

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Health and Wellbeing Board
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Report Title

GM Independent Inequalities Commission and Marmot Report (Build Back Fairer in GM) – Recommendations and Next Steps

Summary

Two reports with cross cutting recommendations have recently been published in Greater Manchester.

1. Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission
2. Marmot Report (Build Back Fairer in Greater Manchester)

The recommendations in both reports have been combined and set out in the table in Appendix 1. Relevant Trafford Leads will be contacted to provide wider comment on the full implications and further detail will be provided.

Recommendation(s)

1. To note and consider the feedback from leads on the full implications of the recommendations for Trafford
2. To identify any other priorities and work areas that are relevant

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1.0 Background

1.1 Two reports with cross cutting recommendations have recently been published in Greater Manchester

1. Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission
2. Marmot Report (Build Back Fairer in Greater Manchester)

A short summary taken from each report is below.

1.2 [Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission](#)

Launched in October 2020, the Independent Inequalities Commission had a six-month mission to examine inequalities across the city-region, consider how they should be tackled and outline specific, ambitious recommendations. The Commission has taken stock of existing evidence and good practice and engaged with stakeholders in the business, public, voluntary and community sectors.

The Commission has viewed inequalities within a framework that considers how interacting and intersecting inequalities create barriers that stop people from living the good lives they want. It has confronted the entrenched prejudices, discrimination and injustices, including structural racism, that withhold power and resources from diverse communities.

The report focuses on a vision of 'Good Lives for All in Greater Manchester' with recommendations centred around five areas:

1. An Essential Pivot
2. People Power
3. Good Jobs, Decent Pay
4. Building Wealth
5. Services for a Good Life

1.3 [Marmot Report \(Build Back Fairer in Greater Manchester\)](#)

The decade of 2010–20 was not good for health in England, or for health in Greater Manchester. Life expectancy stopped increasing; inequalities in health between groups widened; and for the poorest people in Greater Manchester, life expectancy declined. The 2020 report Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 Years On provided an overview of these declines in health in England and assessed that it was likely that national policies of austerity played a part in this unwelcome situation.

Recognising persisting inequalities in health, the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, including Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), considered if, as a devolved region, it could take the necessary steps to improve health and reduce health inequalities. To aid this process, in 2019 the UCL Institute of Health Equity (IHE) was invited to work with the Greater Manchester system to establish a Marmot City Region, focussed on reducing health inequalities and inequalities in the social determinants of health.

Then, the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, exposing and amplifying inequalities in health and the social determinants of health in Greater Manchester, as in the rest of England. IHE's work with Greater Manchester was reoriented, the aim being to provide evidence of the health inequality challenges the City Region will face post-pandemic and to make recommendations to monitor and reduce them.

- 1.4 The table in Appendix 1 combines the recommendations from both the GM Independent Inequalities Commission and the Marmot Report (Build Back Fairer in GM) into one place. It also sets out the combined recommendations thematically.

2.0 Proposed Approach

- 2.1 There has been an initial review of the combined recommendations and broadly the majority of actions link to existing work and plans in place. Though the full implications of each recommendation require further comment from service and partner leads.
- 2.2 From this initial review, a Trafford Lead has been identified against each recommendation. The full recommendations are being shared with the Trafford Lead for further comment on the relevance for Trafford.
- 2.3 This includes actions to take specific recommendations to CLT to consider first and then (where relevant) to the Executive.

3.0 Next Steps

1. To send the table and specific recommendations to the identified Trafford Leads
2. To collate comments on the relevance for Trafford
3. To develop SMART objectives against applicable recommendations

4.0 What's required from Health and Wellbeing Board

An update on the recommendations will be provided at the Board meeting

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Appendix 1 – Table of Combined Recommendations