

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee – 18 July 2019

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 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.

Manchester Labour accepted the £24 (Band D) increase in the council tax levy for policing on the proviso that investment was made in the following priority areas: -

- Neighbourhood policing
- Safety on the Transport network
- Safe night time economy
- Continue to improve the 101 service and other forms of customer contact
- Tackling serious and violent crime
- Tackling violence against women and girls
- Improvements to sickness absence

While it is acknowledged that the number of police officers in Greater Manchester still falls short of the 7000 officers the Chief Constable believes are needed to effectively police the conurbation, we need to ensure that the new police officers are able to provide an enhanced response to calls, particularly to the most vulnerable.

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

Manchester Labour committed in its manifesto to support communities that are suffering from anti-social behaviour. That is why we are doubling the anti-social team so that they can offer additional support in areas like hate crimes / hate incidents, use or threatened use of violence, harassment, damage to property; and domestic abuse and violence. They will continue to work closely with the police and housing partner and offer out of hours support for issues like noise nuisance.

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.

Manchester has grown exponentially over recent years and it is our commitment to ensure Manchester residents benefit from the growth. I will work Cllr Rahman the executive member with responsibility for skills to ensure local people have the opportunity to succeed.

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

GMCA have developed a good employment charter, (full details can be found at <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/economy/greater-manchester-good-employment-charter/>) Manchester City Council is committed to this charter I will work with the chamber of commerce and businesses across the city to assist early adoption.