

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY



DATE:	16th September 2020
SUBJECT:	Update on Combined Authority activity
REPORT FROM:	Leader of the Council
CONTACT OFFICER:	Chris Woodhouse, Strategic Partnerships Manager
TYPE OF DECISION:	Non key decision
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain.
SUMMARY:	This report provides an update on the activity of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and associated bodies.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	That Scrutiny notes the report and that further updates on the Combined Authority are provided to future meetings as set out in the Forward Plan
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	There are no specific financial implications arising from the update report. Any financial implications arising from proposals involving the Greater Manchester Combined Authority are considered as and when decisions are needed to be made at an individual district council level.
Equality/Diversity implications:	Equality Impact considerations included on the individual Combined Authority reports.
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	MO Comments: 'There are no legal implications arising from the report'
Wards Affected:	All Wards.

Scrutiny Interest:	Overview and Scrutiny

1.0 Background

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the work of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority in recent months.

2.0 Governance

- 2.1 The Combined Authority meets monthly, chaired by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, and is attended by the Leaders of each of the ten local authorities in the region. These meetings have taken place digitally since May due to social distancing restrictions.
- 2.2 The Greater Manchester Mayoral Election scheduled for May 2020 is now due to take place in May 2021 having been postponed due to Coronavirus restrictions.
- 2.3 The Annual Appointments report outlines the membership of Bury Councillors on Greater Manchester Committees.

<i>Bury Councillor</i>	<i>Greater Manchester Committee</i>
Cllr E. O'Brien (Cllr Tariq named substitute)	Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Cllr A. Quinn	GM Waste & Recycling Committee
Cllr T. Pickstone	Corporate issues & reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Cllr M. Whitby	Economy, business and skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Cllrs M. Hayes and P. Cropper	Housing, Planning and Environment O&S
Cllr R. Walker	Scrutiny substitute pool
Cllr J. Black (Cllr D. Jones named substitute)	Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee
Cllr A. Simpson (Cllr E.O'Brien named substitute)	Health and Care Board
Cllr A. Simpson	Joint Health Commissioning Board
Cllr R. Gold (Cllr C.Smith named substitute)	Transport Committee
Cllr T. Tariq	Work & Skills Advisory Panel and Executive

3.0 Role in Covid Response

- 3.1 The Combined Authority has played a key role in corralling regional response activity, building on a strong set of relationships experienced in working together across the ten localities to make best use of collective skills and resources; recognising that the sharing of data and mutual aid is key in our region where there is considerable cross-borough travel.
- 3.2 To strengthen the response across Greater Manchester, there has been a revision of the GM governance; a number of fora were stepped up or

introduced to support this activity, providing localities an opportunity to escalate issues, including:

- The *Greater Manchester Strategic Co-ordination Group* (GM SCG), a multi-agency group established within the UK's statutory emergency response framework to rapidly mobilise resources to deliver an integrated response – this now includes all LA chief executives.
- The *Local Resilience Forum*, which in turn escalates to national government as necessary

- 3.3 The GM Integrated Contact Tracing Hub has been operational since 8th June working collaboratively alongside the 10 districts to implement the requirements of Level 1 contract tracing. Plans are well developed to stand up Locally Enhanced contact tracing by all GM local authorities by end of w/c 31st August to improve the percentage of index cases and contacts followed up.
- 3.4 A GM Framework for managing local outbreaks has been approved. The Framework factors in the 10 locality level plans which have been prepared by Locality Directors of Public Health and are now published online in response to national planning requirements.
- 3.5 The latest Recovery update from the Greater Manchester Joint Commissioning Board is available through the following link: <https://www.gmhsc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Supplementary-Agenda-Report-7.pdf>
- 3.6 On a fortnightly basis, the Mayor of Greater Manchester has chaired the Greater Manchester COVID19 Emergency Committee - a multi-agency meeting to help co-ordinate Greater Manchester's efforts to combat the COVID19 outbreak, including response to infection rates across the Borough and changes to any local restrictions. In addition to this, the GM Mayor holds weekly press conferences with other Greater Manchester leaders to update the public and answer questions from the press.

4.0 Living with Covid Resilience Plan

- 4.1 At the meeting of the 2nd September 2020, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority will consider the 'Greater Manchester Living with Covid Resilience Plan'. This is a one year delivery document, akin to Bury's Covid Recovery Plan, considering the impacts arising from Covid and short terms actions to address such impacts.
- 4.2 This plan will act as bridge between the existing Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS), 'Our People, Our Place' and the refresh of the SMS which has been postponed until 2021.
- 4.3 The Plan recognises the significant and disproportionate impacts arising from Covid on Greater Manchester residents, businesses and places, but also seeks to acknowledge the positive gains and innovations which supported Greater Manchester's response to the pandemic. The plan is designed to be a flexible framework recognising that at the time of writing, Greater Manchester has additional local restrictions and with a vaccine yet to be development therefore for the next year or maybe longer, we will be living with Covid.

- 4.4 The plan takes account of Greater Manchester's overarching principles which were determined early on the region's response to the pandemic, and continue to shape and guide the development of the regional response:
- Tackling inequalities and poverty
 - Promoting a Safe GM
 - Co-design, civil society and social infrastructure
 - Building a confident city-region
 - Enabling a resilient city-region
 - Instilling positive behaviour change
- 4.5 The plan does not seek to capture every action that will be taking place across the system. Existing strategies, long term plans and aspirations still stand, and across the Greater Manchester system, localities, policy areas, sectors and agencies reframing, recovery and re-start activity following the lockdown are now underway. This plan is complementary to that activity and seeks to draw together interventions which are required to build resilience while living with Covid and where the whole system has a role to play in their delivery.
- 4.6 In formulating the plan a focus has been applied to tackle pre-existing or newly identified stresses and risks in the system which must be respond to as part of our future response to outbreaks or other emergencies; so to build GM's economic, social and environmental resilience to prevent / minimise loss from a future shock event (e.g. second wave of infection, no deal Brexit).
- 4.7 This recovery and resilience plan focuses on the activity of the Combined Authority for the next year around three areas:
- where the impact of Covid has been significant and even devastating;
 - where the impact has caused challenge, and;
 - where the impact has driven innovation and accelerated new approaches.
- 4.8 The Plan is structured across two tables – a description of the impacts observed (both positive and negatives) and a package of GM deliverables responding to those impacts.
- 4.9 Within the first of these tables examples of significant negative impact include:
- Health impacts on BAME people, disabled people, older people
 - Mental health impacts on all ages, shielded people and those most likely to be isolated
 - Educational and social impacts in particular for disadvantaged children and families

In relation to positive impacts these are highlighted as being:

- Digital shift and capabilities with rapidly developed and novel operating models to be retained and developed
 - GM Partnerships and ways of working reinforced and approaches strengthened to deliver effective responses
 - Locally controlled devolved resources enabled targeted, timely responses.
- 4.10 The second table details deliverables with a clear recognition that these require a system response. Lead partners from across the GM system are identified against specific actions under each deliverable. The overall deliverables are

listed below, against which is a reference to show how these align with Bury's Covid Recovery Plan.

Bury Recovery Plan priorities-

1: Summer Activity Provision/ 2: No Rough Sleepers/ 3: Bury Opportunity Guarantee/ 4: Anti-Poverty / 5: Year of Culture / 6: Health and Care Recovery / 7: Backing Bury's businesses / 8: Working Well / 9: Economic Recovery Strategy / 10: Recognising key workers/

GM Deliverable	Alignment to Bury Covid Recovery Plan
Implement a system wide approach to assessing and responding to evidenced inequalities in the ongoing management of the Covid response and the design and delivery of recovery and restart activity	3, 6
Sustain support to care homes and extend Living Well at Home to strengthen the resilience of adult social care provision	6
Boost physical activity programmes and social prescribing, including for people with long term conditions	6
Sustain food availability networks	4
Complete 'Everyone In' and deliver a transition programme and ongoing support for homeless people	2
Building on the Community Hubs experience and closer working with schools, develop integrated neighbourhood services that share people, information, money and stories	3, 4, 6
Launch a targeted plan to tackle digital exclusion	3
Ensure the provision of comprehensive mental health and wellbeing support accounting for growth in demand and severity across all age	3, 6
Restore proactive care and support for both children and adults with long term health conditions and support those who are recovering from Covid	6
Supporting successful return to school and college for all learners, with inclusion of catch up and wellbeing support if needed	1, 3
Learning from each other on how best to manage any increases in safeguarding for children & young people and vulnerable adults	6
Deliver GM employment and skills recovery plan with evidence based targeted programmes of support	3, 7, 8, 9
Immediate implementation of the GM Social Value Framework	3, 9
Appropriately contracted provision from the VCSE sector as part of ongoing networked support infrastructure	3
Develop system wide responses to maintain and develop social infrastructure as part of driving more inclusive economic growth in	3, 6, 7, 9

the future, including system changes, investment and formal collaboration with new infrastructure	
Deliver housing and public building retrofit programme as part of greener economic recovery	2
Provide support to enable businesses including social enterprises to innovate and adapt	3, 5, 7, 9
Targeted support to sectors facing lasting impacts from Covid, and growing sectors with investment where they can exploit new opportunities	5, 7, 9
Significantly expand the GM Good Employment Charter to drive more secure work, higher pay and better employment standards	3, 9
Develop and deliver a Cultural Recovery Plan, recognising the role of a sustainable cultural sector as a key driver of wellbeing and a vibrant GM	5, 6
Continue the SafeGM campaign to provide reassurance about getting back to work	3, 7
Secure infrastructure investment needed to kick start the economy	5, 7, 8, 9
Swiftly progress investment opportunities as part of economic stimulus and push for wider government funding for councils and locally controlled devolved resources	9
Develop sustainable mutual aid and support networks that add value locally and provide a better way of working	3
Deliver the Cycling and Walking Plan, and build on positive shift in travel behaviour	6
Progress more integrated public transport system with support from DfT	6
Progress GM Clean Air Plan	*
Progress Environment Plan to continue to reduce carbon emissions and create an improved, more resilient natural environment for socially distanced recreation	*

**Carbon Neutral Strategy included within Recovery Plan as specific medium term priority*

- 4.11 The GM multiagency Recovery Coordination Group will meet quarterly to maintain oversight of the Plan's implementation. This oversight will seek to ensure progress is being made against the GM deliverables, and that system wide developments and innovations continue to shape and inform the region's ongoing response to the Covid pandemic.

5.0 Equalities

- 5.1 The Age-friendly GM and Equalities Portfolio will also have responsibility for the oversight and implementation of the Living With Covid Resilience Plan with regards to driving effective responses to evidenced inequalities.

- 5.2 Considerable activity has taken place through the Combined Authority on understanding and addressing inequalities within the last year, including through the establishment and reporting from numerous panels and fora.
- 5.3 Work is actively taking place to map and align activity at a regional level with that taking place locally, particularly in the context of the current Equalities Review, announced in June by Bury Council and Bury CCG, an update on which will be presented to the Strategic Commissioning Board in October 2020.
- 5.4 In July 2020 the Greater Manchester Disabled Persons Panel reported on their recent Big Disability Survey which included a series of recommendations upon which Bury has provided initial feedback and will inform the local Equalities Strategy which will be an outcome of activity outlined in 5.3.
- 5.5 Also in July a report was received from the GM LGBT+ Advisory Panel which acknowledged representation from officers in Bury for their work in promoting best practice and engagement.
- 5.6 The Combined Authority is finalising a Women and Girls' Equality Panel to accelerate gender equality, enabling women and girls to live their best life in Greater Manchester. The Panel will work to ensure that all women and girls, across the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester, have equality of opportunity to start well, live well and age well. It will establish a clear vision for women and girls in Greater Manchester to understand issues and inequalities impacting on their lives and recognising women and girls' particular experience of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Panel will play a key role in making recommendations to GMCA, partners from across the public, private and voluntary sectors to drive and operationalise change.
- 5.7 A further equality panel is being formed in relation to race. Prior to the Coronavirus pandemic the Combined Authority was in the process of developing a Race Equality Panel to strengthen the voice of people from different races and ethnic backgrounds and provide challenge to local public bodies on their policies and actions. Engagement has taken place during July and August on the formation of the panel; to ensure that this is developed in partnership with residents and that recent events, including the coronavirus outbreak, and the death of George Floyd and Black Lives Matter movement are taken into account.

6.0 Specific activity and decisions of the Combined Authority

- 6.1 The following section provides an update in relation to further papers discussed at the most recent Combined Authority meetings.

6.2 *Young Person's Guarantee*

- 6.2.1 This initiative brings together in a coherent way the regional commitments from education, business and health, setting out the opportunities for life readiness to enable young people (those aged 11-30) in Greater Manchester to prosper. The opportunity draws upon Covid recovery plans for the GM Children & Young People's Plan, under the direction of the GM Children's Board and the work of the Employment & Skills Advisory Panel.
- 6.2.2 The vision is to protect those in education, employment and apprenticeships who face immediate challenges and displacement

because of the pandemic; promote current and emergency opportunities that help support young people to be ready for life, learning and work; and progressing young people through quality education, employment training across the city region.

6.2.3 There are four key thematic areas covered by the guarantee

- Keeping Connected: securing better access and inclusion for all of our young people
- Staying Well – improving our young people's wellbeing, resilience, hope and optimism
- Preparing for Successful Transitions – supporting our young people to be ready for life, further learning and work
- Removing Economic Inequalities – reducing labour market barriers and challenges to safeguard our future workforce

6.2.4 A Youth Task Force has been proposed to drive forward the design, development and delivery of the Guarantee, with multi-agency representation working closely with the Youth Combined Authority to ensure the voice of young people is at the heart of the plan. The Task Force will be chaired by former Olympian and Commonwealth Gold Medal Winner, Diane Modahl, whose foundation has been supporting disadvantaged young people through sport and positive engagement activities since 2002.

6.2.5 For Bury, there is particular synergy with the Bury Opportunity Guarantee priority within the local Covid Recovery Plan, in terms of opportunities through work shadowing, mentoring, apprenticeships and skill development opportunities.

6.3 ***Working Well***

6.3.1 Working Well is family of services that embody Greater Manchester's devolved employment & health offer have been commissioned to support people experiencing or at risk of long-term unemployment.

6.3.2 First announced as part of the 2014 Devolution agreement, Greater Manchester successfully negotiated for the opportunity to co-design, procure and deliver a localised version of the new Work and Health Programme. The programme brings together expertise and local knowledge to include integrated health, skills and employment support, and offers all participants individually tailored and personalised support from their own dedicated key worker to support them on their journey back to work.

6.3.3 As part of the Chancellor's summer statement it was announced that there would be a variation to the devolved Working Well Work and Health Programme to enable the development of the Working Well Light Programme to offer early support to those have become recently unemployed. From October the Working Well Light Programme will provide early support, which will complement the wider labour market offer of support through a sector-based approach that responds to local priorities. The scheme will provide a light touch provision that includes, but is not limited to, transferable skills analysis, CV writing, job search, interview skills, self-efficacy and confidence building.

- 6.3.4 DWP and GMCA Skills and Work Team have been working closely over the last few weeks to develop the service delivery model. The programme will support 13,200 GM residents to find employment.
- 6.3.5 This is in addition to the introduction of the Working Well Supportive Employment Service. This is a new service commissioned by GMCA and co designed across the ten local authorities to support residents with severe mental health illness, people with a learning disability and/or autism. This programme start date was delayed due to COVID but began taking referrals on 1st August 2020. Individual placement and support is being provided via telephone/videocall at present due to distancing restrictions.

6.4 **Adult Education Budget**

- 6.4.1 The Adult Education Budget (AEB) for the region is devolved to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. It is worth £92 million per year and provides essential education and skills provision for over 70,000 residents each year. It supports the development of skills for life and work whilst ensuring employers can access the skilled workforce needed for businesses across the city-region to thrive.
- 6.4.2 As part of the city-region's response to COVID-19, the GMCA approved amendments to the devolved funding and performance management rules for 2019/20 which allowed a great access to AEB funding. This enabled greater support to furloughed workers, those working in key sector areas, and vulnerable learners who need additional aid to access training and skills.
- 6.4.3 The reassurance of maintained level of funding 20/21 due to lack of ability to measure a full year of activity and the impact of Covid 19 on fulfilling funding targets has been well received.

6.5 **GM Co-operative Commission**

- 6.5.1 Following the launch of the report of the GM Co-operative Commission, it was agreed that Commissioners would meet to develop an Implementation Plan for the recommendations which had been made. It is proposed that this piece of work takes into account the emerging impacts of Covid-19 and is completed by September 2020. The work of the Commission in its current form would then be complete.
- 6.5.2 The Implementation Plan will present an opportunity to embed co-operative ways of working where they can make the most difference in terms of other sectors, for example social care, housing, transport and business. This will give a chance to refresh membership of the steering group that drives forward the work, bringing in diverse and expert voices from the relevant sectors.
- 6.5.3 Bury is currently an associate member as part of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. A recommendation of the Commission's report was that each Greater Manchester locality should consider becoming members of the Co-op Council's Innovation Network.

6.6 **GM Clean Air Plan - Consultation Update**

- 6.6.1 A report was tabled to Bury's Cabinet on 2nd September providing a comprehensive update on the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan and specifically in relation to the respective consultation.
<https://councildecisions.bury.gov.uk/documents/s23736/GM%20Clean%20Air%20Plan%20Consult%20Cabinet%20Update%20Am%2018.08.20.pdf>
- 6.6.2 The report sets out the progress that has been made on the development of Greater Manchester's (GM) Clean Air Plan following the decision that the GM Local Authorities will move to a statutory public consultation on this plan as soon as reasonably practicable in light of COVID-19 restrictions, and the link to taxi and private hire common minimum licensing standards. The report also considers the formal governance mechanisms that will underpin the delivery of a GM Clean Air Zone (CAZ) and the supporting measures.
- 6.6.3 The report does not seeking a decision on whether to introduce a scheme as that has been mandated by the Secretary of State. Rather it sets out a position for consultation on the daily charge, discounts and exemptions of a Category C GM Clean Air Zone, and the proposals for the supporting funds that have been developed taking stakeholder engagement and statistical modelling into account. It is seeking agreement to consult and endorsement of the policy for consultation. The policy will be reviewed in line with the findings from the statutory consultation.
- 6.6.4. An All member briefing on GM Clean Air Plan for Bury Elected Members was held on 23 July

6.7 ***The Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund***

- 6.7.1 In March 2018, GMCA agreed to allocate £160 million of Greater Manchester's £243 million Transforming Cities Fund to develop a Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF). The fund is being used to deliver the first phase of the Bee Network, which is the walking and cycling element of the Our Network plan to transform Greater Manchester's transport system. The Bee Network, once complete, will cover circa 1,800 miles and be the longest, integrated, planned network in the country connecting every neighbourhood of Greater Manchester.
- 6.7.2 Over the last 2 years, Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) has been working closely with scheme promoters to set up and progress the projects in line with the agreed governance arrangements, and continues to utilise TfGM's established Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Support Team to provide collaborative support to Local Authority partners
- 6.7.3 Bury has "Programme Entry" for MCF schemes in Tranche 1, Tranche 5 and Tranche 6. Work has been taking place to actively develop the schemes with an application made towards development costs. The programme entry schemes include cycle parking on the Bury Metrolink line alongside new and upgraded crossing points junctions.
- 6.7.4 Recognising the impact of Coronavirus on travel patterns and the encouragement of people to walk or cycle, Bury has also received Emergency Active Travel Tranche 1 Funding for the A56 Prestwich pop-

up cycle lane and has just submitted an Emergency Active Travel Tranche 2 submission for filtered neighbourhood and improving links to further education establishments in the Fishpool area and improving access to Bury town centre from the Pimhole area.

6.8 ***Social Value & Public Procurement***

6.8.1 Greater Manchester was an early adopter of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012, with the requirements reflected in the GMCA's Constitution for the organisation to include considerations of social value in all purchasing and disposal procedures.

6.8.2 In association with local authority Heads of Procurement from across the city region, an initial proposal for the refresh of the existing Greater Manchester Social Value Framework in the light of the likely impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic has now been developed.

6.8.3 The refreshed framework is built around six objectives:

- Provide the best employment that you can
- Keep the clean air in Greater Manchester
- Create the employment and skills opportunities that we need to Build Back Better
- Be part of a strong local community
- Make your organisation greener
- Develop a local, GM-based and resilient supply chain

6.8.4 It is proposed that the Social Value Framework will be presented using a web-based portal, structured around the six objectives, with links through to a range of suggested actions and sources of support and guidance. Each objective will have a tile on the home page behind which will sit an overview of the objective, its drivers, suggested actions and projected outcomes as well as links to named GM programmes and initiatives which any organisation can join or receive support (e.g. GM Good Employment Charter or Bridge GM)

6.9 ***Greater Manchester's Plan for Jobs, Homes and the Environment, the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework***

6.9.1 Greater Manchester's plan for Jobs, Homes and the Environment, the Spatial Framework, sets out how the city-region will build the right homes, in the right places so everyone can live in well-connected and environmentally sustainable villages, towns and cities. It will also help Greater Manchester continue to be a dynamic, attractive place to invest and do business. The pandemic has made planning for our future even more important and this plan can be a key tool in helping Greater Manchester recover and thrive.

6.9.2 This plan was shared in 2019 with the feedback received from more than 17,000 residents, businesses and community groups. This feedback has informed the development of the plan which also takes into account the impact of the pandemic; together this has shaped the final version of the plan.

6.9.3 The revised plan:

- sets out how Greater Manchester should develop up until 2037;
- identifies the amount of new development that will come forward across the 10 districts, in terms of housing, offices, and industry and

- warehousing, and the main areas in which this will be focused;
- supports the delivery of key infrastructure, such as transport and utilities;
- protects the important environmental assets across the city region;
- allocates sites for employment and housing outside of the existing urban area; and
- defines a new green belt boundary for Greater Manchester

6.9.4 In September and October 2020 the final draft of the plan will be subject to full scrutiny by all councillors across Greater Manchester's 10 boroughs.

6.9.5 If approved for publication, the plan will be brought forward for an eight-week public consultation in early November to give residents and stakeholders a chance to see how the plan has been changed in response to issues raised previously. There will also be an opportunity to raise formal objections to the plan.

6.10 A Bed Every Night

6.10.1 The A Bed Every Night (ABEN) programme has provided a key accommodation and support pathway for people who are experiencing rough sleeping, or at imminent risk, in Greater Manchester for the last 2 years. It has been delivered as one part of a wider system of activity to prevent and relieve rough sleeping, including the Rough Sleeper Initiative, Rapid Rehousing Programme, and Housing First pilot, to provide options and complementary resources for people who rough sleep.

6.10.2 The role of A Bed Every Night becomes even more critical as a humanitarian relief programme as we begin to 'live with Covid-19' and manage the continued risk to life that this presents to those who are vulnerable.

6.10.3 Phase 3 seeks to increase accommodation capacity and ensure further wrap-around support for individuals. ABEN Phase 3 funds 15 bed spaces in Bury, an increase from 10 the previous year. Linking this provision with ABEN operationally and strategically with our other multi-agency stakeholders especially health will provide a more robust service with more positive longer term outcomes for our rough sleepers.

6.11 Culture

6.11.1 Greater Manchester has been at the heart of promoting the value of culture. United We Stream GM has led the way with livestreaming performing arts, literature, comedy, and music, with the vast majority of this activity having been streamed for The Met Theatre in Bury, which is fitting given Bury's title as in the inaugural Greater Manchester Town of Culture. United We Stream has raised over £475k to support the regional cultural, creative and night time economy.

6.11.2 For those without digital access, culture and creativity has been shared through the distribution of Creative Care Kits. The Creative Care Kit contains a range of activities that can be completed at home using materials that are provided including an activity book, art and craft supplies and a seed bomb. Contributions to activities in the kit were co-produced through Bury Culture Champions, Bury Art Museum and Met.

7.0 Update on Waste and Resources Contract

- 7.1 The Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) access restriction policy was introduced in February 2020 to deter traders from unlawfully using the sites, from 1st September the next phase of this policy will see a limit being introduced on the number of bags of rubble that residents can dispose on at any one time. Rubble is one of the main types of waste that traders are disposing of at the HWRCs.
- 7.2 Trade waste is not permitted at any HWRC, and although fixed height barriers are installed at all sites set at 2 metres high to prevent large vans from entering sites, a large amount of trade waste is still being deposited at the sites unlawfully. All traders and businesses must pay for the disposal of trade/business waste; the HWRCs are for household waste only. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA 1990), trade waste must be disposed of at appropriately permitted facilities for a reasonable charge and anyone transporting such waste is subject to the requirements of Duty of Care (set out at section 34 of the EPA 1990).

- 7.3 The new access restriction policy limits the number of visits by vehicle type:
- Cars and cars with single axel trailers – 52 visits a year

This includes: disability-adapted vehicles, SUVs, people carriers with multiple seats (under 2 metres high), bicycles, cargo bikes and bikes with a cargo trailer.

- Cars with a double axel trailer – 18 visits a year
- Vehicles up to 3.5 tonne gross vehicle weight: 18 visits a year

This includes pickup trucks, estate vans, city vans and chassis vans

- Vans over 3.5 tonnes can visit 12 times a year

From 1st September all vehicles will be limited to no more than five bags (900mm x 600mm) of rubble per visit. This is designed to stop traders from using the sites for the illegal disposal of large quantities of rubble.

- 7.4 The Recycle For Greater Manchester (R4GM) Communications team are working with Bury Council on a paper and card contamination campaign to engage with residents who are deliberately contaminating their bin. Through research and inspections carried out at the SUEZ transfer loading station where the paper and card is tipped off from the collection rounds; the following main types of contamination have been identified:

- Bags of general waste
- Soiled nappies
- Food
- Electrical items
- Textiles

- 7.5 From September 2020 all green paper and card bins in Bury will have a sticker applied, this will inform and remind residents what can and cannot go in the bin. Each household will receive a leaflet again reiterating what should go in the bin, it will also contain information about the consequences of getting recycling wrong, showing images of contaminated loads and outlining the cost to Bury Council. The Bin sticker and leafleting will be reinforced with social media, radio adverts, newspaper content and newsletters. R4GM will also be

working with key stakeholder such as Six Town Housing to disseminate the key messages.

- 7.6 In October the campaign will be followed up with a second round of bin stickering which will target those bins which are still contaminated. Bin crews will inspect each bin and a red warning sticker will be applied advising the resident to remove the wrong items before the next collection, a follow up email will be sent to those who have signed up to Bury's online bin collection reminder service.
- 7.7 The current situation around Covid, has meant that all R4GM education activities that normally would be delivered in person (either on site or on outreach) have been suspended. The education team are developing new ways to engage with the public. These include:
- Education Facebook page
 - Live sessions
 - Pre-recorded films.
- 7.8 A new home composting campaign has been launched to ease pressure on council garden waste collection services. This has been developed to ease pressure on council garden waste collection service by promoting home composting. The campaign; called Let's Compost Now provides easy tips on how to start composting, myth busting and how to guides. More information can be found here on our website: <https://recycleforgreatermanchester.com/community-post/lets-compost-now/>. A toolkit of social media assets has been provided to your communication team to promote locally.
- 7.9 Of wider information, three reuse shops are being develop by SUEZ which will be open by the end of the March 2021. These will be located on 3 household waste recycling centres, the nearest to the Borough of Bury being in Oldham at Arkwright St recycling centre. The shops will sell pre-owned items that have been donated to containers that will be added to each of the recycling centres. Items could be any household item that is suitable to be reused, such as furniture, bikes, bric-a-brac, books, gardening equipment, etc. Proceeds from the 'reuse shops' will go to the Greater Manchester Mayor's charity with a commitment of a donation of £100,000 every year. In terms of the waste hierarchy, reuse is more favourable than recycling. Reusing extends a products lifecycle without using up lots of energy. Reusing also means less waste goes to landfill or energy from waste.

8.0 Update from Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM)

- 8.1 Mobile phone data shows in Bury the average daily number of trips being made is only 43% below the pre COVID-19 level; the average for GM is 47%. This dataset also shows that approximately 30% of those who made a regular commute trips in Bury are still making that trip. This is only marginally above the GM average of 28%
- 8.2 In August, government announced an extension to Metrolink funding for a further 12 weeks. This has been crucial in TfGM recovery and in preparation for the return of education and commuter demand.
- 8.3 Metrolink services are operating at a 10-minute frequency across all lines between 6am and 7pm Monday to Friday. From 24 August running times were

extended, with services running every 20 minutes between 7pm and midnight Monday to Friday. On Saturdays, a 10 minute service will operate from 8am to 8pm, moving to a 20-minute service until midnight. On Sundays a 15-minute service will run through the day, from 7am to 11pm.

- 8.4 Face covering compliance has increased to around 80% on bus and Metrolink. The TravelSafe Partnership continue to undertake 'Days of Action' to target the areas with the lowest levels of compliance.
- 8.5 TfGM has been working closely with local authorities and operators over the past few months to fully understand the implications of the return to school in September and make preparations for this. There is ongoing and regular engagement with senior colleagues in the ten local authorities to ensure a coordinated approach, to keep them up to date with progress with preparations for September and assist with communications with schools.
- 8.6 A package of interventions has been developed, including developing travel demand management (TDM) principles, success measures and a process for escalation to ensure we are in the best position to manage demand as and when issues arise in September. A Back to School tactical communications campaign launched last month promoting active travel options for school children and parents and also promoting IGO applications and changes to yellow school bus services. A joined-up approach is being employed to ensure that plans for dedicated school services, SEN transport and the wider transport network have all been considered and aligned.
- 8.7 Our Pass launched for new members on 1 September, allowing for free bus travel and half-price off-peak 1-day and weekend Metrolink travelcards. Also as of the 1 September, 18-21 year old care leavers in Greater Manchester will be eligible for free bus travel. This is following a commitment in the GMCA Care Leavers Guarantee and Core Offer.
- 8.8 Planning applications have been submitted for Radcliffe and Whitefield park and ride expansion projects. Following the successful Restoring Your Railways 'Ideas Fund' bid to investigate the potential future use of former railway line between Bury-Heywood-Rochdale, TfGM submitted a full bid to DfT at the end of July and are waiting for the Department to grant authorisation to proceed to the next stage, to develop the summary cases for change.

9.0 Recommendation

- 9.1 That Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the updates from the Combined Authority, with further updates to be presented at future meetings as per the work plan.

List of Background Papers:-

None identified

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