

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Resolution**

**Report to:** Economy Scrutiny Committee – 17 July 2013

**Subject:** Draft Terms of Reference for the Environmental Sustainability Subgroup

**Report of:** Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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**Summary**

This report sets out the proposed terms and reference for the Environmental Sustainability Subgroup.

**Recommendations**

1. That the Committee appoints members to the Subgroup.
  2. That the Committee agree the Terms of Reference for the Subgroup
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**Wards Affected:** All

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**Background documents (available for public inspection):**  
None

Title	<b>Environmental Sustainability Subgroup</b>
Membership	To be agreed at the meeting on 17 July 2013 Councillors Chamberlain, Chappell, Richards, Ollerhead, Simcock and Stogia have expressed interest in joining.
Lead Executive Members	Councillor Richard Leese Councillor Nigel Murphy
Strategic Directors	Sara Todd – Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration)
Lead Officers	Jessica Bowles – Head of City Policy Jonathan Sadler – Environmental Strategy Manager
Contact officer	Eleanor Fort – Scrutiny Support Officer
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To monitor the outcomes from the meetings held by the Economy Scrutiny Committee on the impact that Manchester's economy has on the environment. To ensure that the recommendations made by the Committee are being progressed.</li> <li>2. To investigate best practice and successes in the city, to determine what has worked and how to spread this knowledge and learning.</li> <li>3. To investigate the Council's approach to supporting the development of an environmentally sustainable economy.</li> <li>4. To ensure that the recommendations from the Subgroup do not involve expenditure from the Council greater than the cost of time spent by staff in existing posts.</li> </ol>
Key Lines of Enquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To review the recommendations and examine progress from the May 2013 meeting of the Economy Scrutiny Committee, which investigated Manchester's economy in the context of minimising the impact on the environment.</li> <li>- To liaise with relevant groups of councillors, council officers and external stakeholders working on sustainability issues to share knowledge and best practice and avoid duplication.</li> <li>- To consider best practice and successes for the city to date, and the opportunities for spreading this knowledge.</li> <li>- To examine how the impact on environmental sustainability can become an integral part of decision making in the Council.</li> <li>- To work with officers to determine the feasibility of creating a real time dashboard measuring environmental impacts, similar to the one measuring economic impacts.</li> <li>- To consider how Manchester can grow its base of sustainability focussed small and medium enterprises.</li> <li>- To examine how the Council can help to bring about economic</li> </ul>

	benefits and advantages to Manchester's residents through environmental sustainability.
Operation	This subgroup will report its findings to the Economy Scrutiny Committee by submitting minutes to the Committee. The Committee will be asked to endorse any recommendations from the Subgroup.
Access to Information	<p>Meetings of the Subgroup will be open to members of the media and public except where information which is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.</p> <p>Papers for the Subgroup will be made available to members of the media and public on the Council's website and the main entrance to the Town Hall except where information which is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.</p>
Schedule of Meetings	To hold three substantive meetings in August, October and November 2013. To hold one additional meeting to agree the final report.
Commissioned	July 2013