommendation will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Response	Contact Officer
6 February 2019	NESC/19/09 Updated Financial Strategy and Directorate Business Plan 2019/20	Request that the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods provide the Committee with a breakdown of where the proposed additional investment of £0.5m described in the Neighbourhoods Directorate Business Planning: 2019-20 would be spent and how the impact of this investment would be measured.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated once received.	Cllr Akbar
6 February 2019	NESC/19/09 Updated Financial Strategy and Directorate Business Plan 2019/20	Request that the Deputy Leader provide a further breakdown of the Homelessness Budget.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated once received.	Cllr S Murphy
6 February 2019	NESC/19/12 Highways and the flow of traffic across the city	Recommend that legal advice is obtained in relation to Stopping Up Orders issued under provisions within the Town and Country Planning Act and the time limits contractors and developers are permitted to close the highway. Following this advice, a review of all Stopping Up Orders issued should be undertaken to establish if there had been any breaches of such orders.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated once received.	Fiona Worrall

## 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 **1 October 2019**, containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included overleaf. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and to agree, whether to include in the work programme of the Committee.

Decisions that were taken before the publication of this report are marked \*

<b>Decision title</b>	<b>What is the decision?</b>	<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Planned date of decision</b>	<b>Documents to be considered</b>	<b>Contact officer details</b>
Clean Air Plan (Full Business Case) 2018/12/18B	To approve the Clean Air Plan Full Business Case for the city of Manchester	Executive	11 September 2019 or later	Report to the Executive meeting	Richard Elliott Head of Policy, Partnerships and Research 161 219 6494 r.elliott@manchester.gov.uk
To report on changes to the Council's Allocations Scheme 2019/04/25D	To agree the changes to the Allocations Scheme.	Executive	16 October 2019	Revised Allocations Scheme	Martin Oldfield m.oldfield@manchester.gov.uk
Social Housing Allocation Policy 2019/09/18A	To approve a new Social Housing Allocation Policy	Executive	13 November 2019	Executive report	James Greenhedge j.greenhedge@manchester.gov.uk
Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Housing Compliance and Enforcement Fees (2019/08/20A)	To increase fees associated with chargeable work in Environmental Health and Trading Standards and introduce a fee for Housing Compliance and Enforcement advice requested by Private Rented Sector Landlords.	Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	Not before 20th Sep 2019	Note requesting approval to set fees	Breige Cobane b.cobane@manchester.gov.uk

**Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee  
Work Programme – October 2019**

<b>Wednesday 9 October 2019, 2 pm (Report deadline Monday 30 September 2019)</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Lead Executive Member</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing Update	<p>To receive an update report on progress in delivering waste, recycling and street cleansing services. This report will include information on the following areas of activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Data at a ward level on cleansing;</li> <li>- Data at a ward level regarding levels of rubbish collected and levels of recycling collected;</li> <li>- The approach to the removal of side waste;</li> <li>- The approach to weed control;</li> <li>- An update on the impact of the apartment service changes;</li> <li>- Biffa bin bag collection points;</li> <li>- Biffa cleaning schedule;</li> <li>- Assessment and response to 'companies' collecting waste and offering to dispose of at a charge to residents then flytipping it;</li> <li>- The work of local Housing Associations to promote recycling and reduce waste with their tenants;</li> <li>- Container Bin reset;</li> <li>- The use of agency workers and the Biffa contract;</li> <li>- Leaf clearing programme and cycle lane cleaning / sweeping.</li> <li>- An update on the work with Universities / landlords to</li> </ul>	Cllr Akbar	Heather Coates	Members have requested that a specific piece of independent research be undertaken to understand how Manchester compares to other core cities in regard to waste and rubbish. Analysis should be undertaken to understand the factors that contribute to any performance discrepancies.

	<p>address issues of increased waste from student houses at the end of term; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Examples / case studies to be provided to demonstrate positive outcomes where available.</li> </ul>			
Final Report and Recommendations of the Behaviour Change and Waste Task and Finish Group	To receive the findings and recommendations of the Behaviour Change and Waste Task and Finish Group.	Cllr Akbar	Lee Walker	
Overview Report	This is a monthly report, which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.		Lee Walker	

<b>Wednesday 6 November 2019, 2 pm (Report deadline Monday 28 October 2019)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Highways Maintenance Programme	<p>To receive an update report on the Highways Maintenance Programme. The report will include information on the following areas of activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Highways reactive maintenance update;</li> <li>- Managing disruption caused by major schemes;</li> <li>- Major schemes update;</li> <li>- Tree planting in capital schemes;</li> <li>- Street lighting PFI programme;</li> <li>- Highways planned Maintenance Programme update year 3 progress and year 4 programme confirmation;</li> <li>- How information about how major schemes is provided to both local Ward Councillors and residents;</li> </ul>	Cllr Stogia Cllr Akbar	Steve Robinson	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An update on the Winter gritting programme;</li> <li>- The provision of motorbike parking facilities and</li> <li>- Residents parking schemes update.</li> </ul>			
Homelessness Update	<p>This update report on Homelessness will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Data on the number of homeless presentations since the last report to Committee, including a breakdown by families, single people and how many present from outside of Manchester;</li> <li>- Information on the number and location of facilities to support and accommodate homeless people (both provided by Manchester City Council and independent providers) and how long the support/ accommodation is provided for;</li> <li>- An update on the A Bed Every Night service and the preparations to support homeless peoples through the winter period;</li> <li>- Information will also be provided on how ex-service personnel referred to A Bed Every Night service are signposted to access appropriate charitable support and services;</li> <li>- What inspections of temporary accommodation are undertaken to ensure they are safe for residents occupying them; and</li> <li>- Data on the length of time people stay in temporary accommodation.</li> </ul>	Cllr S Murphy	Mike Wright	Invite to be sent to Cllr T Judge, Lead Member for Armed Forces
Red & Amber School Crossings	To receive an update report that addresses the questions and comments raised by Members following consideration of this item at their meeting of 4 September 2019.	Cllr Stogia	Steve Robinson	See minutes of the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee of 4 Sept 2019. Ref.

				NESC/19/36
Allocations Policy Review	To receive a report on the Allocations Policy Review.	Cllr Richards	Eddie Smith	
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<b>Wednesday 4 December 2019, 2 pm (Report deadline Monday 25 November 2019)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Private Rented Sector Strategy	To receive a report on the Private Rented Sector Strategy.  This will include information on the issues related to Airbnb across the city and the response to this.	Cllr Richards	Eddie Smith	Executive Report
Compliance and Enforcement Service - Performance in 2018/19	To provide members with an update on demand for and performance of the Compliance and Enforcement service during 2018/19. This will provide information on a range of activities that include, action to address illegal drinking establishments; shisha bars; business / commercial waste compliance.	Cllr Akbar	Fiona Sharkey	
Strangeways area: Compliance and Enforcement	To receive a report that describes the activities to tackle illegal and antisocial behaviour in and around the Strangeways area. The report will include information on the positive outcomes achieved to date i.e. the number of closure orders, fines issued, local litter campaigns and how this is communicated to residents. Information will also be provided on any long term plans for the area.	Cllr Akbar	Fiona Sharkey	This item was deferred from the meeting of 17 July 2019.



Planning and Compliance	<p>To provide a report that describes how agreed planning conditions are monitored and where necessary enforcement action is taken, with a particular reference to developers not adhering to their condition to plant / replace trees and develop green spaces.</p> <p>The report will further provide information on how the Planning Department work with the Highways Department.</p>	Cllr Stogia	Julie Roscoe	
Improving journeys to and from school	<p>To receive an update report on the activities to improve the journey to and from school (including Special Schools).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This report to include information on the activities to address vehicle idling outside and near schools;</li> <li>- Activities to promote active travel to school as an alternative to cars, including walking plans; and</li> <li>- The provision of school buses / transport.</li> </ul>	Cllr Stogia	Steve Robinson	Invitation to be sent to The Executive Member for Children and Schools; Cllr Stone, Chair of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee and representatives from TfGM.
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<b>Wednesday 8 January 2020, 2 pm (Report deadline Monday 30 December 2019)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy	<p>To receive an update report on the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy.</p> <p>This report will also provide an update on the implementation of the Manchester Tree Strategy.</p>	Cllr Stogia	Richard Elliott	The designated Tree Officer to be invited to attend this meeting.

	Data will be provided on the number of trees planted / replaced, where possible this information is to be provided at a ward level.			
Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan – Update	To receive an update on the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan.	Cllr Stogia	Richard Elliott	
Scheme Review – Princess Road / Princess Parkway	To receive an update report to review the speed limit reduction scheme that was implemented on the A5103 - Princess Road and the impact on 2 adjacent roads (Alexandra Road South and Nell Lane). The report will include analysis of the displacement of traffic.	Cllr Stogia	Steve Robinson	
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<b>Wednesday 5 February 2020, 2 pm (Report deadline Monday 27 January 2020)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Climate Change	To receive a report on Climate Change and the activities to address this. This will include information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Single use plastics;</li> <li>- The delivery of wildlife corridors in the city and the role of Planning to influence developers to support this activity;</li> <li>- Information on the installation of electric vehicle charging points;</li> <li>- Information on the support available to residents for vehicle scrappage schemes;</li> <li>- Planning and the use of tarmac on driveways noting</li> </ul>	Cllr Stogia	Richard Elliott	

	<p>the impact this has on water displacement and drainage of surface water;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improvements to public transport to encourage people to travel by means other than cars;</li> <li>- Analysis of the number of journeys to Manchester Airport undertaken by public transport; and</li> <li>- Park and Ride Schemes.</li> </ul>			
Update on Selective Licensing Schemes	To receive a report that provides an update on the Selective Licensing Schemes. The report will provide and analysis of the impact of such schemes and the options for extending the scheme to other areas of the city.	Cllr Richards	Eddie Smith	
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<b>Wednesday 4 March 2020, 2 pm (Report deadline Monday 24 February 2020)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Taxi Licensing	To receive a report that provides Members with information on the work undertaken in Manchester and across Greater Manchester to improve standards across Private Hire Taxis.	Cllr Akbar	Julie Roscoe	
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<b>Items to be scheduled</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Lead Executive Member</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Air Quality Task and Finish Group – Update report	To receive a report that provides the Committee with an update on the actions taken to progress the recommendations made by the Air Quality Task and Finish Group. The report will include a section specifically on air pollution around schools.	Cllr Stogia Cllr Craig	Richard Elliott	See minutes of NESC November 2017. Ref: NESC/17/53
Update on the Delivery of Cycle Schemes and Proposed Principles to Guide the Extension of Cycling and Walking Networks	To receive an update report on the Delivery of Cycle Schemes and Proposed Principles to Guide the Extension of Cycling and Walking Networks. This report will included information on the Chorlton Road Corridor consultation.	Cllr Stogia	Richard Elliott Steve Robinson	Invitation to be sent to Chris Boardman, Cycling and Walking Commissioner for Greater Manchester
War Memorials Update	To receive a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee following their consideration on this item at their meeting of 4 Sept 2019.	Cllr Stogia	Fiona Worrall	See minutes of the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee Ref. NESC/19/35