

**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee – 10
October 2018

Subject: Overview Report

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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
19 July 2017	NESC/17/31 Manchester Climate Change Agency: progress report 2015-17	That a performance dashboard be established that could be used to provide a summary of progress against the citywide climate change strategy.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated once received.	Richard Elliott Head of Policy, Partnerships and Procurement
6 September 2017	NESC/17/39 Food Hygiene Inspection Programme	The Committee recommended that the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods should make representations to ensure that all food premises are required to display their current food star hygiene rating.	An update is provided at section 3 of this report.	Fiona Worrall Chief Operating Officer - Neighbourhoods
6 September 2017	NESC/17/42 Taxi Licensing Enforcement	The Committee recommends that the Director of Neighbourhoods provide an update to the next meeting on the progress made with GMP to co-opt a police officer to work with the Taxi Compliance Team.	An update is provided at section 3 of this report.	Fiona Worrall Chief Operating Officer - Neighbourhoods
6 September 2017	NESC/17/42 Taxi Licensing Enforcement	The Committee recommends that the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods should make representations for the introduction of a national registration scheme for all taxi drivers.	An update is provided at section 3 of this report.	Fiona Worrall Chief Operating Officer - Neighbourhoods

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 **2 October 2018**, 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 *

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents to be considered	Contact officer details
Clean and Green Fund Ref: 15/025	Long-term improvements to cleanliness and environment of the city.	City Treasurer	March 2018 or later	Requests from Growth and Neighbourhoods Directorate	Carol Culley 0161 234 3590 carol.culley@manchester.gov.uk

<p>Cycle City Ambition Grant Phase 2 – 2015 to November 2018 (part of the Velocity 2025 Programme)</p> <p>Ref: 15/061</p>	<p>To approve the Cycle City Ambition Grant to be delivered within the allocated budget which is set by TfGM. Delegated powers approval(s) to undertake the required works on the highway and Traffic Regulation Order amendments.</p> <p>There are 2 corridors included in this scheme: Chorlton Cycleway Regional Centre.</p>	<p>Citywide Highways Manager in consultation with the Executive Member for the Environment</p>	<p>March 2018 or later</p>	<p>Delegated Approvals Report</p>	<p>Mark Stevenson 0161 219 6215 m.stevenson@manchester.gov.uk</p> <p>Nichola McHale 0161 219 6278 n.mchale@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Great Ancoats Street Growth Deal Funding</p> <p>Ref: 15/064</p>	<p>To obtain approval to carry out the associated highway alterations and statutory legal procedure to process the Traffic Regulation Orders.</p>	<p>Citywide Highways Manager (in consultation with the Executive Member for the Environment)</p>	<p>March 2018 or later</p>	<p>Delegated Approvals report</p>	<p>Mark Stevenson 0161 219 6215 m.stevenson@manchester.gov.uk</p> <p>Val Edwards 0161 219 6522 v.edwards@manchester.gov.uk</p>

<p>Greater Manchester Growth Deal 2, Minor Works Programme</p> <p>Ref: 2016/12/19B</p>	<p>Greater Manchester Growth Deal 2 grant funding has been made available by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) for a programme of minor works projects. The minor works will comprise highway improvement works which will include a range of measures from pedestrian crossing facilities, parking and footway improvements and traffic calming.</p>	<p>Director of Highways</p>	<p>March 2018 or later</p>	<p>Report and Recommendation</p>	<p>Emma White 0161 219 6521 e.white@manchester.gov.uk</p> <p>Kevin Gillham 0161 234 5148 k.gillham@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Highways Investment Programme 2017-18 to 2021-22</p> <p>Ref: 2017/03/21B</p>	<p>The approval of the programmes of planned maintenance works for the purpose of improving the condition of the highways network within the City.</p>	<p>The Executive</p>	<p>March 2018 or later</p>	<p>Report and Recommendation</p>	<p>Paul Swann 0161 219 2220 p.swann@manchester.gov.uk</p>

3. Items for Information: Responses to previous recommendations

Subject: NESC/17/39 Food Hygiene Inspection Programme

Recommendation: The Committee recommended that the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods should make representations to ensure that all food premises are required to display their current food star hygiene rating.

Response: Following the meeting Councillor Nigel Murphy wrote to the Chief Exec of the Food Standards Agency requesting that display of the FHRs score be made mandatory in England as it already is in Wales and Northern Ireland. In addition, although food businesses cannot currently be required to display their food hygiene rating they are actively encouraged to do so following inspections. Those with a level 4 or 5 will usually display their score, as it makes good business sense to do so. It is more hit and miss with businesses with a level 3 and businesses will generally not display a low score at level 0 - 2 until it becomes mandatory as it would be counter productive for them to do so.

The food safety team is also doing food safety coaching sessions with businesses who get a low score entitled 'How to achieve a level 5' which informs businesses of the actions they need to take and benefits of achieving a high score and how display of it can attract customers and support the growth of their business. We also warn business of the negative impact on them of a low score when mandatory display is eventually implemented.

Provided by: Strategic Lead Compliance, Enforcement and Community Safety
The Neighbourhoods Directorate

Subject: NESC/17/42 Taxi Licensing Enforcement

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the Director of Neighbourhoods provide an update to the next meeting on the progress made with GMP to co-opt a police officer to work with the Taxi Compliance Team.

Response: Following a review of the previous approach/decision (taken in 2016) as well as the current budgets, further discussions with GMP resulted in an agreement that the Taxi Licensing Unit would have access to a team of specially trained Specials to work covertly in conjunction with Uniformed Officers and Taxi Compliance Officers on Illegal Plying for Hire Operations on at least a monthly basis. This activity mirrors the 'best practice' observed in Birmingham when the suggestion of a co-opted officer was first raised. These operations began in April 2018 and details have been discussed and fed back directly to Members and the Taxi trades. In addition, GMP's Licensing Team (previously focused solely on Premises) would provide additional support accessing systems and providing statements in evidence to support MCC proceedings against Taxi and Private Hire Drivers as necessary. It is considered that the new arrangements provide more flexibility and resilience of resource than would have been possible with one dedicated officer.

Provided by: Licensing Unit Manager Planning, Building Control & Licensing

Subject: NESC/17/42 Taxi Licensing Enforcement

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods should make representations for the introduction of a national registration scheme for all taxi drivers.

Response: Representations were made and the LGA commissioned the creation of a National Register of Taxi Licence Revocations and Refusals, hosted by the National Anti-Fraud Network (NAFN). The register went live September 2018 with guidance being issued in August 2018. The Licensing Unit are now taking the necessary steps to implement the use of this within the service (updating data governance and retention schedules, policies, procedures, forms and letters and staff training). Whilst the register remain voluntary at present for local authorities, there is a bill presented to Parliament by Daniel Zeichner MP due a second reading in October 2018 to make the use of such a register mandatory.

Provided by: Licensing Unit Manager Planning, Building Control & Licensing

**Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – October 2018**

Wednesday 10 October 2018, 10am (Report deadline Friday 28 September 2018)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing Progress Report	<p>To receive a report updating on progress in delivering waste and recycling and street cleansing services. Report also to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Apartment Service Changes; • Cycle Lane Cleansing Update - this report will also provide information on the proposed programme for cleansing of cycle lanes of leaf / grit / ice and other debris; • Fly tipping – private property and residential properties and commercial waste; • Street cleaning outside the city centre and at ward level; • Air B&B and the increase of fly tipping in city centre; • How to influence behaviour change to improve waste and recycling and address fly tipping; • Weeds control and clearing. • Planning conditions regarding waste disposal for both domestic and commercial premises; • Impact of permitted development on waste – role of planning in this. 	Cllr Akbar Cllr Stogia	Matthew Bennett Heather Coates Julie Roscoe	
Keep Manchester Tidy Campaign Overview	This report will provide an overview of the City's' partnership with Keep Britain Tidy and the 'Keep	Cllr Akbar	Heather Coates	

	Manchester Tidy' campaign.			
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	

Wednesday 7 November 2018, 10am (Report deadline Friday 26 October 2018)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Annual report on Compliance and Enforcement Activity	<p>To receive the annual report setting out activity in Compliance and Enforcement Services. Report to include information on the activities undertaken around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement in relation to double yellow line tickets, blocked highways, Hot Food providers and waste contracts and how these are policed; • Enforcement activity undertaken by the Licensing and Out of Hours Compliance Team outside of the city centre area; • Tackling counterfeit goods, with particular reference to the Strangeways area. 	Cllr Akbar	Fiona Sharkey	
Highways Reactive Maintenance	<p>To receive a report on the Highways Reactive Maintenance Programme. The report will include information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pothole repairs; and • Drainage and gullies clearance and repairs. 	Cllr Stogia	Steve Robinson	
Highways and the Flow of Traffic in the	<p>The report to include information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of traffic flow in the City Centre on clean air; 	Cllr Stogia	Richard Elliott	

City Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavement and footpath conditions – and information of how planned maintenance work is communicated with local residents and businesses. 		Kim Dorrington	
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Wednesday 5 December 2018, 10am (Report deadline Friday 23 November 2018)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan	The Committee will receive the full Business Case for consideration and consultation.	Cllr Stogia	Richard Elliott	To be confirmed.
Cycle City Ambition Grant	An update on work to increase safe cycling routes across the city. Report to include information on the Cycling Policy.	Cllr Stogia	Richard Elliott	
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	

Wednesday 9 January 2019, 10am (Report deadline Friday 28 December 2018)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy	To receive the annual progress report on the implementation of the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy. This report will include information on the Principles of Tree management.	Cllr Stogia	Richard Elliott	
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	

Wednesday 6 February 2019, 10am (Report deadline Friday 25 January 2019)				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Shisha Bars	Update on work to tackle the challenges and issues presented by the City's Shisha Bars.	Cllr Akbar	Fiona Sharkey	
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	

Items to be scheduled				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan	To present the outline business case for consideration and comment.	Cllr Stogia	Richard Elliott	
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 Invitation to Cllr Paul, Chair of the Air Quality Task and Finish Group