
**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Economy, Employment and Skills Overview and Scrutiny
Committee – 9 February 2011

Subject: Information and Overview Report

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

Purpose of Report

This report provides information about relevant issues affecting the Committee's remit to aid members to manage their work programmes.

Recommendation

1. The Committee is requested to consider the topics highlighted in the report and either:
 - Note the information
 - Request a briefing note to provide further details
 - Add the item to the Committee's Work Programme
2. The Committee is asked to agree the work programme attached at Appendix 1.

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Wards Affected:

All

Background documents (available for public inspection):

None

1. Suggestions for the Work Programme

There have been no suggestions for the work programme received this month.

2. Forward Planning

The Executive Forward Plan lists key decisions to be taken by the City Council within the next four months.

A key decision, as defined in the Council's Constitution is an executive decision which is likely:-

- To result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or
- To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the city.

The Council Constitution defines 'significant' as being expenditure or savings (including the loss of income or capital receipts) in excess of £500k, providing that is not more than 10% of the gross operating expenditure for any budget heading in the in the Council's Revenue Budget Book, and subject to other defined exceptions.

Subject Area for Decision	Key Decision Objective /Consultation arrangements /Point of Contact	Anticipated date of decision Documents to be considered	Decision Taker (Executive or Chief Officer)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE Greater Manchester's Third Local Transport plan (LTP3) – the Manchester Implementation Plan	Key Decision Objective: Secure approval of the Manchester Implementation Plan which forms the City's input to LTP3, together with approval of a 3 year programme of LTP funded transport works. Consultees: Stakeholders through meetings, workshops and online consultation Contact Officer: Keith Howcroft, Tel 0161 234 3312	February 2011 Report and officer recommendation	Executive
CORPORATE SERVICES Great Bridgewater Street – Castlefield	Key Decision Objective: To assist regeneration around Manchester Central - Castlefield Strategy Project Consultees: Stakeholders, in writing to Corporate Property	February 2011 – June 2011 Heads of Terms and draft	City Treasurer/Chief Executive

Strategy Project		documentation	
HIGHWAY SERVICES Cross City Bus Improvements. Approval of Tender, Package A Works	Key Decision Objective: Approval of a tender to allow for construction of highway improvements works required as part of Cross City Bus improvements. Consultees: Members, Ward Coordinators, Regeneration Teams by email. Contact: Officer: David Bland, Major Projects Manager, email d.bland@manchester.gov.uk	Scheme currently on hold pending the outcome of Government Comprehensive Spending Review. If outcome is satisfactory, December 2011 Report	Head of Highway Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services

3. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

17 November 2010	EES/10/50 Promoting and Encouraging High Tech Industries and Research and Development in Specialist Industries	To ask the Principal Economic Development Officer to provide members with specific information about companies that have benefited from the incubation facilities, how successful they have been and if they are still located in Manchester.	The Principal Economic Development Officer is liaising with senior officers from the incubation facilities at Manchester University to provide members with the information requested. This information will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Tom Dempster, Principal Economic Development Officer
15 December 2010	EES/10/54 Information and Overview Report	To ask for a breakdown of the proportion of Future Jobs Fund participants entering into employment, went into part or full time work whether these jobs were permanent or temporary.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Sarah Ross, Future Jobs Fund Lead
15 December 2010	EES/10/56 Report of the Site Visit to Manchester Airport	To ask the airport to provide further information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the first tranche of "Star" recruits in particular whether participants 	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Wendy Sinfield, Community Relations

		<p>have moved on to permanent employment in the Airport or further education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the transformation to the “Airport City” would be funded. 		Manager, Manchester Airport
15 December 2010	EES/10/56 Report of the Site Visit to Manchester Airport	To ask the Deputy Leader and the Executive Member for Employment and Skills to continue to negotiate with the Airport to take over funding of the Airport Academy and to report back to a future meeting of the Committee.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Angela Harrington, Regeneration Manager (Employment and Skills)
12 January 2011	EES/11/02 Information and Overview Report	To defer the report on the Voluntary Sector to the May meeting of the Committee and to add the Regeneration and City Policy, and Adult Education Business Plans to the work programme for February 2011.	<p>The Voluntary Sector report will now be considered at the May meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>The business plans are not be available for the ordinary February meeting of the Committee. An additional meeting of the Committee has been arranged on Tuesday 22 February 2011 to enable the Committee to see the draft Business Plans and to give members the opportunity to comment on the priorities that have been identified by the Manchester Adult Education and Regeneration services for the next three years.</p>	Carolyn Whewell, Scrutiny Support Officer

**Economy, Employment and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme 2010/11 – February 2011**

9 February 2011 (Report Deadline 28 January 2011)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Work and Skills – Performance Indicators	To look at the LAA performance indicators for levels 1&2 and 3&4 based on data from 2009/10 and to look at how outcomes for Manchester residents will be monitored in the future.	Councillor Ali	Angela Harrington	
Local Transport Plan 3 – Implementation Plan	To look at the implementation plan for Manchester. The Local Implementation Plan will include the Transport Board Risk Register as an appendix.	Councillor N Murphy	Keith Howcroft	Report to Executive on 16 February 2011

Extra meeting – Tuesday 22 February 2011 (Report Deadline Friday 11 February 2011)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Regeneration and City Policy Business Plan	To scrutinise the Regeneration and City Policy Business Plan	Councillor Leese	James Hand Steve Mycio	.
Adult Education Business Plan	To scrutinise the Adult Education Business Plan	Councillor Ali	James Hand Julie Rushton	

Monday 7 March 2011 (Report Deadline Wednesday 23 February 2011)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Cultural Ambition – (Economic Impact and Job Creation)	To look at the how the culture offer in the city contributes to the economy and creates jobs for Manchester residents including routes to employment via volunteering, apprenticeships and FJF. Marketing Manchester to provide information on developing tourism, including conferencing.	Councillor Amesbury	Lyn Barbour Virginia Tandy	
The Work Programme – Welfare to Work	To outline the Government Work Programme and the future Welfare to Work schemes. To feed back on successful prime contractors for this area and the discussions underway to influence their supply chain and support available for local residents.	Councillor Ali	Angela Harrington	
National Apprentice Service	How are NAS providing a dedicated, responsive apprenticeship service for both employers and learners? How are NAS supporting Manchester residents to access apprenticeships?	Councillor Ali	Angela Harrington	

Items to be scheduled				
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Independent Retailer Support – recommendations from the Independent Retail Study	To receive an update on the final stage of the Independent Retail Study, which would outline the development of clear and comprehensive set of recommendations setting out how the Council could best support the independent retail sector.	Councillor Ali / Councillor N. Murphy	Andy Wilson	February / March 2011
MIDAS	To look at how MIDAS funding restrictions are affecting the Manchester economy.	Councillor S Murphy	MIDAS	See minute EES/10/38 - MIDAS To be scheduled for June 2011
Resilience of the Jobs market	To look at the resilience of the wider jobs market in Manchester, the impact of job losses and whether new jobs created can mitigate this impact.	Councillor Ali	To be confirmed	
Steady State Economy	To look at the research about 'Steady state' economics and how this links with green jobs	Councillor N Murphy / Councillor Ali	Richard Sharland	See minutes from November 2010.
Employer Engagement Strategy	To look at the Work and Skills Thematic Partnership Employer Engagement Strategy	Councillor Ali	Angela Harrington	See minutes from November 2010.
Business Start Up Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the barriers for women, BME groups, etc of setting up businesses and is this support accessible for all residents in Manchester • What is the support offered post Business Link and WNF supported schemes and how will this be delivered at City and City Region levels in context of the Government agenda on Local Enterprise partnerships. 	Councillor Ali	Angela Harrington / Heather Clark	Deferred to 2011 /12 To include a review of the success of the NWDA ISUS business Start up scheme.

<p>The Voluntary Sector</p>	<p>To explore the role of the voluntary sector within the context of Government Policy. To look at how the voluntary sector is used as a pathway into employment and to develop new skills. To look at how volunteering promotes cohesion and encourages people to be good citizens and carry out charitable acts.</p>	<p>Councillor Battle Councillor Ali Councillor S Murphy</p>	<p>Geoff Little / Sarah Henry / Jacquie O'Neil / Angela Harrington / Stephen Higgins</p>	<p>To be scheduled for May 2011 Deferred from February 2011 to accommodate the business plans. Invite members of Citizenship and Inclusion OSC</p>
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