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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Economy Scrutiny Committee – 17 October 2012  
**Subject:** Overview Report  
**Report of:** Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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**Summary**

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- Key Decisions
- 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
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 break down of the number created by each new development.	This has been added to the scope of the report due to be submitted to the Committee in December 2012, Accessing Economic Benefits	Sara Todd, Assistant Chief Executive (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)
23 May 2012	ESC/12/02 Youth Employment	To write to the Minister for Employment to urge him not to adopt the proposals in the Beecroft Report that would make it easier for employers to dismiss employees.	This letter has been drafted and will be sent as soon as it is finalised.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer
20 June 2012	ESC/12/09 Feedback and Conclusions	The Committee made a number of recommendations at the June meeting. Please see minutes for full list.	At its July meeting, the Committee asked for an item for information to be submitted to future meeting of the Committee with an update on how the recommendations will be taken forward, which has been added to the work programme	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer
18 July 2012	ESC/12/13 Overview Report	To note that Manchester College was carrying out work to develop new indicators of success, and to invite them back to the Committee once this work had been developed further.	Jack Carney of the Manchester College has provided an interim update of what has taken place since the Manchester	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer

			College attended the Committee. He will be providing further updates and is happy to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss the work further.	
5 September 2012	ESC/12/15 The Work Programme	To take up Mr Lowthian's invitation to visit Jobcentre Plus. To request Mr Lowthian provide a suggested programme and activities for this visit to the members.	Mr Lowthian has sent members an letter inviting them to visit a Jobcentre and to attend an Employer Suite event. Details of these have been circulated to members by email. Please contact Eleanor Fort if you would like to attend one of the visits or would like any further information.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer
5 September 2012	ESC/12/15 The Work Programme	To invite the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee to a future meeting of the Economy Scrutiny Committee to discuss how the Work Programme can be improved on a national level.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer
5 September 2012	ESC/12/15 The Work Programme	To request that the prime contractors share qualitative data about the discrepancies between the skills required in job vacancies and the skill level that people who are referred to the Work Programme have, and how they are addressing them.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer
5 September	ESC/12/16 Family Poverty	1. To request that officers consider incorporating the following into the Family	The item to follow up the recommendations of the	Sara Todd, Assistant Chief

2012	Strategy	<p>Poverty Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More emphasis on schools and the impact that they have in relieving poverty for children;</li> <li>• More emphasis on the role that leisure plays in relieving the impact of poverty, and how the Council and its partners can support this;</li> <li>• The importance of sharing good practice between different groups who are involved in supporting people back to work;</li> <li>• More focus on the short term strategies that need to be implemented immediately;</li> <li>• The inclusion of targets that have a longer term focus and are measurable and timely.</li> <li>• More focus on how the strategy will be rolled out, and what impact it will have on communities.</li> </ul> <p>2. To request that the Chair ensure that the recommendations are taken forward.</p> <p>3. To add an item to the work programme to follow up how the recommendations are taken forward and how the strategy is implemented.</p>	Committee as well as monitor the implementation the strategy has been added to the Committee's work programme.	Executive (Regeneration)
5 September 2012	ESC/12/17 Employment Support for Disabled People	To request further information on the support available for people with disabilities being self employed, to be included in the report updating the Committee on the recommendations made by the Business Start Up Task and Finish Group.	This has been added to the scope of the report on the recommendations of the Business Start Up Task and Finish Group, which is due to be submitted to the	Angela Harrington, Interim Head of Regeneration

			Committee in November 2012.	
5 September 2012	ESC/12/17 Employment Support for Disabled People	To request that the figure for how much funding the Council provides to the Deaf Centre is provided to members.	In 2012 the total funding by the Council for the Sensory Team based at the Deaf Centre is expected to be £505,437. This does not include the funding for the work club that was discussed in the meeting (approximately £11000 to set up a work club).	Karin Connell, Regeneration Coordinator

## 2. Key Decisions

The Council is required to publish details of key decisions that will be taken at least 28 days before the decision is due to be taken. Details of key decisions that are due to be taken are published on a monthly basis in the Register of Key Decisions.

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.

An extract of the most recent Register of Key Decisions, published on **15 September 2012**, containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included below. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and, where appropriate, include in the work programme of the Committee.

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> Update of options review for delivery of service cluster at Miles Platting Joint Service Centre / Community Hub. <b>Consultees:</b> Local members, partner organisations and residents via New East Manchester	November 2012	Executive
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b> Collyhurst/North Manchester Framework	<b>Key Decision Objective:</b> To receive comment on the planning development framework. <b>Consultees:</b> Local members, partner organisations and residents via NEM	October 2012	Executive

### Economy Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – October 2012

<b>Wednesday 17 October 2012, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 5 October 2012)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Careers Advice	<p>To receive a report on careers advice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The background developments to careers advice in recent years, including major past policy developments and the creation of the Connexions service;</li> <li>• To consider the effectiveness of the past provision, including Connexions;</li> <li>• Current developments, including the new National Careers Service and the impact it is expected to have;</li> <li>• An appraisal of the quality of and variations between careers advice available in schools, academies and further education colleges. To include how quality is assured and what influence the Council has on ensuring the quality.</li> <li>• What support schools, academies and further education colleges have in the provision of careers advice.</li> <li>• To consider the role that primary schools have in raising the aspirations of children;</li> <li>• To look at careers advice available at universities;</li> <li>• To look at examples of best practice and research into how to get the best outcomes from careers advice, and to consider how Manchester can learn</li> </ul>	Councillor Sue Murphy	Angela Harrington Tony Decrop Karin Connell Sarah Ross	<p>To invite the Chair of the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>To invite representatives from Manchester Solutions, the Chamber of Commerce and a headteacher.</p>

	from this.			
Impact of Minor Infrastructure Projects in Comparison to Regional Growth Fund Grants and Loans	To consider a comparison of the difference between the impact that minor infrastructure projects (such as alleygating schemes and maintenance of roads) and regional growth fund grants and loans targeted at small and medium enterprises on economic issues such as youth employment, jobs and apprenticeships. To ask the Commission for the New Economy to produce research on this, including the comparison on a pound for pound basis.	Councillor Richard Leese Councillor Sue Murphy	Sara Todd John Holden, New Economy	
Beswick Masterplan	To review the Beswick Masterplan.	Councillor Jim Battle	Eddie Smith	
Enterprise Zone	The Committee is invited to comment on this report prior to its submission to the Executive	Councillor Richard Leese	Sir Howard Bernstein Sara Todd	
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<b>Wednesday 14 November 2012, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 2 November 2012)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Impact of the funding cuts to the Third Sector	This report will provide a detailed analysis of the impact of budget reductions to third sector organisations in Manchester. To include: <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> </ul>	Councillor S Murphy	Geoff Little Jacquie O'Neil	See November 2011 minutes



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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
Access to Finance Update	<p>To update the Committee on progress with the measures in place to support businesses to access finance in Manchester. To include:</p> <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	<p>To invite the regional officer of the Bank of England to the meeting</p> <p>See October 2011 minutes</p>
Update on the Recommendations of the Business Start Up Task and Finish Group	<p>To request a report providing the Committee with an update of the recommendations made by the Business Start Up Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>To include an update on the Committee's recommendation that the Council works with the Royal Bank of Scotland and other banks in the region to develop the following ideas:</p> <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> <p>To also include information on the support provided to</p>	Councillor Sue Murphy	Angela Harrington	<p>See the reports and minutes of the Business Start Up Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>Date to be confirmed (February 2013)</p> <p>See minutes from July 2012 (ESC/12/13)</p>

	people with disabilities to become self employed and how successful this support is.			
Links between businesses and education	<p>To look at the links between businesses and education in Manchester.</p> <p>To identify places where the links have led to stronger economic growth and to include examples of best practice from around the world.</p> <p>To include how the practices in Manchester are being influenced by such examples of best practice and how they can be improved.</p>	Councillor Sue Murphy	Angela Harrington	
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
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<b>Wednesday 12 December 2012, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 30 November 2012)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Accessing Economic Benefits	To receive a report on the data of the effect that economic changes and improves have on residents in Manchester, with a breakdown by ward. To include, if possible, detailed employment data, including:	Councillor Leese	Sara Todd Angela Harrington	See July 2012 Minutes  Date to be confirmed



	Details on the figures for the number of jobs that would be created in the city centre by 2015, including a break down of the number created by each new development.			
Community Budgets	To receive a report on how community budgets are supporting people to become economically independent and developing skills in local people. To provide an assessment of the wider impact that community budgets have on the local economy.	Councillor Richard Leese	Geoff Little Kate Wareham	See July 2012 minutes
Credit Unions and “Pay Day” Loans	To look at the role of credit unions and banks in supporting people to avoid using high interest loans. To include access to advice and how the Council ensures people know where to access it. To consider whether the Council can introduce ways of reducing the number of high street premises offering high interest “pay day” loans.	Councillor Sue Murphy	Angela Harrington Hazel Summers Mike Gorman	To invite members of Communities Scrutiny Committee
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> <li>• The work taking place on a Greater Manchester level</li> </ul>	Councillor Sue Murphy	Sara Todd	
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<b>Wednesday 9 January 2013, 10.00am (Report deadline Thursday 27 December 2012)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Limiting Hot Food Outlets and Off Licenses	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the effect of the Localism Bill;</li> <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>	Councillor Nigel Murphy	Sara Todd Julie Roscoe Jenette Hicks	See minutes from October 2011 and March 2012.
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
Update on Recruitment and Retention of Graduates in Manchester	To receive an update on graduate recruitment and retention in Manchester, following the development of better indicators.	Councillor Sue Murphy	Graham Pinfield Thorsten Mayer	To be scheduled in 2013
Impact of Raising the Tuition Fees	To look at the impact of raising the limit of tuition fees to £9000. To consider the impact on universities in the city, and young people/	Councillor Sue Murphy	Angela Harrington	Referred by the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee

				To be scheduled in 2013
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<b>Wednesday 6 February 2013, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 25 January 2012)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Digital Strategy for Manchester	To look at the development of the Digital Strategy for Manchester and the work of the Manchester Digital Development Agency. To focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how the skills development of residents across the city is being supported;</li> <li>• the work being done in schools and colleges to ensure Manchester residents have digital skills relevant to the modern labour market.</li> </ul>	Councillor Nigel Murphy	Dave Carter	See July 2012 minutes
The 'greening' of the Greater Manchester Strategy	To request a report on the ways in which the Greater Manchester Strategy takes account of environmental issues.	Councillor Richard Leese	Angela Harrington Richard Sharland	See June 2012 minutes.
Localism Act	What impact is the Localism Act expected to have on employment and skills following its enactment? In what ways does the Localism Act provide the opportunity to drive local economic growth and how is the Council maximising this? To include how use of Assets of Community Value and Community Right to Buy in the context of driving local	Councillor Sue Murphy	Sara Todd	

	economic growth.			
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**Wednesday 6 March 2013, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 22 March 2012)**

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
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**Items To be Scheduled**

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
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 Adult	To provide an update on the changes taking place to	Councillor	Julie	

Education Service	the Manchester Adult Education Service when it is clear what the developments will be	Sue Murphy	Rushton	
Youth Employment Strategy	To request a report on the youth employment strategy.	Councillor Sue Murphy	Elaine Morrison	See July 2012 minutes
Bus Providers	To request a report on the changes to powers for bus operators that were introduced in the Greater Manchester City Deal.	Councillor Nigel Murphy	Jessica Bowles	To invite a representative from Transport for Greater Manchester to the meeting.
Greater Manchester City Deal	To monitor the implementation of the Greater Manchester City Deal and the impact that it has on the residents of Manchester.	Councillor Richard Leese	Jessica Bowles	Date to be scheduled (January or February 2013)
Item for Information – Update on Recommendations	To receive an item for information that provides an update on how the recommendations from the June 2012 meeting of the Committee have been taken forward.	Councillor Nigel Murphy Councillor Richard Leese	Angela Harrington Richard Sharland Michael O'Doherty Eleanor Fort	See June 2012 minutes.
Update on the Work Programme	To receive an update on the Work Programme and the impact it is having on unemployment in the city. To consider once more data about the Work Programme is available.  To include focus on how Job Centre Plus and Prime Contractors of the Work Programme are engaging with employers to encourage them to employ people from different backgrounds and with different abilities, for example people with disabilities.	Councillor Sue Murphy	Angela Harrington  Representatives from Jobcentre Plus and the prime contractors.	Date to be confirmed (January 2013)  See September 2012 minutes.
Family Poverty Strategy – Follow up	At its meeting in September 2012 the Committee discussed the proposed Family Poverty Strategy prior	Councillor Sue	Sara Todd Mike	See September 2012 minutes



recommendations	to its submission to the Executive. The Committee made a number of recommendations about the strategy and how it is implemented. To request a report providing an update on the implementation of the plan and how the recommendations have been taken forward.	Murphy Councillor Afzal Khan	Livingstone David Regan	
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