

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Economy, Employment and Skills Overview and Scrutiny
Committee – 8 September 2010

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 2.

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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. 9.

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.

There are no decisions in the Forward Plan for August – December 2010 that fall within the remit of the Economy, Employment and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
26 May 2010	EES/10/23 Northenden Village Local Plan	To ask the Regeneration Manager (South) to investigate how the recommendations from local members could be incorporated within the Action Plan for the Northenden Village Local Plan	A response to this recommendation is included at appendix 1.	Andy Wilson Regeneration Manager (South)
23 June 2010	EES/10/28 New East Manchester Implementation Plan	To request that a visual plan that showed the different sites that had been identified for redevelopment across east Manchester is included within the Information and Overview Report.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Eddie Smith, Chief Executive, New East Manchester
21 July 2010	EES/10/31 Chorlton District Centre Action Plan 2010 – 2020	To ask the Regeneration Manager (South) to consider the issues raised by local members in the implementation of the Plan.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Andy Wilson, Regeneration Manager (South)
21 July 2010	EES/10/32 - Transport Strategy for the City Centre	To request that the Committee is provided with further information about the location of Metrolink stops on the second city crossing.	The consultation on the second city Metrolink crossing will be carried by GMPTE later this year. A response will be reported back to the Committee once the information is available.	Martin Lax, Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive.
21 July 2010	EES/10/33 Corridor Partnership – Job Creation	To request that Mr Grant provide the Committee with further information on the Aspire employment scheme specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of permanent and temporary jobs created, • The ratio of part time to full time jobs, • A breakdown of the spread of different ethnic minority groups employed through the scheme. 	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Jessica Bowles, Programme Manager, Regeneration South

21 July 2010	EES/10/34 Work Programme 2010/11 – Development and Support	To request that the Committee’s support officer explores options for commissioning training on community engagement for Committee members, and questioning listening skills for new members of overview and scrutiny committees for the Committee.	A report will be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group with details of the training requested by each of the scrutiny committees and proposals for commissioning training.	Courtney Brightwell, Team Leader, Scrutiny Support
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4. Items for Information Only

There are no items for information.

Appendix 1

Subject	Northenden Local Plan - Response to the Committees Recommendation on 26 May 2010
Contact Officer	Chris Sedgwick, Principal Regeneration Officer (Capital Initiatives) Tel: (0161) 499 7778. Email: c.sedgwick@manchester.gov.uk

This note is in response to recommendation made following the May meeting of the Economy, Employment and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation:

“To ask the Regeneration Manager (South) to investigate how the recommendations from local members could be incorporated within the Action Plan for the Northenden Village Local Plan.”

Response:

In May 2010, the Economy, Employment and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee invited local members to comment on the Northenden Village Local Plan. Local members asked for a number of things to be considered as part of the Local Plan.

Publicity for Farmers Market and parking provision on Market days.

In order to ensure the market remains sustainable Markets have been working to increase the retail offer to include high quality retail goods and food. It will now be called the ‘Northenden Food and Street Market’. The number of traders has been increased to at least 25 per event and these are regularly advertised in the local press. 25 new gazebos have been ordered in vibrant green and gold colours and these will be available from 4th September when the event will be re-launched. This will include additional publicity, the distribution of leaflets across the area and street entertainment on the day.

Traders use Bazley Street school to park on Market days and customer parking is available on the Camperlands car park off Mill Lane where public toilets are also available. Temporary signage is put up before each event directing traders and customers to these facilities.

Markets are also assessing the feasibility of hanging banners from the new lamp posts along Palatine Road to promote the Market.

The Chamber of Commerce and Northenden Village Partnership should be included in discussions with local businesses about future implementation of the Plan.

The Wythenshawe Regeneration Team is relaunching the Wythenshawe Business Forum and the first event on the 14th September will focus on Northenden and the NVLP. Representatives from business agencies / organisations including the Chamber of Commerce will also be available for networking. This will be an opportunity to engage with local business, offer business advice and begin a dialogue around how local business can become involved in decision making and the future development of the village which is an action identified in the local plan. Local members will also be invited to the event.

An additional pedestrian crossing on Palatine Road would increase footfall on the quieter side of the street.

This was also raised as an issue through local plan consultation and as part of that process. There are already 4 signalised green man crossing points within the village area and Highways have considered the feasibility of providing an additional crossing. Current advice is that although an additional crossing point may be advantageous for pedestrian safety and flow around the District Centre it would also introduce additional traffic congestion which would affect bus journey times. At current rates an additional signalised crossing would cost approximately £100K and it is not seen that this can be afforded in the short to medium term. In the long term the NVLP seeks to implement traffic and pedestrian management improvements where and when feasible.

There needs to be improved disabled access at the Tatton Arms river crossing

The NVLP identifies exploring the potential to create a pedestrian link along the frontage of the Tatton Arms site as an extension to the Trans Pennine Trail as an action. This would include improved disabled access to the bridge. Following discussions with the owner, the building is currently on the market. If the building were acquired by a new owner, this would present the opportunity to discuss proposals for the site and building which would include creating a pedestrian access across the front of the site including improved disabled access to the bridge which is an action identified in the NVLP. In the meantime, the condition of the building is continuing to be monitored with a view to taking appropriate enforcement action if necessary.

The British Legion has no club house due to a stalled development

Following the original developer experiencing financial difficulties, the site is being sold on to another developer to build out the new housing. However the disposal of the land to another developer removes the obligation from the original developer to rebuild a new club house as this was not part of the charge on the land. Solicitors acting on behalf of the British Legion have been involved in the process and intend to continue discussions with the new owner once the disposal is complete.

A coat of Arms consisting of iconic sites in the village would connect different parts of the village and create unique identity

The Wythenshawe Regeneration Team is developing a project with Highways around the transport and movement and public realm / environmental improvement themes

of the NVLP. This will include signage. Minor highway works and small scale environmental improvements. These works will help connect different character areas within the village to reflect Northenden's unique identity, heritage and culture and create a sense of place and begin to create a 'brand' for the village and District Centre.

Significant demand for resident parking schemes in some areas

A Northenden ward NFS request for 2010/11 has been submitted for the Allanson Rd / Brett St area, seeking a feasibility study into the potential to implement a residents' only parking scheme.

Opportunities to attract and retain young people into the area

Objective 2 of the local plan 'Creating Neighbourhoods of choice and increasing housing choice' identifies existing underused accommodation and potential development sites as being able to help meet this need and Objective 5 'Creating opportunities for economic growth' identifies the need to capitalise on the skills base of the local community which relates to Objective 2 which aims to create the right environment to attract and sustain a professional workforce. Palatine Place an apartment development at the northern end of the village which was completed in 2006 and the new development at Church Road / Palatine Road to provide apartments with retail on the ground floor which is currently on site will begin to help diversify the housing offer and help attract and retain young professional people in the village.

Need for better cycle lanes / routes and transport links to neighbouring areas

The transport and movement theme within the local plan will address these issues. The project which is currently being developed with Highways will improve signage and help improve links to neighbouring areas and character areas within the local plan area as well as facilitating onward travel to Wythenshawe Town Centre and the City Centre. Links to key leisure offers such as Wythenshawe Park and the Trans Pennine Trail will also be signed as will walking and cycling routes..

Ways to incorporate Climate Change Action Plan into delivery of NVLP

The Climate Change Action Plan is council policy so any projects or new developments that result from the implementation of the local plan will need to reflect this. For example new developments will need to be in accordance with Planning and Building Control requirements which require this. The project currently being developed with Highways in addition to delivering the local plan themes of transport and movement and a high quality public realm and physical environment, will also be designed and implemented in accordance with these requirements. In addition it will also help encourage behavioural change in relation to walking and cycling.

Importance of communicating with local members and residents about how and when things will happen

The Connecting Communities work in the ward is addressing this concern and is a pilot scheme for the city in having ongoing communication with residents and members. Building on existing structures, governance will be delivered through a more robust ward coordination meeting wherein engagement and delivery will be subject to rigorous performance management. The ward coordinator has assumed responsibility for community engagement and the ongoing Connecting Communities work will define residents' preferred methods of engagement. The Principal Regeneration Officer (Capital Initiatives) will report back on engagement with developers and property owners. The Principal Economic Regeneration Officer will lead and report back on engagement with the business community. The three streams of engagement work are not exclusive and the ward coordinator has overall responsibility for managing performance through the ward coordination meeting. While recognising that the three engagement streams are not exclusive the ward councillors have agreed to act as champion for each of the streams. The three ward councillors are fully supportive of the arrangements as described.

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

8 September 2010 (Report Deadline – 27 August 2010)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
High Speed Rail – Core Cities	To look at the economic benefits of a high speed rail link between the core cities.	Councillor N Murphy	Penny Boothman / Stephen Clark	
MIDAS	To outline the work of MIDAS and how the Council is involved in its work.	Councillor S. Murphy / Councillor Keegan	Tim Newns, MIDAS	
The work of CLES and City council Involvement	What can membership of CLES offer the Council and how can we utilise this membership to greater effect. An overview of the recent study undertaken by CLES on the Council's procurement activity and its local economic impact in terms of local suppliers and local residents employed.	Councillor Keegan /Councillor Priest	Angela Harrington / Ian Brown / Jacquie O'Neill	Invite to Cllr Watson – RAGOS

20 October 2010 (Report Deadline – 8 October 2010)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Future Jobs Fund	To look at the outcomes for first group of Future Jobs Fund participants and to provide members with an overview of the lessons learned for future job creation programmes.	Councillor Keegan	Sarah Ross	See May 2010 minutes

Implications and Benefits of London Olympics (TBC)	To explore how Manchester can make the most of the economic benefits of the London Olympics. How will they contribute to the local tourism economy?	Councillor Amesbury / Councillor Keegan	Vicky Rosin / Eamonn O'Rourke	
Local Transport Plan 3	To contribute to the Local Transport Plan	Councillor N Murphy	Keith Howcroft	

17 November 2010 (Report Deadline – 5 November 2010)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Low Carbon Economy - Job Creation	To explore the future opportunities for the low carbon economy to create jobs and develop the skills of the residents of Manchester.	Councillor N Murphy / Councillor Keegan	Richard Sharland	
Work and Skills Thematic Partnership Risk Register	To identify how the risk register have developed, what they are used for, and a high level overview of what the greatest risks are to the delivery of the Local Area Agreement and the Community Strategy	Councillor Keegan	Angela Harrington / Heather Clark	
Promoting and Encouraging High Tech Industries and Research and Development in Specialist Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To look at how research and development from Universities contributes to the development of specialised technical industries in Manchester. To outline the role of the Corridor Partnership, the Sharp Building and the plans for Mediparc in West Wythenshawe. 	Councillor Keegan	Sara Todd	

14 December 2010 (Report Deadline – 3 December 2010)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Business Plans	To select those Business Plans that the Committee wants to scrutinise at its next meeting.	Various	Corporate Performance	
Manchester Airport – contribution to the local economy.	To look at the Local Economic Impact of the Airport assessment. To look at the contribution of the Airport and how it creates employment and increases tourism. To include the Airport Academy and how this contributes to skills of Manchester residents	Councillor N Murphy Councillor Keegan Councillor S Newman	Manchester Airport	Site Visit – date to be confirmed

12 January 2011 (Report Deadline Thursday 23 December 2010)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Business Plans	To look at the Business Plans selected at the last meeting. To include a high level Executive summary for each Business Plan area.	Various	Various	
City Region	To explore the economic potential of the City Region within the context of the proposal to create Local Enterprise Partnerships.	Councillor Leese	Steve Mycio	

9 February 2011 (Report Deadline 28 January 2011)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
The Voluntary Sector	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.	Councillor Battle Councillor Keegan Councillor S Murphy	TBC	Invite members of Citizenship and Inclusion OSC
Qualifications – LAA Performance Indicators	To look at the LAA performance indicators for levels 1&2 and 3&4 How is MCC and Skills Funding Agency money directed to support learning and improve access to high quality jobs? Based on data from 2009 – 2010.	Councillor Keegan	Sara Todd	Moved from September

Monday 7 March 2011 (Report Deadline Wednesday 23 February 2011)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
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 Keegan	Angela Harrington / Heather Clark	
NWDA – Intensive Start Up Support Scheme	To look at the success of the NWDA ISUS business Start up scheme.	Councillor Keegan	Heather Clark / Tom Dempster	See minute EES/10/15 NWDA Business Start Up Support
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	
Future of Welfare to Work	Future development following Welfare to Work over the next 6-12 months 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 Keegan	Angela Harrington	

Items to be scheduled				
Item	Purpose of Report	Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
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 Keegan / Councillor N. Murphy	James Shuttleworth / Sara Todd Angela Harrington	Autumn (Prov for November)
New East Manchester Enterprise Strategy	To look at the actions in place to promote a low carbon economy in east Manchester	Councillor Battle	Eddie Smith	See minute from June 2010 EES/10/28 New East Manchester Implementation Plan