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Subject: Covid-19 Recovery Response Update

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide GMCA Members with an update on the approach and work to date for the Greater Manchester recovery response from the Covid-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION:

The GMCA is requested to review and comment on the work to date in developing Greater Manchester's recovery response, endorse the approach being adopted, and note that this response and approaches will continue to evolve.

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Equalities Implications:

Differential impacts on individuals with protected characteristics will be evident as a result of the Covid pandemic. The recovery work and approaches adopted seek to understand those differential impacts, mitigating and responding to issues as appropriate.

Climate Change Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures:

Environmental benefits have been seen as a result of the Covid pandemic. The recovery work and approaches seek to ensure those benefits gained are retained and further improvements can be achieved through the recovery phases.

Risk Management:

N/A

Legal Considerations:

N/A

Financial Consequences – Revenue:

The Covid pandemic has likely long term implications on current and future revenue resources

Financial Consequences – Capital:

The Covid pandemic has likely long term implications on future capital investment and availability

Number of attachments to the report:

N/A

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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GM Transport Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Covid-19 pandemic introduced a series of health, economic and social crises that have affected communities around the world, including Greater Manchester. The impacts of this pandemic on Greater Manchester's residents will be far-reaching. Those impacts will be experienced differentially across people, places and the economy. The societal effects of the pandemic (both positive and negative), may be sustained over long periods and profound; shaping the future of Greater Manchester and the lives of our residents.
- 1.2 Recognising the need to begin to plan for recovery early, work is now well underway to understand implications arising from the pandemic and the development and delivery of appropriate responses, enabling a rapid restart for the Greater Manchester economy and society.

2. GREATER MANCHESTER APPROACH TO RECOVERY

- 2.1 Recovery planning is being built round three phases of recovery:
1. Release of lockdown (0-2months)
 2. Living with Covid (0-12months)
 3. Building back better (0-beyond 12months)

It is recognised that these timeframes will not be discrete from one another, and there will be significant 'blurring' between timescales and phases, and that multiple phases are likely to be operational at once.

- 2.2 Recovery planning should shape the future vision for Greater Manchester and enhance the resilience of the city-region. It is anticipated that recovery from the pandemic will be a part of life for all residents and communities, and at some point become core business for many, if not all organisations.
- 2.3 Work is underway to understand the issues and opportunities arising, and seeking to ensure that as Greater Manchester recovers from this crisis, that we don't just build back as was before the outbreak, but build back better.
- 2.4 Whilst loss and adverse impacts will be most evident, there will be opportunities to build back better and learn from the current crisis. Greater Manchester needs to capture the positive responses that we have seen, for example an increase in walking, and improvement in our air quality as well as the huge community response, and ensure that in 'building back better' tackling inequalities runs through the whole of our recovery work. Engagement with communities, co-producing responses, and understanding the differential impacts and opportunities for different sectors of society needs to form the foundation of our approaches to building back better, ensuring sustainable and positive changes for the future.
- 2.5 In planning to build back better it will be important to build on the work already underway in Greater Manchester around Resilient Cities, and in the design and delivery of responses

Greater Manchester should be striving to create a fairer society, leading to better jobs and greater prosperity for all, and avoiding creating new types of inequality or increasing existing disadvantage.

3. DEVELOPING RECOVERY ACTION PLANS

- 3.1 Detailed recovery planning will need to be undertaken across the three phases of recovery identified, with the immediate focus on the 'release of lockdown' phase, ensuring Greater Manchester's economy and society can re-start as safely and quickly as possible, when appropriate to do so.
- 3.2 From the work undertaken to date, there are seven key themes which have emerged for consideration in the development of recovery action plan(s):
- Inequalities / poverty
 - Building confidence
 - Safe GM / Standards
 - Co-design, civil society and social infrastructure
 - Resilient city-region
 - Recovery in the context of GMS (opportunities to achieve our aims faster; risks to achieving our aims)
 - Behaviour change
- 3.3 Recovery action planning will engage both new and existing thematic groups and networks, ensuring representation from across the GM system, involving public, private and VCSE sectors, and will seek to draw on evidence and learning to inform our future responses.
- 3.4 From the Greater Manchester Covid emergency response delivered to date, there has been wide recognition from across the city-region, that the neighbourhood and locality led responses have ensured the effect design and delivery of responses and interventions. Further work moving into recovery phases, should continue to ensure interventions are designed and delivered at the appropriate geographical level, with Greater Manchester level activity for example, being those areas where a consistent approach is required, or where there is value added or efficiencies to be achieved through collaboration.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The GMCA is requested to review and comment on the work to date in developing Greater Manchester's recovery response, endorse the approach being adopted, and note that this response and our approaches will continue to evolve.