

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 9 January 2020

Subject: Delivering the Our Manchester Strategy

Report of: Deputy Leader of the Council

Summary

This report provides an overview of work undertaken and progress towards the delivery of the Council's priorities as set out in the Our Manchester Strategy for those areas within the portfolio of the Deputy leader of the Council, Councillor Nigel Murphy.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note and comment on the report.

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Our Manchester Strategy was formally adopted by the Council in January 2016 and sets the ambitions for the city for the next ten years, to 2025, for Manchester to be:

- Thriving – creating great jobs and healthy businesses
- Filled with talent – both home-grown talent and attracting the best in the world
- Fair – with equal chances for all to unlock their potential
- A great place to live – with lots of things to do
- Buzzing with connections – including world-class transport and broadband

1.2 Executive Members are collectively and individually responsible for supporting the delivery of the Our Manchester Strategy and for providing political oversight and direction to officers for the better outcomes for Manchester residents. In October, the Executive published its collective political priorities and those of individual Executive Members, all of which are aligned to the Our Manchester Strategy.

1.3 This report sets out how I as the Deputy Leader of the Council seek to deliver these priorities.

2.0 Deputy Leader of the Council - Portfolio

2.1 As Deputy Leader of the Council my portfolio includes: -

- Crime & Community Safety
- Employer Engagement
- Corporate Property
- Communications
- Manchester Industrial Strategy
- Bringing Services together
- Worklessness
- Our Town Hall refurbishment project

3.0 Work areas for the year

The 2019 Manchester Labour Manifesto “Building Together” clearly set out Manchester Labour’s priorities for our City that would be delivered in whole or part during the 2019/20 municipal year. In this report you will find details of the pledges that fall within my portfolio and an update on the progress made to date.

3.1 Implement the good Employment Charter promoting flexible and secure working, the real living wage and outlawing exploitative zero hour contracts.

The GM Good Employment Charter has been established to encourage and supports employers to develop good jobs, deliver opportunities for people to progress, and help employers to grow and succeed. Membership requires employers to demonstrate excellent practice in key characteristics of employment practice, these are:

- Secure work;
- Flexible work;
- A real living wage;
- Workplace engagement & voice;
- Excellent recruitment practices & progression;
- Excellent people management;
- A productive & healthy workplace.

Manchester City Council is committed to this charter and I am working with the chamber of commerce and businesses to promote it, including supporting networking events on the real living wage, mental health & wellbeing and active workplaces.

3.2 Support our communities and victims of anti-social behaviour by doubling our anti-social behaviour team.

The City Councils anti-social behaviour team work closely with the police and housing groups across the city providing out of hours support for issues like noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour. They also offer support in areas like hate crimes / hate incidents, use or threatened use of violence, harassment, damage to property; and domestic abuse and violence. The team has recently benefited from additional staff as part of the commitment made in the Labour Party local election manifesto of 2019.

3.3 Ensure that the high quality jobs are not only created in the city but are also available to local people. We will encourage and enable employers to recruit local people from a range of different backgrounds, particularly those facing the greatest social disadvantages.

I am working with Cllr Rahman the executive member with responsibility for skills to ensure local people have the opportunity to succeed and benefit from the growth in Manchester. Social value is at the heart of Manchester City Council contract, for example, the Our Town Hall project has pledged to create 150 apprenticeships and 45 new jobs targeted at Manchester residents, a range of career-related activities with schools, colleges and universities.

3.4 Ensure that Manchester benefits from the 320 new police officers that are being recruited, and we will continue to work with GMP to protect neighbourhood policing and continue to improve 101 and online reporting.

Of the 320 officers that are being recruited across Greater Manchester as part of the levy increase 220 will be allocated as Neighbourhood Police Officers (NPOs) to enable an enhanced response to calls, particularly to those from the most vulnerable, these officers are currently in training and we are waiting confirmation of the numbers that will be allocated to Manchester. 50 officers are to be allocated to a new proactive Force wide team which will allow an effective, flexible, pro-active response to local problems and priorities. The new travel safe transport team is operational with 50 additional officers this will allow for a more appropriate response to problems on the transport network, including a wider focus on other transport matters. 50 direct entry detectives who will support investigations, particularly those into serious and violent crime and violence against women and girls

As the new online services like live chat are adopted by members of the public the 101 service is seeing improvement in response time, further developments in online reporting are also now available which again will reduce demand on the 101 number.