

COMMITTEE: Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 21 July 2008

REPORT OF: The Chief Executive

SUBJECT: Manchester's State of the City and State of the Wards Reports 2008

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the second State of the City and State of the Wards Reports for Manchester.

RECOMMENDATION

That the second State of the City and State of the Wards Reports for Manchester be noted.

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

None

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

WARDS AFFECTED

All

IMPLICATIONS FOR:

Anti-Poverty	Equal Opportunities	Environment	Employment
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Manchester's State of the City and State of the Wards Reports 2008 are one of the components of the planning and delivery framework for the Community Strategy.
- 1.2 The reports are intended to be used by all Council departments and the Manchester Partnership. Their primary purpose is to provide a cross-cutting evidence base to inform decision making and service improvement. The reports provide a progress report on the State of the City indicator framework within the Community Strategy and the new Local Area Agreement (LAA). The State of the City report looks at performance at a city level highlighting performance over time. The State of the Wards report looks at available performance information at a ward level.
- 1.3 The reports will be updated annually. Overtime, the evidence base will improve as more information is collected and analysed to provide a greater insight into the changes taking place across the city. Wherever possible the State of the City report compares data from Manchester over time and against Greater Manchester, Core Cities and national averages.
- 1.4 Within the Council, the State of the City Report is being used to improve the business planning process by ensuring that all Heads of Service have a common understanding of how the city is changing. This will help managers to examine and challenge what impact their services are having within the city. The Manchester Partnership will use the report to help other public service agencies understand this contribution to the delivery of the Community Strategy and the LAA.
- 1.5 The State of the Wards Report will assist with planning and service improvement at neighbourhood level. The State of the Wards Report will be discussed at the next round of Ward Service Coordination meetings and will assist with updating local ward plans and in the choice of proposals for the Neighbourhood Funding Strategy.
- 1.6 The State of the City and State the Wards reports are being presented to the 23rd July meeting of the Executive. Comments from the Resource and Governance Overview and Scrutiny committee will be reported back to the Executive.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 This report is part of an approach to improve the evidence base for the Community Strategy and the LAA. It will continue to develop and improve as our understanding of the city and its neighbourhoods continuously improves.