

Covid-19 Sitrep Summary

Economic Recovery Workstream as at 19/06/20

For Economy Scrutiny Committee Meeting: 25/06/20

Issue/theme/activity area	Impact/ challenges experienced	Key planning and response activity being undertaken
<p>Sectoral Impact</p>	<p>Varying impact across sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail, hospitality, leisure, tourism, culture/creative, aviation, HEIs experiencing severe impacts. • Growth opportunities for tech, telecomms, life sciences & health innovation, advanced materials & manufacturing, low carbon/clean growth.. <p>Retail Reports predicting opportunity for growth of local high streets/ increase in shopping more local. (ie KPMG Retail report- May,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligence gathering from sector representatives continues, to understand impact, issues, opportunities and support needed. Used to inform workstream plans and lobbying. • Work has been commissioned from an opinion research company, to carry out more detailed surveys of key sector impact/needs. • Sectoral (business led and managed) Sounding Board now established. • Involvement in GM Groups, e.g. Economic Resilience Group, GM Tourism Industry Emergency Response Group & Place Directors. • Feed into national lobbying work, e.g. Core Cities evidence gathering, Chief Executive meetings with HMT, BEIS etc. • NW LA Chief Execs mtg 18/06- Calling on govt for a comprehensive strategic recovery plan for medium term. <p>Re-opening update- The re-opening of non-essential shops went smoothly. Measures were in place such as signage, organised queuing and the uniformed stewards. Most retailers managed queues effectively</p>

	<p>TfGM travel survey). Online retail will continue to grow. Opportunity for Mancr re online eg Boohoo, The Hut Group. KPMG Retail predicts 25 % of UK stores will close in the near term. Sector forecast to decline by 3.7 % this year and 2.5 % in 2021. Grocery will see uplift by 5% over 2020-21, clothing and footwear will decline by 3 % this year and a further 11% in 2021. Need to reduce costs by 30-50% (non essential retail).</p> <p>Visitor economy- Severe and wide reaching effects. Immediate concerns around business survival and city competitiveness. Estimated economic impact loss of £4.2 bn March- end August. Business conference cancellations reported to MM equate to lost revenue in excess of £5.9m and economic impact of £14.2m+.</p>	<p>and public complied with guidance on social distancing. Market Street was the focus for shoppers with Primark customers queuing from 7am. Stores staggered opening times with, for instance, Selfridges not opening until 11am. The atmosphere was lively and optimistic helped by Monday's sunshine. Footfall was around 52,000 on Monday dropping to 38,000 on Tuesday with a peak around 13.00 to 14.00.</p> <p>GMP strategy of high visibility and pro active engagement from the Street Engagement Team meant few people begging were in evidence. No issues reported by partners.</p> <p>No issues connected to reopening were reported from other parts of the city. City centre and neighbourhoods teams sharing intel and learning to ensure support available to businesses in district centres.</p> <p>One issue for consideration: buskers and peddlars are active and a) inhibiting movement of pedestrians b) attracting crowds. Some other cities have decided to restrict such activity on public health grounds.</p> <p>Visitor economy- Manchester Misses You campaign continues. New recovery campaign due to be launched shortly by Marketing Manchester- Find Your Space. Lobbying activity for clearer guidance on social distancing measures and quarantine rules. Talent Hub providing single point of contact for employment support within the tourism and hospitality sector.</p>
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	<p>Manchester Hoteliers Association- Expecting a slow second half of the year- planning for 30% occupancy (80% normal).80% of hotels not planning to open in July- most in Aug or Sept. GM TIER Group- consumer reassurance will be vital. Working on flexible booking arrangements. Domestic bookings- expected to start slow with gradual growth from Sept back to a max of 50% of activity.</p> <p>Hospitality- concerns re lack of clear govt guidance in relation to possible reopening on 4th July. Many businesses may not be viable even if they can open. Widespread concern that businesses will be unable to meet July/Sept rents.</p> <p>Cultural Sector Arts and cultural venues not likely to be fully open until late Autumn 2020 (some later into 2021) and only then with social distancing measures. Hugely damaging impact. With changes to the furlough scheme, some performance venues have</p>	<p>Hospitality- Multi agency approach has been adopted to explore support use of outdoor space. Likely that a national process will be expedited to relax public consultation and planning consent, though no date set by govt. MCC exploring other options. Approach is to be as flexible as possible, with safety a priority.</p> <p>Streamlined application process for new temporary tables and chairs licences (completed). Review all existing tables and chairs licences (ongoing). Proactively identify potential highways measures to make space available ie parking bays, pedestrianised streets (ongoing). Identifying areas of public realm with potential to be used for licensable activity. Compliance and communications update to follow.</p> <p>Cultural Sector update <u>Recovery plans</u> underway with the first meeting of the Culture Recovery Group on 1st June, chaired by Cllr Rahman. Industry led subgroups are working on plans for a Summer 2021 Programme around MIF21 in July and re-opening strategies, which include event modeling on social distancing requirements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cultural Participation
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	<p>started or are considering redundancy procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major financial issues persist for all cultural organisations due to business interruption, lack of any earned income, sponsorship revenues and grant schemes suspended. • A number of individuals and companies have secured emergency support from Arts Council England. National Portfolio Organisations (those funded by ACE on a four yearly agreement) decisions due end June. • October (end of furlough & lack of autumn season) is when the majority of organisations are going to face significant challenges - unsure what ACE response to this is as yet. <p>Findings from Cultural sector surveys (April & May) have been compiled. Identifies companies at risk before the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Aviation- Traffic at Manchester Airport currently 99% down but are rising slowly (e.g. Emirates have relaunched to Dubai) and are expected to begin growing more strongly from July. Terminal 3 is due to reopen on 1 July to accommodate flights airlines currently have on sale. Some airlines (Virgin, Tui, and Jet2) have delayed relaunch, other main carriers are relaunching fuller programmes from July, though this remains dependent on</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museums & Galleries • Performance Venues <p><u>DCMS</u> Response to Inquiry of impact of Covid-19 Crisis on the Cultural Sector (25 May). Cllr Rahman has also sent an open letter to the Secretary of State for Culture (12 June) about the importance of the sector, the need to take an inclusive approach (addressing lack of diversity & place based focus) and calling for engagement in the recovery plan for the sector.</p> <p><u>Second sector survey</u> sent to over 100 cultural contacts 15 May. 24 companies experiencing and forecasting very serious financial difficulties.</p> <p><u>1-2-1 support to companies</u> has been provided by to 40 cultural companies to ensure businesses are accessing the government's rate relief, business grants and discretionary grant, and the job retention scheme.</p> <p>Aviation- Engagement with MAG to understand the impact on Airport. MAG working on recovery plans. MA aim is to protect jobs wherever possible. With quarantine measures, the long-term future remains in serious jeopardy, placing the jobs and economic activity at risk. MA is asking for the 14 day travel quarantine to be time-limited, with a target date for review, and for quarantine to be linked to levels of risk. MCC supporting MAG to call for consideration of the impact of the quarantine requirement and an aviation support strategy to aid recovery.</p>
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	<p>changes to quarantine regime and/or the introduction of 'air bridges', and if change does not happen. Longer-term recovery of the sector is generally expected to take 3–4 years to return. Note onsite employment figures- direct employment: 23,000 (not including Thomas Cook or Flybe) and £1.4m GVA. Additional indirect employment 19,700. Wider NW economy: 75,200 jobs supported, either in tourism or through wider productivity improvement, e.g. support for exporting, enhanced business communications.</p> <p>Higher Education Institutions- Significant concerns re potential deferrals by students, significant potential loss of income in relation to international students, loss of revenue from conferencing and events.</p> <p>Financial and professional services/shared services- most looking to re-open offices in Sept at the earliest. MIDAS report a number of larger investment projects are re-engaging. Strong investment pipeline, particularly local expansion. Location consultants consider Mancr to be well placed for 'north shoring' as companies look to set up hubs outside London.</p>	<p>Parliamentary Report (13 June) on sector impact raises concerns about the blanket 14 day quarantine. Calls for measures including 12-month business rates relief for airlines and airports and a six-month temporary suspension of Air Passenger Duty payment. Also calls on govt to revise rules of JRS to prevent, or strongly penalise, companies for making large-scale redundancies, while in receipt of funds from the taxpayer. Recommended that before the Government brings forward Airline Insolvency Bill, it consults on whether protections should be introduced for airline passengers in the event of pandemic or other extraordinary circumstances. Aviation Restart, Recovery, and Engagement Unit set up by DfT to support recovery. Concerns raised re lack of detail and pace given precarious situation.</p> <p>Higher Education Institutions- Regular dialogue with universities to discuss potential loss of income and support required. Work and skills team in regular discussion. 10,000 expected to graduate- employment support needed to be in place to ensure city does not lose this talent.</p> <p>MIDAS reviewing future inward investment strategy including digital tours and virtual in-visits. Working with Dept for International Trade to promote message that Mancr is open for business.</p> <p>DiT Feedback- CEX/DiT mtg with Director and Minister for Investment- Minister keen to have direct contact with cities. DiT re-thinking FDI strategy- working with investors in Japan, NZ, Australia and US. Focus for investment: Sustainability projects, tech (Smart Cities,</p>
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	<p>Investment, FDI and Exports Uncertainty re investment in UK- forecast to be lower than previous fall in 2005. Mancr still considered to offer VfM. JLL consider Manchester to be most protected and is UK's best investment offer. EY FDI Report- positive on UK outlook- continued investment especially on tech projects and US investors.</p> <p>Tech Sector- concerns regarding smaller tech companies in shared work spaces not eligible for initial financial support.</p> <p>Office trends- (Savills survey update- June) Majority of people would like to work from home 2 days per week inc financial sector. Covid accelerating this trend. Short term blip in cancelled lets - medium term remains positive. Limited total impact on floorspace as offices requiring more space for social distancing. Category B offices will have biggest changes in layout and density. Viewings and enquiries have restarted at Savills. Coworking hardest hit - and longer term negative impact, as traditional serviced office market will remain. Younger generation of employees are more eager to return.</p>	<p>Smart Tech, IOT, Health) and housing. Identifying most investable sectors to link with places for opportunity to attract investment. DiT want to strengthen links with localities & new approach to info flows between overseas markets and regions.</p> <p>Tech sector- Working closely with Tech Hub (DCMS funded) operators- All Work and Social (Bonded Warehouse) and Manchester Science Partnerships (Mi-Idea and Tech Incubator) to ensure businesses are receiving financial support through discretionary grant. 1-2-1 engagement engagement on financial support and mentoring.</p> <p>Office trends - Ongoing dialogue with Manchester Office Agents Forum members and others to understand latest picture of demand and potential future trends.</p>
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	<p>Growth opportunities exploring opportunities around different sectors</p>	<p>Growth opportunities- active participation in groups including GM Cyber Advisory Group, Corridor Enterprise Zone to grow accelerate initiatives At the GM level, the LEP Recovery Group has started to identify potential short-term early commercial opportunities that contribute towards long-term aims of the GM Local Industrial Strategy. Key themes of green recovery, on-shoring production, and boosting digital infrastructure have been identified as potential thematic focus areas. This work is at a very early stage, but we will work with GMCA as the work develops.</p>
<p>Development</p>	<p>Stimulating development & investor confidence, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understanding current impact through intelligence gathering. ● Assessing sources and levels of investment, and any obstacles (access to debt). ● Seeking financial and other support needed to enable early start of key projects ● Understanding supply chain issues and identifying appropriate support measures. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the appetite of contractors to bid for apartment led residential schemes has been significantly impacted in the short term due to issues in the supply chain (i.e. loss of subcontractors and access to materials). This concern has also 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initial list of “Shovel ready” projects that can help stimulate recovery submitted to GMCA, to feed into GM approaches to the Government on an investment package. The Council and partners have submitted a number of projects to a call on 10 June (for return by 18 June) from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (via GMCA/LEP) for exceptional shovel-ready capital projects, which can be delivered within 18 months and can drive up economic growth and jobs. The Council is planning its own submission to Government in the next 2 weeks, seeking investment in our priority projects. ● A number of further phases of commercial development are close to commencing delivery, including at NOMA and First Street, and we will continue to work with developers to facilitate this development, including identifying any blockers and potential solutions. The developers at NOMA have indicated that they are using the opportunity to accelerate a step change in

	<p>been raised by developers of commercial schemes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Developing guidance/share good practice for safe operation of sites ● Expediting design & planning phases of projects. ● Productivity increased across most major sites- 97% of infrastructure and construction sites now operating. Social distancing measures impacting on programmes. Issues re supply chain/access to materials. Infrastructure sites are now achieving 89% of pre-Covid productivity. Housing sites 93% of sites now open. Reports that contractors are planning to reduce workforce by 11 % within the next 3 months. 	<p>environmental design and standards in their commercial developments, to attract investors and occupiers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre contract discussions have been held with Homes England on Northern Gateway, with a view to entering in a contract in September, securing £51.6m in Housing Investment Fund grant that must be fully expended by March 2024. ● Pre-planning consultation on the first phases of Collyhurst redevelopment being planned with local Members, which will deliver 270 homes (including 130 new Council properties). Planning application anticipated in summer, following consultation with Collyhurst residents. ● Prioritisation of land transactions or contractual arrangements that are close to completion to preserve delivery arrangements. Examples include Bendix Street to unlock residential scheme, Adair Street to support commercial (hotel). ● Progressing variations to land transactions at Crown Street to facilitate submission of next phase planning applications including school and public realm. ● Facilitating funding discussions for Phase 1 Mayfield with GMCA (Evergreen). Hoping to progress by late July.
<p>Affordable Housing</p>	<p>Risk to developer and investor confidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working with RP's and other developers to understand current impact and forward plans. ● Assessing sources and levels of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Managing existing onsite, pipeline and planned development with RP's. ● Silk Street tenders returned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evaluation scheduled for 19/06/2020

	<p>investment, and any obstacles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Investigating grant funding, financial and other support needed to enable early start of key projects ● Understanding supply chain issues and identifying appropriate support measures. ● Developing guidance/share good practice for safe operation of sites ● Expediting design & planning phases of projects. ● Risk of registered providers slowing down or pausing programmes to consolidate finances/liquidity ● Ensure Zero Carbon and Fire safety provision are part of the programmes. ● Potential flooding of the PRS sector as the short term let market shrinks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Progressing the establishment of a Local delivery vehicle. Looking to start on site with key projects and novate across. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval at Exec 3 June. Detailed work programme now underway to accelerate progress. ○ £1.5m from Housing Investment Reserve required ○ External support being commissioned. ● Project 500 progressing. Will deliver 500-600 homes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sites being reviewed by RP group ○ Standard documentation being drafted by MCC legal and development to speed up disposal process ○ Legal are putting together an internal team to deal with the increase in title searches relating to both the LDV and P500 ● Entering into formal agreement with Homes England and signing an MOU to take a partnership approach to accelerated development. Complements similar arrangements with GMCA. (see development) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action Plan in development following 3 workshops ○ Working towards a September Executive for formal approval to enter into formal agreement with HE ● Pre-planning consultation on the first phases of Collyhurst redevelopment being planned with local Members, which will deliver 270 homes (including 130 new Council properties). Planning application anticipated in summer, following consultation.
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<p>Transport and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Work with TfGM to agree a broad overall transport plan to support gradual opening up of the city.with a focus on pedestrian movement and safe use of public transport linked to an agreed package of measures to support safe pedestrian access.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work has been commissioned to develop an overall plan to support development of short and medium term plans for reallocating space to pedestrians in the city centre linking it to key origin and destination points. ● Analysis of predicted public transport requirements- TfGM have undertaken a 'Future Travel' Survey" to gather the public's views on using public transport after lockdown.14000 responses received and initial findings have been shared with members of this group and the Business Reopening Analysis group (including MCC reps). ● Data from 15/6 following opening of non - essential shops shows : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Metrolink use up 35% on previous week but 86% down on average day. ○ Bus use up 19% on previous week - 74% down on an average day. ○ Train use (Piccadilly Station Footfall) 20% increase on previous week but 84% down on typical day.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highway Traffic - 8% increase on previous week but 30% down on a typical day. ● All journeys from mobile phone data were up across GM by 8% compared to the previous week. Nationally the figure was 9%. ● A submission was made on 5 th June to access funding from phase one of a fund for Emergency Active Travel Measures announced by the Government. The fund is aimed at supporting pedestrian and cycling measures that reduce demand on public transport. The submission was made by the Combined Authority and a response is expected imminently to the Greater Manchester bid.
	<p>Analysis of businesses' plans for reopening, working with TfGM, CA, Chamber, Growth Company</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gathering business intelligence related to when and how businesses plan to reopen. Started a business survey of businesses planning to reopen to inform TfGM's transport planning and public space management. ● TfGM linked into Day Time Economy recovery group work especially re Social Distancing
	<p>Identify and implement interventions that support social distancing and procure necessary equipment to facilitate this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deansgate temporary closure to motor vehicles implemented on 16th May. ● Thomas Street temporary closure was implemented on 31st May. ● Temporarily widening pavements in a number of locations across the city to support walking as social distancing measures and have already started on London Road and Princess Street learning lessons as we progress. Other schemes delivered: Cheetham Hill Road, Chorlton- Manchester Road- Claridge Road and

		<p>Warwick Road, Wilmslow Road in Rusholme, Withington Village (Wilmslow Road), Openshaw-Ashton Old Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasked our CCTV monitoring staff to monitor how the public act on returning to work to support reacting to events and that is supported by the TfGM control room. • Decluttering pavements where we can using a new find and fix team to carry out audits, bearing in mind need to support businesses reopening who may need to use pavements (eg for tables and chairs) • Welcome Back Manchester campaign launched on 12 June, to provide confidence to encourage people back into the city centre and district centres.
	Continue with highway works that can be undertaken during lockdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing with all our major projects that are on site and continuously monitoring government guidance about construction • Finding ways to accelerate all our programme of walking and cycling schemes aiming to have early starts on all our programmed projects • Maintaining our roads at business as usual levels by inspecting them and making repairs • Resurfacing and treating many more main roads than originally planned to take advantage of lower traffic levels • Working with TfGM to review bus stops and increase pedestrian phasing at signalised crossings.
Skills, Labour Market and Business Support	<p>Significant growth in the number of Manchester residents claiming Universal Credit. Evidence base for THINK work shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89% rise in claimant count in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with GMCA & Jobcentre Plus on planning the response for the newly unemployed including maximising GM Employ opportunities for Manchester residents;

	<p>Manchester during April & May - 33,825 additional claimants;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● affects every LSOA in the City & all age ranges; ● particular impact on young people which has seen an increase of 98% (national fig 109%) & over 50s (73%); ● concentrations in areas with large Black, Asian and ethnic minority communities e.g. Longsight, Moss Side, Cheetham ● 32% of Manchester residents are either furloughed (62,200) or receiving self-employment support (15,900); ● Job losses compounded by significant drop in levels of vacancies; ● 800 16-18 year olds who would normally pursue apprenticeships or move into employment at risk; ● 74% national decline in apprenticeships ● circa 10,000 graduates who would normally stay in the City will struggle to get graduate level work. <p>Businesses in the City significantly affected by Covid-19 with access to markets & cash flow the most significant issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working with GMCA to influence and take advantage of opportunities, e.g. Skills for Growth, and develop responses for different labour market sector ● Think Trinity developing recommendations on the most effective labour market interventions to tackle unemployment & working with Core Cities to align ● Transition work with post-16 organisations is going well and 66% of all Year 11s have a secure offer recorded on the system- will be higher in reality and 300 of the 450 young people identified as high risk of being NEET have an offer and will benefit from a programme of summer activities; ● The discretionary business grants scheme to support small & micro businesses received 1261 applications by 10 June closing date - now being processed.
Funding	No specific known impacts on current external funding bids caused by C19 as	City Policy team to work with Economic workstream leads to establish agreed priorities for external funding bids through this Workstream inc. pipeline projects in

	<p>yet. Known bids progressing through funding approval processes as expected.</p> <p>Team in City Policy developing a funding action plan based on C19 recovery and Corporate priorities</p>	<p>need of funding.</p> <p>New funding released by MHCLG for Reactivating High Streets from national ERDF (so subject to usual ERDF rules). MCC have been allocated £448,668 to support a range of eligible activities including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support to develop an action plan for how the local authority may begin to safely reopen their local economies. 2. Communications and public information activity to ensure that reopening of local economies can be managed successfully and safely 3. Business-facing awareness raising activities to ensure that reopening of local economies can be managed successfully and safely. 4. Temporary public realm changes to ensure that reopening of local economies can be managed successfully and safely. <p>Focus has been on reopening of non essential shops for 15th July. An updated list of eligible and non-eligible expenditure received from MHCLG. (e.g. ShowSec wardens are not eligible.)</p> <p>Once high street reopened looking to prioritise activities that can be funded, to support businesses, inc. looking at temporary changes to street infrastructure, parking, street closure. (Kate Macdonald and Clare Kenyon to lead on this, with Sue Parkinson).</p> <p>Note that some aspects of the Transport programme bid to GMCA could potentially be eligible for funding through this ERDF High Street fund.</p>
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MHCLG is launching a new **Digital Innovation Fund** for Covid-19. MCC via PPR Directorate has fed back city priority areas. (Likely to be projects up to £100k). Couple of small EC funds under investigation - minor funding levels around data and intelligence research - relevant for partners e.g. UofM

Emergency Active Travel Fund announced with allocation to TfGM. Two tranches for GM totalling £15m over two phases - Phase 1 £3.17m (closes 5th June) and Phase 2 £12m (likely to close in August). First phase bid went in 5th July including 10 schemes in Manchester & around city centre (inc. Deansgate closure). Steve Robinson in Highways leading on this. The allocation per authority from TfGM has been split equally 10 ways, so we are expecting around £1.5 million in total. (see above for potential link to the ERDF High Streets Fund)

Potential Smart Cities Opportunity

We have been asked to provide a briefing for JR on scope for a “smart city” recovery programme that can be pitched to DCMS. Dave Carter who has been leading on digital strategy has put together an early stage proposal looking to leverage existing digital assets across the city (e.g. coworking spaces, Tech hubs, university research, maker spaces, central library) to develop a proposal to support digital ecology, to increase digital inclusion, to pump-prime digital innovation, and improve digital connectivity. With a focus on using digital capacity in the city centre as a “hub” to support districts and local area needs. The programme would use existing staff seconded from different organisations, be led by MCC, and have a recovery focused work programme that could quickly

		<p>commission digital pilots, and support new ideas. Looking at a potential “ask” from Govt of £4-£6 million, with 15% on set up and programme management costs. Briefing paper going from Mark Duncan and Angela Harrington to the Chief Exec this week.</p> <p><u>Supporting Other Workstreams</u> Reached out to other workstreams to understand priorities and funding gaps</p> <p>Likely to be specific requests coming out of at-risk sectors highlighted in our sector workstream.</p> <p>Healthy Ageing Trailblazer - led by GMCA, Phase 1 bid was successful (£100k). Health Innovation Manchester coordinating phase 2 bid of c.£6m plus match. Adult services looking at MCC involvement. 7 projects are shortlisted and all should be funded if complete Phase 1 successfully.</p> <p>New fast track Electric Vehicle funding announced by Innovate UK Opens: 17 June. Closes; 29th July. Must start October 2020</p> <p>These are 6-month rapid delivery projects to develop on vehicle and charging technologies to help secure the future of zero emission vehicles industry in the UK. £10 million available (£50k to £100k per project).</p> <p>Potential for MCC project at Hammerstone Road / New Smithfield being investigated (inc. MMU and Cadent): https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/652/overview#summary</p>
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Strategy & Economic Narrative Review	<p>C19 has necessitated a review of existing strategies to understand whether they are fit for purpose given the predicted exacerbation of existing inequalities. This will inform the Economic Recovery Plan & Our Manchester Strategy reset. Formal refreshes would not take place until 2021 when the Our Manchester Strategy has been reset and the full impact of C19 is known.</p>	<p>Economic Recovery Plan being drafted to submit to Government in July which builds on Our Manchester Industrial Strategy. The document will be informed by recent intelligence and external commissions and will set out the priorities and interventions which are required to support the economic recovery at the core of the conurbation. The document will also set out the benefits for Government and will be submitted directly, through the GMCA and via UK Core Cities. A list of catalytic and shovel read projects will be included as an appendix.</p>
External Influencing & Lobbying	<p>The Government's economic response to C19 has been fast moving and feeding in Manchester's priorities has required a coordinated approach.</p>	<p>Letter from Executive Member for Skills, Culture and Leisure sent to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport 12/06/20 to request support for Manchester's cultural sector. Manchester's 'shovel ready' projects included on Greater Manchester list being submitted to Government following letter from Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. Chief Executive presented a summary of the work of Core Cities to the Local Economic Recovery Group. Economic Recovery Plan (see above) being prepared for submission to Government and GMCA in July ahead of the planned Budget.</p>
Economic Intelligence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to engage with Manchester Businesses and Key sectors to understand current status re Covid related impacts 2. Understanding of businesses in rented spaces and analysis to support the Business Rates Discretionary Grants 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ipsos Mori appointed to undertake business survey work- will look at cross sector economic impact and sector specific issues. 2. Working with Leeds Council and Data City to commission / create a dataset to support allocation work in Manchester 3. Tracking already in place, however specific refresh and analysis needed to support this 4. Update in progress, but more difficult and time consuming than normal due to macro

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Need to understand status of development pipeline across the city4. Need to update population modelling (MCCFM), reflecting both the impacts on and from the economy5. Challenge re the scale of analytical capacity required to support this, other Covid-19 workstreams and Business as Usual activities	<p>uncertainties</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Ongoing discussions to re-prioritise work areas and understand where the gaps may be. Risk we could run out of internal capacity.
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