



**STOCKPORT**  
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

# **Economy and Regeneration**

## Portfolio Performance and Resources Annual Report 2019/20



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# ECONOMY AND REGENERATION PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW



## Portfolio Summary

There is no doubt this is the most challenging economic period Stockport has faced in modern times. But as a council, I believe we have risen to the challenge.

- We have got tens of millions of pounds of grant money out of the door quickly, exceeding the performance of many other local authorities.
- We have supported people into work when they have needed it most through our Stockport Jobs Match service.
- We have created the Stockport Economic Resilience Forum, which meets three times a week and works to support local businesses through this period.
- Finally, we built the SK Business Recovery website, which brings businesses together to support each other while providing essential updates on key guidance.



As the website suggests, we are now moving into our recovery phase. And put simply, I am not prepared to see this current crisis undo all the hard work we have done as a council.

Indeed, as the recent news on Weir Mill showed, developers still have huge confidence in the Mayoral Development Corporation, in our town centre and in our borough. We also have BASF UK's relocation to Stockport Exchange 2 and the recent opening of the Mailbox, which has seen significant interest, further demonstrating how far we have come.

My focus now is how we recover and begin to construct a 'new normal'. Our One Stockport campaign will play a fundamental role in the re-opening of our town centre, district and local centres, as well as contributing to this new normal.

It will echo the confidence we should all have in our borough, while encouraging a different type of economy: one that is rooted within local businesses and our local communities.

It will encourage the whole of Stockport to come together to support each other and project a deep sense of civic pride that we should all feel for our town.

Finally, it will have safety at its heart, while creating a buzz for our town and districts that people can get behind. I look forward to revealing further details about it over the coming days and weeks.

Linked into this new normal is our work on walking and cycling. It would be fair to say that this has been a rapidly changing and evolving agenda and one that has been challenging to manage. Yet once again, we have risen to the challenge.

Our temporary walking and cycling measures – with the view of making a number of them permanent if successful – will be embedded within our One Stockport work and support the re-opening of our economy across the borough.

We have engaged extensively with residents within an incredibly short period of time with support from Walk Ride groups across Stockport: the Commonplace map, which provided invaluable data to the Council, received 1,279 comments in the space of a single week.

This data is informing our borough-wide proposals that will not only support the re-opening of our economy but also help create this new normal that tackles congestion, road safety and poor air quality.

The A6 parallel cycle route proposals, our intention to turn the A6 bus lane into a 24-hour cycling and bus corridor and the numerous schemes we have submitted as part of the Mayoral Challenge Fund, a number of which we plan to fast-track and begin delivering during this summer, also demonstrate our clear and devoted commitment towards active travel.

This is, without question, the most significant period I will ever face within this portfolio – and certainly the most significant period many of us will ever face as well.

But while there are obvious concerns about the Council's budget and our recovery, there is also the urgency and appetite to change things for the better. I hope we can all grasp that opportunity during this period and help contribute the 'new normal' people are crying out for.

**Cllr David Meller,**  
**Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration 2019/20**

### Revenue Budget (Outturn)

	£000
Cash Limit	1,982
Outturn	2,017
(Surplus)/Deficit	35

#### Reserves

Approved use of reserves balance is £3.887m.  
 Planned draw down at Quarter 4 was £0.795m (revenue) and £0.241m (capital) draw down.

### Capital Programme

	£000
2019/20 Capital Budget	49,356
2020/21 Capital Budget	48,771
2021/22 Capital Budget	44,289

# ECONOMY AND REGENERATION

## 1. DELIVERING OUR PRIORITIES



This report is based on the **2019/20 Portfolio Agreement**, approved by Cabinet on 23 July 2019. The link to the Agreement is [here](#).







Due to the current situation and unprecedented levels of demand, this report focuses on outturn performance and financial data for 2019/20, rather than the usual, more comprehensive round-up of progress against portfolio priorities.

Highlight and exception commentary is provided for specific areas of performance, and this is linked, where possible, to specific projects, programmes and activities.

Some data has not been collected, whilst there are some measures for which outturn data is not yet available, particularly where this comes from external sources. In these cases, the latest data is shown in italics along with the period it relates to, in order to provide a complete picture of performance across the portfolio, based on the latest available data.

Consideration is currently being given to the future reporting framework in the light of the Council's response to Covid-19, reflecting the impact of the pandemic and associated measures on key areas of performance in addition to recovery plans for 2020/21.



### Key to symbols used in tables

	Red; Indicator is performing significantly below target		Getting worse; This indicator has worsened when compared to previous period
	Amber; Indicator is performing below target		Stable; Indicator value has changed by less than 1% when compared to previous period
	Green; Indicator is on track or performing above target		Getting better; This indicator has improved when compared to previous period
<b>Bold measures</b> are included in the Greater Manchester Strategy outcomes framework and/or suite of 'headline' measures included in Corporate Report.			





**Priority 1: Inclusive growth**

*We will focus on support and regeneration of the local economy, including significant investment in the town centre. There will be a greater focus on securing the economic, environmental and social benefits of growth for local people, supporting the creation of good jobs for people to increase individual and community independence and taking steps to address the rising cost of living.*



**Measuring Performance and Reporting Progress**

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
E&R1.1	Number of breaches of planning control discovered as a percentage of complaints received.	Low	39.6%	41.5%	49.5%	40.0%		



There were an unusually large number of works undertaken in 2019/20 for which planning consent was required, but had not been granted. The Council is therefore working to improve accessibility to information that clearly explains what does require consent. Other activity may include media work to raise awareness of the Council's role in planning enforcement, emphasising that it will pursue and take action where necessary, which should help to deter work that contravenes planning regulations.

E&R1.2	Percentage of breaches where formal action was taken	Low	Not Available	16.0%	6.0%	20.0%		
E&R1.3	Percentage of occupied managed workspace and incubator floor space actively managed for start-up/micro-businesses	High	83.0%	94.0%	93.0%	95.0%		

The figure shown relates to average occupancy across both facilities (SBIC and Merchants House). Both performed well throughout 2019/20. Two larger SBIC tenants left the facility in Quarter 3, but by March 2020 SBIC was again 95% occupied. Merchants House remained 100% occupied. Demand for good quality serviced office space in Stockport remained strong to the end of March 2020.

E&R1.4	Percentage of occupied retail, commercial & business premises in the Borough's district centres.	High	Not Available	93.3%	93.1%	92.0%		
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This figure was last reported in Quarter 2, 2019/20. There are no updates available.

E&R1.5	Square feet of office, retail and industrial space let or sold to new occupiers.	High	1,034,994	595,853	477,942	600,000		
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The 2019/20 outturn measure is 481,160 square feet which is below the target of the 600,000 target. Deals reported in Quarter 4 include O'Connor Utilities relocating to 12,500 square feet at Artemis House on Greek Street, BASF's relocation to 24,000 square feet at Stockport Exchange and the development of former public house premises on Brinksway into new offices for wealth management company, Thin Wealth Advisory.

It should be noted however, that as this information is collected from a variety of sources, it has been difficult to establish a comprehensive picture in the current situation, given the availability of information during lockdown – there may be some transactions not included in the above.



PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
E&R1.6	Number of FTE jobs created in relation to floor space let or sold to new occupiers.	High	2,060	1,155	1160	1,200		

The figure shown represents an estimate based on industry occupancy standards in relation to the square feet of industrial, commercial and retail space occupied (E&R 1.5). The estimated figure is broken down as approximately 506 office, 423 industrial (including 140 new jobs over three years to be created by WFEL) and 231 retail. In addition to jobs created, 797 jobs have been safeguarded by businesses relocating and expanding within the borough, including 340 as a result of the relocation of BASF from their current offices in Stanley Green, to Stockport Exchange.

E&R1.7	Business start-up survival rates after 3 years (%).	High	61.5% (2017)	57.0% (2018)	Not available	62.0%	Not available	
E&R1.8 GMS	Percentage of jobs earning above the Real Living Wage	High	74.3% (2017)	73.2% (2018)	Not available	78.0% (2019)	Not Available	
E&R1.9 GMS	Median earnings	High	£25,073 (2017)	Not available	Not available	£26,000 (2019)	Not Available	
GMS	GVA per job	High	£43,943 (2016)	£48,136 (2017)	Not available	Aim to maximise	Not Available	
E&R1.10 GMS	Percentage of working age population with qualifications below Level 2	Low	21.0% (2017)	19.1% (2018)	Not available	18.0% (2019)	Not Available	
E&R1.11 GMS	Percentage of working age population with Level 4+ qualifications	High	42.8% (2017)	41.3% (2018)	Not available	42.8% (2019)	Not Available	
GMS	Percentage of working age population with Level 3 as highest level of qualification	High	16.4% (2017)	19.6% (2018)	Not available	Aim to maximise	Not Available	
E&R1.12 GMS	Business start-ups pa per 10,000 working age population	High	81.0 (2017)	84.8 (2018)	Not available	85.0 (2019)	Not Available	
E&R1.13 GMS	Number of enterprises per 10,000 working age residents	High	748 (2017)	738 (2018)	Not available	Aim to maximise	Not Available	



The figure provided relates to 2018 and is based on 13,055 registered enterprises and a working age population of 176,900 ( $13,055/17.69 = 738$  enterprises per 10,000 working age population). This compares with 712 in GM and 706 in the UK

## Priority 2: Tackling unemployment


*Our work on inclusive growth, set out above, aims to support creation of attractive employment opportunities within the Borough, whilst having a strengthened focus on securing the economic and social benefits of growth for local people. In addition to this, we will provide and support access to services to improve labour market inclusion, assisting those citizens who want to work, develop skills and increase earnings, but need help to enable them to enjoy sustainable employment opportunities.*

*We remain committed to the development of a youth jobs guarantee, alongside employment, skills and apprenticeship programmes, laying the foundations that will help eradicate youth unemployment. We will develop an employment pathway for looked after children and those with additional needs.*



### Measuring Performance and Reporting Progress

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
E&R2.1	Working Well (Work & Health Programme): Percentage of forecast work-related outcomes in Stockport achieved	High	Not Applicable	99.0%	65.0%	100%		












Whilst the work-related outcomes figure is below target, there has still been good progress this year. Stockport's figure exceeds the GM average of 51%. It is recognised in GM that this programme has very challenging job outcome figures. The effect of the Covid-19 restrictions also affected outcomes in the second half of March.

E&R2.2	Working Well Early Help; Number GP referrals to the programme (cumulative).	High	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	235	194		Not Applicable
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Progress has continued to be strong on GP referrals to the Working Well Early Help Programme and has been well ahead of target. Stockport has been leading the way in Greater Manchester for referrals onto this Programme.

E&R2.3	Number of customers supported by Troubled Families Employment Advisers who start employment (cumulative).	High	14	36	29	40		
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The Troubled Families Employment Advisers have continued to make good progress, despite falling short of a very ambitious target. Achievements are comparable to previous years, and also reflect the loss of the final two weeks of March due to Covid-19 restrictions and the Advisers being redeployed to support additional Universal Credit claims.









PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
E&R2.4	Percentage of unemployed 18-24 year-olds in the Borough.	Low	3.3%	3.5%	4.8%	3.3%		
The claimant levels have risen this year, as increasing numbers of people are now claiming Universal Credit, rather than the former Jobseekers Allowance, which requires more people to be seeking work. This and the impact of Covid-19 at the end of the financial year has seen the target missed.								
GMS	Percentage of economically active 16-19 year olds unemployed	Low	14.9% (2017)	9.0% (2018)	Not Available	Aim to minimise	Not Available	
E&R2.5	Percentage unemployed overall (16-64).	Low	3.9%	2.2%	3.0%	2.0%		
The claimant levels have risen this year, as increasing numbers of people are now claiming Universal Credit, rather than the former Jobseekers Allowance, which requires more people to be seeking work. This, and the impact of Covid-19 at the end of the financial year, has seen the target missed								
GMS	Percentage of working age population employed	High	60.8% Jan 2017	62.0% Jan 2018	62.0% Mar 2019	Aim to maximise		
GMS	Working age employment rate for a) Residents from ethnic minority groups b) Residents with a disability c) Residents aged 50-64	High	a) 64.0% b) 57.1% c) 75.5% Jan 2017	a) 67.7% b) 60.2% c) 76.1% Jan 2018	a) 66.1% b) 59.1% c) 76.5% Jan 2019	Aim to maximise		
E&R2.6	Number of Stockport residents starting apprenticeships	High	2,550	2,170	Available December 2020	1,800	Not Available	
E&R2.7	Number of Stockport employers receiving Apprenticeships Grants for SMEs (cumulative)	High	N/A	N/A	30	40		Not Applicable
Despite not reaching the target of 40 grants issued by the end of March, Stockport has made very good progress with the grants scheme and has been one of the lead GM Councils in committing its grants. GMCA and the ten Councils are currently developing proposals to utilise the grant's underspend across GM in 2020/21. Underspend is being pooled in GM to support proposals being developed, for securing apprenticeships activity during the current unprecedented economic challenges.								



**Priority 3: Stockport Town Centre regeneration**

*We are committed to developing the physical and business infrastructure in and around Stockport Town Centre, working with partners to attract more people and businesses with a great mix of retail, commercial, leisure and residential opportunities. The Mayoral Development Corporation will bring together partners to unlock the potential for our long-term ambition of large-scale regeneration for the Town Centre West site.*

**Measuring Performance and Reporting Progress**

PI Code	Short Name	Good Performance	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Status	Trend
E&R3.1	Footfall in Market Area: Change from Previous Year in footfall.	High	-3.0%	+2.8%	+2.4%	+5.0%		
This measures cumulative % change on previous year. The market closed to the public from 24th March 2020. Given Covid-19 measures were in place prior to 24th March, in order to compare like with like, counter data up to the end of February 2019 and 2020 are used to calculate the % change. Whilst 2.4% is less than the year-end target of 5% it is slightly higher than the revised forecast at the end of Quarter 3 (2%).								
E&R3.2	% of occupied retail, commercial and business premises in Stockport Town Centre.	High	77.0%	73.3%	74.6%	75.0%		
This data is collected twice a year by the Local Data Company, in October and April. The April 2020 survey was not carried out (due to Covid-19), so the latest data relates to October 2019.								
E&R3.3	Number of independent businesses in Stockport Town Centre.	High	325	291	304	300		
This data is collected twice a year by the Local Data Company, in October and April. The April 2020 survey was not carried out (due to Covid-19), so the latest data relates to October 2019.								
E&R3.4	Square feet of office, retail and industrial space let or sold to new occupiers in Stockport Town Centre.	High	182,776	126,916	99,271	150,000		
<p>Lettings have included both office and retail use, such as the relocation of O'Connor Utilities to Artemis House of Greek Street, and the purchase of Ye Olde Woolpack on Brinksway for conversion to offices for wealth management company Thin Wealth Advisory. Confirmation of BASF's relocation to 2 Stockport Exchange is also recorded in Quarter 4.</p> <p>As with E&amp;R 1.5 above, it should be noted that as this information is collected from a variety of sources, it has been difficult to establish a comprehensive picture in the current situation given availability of information during lockdown and there may be some transactions not included in the above.</p>								

**Priority 4: Transport priorities to 2040**

*We will play our part in delivering world-class transport connections that support long-term sustainable economic growth and access to opportunities for all. We are committed to prioritising improvements to public transport through the Town Centre Access Plan and Stockport Interchange, whilst continuing to lobby to bring Metrolink tram / trains to Stockport.*

**No measures are reported for this priority**

# ECONOMY AND REGENERATION

## 2. FINANCIAL RESOURCES & MONITORING



### 2.1 Revenue – Cash limit

	Previously Reported (Quarter 3) £000	Increase (Reduction) £000	Budget at Quarter 4 £000
Cash Limit	1,944	38	1,982

#### Budget changes since Quarter 3

The Portfolio cash limit has increased by £0.038m. This is due to Corporate Redundancy budgetary support.

#### Full-Year Analysis

The Economy & Regeneration Portfolio has finished the year with a slight deficit of £0.035m, which is 1.8% of the budget. This small deficit includes the funding of the retail appeals.

### 2.2 Earmarked Reserves

The majority of earmarked reserves are now kept at corporate level. The table below sets out the commitments of this portfolio, which have been approved for 2019/20.

Reserve Category	Reserve Narration	To be used for	Approved £000	Change £000	Balance £000
<b>Corporate Reserves</b>					
Directorate Reserve	Directorate Flexibility Reserve - Place	Town Centre Living Development Framework	30	30	0
Directorate Reserve	Directorate Flexibility Reserve - Place	Detailed Feasibility Study for ERDF funding	25	23	2

#### Directorate Reserves

Reserve Category	Reserve Narration	To be used for	Approved £000	Change £000	Balance £000
Corporate Reserves	Legislative and Statutory Requirements Reserve	Development of a new Local Plan approved by the Executive	228	228	0
Reserve Linked to Budget	Transformation - Invest to Save Reserve	Green Fund	60	60	0
Strategic Priority Reserve	Capital Programme Investment Reserve	Stockport Place Marketing and Communications	59	0	59
Strategic Priority Reserve	Capital Programme Investment Reserve	Interchange	418	41	377
Strategic Priority Reserve	Capital Programme Investment Reserve	Stockport Exchange Phase 3	97	97	0
Budget Resilience Reserve	Demand Changes Reserve	Seashell Trust	252	172	80
Reserve Linked to Budget	Transformation - Double Running Reserve	To Support 2019/20 phased savings - Shuttle Bus	18	15	3
Strategic Priority Reserve	Infrastructure Investment Reserve	To part fund GM Full Fibre Network Programme (capital scheme)	740		740
Strategic Priority Reserve	Capital Programme Investment Reserve	Growth and Reform 18-19	1,960	370	1,590
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3,887</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>2,851</b>

## 2.3 Portfolio Savings Programme

Proposal	Risk Rating	Value £000	Value Achieved £000	Additional Information
Fees & Charges Savings	Green	0.208	0.208	This has been achieved.
Transport Review Shuttle Bus	Green	0.220	0.220	This has been achieved.
Modernising Citizen Journeys (Business Advice)	Green	0.200	0.200	This has been achieved.
<b>Total</b>		<b>0.628</b>	<b>0.628</b>	

## 2.4 Capital Programme

*Expenditure as at 31 Mar 2020 £000	Scheme	2019/20 Programme £000	2020/21 Programme £000	2021/22 Programme £000
	<b><u>Highways</u></b>			
	<b><u>Capital Asset Maintenance</u></b>			
522	Street Lighting	522	513	0
11,922	Highways Investment Programme	11,922	12,574	12,826
453	Highways Drainage	453	354	300
239	Pot Hole Programme	239	34	0
638	Highways Structures	638	738	0
(19)	Town Centre Structures A6 Viaduct	(19)	28	0
336	Town Centre Structures Merseyway	336	2,721	1,119
303	Flood Risk Management	303	252	0
84	Flood Damage Infrastructure Programme	84	1,034	0
	<b><u>Asset Development &amp; Improvement Schemes</u></b>			
4,040	SEMMMS Relief Road	4,040	2,628	3,766
6,732	Town Centre Access Plan	6,732	3,515	1,035
739	Interchange Bridge	739	179	0
2,282	Roscoe Roundabout	2,282	714	0
1,023	Mayoral Walking & Cycling Challenge Fund	1,023	8,578	17,743
4	A34 MRN OBC Preparation	4	335	0
915	LTP and SEMMMS Integrated Transport	915	816	0
361	District Centres	361	302	0
289	Road Safety Near Schools	289	181	0
82	Road Safety	82	57	0
175	PROW	175	131	0
	<b><u>Planning-related Schemes</u></b>			
1,157	Section 278 and Section 106 schemes	1,157	1,200	1,500
	<b><u>Other Highway Programmes</u></b>			
251	Studies and Transport Minor Schemes	251	103	0
0	Air Quality Grant	0	96	0
120	Other	120	2	0
<b>32,648</b>	<b>Highways sub-total</b>	<b>32,648</b>	<b>37,085</b>	<b>38,289</b>
	<b><u>Non-highways</u></b>			
11,725	Stockport Exchange (Phase 3)	11,725	2,599	0
543	Stockport Exchange (Temporary Car Park)	543	0	0
182	Stockport Exchange Acquisitions	182	0	0
13	Redrock Development Scheme	13	973	0
77	Aurora Stockport (formerly Gorse Bank)	77	23	0
1,100	Markets and Underbanks	1,100	2,968	0
1	Brownfield Site Schemes	1	151	0

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2,409	Merseyway Development	2,409	3,628	6,000
573	St Thomas Hospital site acquisition	573	0	0
0	GM Local Full Fibre Network Programme	0	1,208	0
61	Digital Advertising Screens	61	136	0
24	Other/Minor Works	24	0	0
<b>16,708</b>	<b>Non-highways sub-total</b>	<b>16,708</b>	<b>11,686</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>49,356</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,356</b>	<b>48,771</b>	<b>44,289</b>

### Resources

Resources	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000
Capital Grants	19,984	22,026	22,642
Directly Funded Borrowing	15,647	7,863	5,035
Unsupported Borrowing	11,850	12,902	11,993
Capital Receipts	0	183	0
External Contributions	220	3	0
Commuted Sums	1,109	1,200	1,500
Revenue Contributions (RCCO)	546	4,594	3,119
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,356</b>	<b>48,771</b>	<b>44,289</b>

### Programme Amendments – Re-phasing

Scheme	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000	Funding Source	Reason
Street Lighting	(3)	3	0	Cap Grant	Rephased to 2020/21
Highways Investment Programme	(666)	23	450	DFB	Rephasing to 2022/21 & 2021/22; Virements to drainage, flooding & pothole programmes
Highways Drainage	(23)	29	50	RCCO/ DFB	Additional funds for flood repair, rephasing & virement from main HIP programme
Pot Hole Programme	(4)	34	0	Cap Grant/ DFB	Minor programme amendments & virement from main HIP programme
Town Centre Structures A6 Viaduct	(28)	28	0	Cap Grant	Rephased to 2020/21
Town Centre Structures Merseyway	(1,156)	37	1,119	Cap Grant/ RCCO	Rephasing to 2020/21 and 2021/22
Flood Risk Management	(29)	27	0	Cap Grant	Minor funding adjustment & rephasing to 2020/21
Flood Damage Infrastructure Programme	34	1,034	0	DFB/ RCCO	Rephasing to 2020/21; virement from HIP; additional funds for flood repair
SEMMMS Relief Road	352	(3,691)	525	Cap Grant	Rephasing between years, and to 2022/23+
Town Centre Access Plan	(1,593)	1,593	0	Cap Grant	Rephased to 2020/21
Interchange Bridge	(102)	102	0	Cap Grant	Rephased to 2020/21
Roscoe Roundabout	(714)	714	0	Cap Grant/ DFB	Rephased to 2020/21
Mayoral Walking & Cycling	(132)	(3,515)	3,722	Cap Grant	Additional funding; rephasing to



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Challenge Fund					2020/21 & 2021/22
A34 MRN OBC Preparation	4	335	0	Cap Grant/RCCO	Additional funding allocation
LTP and SEMMMS Integrated Transport	(835)	786	0	Cap Grant/DFB	Rephasing to 2020/21; funding adjustment to 2019/20
District Centres	(58)	52	0	Cap Grant	Rephasing to 2020/21; funding adjustment to 2019/20
Road Safety Near Schools	(81)	81	0	Cap Grant	Rephased to 2020/21
Road Safety	(42)	7	0	Cap Grant/RCCO	Programme amendments; rephasing between 2019/20 & 2020/21
PROW	(27)	31	0	Cap Grant	Minor funding adjustment & rephasing to 2020/21
Section 278 and Section 106 schemes	(343)	(800)	(500)	Comm Sums/Grant	Adjustment to funding estimate in 2020/21, 2021/22; Minor virement in 2019/20
Studies and Transport Minor Schemes	15	73	0	RCCO/ Ext Conts/ Grant	Additional funding in 2019/20 and 2020/21; Rephasing to 2020/21
Air Quality Grant	0	0	0	0	No amendments
Car Parking	(11)	2	0	RCCO	Minor funding adjustment & rephasing to 2020/21
Stockport Exchange (Phase 3)	(1,610)	1,610	0	DFB	Rephased to 2020/21
Stockport Exchange (Temporary Car Park)	(2)	0	0	DFB	Scheme complete
Stockport Exchange Acquisitions	182	0	0	Ext contributions	New Scheme
Redrock Development Scheme	(747)	747	0	DFB	Rephased to 2020/21
Aurora Stockport (formerly Gorse Bank)	(23)	23	0	DFB	Rephased to 2020/21
Markets and Underbanks	63	(63)	0	DFB	Rephased to 2019/20
Markets and Underbanks	(31)	31	0	Cap Receipts	Rephased to 2020/21
Brownfield Site Schemes	1	(1)	0	USB	Rephased to 2019/20
Merseyway Development	(996)	(2,504)	4,000	DFB	Additional Funding and Rephasings
Merseyway Development	305	0	0	RCCO	Additional Funding and Rephasings
Merseyway Development	0	2,433	2,000	Cap Grant	Additional Funding transferred from DFG in SS Portfolio
St Thomas Hospital site acquisition	3	0	0	DFB	New Scheme
Digital Advertising Screens	61	136	0	DFB	New Scheme
Other/Minor Works	24	0	0	DFB	New Scheme
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(8,212)</b>	<b>(603)</b>	<b>11,366</b>		

## Commentary

The suspension of construction works during the Covid-19 lockdown period, and the protective measures that are being put in place to allow sites to re-open safely, are having a significant effect on the Council's Highway & Transportation capital programmes. The financial impact of these effects is currently being worked through. The forecast tables above show the programme forecasts without these impacts. The forecasts will be updated at Quarter 1 to take account of the assessments currently being undertaken.

- **Street Lighting Planned Programme:** All lighting columns and illuminated signs have been structurally assessed and this information is being used to develop whole-life modelling of assets across the network. The scheduled replacements/repairs have been completed, apart from a relatively small number of installations and associated electrical connection work due to the Covid-19 related close-down of planned work.
- **Highway Investment Programme (HIP) – Year 6:** All sites were scoped in the targeted ward areas during the previous financial year and repairs were then programmed for delivery in 2019/20.

A mid-term review of the HIP programme highlighted that claims and claim costs have reduced while footway and carriageway condition is improving in line with the investment and model forecasts. Reactive maintenance costs have also reduced.

The funding for this programme comes from the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 3 (GMLTP3) and prudential borrowing. The aim is to maintain and improve transport networks and facilities in accordance with the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan and SEMMM Strategies.

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- **Highways Drainage:** Drainage investigations and repairs continue to take place ahead of carriageway resurfacing work in the HIP programme.

Camera surveys/investigation work and structural repairs have been carried out across the borough. Sections of damaged highway and drainage systems that were damaged during the 2019 floods have also been attended to.

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- **Pot Hole Programme:** The pothole programme was developed to attend to sites that are beyond the scope of reactive repair. This year's funding allocation will be targeted to address the longer-term repair need for potholes caused by the flooding incidents last summer.
- **Highways Structures:** The programme includes the planned inspection and repair of the borough's bridges and retaining walls.

In Quarter 4:

- 45 General Bridge Inspections were completed (with 113 completed for the year in total);
  - 4 Special Bridge Inspections were completed (77 in total for the year);
  - 19 Principal Bridge Inspections were completed (23 in total for the year);
  - 0 Low Bridge Surveys were completed (19 in total for the year);
  - Refurbishments of Travis Brow Footpath Retaining Wall No.1, Torkington Park Culvert, Tiviot Way Bridge and Woodstock Bridge Ramp in Romiley took place;
  - Green Lane Retaining Wall in Romiley was reconstructed;
  - Stanley Green Footbridge in Cheadle Hulme was waterproofed and surfaced;
  - Hollywood Way Bridge and Romiley Canal Bridge road joints were replaced;
  - Whelmar Bridge Replacement in Cheadle Hulme commenced;
  - Link Bridge in Brinnington had its parapets refurbished;
  - Fogg Brook Bridge in Offerton and Otterspool Bridge in Romiley had waterproofing assessments completed.
- **Town Centre Structures - Merseyway:** Concrete repairs to the deck soffit and portal frames have continued, and improvement works to the mess facility and to provide safer access to the structure have continued, whilst the air quality monitoring design is also progressing. Point cloud scanning of the structure and production of a BIM Level 2 Structure Model has begun.
  - **Flood Risk Management & Flood Damage Infrastructure Programmes:** Lead Local Flood Authority review of major developments is continuing and during Quarter 4 the service was consulted on 73 major and 99 minor planning applications.

The team has worked with the Local Planning Authority to undertake training on the importance of flood risk and has streamlined SMBC's process to deliver better quality information faster. The team has also worked with developers to provide 50% of developments with SuDS surface water principles, 12 with infiltration, 8 to watercourses, 13 to surface water sewer and 4 to a combined sewer.

Formal guidance for officers to assist the Emergency Commanders is being developed, along with a bespoke system to log and record flood reports that would form a case management system, automative mapping and address search, groundwater guidance, cellar flooding guidance, culvert guidance, watercourse ownership, driveway guidance and property level protection.

Mott MacDonald has continued its investigation into the major flooding in July and August 2019, and the team is assisting Greave Primary School in Woodley to construct ponds, wetlands and swales to support the school in the management of their surface and groundwater issues.

- **SEMMMS Relief Road:** The road opened to traffic on 15/10/2018. Post-construction activities are progressing including contract completion work, snagging, Compulsory Purchase Order and land issues, utility diversion accounts, noise insulation works.

A team is now established to manage the Part 1 Claims process and consultants are engaged to undertake post-completion surveys and undertake the year 1 monitoring and evaluation of the scheme.

Complimentary measures started on site in Heald Green in Quarter 4 but have been put on hold due

to the Covid-19 lockdown. Works in Hazel Grove have been delayed and will now happen in the summer.

A programme of accommodation works to facilitate land acquisition and address public concerns related to the impact of the road on properties is being undertaken. Works to address issues identified in the RSA 3 will also be developed and delivered in 2020.

- **Town Centre Access Plan (TCAP):** Construction works are progressing well with major highways improvements recently completed at Stockport Exchange (public realm and access improvements between the A6 and Railway Station); Hall Street (cycling and walking improvements at busy highway junctions); Cycling and walking improvements at Newbridge Lane; and Resurfacing works at Little Underbanks.

Further major highways improvements have begun at Woodbank Park (temporary works for the new bridge as well as footpaths linking Annabelle Rd with Cow Lane and Stockport Rd West); an extension of (non-TCAP funded) works on Hall St through Little Moor; Urban Realm improvements at Market Square; Highway junction and cycling and walking improvements at Hempshaw Lane and Banks Lane. These works were suspended due to the lock-down but are hoped to be completed in Quarter 1 of 2020/21.

Design work has been undertaken for works to improve the Hempshaw Lane/A6 junction with works to take place in Summer 2020.

- **Interchange Bridge:** The Interchange Bridge and the associated highway works linking Heaton Lane with Chestergate were substantially completed and the bridge came into use in July 2019.
- **Roscoe Roundabout:** Works were completed at the Manchester Road/High Street Cheadle junction and substantially completed in Abney Hall Park. Work at Roscoes Roundabout continued into Quarter 4 but were suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions. The works will re-commence in May for completion in the summer of 2020. The crossings and M60 slip road works are still to be completed.
- **Mayoral Walking & Cycling Challenge Fund:** Feasibility design has been carried out on a number of MCF schemes which were subject to a borough wide consultation in October/November 2019. Schemes consulted over were: A6MARR links; A6 to Bramhall Park; Hazel Grove cycle links; Offerton to Stockport; Brinnington to Bredbury; Cheadle Crossings Package; Heaton Norris M60 bridge and Gillbent Road crossing.

These schemes were reported to Committee in January 2020 and now have Cabinet Member sign off. They have been subject to further design work with the first business cases to be submitted to TfGM in May 2020. If these are approved, works are anticipated to start on site at Bramhall Green, Nelstrop Road (Reddish) and Stanley Green in the summer 2020.

A scheme for Ladybrook Valley is subject to a PROW creation order which was progressed with a public inquiry programmed for late 2020.

A scheme for links to the Interchange is being developed including a new crossing on the A6 near to Exchange St to connect the new park to St Peters Square.

Tranche 6 schemes (Romiley Active Neighbourhood, Heaton Active Neighbourhood and Edgeley to Stockport) have now received Programme Entry status and commenced development in Quarter

4. However, surveys and consultation has had to be put on hold due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

- **A34 Major Route Network Scheme:** Funding has been awarded for the development of an Outline Business Case for a £30m improvement scheme on the A34 between the A555 and Broadway. It includes:
  - A cycle route from Stanley Green to Broadway and associated cycle improvements on Wilmslow Rd, Gatley Rd and Broadway;
  - A new subway at Kingsway School;
  - Improvements at Cheadle Royal roundabout for traffic, cyclists, pedestrians and bus passengers;
  - Works at Eden Park, Stanley Green and the A555 to support housing development;
  - Access improvements for the Earl Road employment area.

Development work will commence in Quarter 1 of 2020/21 with a consultation anticipated in the autumn.

- **District Centres:** Improvements to Hall St in Offerton began on site in February 2020 but were suspended in March due to the Covid-19 lockdown. They are anticipated to be completed in Quarter 1 of 2020/21. A study has been undertaken of possible improvements to parking on Gorton Road which are due to be constructed in 2020/21, however consultation had to be put on hold due to the lock-down and it is anticipated that this will be carried out in the summer instead. Bramhall Centre islands were installed in Quarter 4.
- **Road Safety:** A number of minor schemes have been worked up and will be delivered in the summer holidays. Further development work has largely been put on hold due to the Covid-19 lockdown.
- **Public Rights of Way (PROW):** A capital programme of works was identified for delivery in 2019/20. These were issued to contractors and are awaiting completion. These remaining works have been carried over into 2020/21.
- **Section 278 and s106 schemes:** Cheadle 6th Form College highway improvement works were completed in Quarter 4.

Highway improvement works for development of the former Sorting Office in Exchange Street continued into Quarter 4 but were suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Highway improvement works for the development of 24 new build apartments and associated amenity space at Hexham Close in Offerton continued in Quarter 4.

- **Studies and Transport Minor Schemes:** A number of transport studies are underway, including the development of business cases for strategic transport priorities such as the A34 Corridor Highway Improvement Scheme, the Bus Rapid Transit scheme, and for a new station at Cheadle.

The Council is contributing to a number of TfGM-led studies including those relating to the replacement of Greek Street Rail Bridge and the work of the GM Station Alliance.

Council Officers are working with TfGM and their consultants over development of a Clean Air Action Zone (CAZ) within Stockport including identifying boundaries and signage requirements.



Council Officers are working with Cheshire East Council over progressing the Poynton Relief Road to site in 2020.

- **Air Quality Grant:** The Council is using some of the Air Quality Grant to support pilot projects looking at ways to improve local air quality e.g. relating to the impact of green infrastructure on air quality around schools.
- **Car Parking:** During Quarter 4, detailed design was completed for improvements to the car parks at Woodley Civic Centre, Hazel Grove Life Leisure and Romiley Sports Centre. The designs have been submitted for planning permission.
- **Stockport Exchange Phase 3 (No 2 Stockport Exchange):** GMI have now completed the works on site, with hand over due to take place on the 13 May 2020.
- **Stockport Exchange Temporary Car Park:** Works to deliver the phase one temporary car park completed in September 2019 and it became operational in October 2019. The second phase will open shortly after the hand-over of 2 Stockport Exchange has taken place.
- **Stockport Exchange Acquisitions:** Purchase of properties on the A6 to facilitate future phases of Stockport Exchange.
- **Aurora Stockport:** Works to the frontage of the scheme have now completed. The remaining allocation of £0.023m have been rephased to 2020/21 to fund any associated residual costs to the scheme.
- **Markets & Underbanks:** The Council concluded marketing of the White Lion & 16a Market Place for a food and beverage use. Negotiations are underway with the preferred tenants.

The Council has procured MDD services to develop proposals for Winters, taking into account prospective tenants' requirements. The LBC application has now been approved and tender exercise for the contractor has now completed. NLHF grant has been approved by the board with governance currently being sought to proceed with the works. Legals with the tenant is significantly progressed.

Legals are nearing completion for the four sites in Market Place/Underbanks. The developer submitted pre-application in October 2019 and planning submission is due shortly after the Covid-19 lockdown has been released.

Works are nearing completion on the first HLF approved project with works to commence soon on 13 Little Underbanks.

- **Merseyway Redevelopment:** Redevelopment of Adlington Walk was suspended on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Although the contract has not yet been signed, work had

commenced on site under a Letter of Intent. This has been extended to enable continuation of Stage 5 design work which will enable a swift resumption of works when the current restrictions are lifted. Once it is clear when a start on site is possible, the programme and cashflow forecast will be updated.

Negotiations on securing pre-lets for the former BHS store have been ongoing. A number of staff from both potential tenants have been furloughed and this has delayed agreement around the tenant specifications for landlord works. Once these are agreed, the cost plan will be updated and authority to enter into the lease and commence the redevelopment of the building will be sought from Cabinet.

A submission to the ERDF to fund the redevelopment of the former Next store into an 'Innovation Centre', providing office accommodation for up to 30 small businesses and start-ups, will be submitted in May 2020. If successful, the bid will deliver 50% of the redevelopment cost and 2 years of revenue funding. This would be matched by the Council. It is expected that the announcement on successful bids will be later in 2020.

Design work on a refurbishment of the public realm along Merseyway is progressing. It is hoped that further consultation will be done on this later in the summer but due to the current situation no start on site date has been proposed.

- **St Thomas Site acquisition:** The St Thomas Hospital site was acquired late in Quarter 3 using DFG grant funding transferred from the Sustainable Stockport Portfolio.
- **Digital Advertising Screens:** Concessions contract for the manufacture, delivery, installation and management of Digital Screens for Redrock (NCP Car Park/above Berretto Lounge) and Merseyway (above glass atrium) to generate advertising income. The order for the screens was placed on 17th January 2020 and planning permission was granted on 10th February 2020. Estimated completion of installation (subject to Covid-19 restrictions) is August 2020.