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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Economy Scrutiny Committee – 23 May 2012  
**Subject:** Overview Report  
**Report of:** Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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**Summary**

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- Forward Plan (relevant extracts)
- Work Programme

**Recommendation**

The Committee is invited to discuss the information provided and agree any changes to the work programme that are necessary.

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**Wards Affected:**

All

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**Background documents (available for public inspection):**

None

## 1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

Date	Item	Recommendation	Response	Contact Officer
22 February 2011	EES/11/10 Business and Budget Planning 2011-14 – Review of draft business plan delivery plans	To ask the Finance and Resource Manager, MAES to provide members with a cost per enrolment for the adult safeguarded learning contract for Manchester to enable a direct comparison with other local authorities.	A response to this recommendation has been provided and will be circulated once the Committee membership is confirmed at Council on 16 May 2012.	Julie Rushton, Head of Manchester Adult Education Service
19 October 2011	EES/11/43 Access to Finance for Business	To recommend that the Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration) works with RBS and other banks in the region to develop the following ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting up drop in centres and business hubs to provide easier access for potential applicants for lending to RBS staff and expert advice.</li> <li>Working more closely with the Council in local communities to identify ways to engage with people interested in setting up a business and established businesses which might benefit from working more closely with a bank.</li> </ul>	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Sara Todd, Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration)
16 November 2011	EES/11/52 2011 Manchester Business Survey	To recommend that the Head of Regeneration consider including a question about awareness and uptake of the Climate Change Action Plan when developing the next Manchester Business Survey.	A decision as to whether to commission another business survey has yet to be made. If the Council does commission a survey, a question on the climate change action plan can be included.	Angela Harrington, Head of Regeneration
16	EES/11/52	To request that the Head of Regeneration	A response to this	Angela

November 2011	2011 Manchester Business Survey	provide the Committee with further information on the different reasons behind finance and productivity being identified as both a driver and barrier to growth.	recommendation has been provided and will be circulated once the Committee membership is confirmed at Council on 16 May 2012.	Harrington, Head of Regeneration
14 December 2011	EES/11/57 The Manchester College	To recommend that Mr Tavernor, the Deputy Leader and the Chair work with Ofsted to find a way of assessing further education colleges more fairly to define success in a more appropriate way.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support
14 December 2011	EES/11/59 Graduate Employment and Retention	To ask that the government reconsider the new regulations for student visas, and to ask the Universities of Manchester and Salford to provide information on how the changes will affect the universities.	This letter has been drafted and will be sent as soon as it is finalised.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support
11 January 2012	EES/12/02 Manchester's Economy	To recommend that the Chair of the Committee meet with the Chief Executive to discuss how the strategy for addressing this matter is taken forward.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee	Sir Howard Bernstein, Chief Executive
8 February 2012	EES/12/09 Value of the Manchester People into Construction Scheme, Manchester Construction Framework	To request that the Capital Programme Director provide a statistical breakdown of the number of apprentices living in each ward of the city.	A response to this recommendation has been provided and will be circulated once the Committee membership is confirmed at Council on 16 May 2012.	John Lorimer, Capital Programme Director
8 February 2012	EES/12/10 City Centre Regeneration Team	To request that the Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration) provide a more details on the figures for the number of jobs that would be created in the city centre by 2015, including a	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee	Sara Todd, Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration)

		break down of the number created by each new development.		
8 February 2012	EES/12/10 City Centre Regeneration Team	To request that the Head of the City Centre Regeneration provide members with the number of visitors to the Trafford Centre and Arndale Centre over the last 12 months.	A response to this recommendation has been provided and will be circulated once the Committee membership is confirmed at Council on 16 May 2012.	Pat Bartoli, Head of City Centre Regeneration
5 March 2012	EES/12/15 Greater Manchester Combined Authority	To request that the Assistant Chief Executive provide details of the membership of the Business Leadership Council to the Committee.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee	Sara Todd, Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration)
5 March 2012	EES/12/17 Update on the Local Transport Plan 3	To request that, once the extension of the tramline to Didsbury is fully operational, consideration is given to ensuring that sufficient capacity is available for passengers wishing to board the trams in Chorlton, possibly by some trams starting their journey from there.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee	Richard Elliott, Policy and Strategy Manager.

## 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.

Relevant extracts from the Executive Forward Plan, published on **15 May 2012** are included below to enable members to incorporate scrutiny of key decisions into its work programme.

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)
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b> Miles Platting Joint Service Centre	<b>Key Decision Objective:</b> Approval of capital contribution to development of Joint Service Centre (housing office, retail, library and primary care facilities) <i>VfM assessments</i> of PFI element ongoing. <b>Consultees:</b> Local members, partner organisations and residents via New East Manchester	June 2012	Executive
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b> Holt Town	<b>Key Decision Objective:</b> To report on the outcome of negotiations on the existing development agreement and development proposals <b>Consultees:</b> Local members, partner organisations and residents	June 2012	Executive
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b> Regeneration of West	<b>Key Decision Objective:</b> Update report and land assembly matters	September 2012	Executive

Gorton	<b>Consultees:</b> Local members, partner organisations and residents via NEM		
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b> First Street Development	<b>Key Decision Objective</b> Update on the First St development, including new Cultural Facility. Wide consultation is ongoing with strategic partners, funders and general public <b>Contact:</b> Pat Bartolli on 0161 234 3987	June 2012 or later	Executive

## Economy Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – May 2012

<b>Wednesday 23 May 2012, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 11 May 2012)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Educational Maintenance Allowance	The results of the Work and Skills Partnership exercise to map the impact of the end of the Educational Maintenance Allowance on participation in further education. To include details, if available, of the impact on a ward basis.  To look at the impact of the EMA replacement.	Councillor Khan Councillor S Murphy	Angela Harrington / Children's Services	
Youth Employment	To report to the Committee on the personal experiences of young people entering employment and the barriers they face.  To also look at employment levels for black and minority ethnic young people and the barriers they face in becoming employed.	Councillor S Murphy	Angela Harrington	To invite the Chair of Communities Scrutiny Committee  See Sept 2011 minutes  To invite members of the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee to the meeting
Report of the Business Start Up Task and Finish Group	To receive the final report of the Business Start Up Task and Finish Group and to consider its recommendations.	Councillor Sue Murphy	Eleanor Fort	
Information and Overview Report	This report will present any responses to recommendations made by the Committee and the	Councillor Sue	Eleanor Fort	

	<p>extract of the forward plan detailing key decisions that come under the Committee's remit to be taken in the Council over the forthcoming four months.</p> <p>The Committee will also be asked to agree its work programme for 2012/13 and make any suggestions for items to look at or areas to focus on over the forthcoming year.</p>	Murphy		
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<b>Wednesday 20 June 2012, 10.00am(Report deadline Friday 8 June 2012)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Sustainable Economic Development	<p>The agenda for this meeting will be dedicated to economic matters in the context of the environment and sustainability.</p> <p>The full scope of the meeting is to be confirmed, and will include:</p> <p>A report based on consultation with the signatories of an email sent to the Chair which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes a potential strategy to counter the tension that exists between the sustainability that steady state economics advocates and the Council's economic policy.</li> <li>Explains how the Council's economic policy fits into the context of the priorities identified in the report to create a model of sustainable economic growth based around a more connected, talented and greener city region;</li> <li>Provides comparison of the steady state</li> </ul>	<p>Councillor Richard Leese</p> <p>Councillor Nigel Murphy</p>	<p>Sara Todd</p> <p>Richard Sharland</p> <p>Angela Harrington</p> <p>Michael O'Doherty</p>	



	<p>economic model with other economic models;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explains the economic model that the city works under ensures the economy grows in ways that minimise negative impact on the environment.</li> </ul> <p>The Green Jobs Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What work is being done to ensure that the gap between the skills available in the workforce and the skills required by in the context of the green economy is being narrowed?</li> </ul>			
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**Wednesday 18 July 2012, 210.00am (Report deadline Friday 6 July 2012)**

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Access for Manchester's residents to Economic Benefits	<p>To look at the strategy for how Manchester residents are able to access and benefit from the economic successes of the city. To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the work the Council and its partners do</li> <li>how strategies across the Council and its partners support this aim, including education, skills etc.</li> <li>examples of specific projects that are targeted at Manchester residents accessing jobs in the city.</li> <li>analysis on a ward level.</li> </ul>	Councillor Richard Leese	Sara Todd	See January 2012 minutes
Impact of the funding cuts to the Third Sector	<p>This report will provide a detailed analysis of the impact of budget reductions to third sector organisations in Manchester. To include:</p>	Councillor S Murphy	Geoff Little Jacquie O'Neil	See November 2011 minutes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The impact within the context of both the Council's reductions in funding of organisations and funding from alternative sources;</li> <li>Feedback of organisations on the process by which the Council made the decisions on budgets;</li> <li>The wider impact on the local economy of these changes.</li> </ul>			
Greater Manchester Strategy	To receive a report on the updated Greater Manchester Strategy. The Greater Manchester Strategy is being refreshed following an independent piece of work based on improved economic indicators.	Councillor Richard Leese	Sara Todd	See March 2012 minutes Date TBC – when timing is appropriate
The Work Programme	<p>To receive an update on progress that has been made on the implementation of the Work Programme.</p> <p>To invite representatives from the Jobcentre Plus, Work Solutions and the prime Work Programme contractors in Manchester to the meeting to discuss their experience of the Work Programme.</p>	Councillor Sue Murphy	Angela Harrington	
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<b>Wednesday 5 September 2012, 10.00am (Report deadline Thursday 23 August 2012)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Employment Support for Disabled People	What support is available for disabled people to access employment? To include support for both people with mental and physical disabilities and for employers.	Councillor Sue Murphy Councillor Glynn	Sara Todd David Regan Liz Bruce	To invite the Chairs of the Health Scrutiny Committee and the Communities Scrutiny Committee.

	<p>To include information on the Better Life Chances project being undertaken in the Ardwick project in supporting disabled people into work.</p> <p>To include an analysis of the what the Council's record in employing disabled people, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the percentage of the Council's employees who are disabled;</li> <li>the impact of voluntary early retirement and voluntary redundancy.</li> </ul>	Evans		

**Wednesday 17 October 2012, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 5 October 2012)**

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments

**Items To be Scheduled**

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Improving Skills	To look at the Council's strategy for supporting people out of low paid and unskilled jobs. What areas/communities do these type of jobs go to (with a particular focus on people working in temporary, night	Councillor Sue Murphy	Angela Harrington	

	time, informal and part time employment. To look at the possibility of a Manchester 'Living Wage'.			
Access to Finance Update	To update the Committee on progress with the measures in place to support businesses to access finance in Manchester. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the impact of the measures outlined in the report the Committee received in October 2011</li> <li>information on the effect of Project Merlin in Manchester.</li> </ul>	Councillor Richard Leese	Sara Todd	To invite the regional officer of the Bank of England to the meeting  See October 2011 minutes
Business Rates	To look at the support and advice provided to businesses in paying business rates; To look at the impact that business rates have on the viability of small businesses and the impact of this in Manchester. To look at ways in which the level at which business rates are set is determined, and whether it would be possible for the Council to have any influence over them.	Councillor Richard Leese	Sara Todd Julie Price	
Manchester Business Survey and Growth Hub	To provide an update on the work to follow up on the 2011 Manchester Business Survey and the Business Growth Hub. To include feedback from the task group of the Work and Skills Partnership that was established to respond to the issues raised in the 2011 Manchester Business Survey.	Councillor Richard Leese	Sara Todd Angela Harrington	See November 2011 minutes
Links between businesses and education	To look at the links between businesses and education in Manchester.  To identify places where the links have led to stronger economic growth and to include examples of best practice from around the world.	Councillor Sue Murphy	Angela Harrington	

	To include how the practices in Manchester are being influenced by such examples of best practice and how they can be improved.			
Localism Act	What impact is the Localism Act expected to have on employment and skills following its enactment?	Councillor Sue Murphy	Sara Todd	
Manchester Adult Education Service	To provide an update on the changes taking place to the Manchester Adult Education Service when it is clear what the developments will be	Councillor Sue Murphy	Julie Rushton	
The Portas Review	To receive a report on the Portas Review, published December 2011, and the implications in Manchester of the outcomes and recommendations of the review.	Councillor Richard Leese	Sara Todd	See minutes of the Business Start Up Task and Finish Group on 4 January 2012
Apprenticeships	To receive a report on the activities that Manchester City Council undertakes to support apprenticeships, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• direct employment of apprentices;</li> <li>• indirect employment of apprentices through Manchester City Council contracts;</li> <li>• influencing other organisations to hire apprentices;</li> <li>• support, advice and training for apprentices.</li> </ul>	Councillor Sue Murphy	Sara Todd	
Limiting Hot Food Outlets and Off Licenses	To undertake a cross Council policy review of the number of hot food outlets and off licenses, to determine a way to limit the number of these types of premises in a given area of the city. To consider current planning and licensing policy and regulations and investigate creative approaches to determine a way in which a cap can be introduced. To request that this review take into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the effect of the Localism Bill;</li> </ul>	Councillor Nigel Murphy	Sara Todd Julie Roscoe Jenette Hicks	See minutes from October 2011 and March 2012.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Council's future statutory responsibility for Public Health.</li> </ul> <p>To request that a report is submitted to a future meeting of the Committee detailing this investigation and proposals for changes to the relevant policies.</p>			
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