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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Economy Scrutiny Committee – 11 March 2015

**Subject:** Environmental Sustainability Subgroup; work programme for response to recommendations; progress report

**Report of:** Deputy Chief Executive (Growth and Neighbourhoods)

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**Summary**

In October 2014 Economy Scrutiny Committee agreed a work programme for responding to the recommendations of the Council's Environmental Sustainability Sub-group. This report provides a progress report against the work programme and sets out how the actions will continue to be progressed in 2015/16.

**Recommendations**

Members are asked to:

1. Note the progress achieved to date against the work programme.
  2. Agree that the actions in the work programme will continue to be progressed in 2015/16 as part of other relevant plans and activities and their associated reporting processes.
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**Wards Affected:**

All

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

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

- Reports to the Environmental Sustainability Sub-group August 2013 to January 2014, Manchester City Council
- Manchester Community Strategy Refreshed Strategic Narrative, report to Manchester City Council Executive, February 2014, Manchester City Council
- Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2014/15 to 2016/17, report to Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee, February 2014, Manchester City Council
- Environmental Sustainability Sub-group final report to Neighbourhoods and Economy Scrutiny Committees, March 2014, Manchester City Council
- Environmental Sustainability Sub-group; work programme for response to recommendations, report to Neighbourhoods and Economy Scrutiny Committees, June 2014, Manchester City Council
- Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan: 2013/14 CO<sub>2</sub>, report to Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee August 2014, Manchester City Council
- Environmental Sustainability Sub-group; revised work programme for response to recommendations, report to Neighbourhoods and Economy Scrutiny Committees, September 2014, Manchester City Council
- Report to Economy Scrutiny on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014, Manchester City Council
- Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2015/16 to 2017/18, report to Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee, February 2015, Manchester City Council

## **1. Background and Introduction**

- 1.1 In June 2012 and May 2013 members of the Economy Scrutiny considered a range of reports relating to Manchester's low carbon economy. The committee agreed to establish a dedicated Environmental Sustainability Sub-group to explore the issues raised in further detail, with a view to reporting back to Economy Scrutiny in due course.
- 1.2 The Environmental Sustainability sub-group met from August 2013 to January 2014, and presented its final report to the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committees in March 2014.
- 1.3 A work programme for responding to the recommendations was agreed by Economy Scrutiny Committee in October 2014, including how each action would become embedded as part of wider planned or existing activities on environmental sustainability and climate change.
- 1.4 This report provides a progress report on the delivery of the work programme and next steps.

## **2. Progress to Date and Next Steps**

- 2.1 The report attached at Appendix 1 provides a review of progress against the work programme since October 2014.
- 2.2 Details are also provided of how each action will be taken forward in 2015/16, as part of Council policies and plans and the work of the *Manchester: A Certain Future* Steering Group.
- 2.3 Each of the Environmental Sustainability Sub-group recommendations/actions will now be progressed through these policies, plans and activities, and progress reported according to the associated reporting structures.
- 2.4 It is proposed that separate progress reports to Economy and/or Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committees will not be required through these new arrangements.

## Appendix 1 – Environmental Sustainability Progress Report

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	<b>The Manchester Strategy, sustainable growth, low carbon economy and measuring progress</b>					
1.	When the Community Strategy is reviewed, more consideration is given of what makes for “good growth” for Manchester. To include the support and advice from local experts and interest groups such as the CLES (Centre for Local Economic Strategies), CRESC (Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change), the Tyndall Centre, Steady State Manchester and MERCi (Manchester Environmental Resource Centre	<p>The MLF<sup>1</sup> oversee the development of a Manchester Strategy 2015-25 with the involvement of a broad range of the city’s partners and stakeholders, and with public consultation to enable all stakeholders to contribute.</p> <p>Ensure that the objectives of MACF are embedded in the Manchester Strategy through the involvement of the chair of the MACF Steering Group, as a member of the Manchester Leaders Forum. Inclusion of key</p>	<p>September-November 2014: MLF Strategy Discussion Forums; outline strategy development; CLES low carbon economy research undertaken</p> <p>December 2014-March 2015: further MLF engagement and consultation; draft strategy development</p>	<p>MCC: Jessica Bowles, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Research, MCC</p> <p>MACF: Low Carbon Economy Group Lead</p>	<p>A draft CLES Low Carbon Economy think piece has been produced and used to inform the development of the Manchester Strategy and the associated performance management framework. The think piece will be available from <a href="http://www.cles.org.uk">www.cles.org.uk</a> once finalised.</p> <p>The MACF Low Carbon Economy group is working with MCC, CLES, Steady State Manchester, the Tyndall Centre at the University of Manchester, and Manchester Friends of the Earth to further develop</p>	<p>Manchester Strategy 2015-25</p> <p>Annual State of the City reports</p> <p>MACF 2015-20</p> <p>MACF Steering Group meeting minutes</p>

<sup>1</sup> Manchester Leaders Forum

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	initiative).	<p>inputs to the strategy's evidence base, including the low carbon economy research by CLES.</p> <p>Establish a performance management framework to enable measurement of progress against the strategy's objectives. Report data publicly to enable progress to be monitored on an ongoing basis.</p>	<p>May-June 2015: public consultation</p> <p>August 2015: Strategy finalised.</p>		the CLES findings. This work will be used to inform the development of MACF 2015-20, which the Steering Group are leading the development of during 2015. This will include a definition of a Manchester 'low carbon economy' and indicators for measuring progress against this objective.	
2.	To recommend work is undertaken to measure Manchester's "good growth", linked to the work to be undertaken under recommendation 1. To include support, advice and input from local experts and interest groups such as CLES (Centre for Local Economic Strategies),	To be addressed as part of action under recommendation 1.	As recommendation 1.	As recommendation 1.	<p>As recommendation 1.</p> <p>A set of indicators for measuring progress against MACF has been published in the MACF Annual Report 2014. It is available from: <a href="http://www.manchesterclimate.com">www.manchesterclimate.com</a></p> <p>The MACF Annual Report 2015 will include updated performance; scheduled to</p>	As recommendation 1.

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	CRESC (Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change), the Tyndall Centre, Steady State Manchester and MERCi (Manchester Environmental Resource Centre initiative).				be published in summer 2015.	
3.	That follow up work includes consideration of the economic impact of the green industry, including sustainable energy and the jobs market.	<p>CLES research is undertaken on defining a Manchester low carbon economy, suggested indicators for measuring progress towards this objective, and suggested policy interventions.</p> <p>For this research to form part of the evidence base for the Manchester Strategy, and for it to be included as part of the action under</p>	As recommendation 1.	<p>As recommendation 1.</p> <p>MACF Steering Group; Low Carbon Economy Lead</p>	<p>Existing research by Enworks is currently publicly available, setting out the size of the low carbon and environmental goods and services (LCEGS) sector and its potential for growth in Greater Manchester, and its individual districts.<sup>2</sup></p> <p>This research has been included as part of the CLES low carbon economy think piece, which is being</p>	As recommendation 1.

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		recommendation 1.			used to inform the development of the Manchester Strategy, as set out under recommendation 1.	
4.	To recommend that when Economy Scrutiny Committee considers how local people benefit from economic success, environmental benefits are included.	<p>Include data on economic and environmental performance as part of the performance management framework set out under recommendation 1.</p> <p>Report data publicly to enable progress to be monitored on an ongoing basis.</p>	As recommendation 1.	As recommendation 1.	As recommendation 1.	As recommendation 1.
<b>Ward level activity</b>						
5.	To recommend that the Environmental Strategy team lead on influencing officers to consider environmental matters in all relevant decisions through ward coordination.	Produce a guidance document for Manchester ward coordinators and ward members, to enable them to include environmental objectives in ward plans from March 2015.	October 2014 – guidance document circulated to ward members and ward coordinators	MCC: Jonathan Sadler, Environmental Strategy Manager. MCC	The guidance document has been drafted by MCC Environmental Strategy and Regeneration teams. It is being trialled and revised through the Eco Neighbourhoods workshops (see	Ward plans 2015/16, and beyond.

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		Environmental knowledge also raised through the actions under recommendations 6 and 8.	October 2014 onwards – briefings included as part of Carbon Literacy training for ward members and ward coordinators  March 2015 – ward plans refreshed  Also see recommendations 6 and 8.	Ward councillors and ward coordinators	recommendation 6) in February-March 2015 and will then be finalised and issued to all members.  Councillor Carbon Literacy training has been updated to provide further information to help councillors to consider environmental matters in ward level decision-making.  Also see recommendations 6 and 8.	
6.	To recommend that the Environmental Strategy team facilitate workshops for councillors to help them understand how they can make a difference and equip them with the skills and knowledge to	Provide Carbon Literacy training to 60 councillors by end-December 2014 and the remaining 36 during 2015.	December 2014 – Carbon Literacy completed by 60 councillors June 2015 – Carbon Literacy completed by 96 councillors	MCC: Jessica Bowles, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Research, MCC	25 councillors trained fully in Carbon Literacy. Opportunities for Members to participate in Carbon Literacy training will be available in 2015/16. As such we expect these numbers to increase.	MCC Climate Change Action Plan 2015/18



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	work with groups and individuals effectively. For the workshops to include how councillors can use their links to social housing providers and other key partners and practical examples of changes that can be made.	Work with external partners to establish an Eco Neighbourhoods programme to provide enhanced support to councillors that builds on Carbon Literacy training and the action under recommendation 4, to enable them to work with local communities and key partners.	October 2014 – Eco Neighbourhoods delivery structures established  December 2014 – funding applications submitted for first phase of delivery  March 2015 – funding secured for first phase of delivery	MCC  MACF Steering Group  Jonathan Sadler, Environmental Strategy Manager, MCC (on behalf of the MACF Steering Group)	Eco Neighbourhoods concept developed by the City Council, Manchester Green Leaders (Manchester-based environmental voluntary and community sector organisations), and the University of Manchester.  External funding being sought on an ongoing basis, including an unsuccessful bid to Joseph Rowntree in September 2014  Green Leaders are supporting the delivery of 5 workshops for ward members and local groups in February-March 2015.	MCC Climate Change Action Plan 2015/18  MACF 2015-20
7.	To recommend that councillors carry out an audit of all the work, projects and schemes	Building on the actions under recommendations 5 and 6, that Councillors work with key local	Subject to councillors' priorities.	MCC  Ward councillors and ward	The guidance referenced under recommendation 5 will contain information on carrying out an audit and	Ward Plans 2015/16, and

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	in their wards on environmental and climate change action. To work with key local organisations such as social housing providers to do this. To recommend that the workshops for members should be used to support members in this.	organisations to carry out an audit of all the work, projects and schemes in their wards on environmental and climate change action.	The delivery of an audit could be an action in a ward plan, or could be produced as part of the process to establish a ward plan, subject to resources and councillors' priorities.	coordinators	the support available.  Environmental audits are being undertaken as part of the five Eco Neighbourhoods, and ward action plans are being produced. Councillors will have the opportunity to incorporate the actions into their ward plans for 2015/16 onwards.	beyond.  The outputs from the workshops will be reviewed In April-May 2015 and next steps developed.
8.	To circulate the CLASP (Climate Change Local Area Support Programme) Member Briefing Pack to all councillors.	Action complete  The briefing pack is available to download from <a href="http://www.claspinfo.org/resources">http://www.claspinfo.org/resources</a>	Action complete	Action complete	Action complete	Action complete
<b>Food</b>						
9.	To recommend that, once Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee had looked at the	A progress report on the work of the Manchester Food Board to be presented to Economy	March 2015 – Manchester Food Board progress report to	MCC: Sonia Andrade, Public Health Manchester	A report from the Food Board has been deferred to post-elections to allow for other priority items to be	Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee

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	sustainable food growth report, Economy Scrutiny Committee considers looking at the poverty and economic aspects of sustainable food growing.	and/or Scrutiny Committees in March 2015. That the committees consider which of the five priorities are most appropriately considered by which committee.	Neighbourhoods and/or Economy Scrutiny Committees		considered.  Among the five priorities MCC resources have been focussed on addressing food poverty and food access. The Growing Manchester programme for community food growing has continued in 2014/15.  Further details of progress against Food Board priorities will be included in the progress report to Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee, date to be confirmed.	report – date to be confirmed in Neighbourhoods Scrutiny work programme
	<b>Planning policy</b>					
10.	To recommend that environmental policies are strengthened through the Council's planning process.	Propose to the Council's Executive that Manchester's Local Plan (including the Manchester Core Strategy 2012-27) is reviewed and updated,	November 2014 – report to the Council's Executive  Further	MCC: Richard Elliott, Policy, Partnerships and Research	The current Local Plan contains a number of policies designed to contribute towards the Council's environment and climate change objectives.	The revised Local Plan, subject to the decision of

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		with work commencing in 2014/15.  Subject to Executive approval, it is proposed that the Local Plan will be refreshed through a formal statutory process that will begin in 2014/15. This process will include an assessment of the opportunities to strengthen planning policies to deliver improved environmental outcomes.	milestones subject to decision of the Council's Executive.		It is available from <a href="http://www.manchester.gov.uk">www.manchester.gov.uk</a> . In June 2015 a report on the Local Plan and its future development will be presented to the Council's Executive.	the Council's Executive in June 2015.
<b>Procurement</b>						
11.	To recommend that the Council continues to include environmental considerations when selecting a supplier, through the implementation of its	The Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy is reviewed and updated, in line with best practice work being undertaken by the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities	December 2014 – report to Finance Scrutiny setting out the proposed plan to review and update the	MCC  Ian Brown, Head of Corporate Procurement	The Council continues to use its existing Sustainable Procurement Policy, which includes provision for a 10% weighting for sustainability criteria in all tenders.	MCC Sustainable Procurement Policy  Report to

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	Sustainable Procurement Policy. And that the impact of the policy is reviewed and that it is updated as required.	(AGMA) to establish a Social Values Evaluation Framework for procurement activities.	Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy.		<p>The Council has worked with AGMA to establish a Social Value Policy and Evaluation Framework for procurement activities, which was approved by GMCA in November 2014. On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 a report was presented to the Finance Scrutiny Committee<sup>3</sup> which provided an update on the Sustainable Procurement Policy and progress on policy/framework mentioned above.</p> <p>Work will now be undertaken to incorporate the policy and framework into MCC's policies and procedures, as set out in the January 2015 Finance</p>	Finance Scrutiny – date to be confirmed in Finance Scrutiny work programme

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.manchester.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2217/finance\\_scrutiny\\_committee](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2217/finance_scrutiny_committee)

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					Scrutiny Committee.  The Finance Scrutiny Committee also requested a further report once the work to examine individual contracts in detail is at an appropriate point to report on.	
12.	To recommend that the Economic Development Unit, Corporate Procurement, Environmental Strategy and other relevant departments continue to implement the Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy, using procurement as a tool to support sustainable economic development, including the achievement of environmental outcomes.	This recommendation will be addressed through the action in relation to recommendation 11.	As recommendation 11.	See recommendation 11.	Also see recommendation 11.	As recommendation 11

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13.	To recommend that the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) work with CLES to determine what proportion of their procurement budget stays within Greater Manchester, and considers revising their procurement policies to maximise this.	The Council works with AGMA to establish a Social Value Evaluation Framework, as referenced under recommendation 11. Including sharing of best practice and lessons learned from the implementation to date of Manchester City Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy.	As recommendation 11..	As recommendation 11.	A Greater Manchester Social Value Policy and Framework has been developed and approved by GMCA.  GM Councils are devising strategies to incorporate this into their policies.  AGMA colleagues are undertaking review work with CLES to identify a suitable mechanism for benchmarking and measuring social value across GM.	To be determined following completion of GMCA-CLES review.  MCC action as set out under recommendation 11
<b>Communication and awareness of the environment and climate change</b>						
14.	To recommend that corporate communications and awareness raising on environmental matters should be improved.	Deliver corporate communications and awareness raising activities that support the roll-out of Carbon Literacy training and the implementation of low	October 2014 – Carbon Literacy training to have been offered to all Town Hall Extension staff	MCC: Jessica Bowles, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Research	The Council's corporate communications currently include ongoing communications through the staff intranet and weekly e-bulletins to encourage staff to	Council communications, including emails, intranet and

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		<p>carbon plans that are produced through Carbon Literacy.</p> <p>Establish mechanisms to measure the impact of Carbon Literacy and the associated actions, including reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and reductions in paper use.</p>	<p>October 2014 – Project Odysseus begins monitoring energy data and engagement of staff on trial floors of the Town Hall Extension.</p> <p>December 2014 – review of Carbon Literacy, lessons learned and design of next phase, including mechanisms for measuring outcomes.</p> <p>April 2015 – review of data and energy savings for</p>		<p>participate in Carbon Literacy training. Get on Board (staff travel plan), reducing printing and other initiatives are promoted on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The plans for Project Odysseus have been finalised, and an online tool has been developed for behavioural change monitoring.</p>	<p>posters.</p> <p>MCC Climate Change Action Plan 2015/18.</p>



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			Project Odysseus, and development of next steps.			
15.	To recommend that officers investigate carrying out a campaign to raise awareness of how people can make changes to reduce their impact on the environment. This campaign should link to wider cultural and behaviour change activity by the Council and other key partners such as universities and schools.	Run a coordinated programme of campaigns to raise awareness of how people can make changes to reduce their impact on the environment.  This work links to work described under recommendations 5, 6 and 7.	October 2014 – review of existing environmental campaigns activity and areas proposed for further development; report to Environmental Strategy Programme Board  February 2015 – details of the coordinated programme of campaigns included in the Council's Climate	MCC: Suzanne Grimshaw, Community and Customer Engagement  MACF Steering Group: MACF Communications, Events and Culture Change leads	A range of environmental campaigns are currently underway, including: - Waste and recycling campaign to help reduce levels of residential waste generated and increase levels of recycling. For further information please see the Neighbourhood Scrutiny paper <a href="http://www.manchester.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2229/neighbourhoods_scrutiny_committee">http://www.manchester.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2229/neighbourhoods_scrutiny_committee</a> - 30 schools are participating in the Many Hans Make Big Changes campaign which aims to support schools to improve their environmental	MCC Climate Change Action Plan 2015/18  MACF Steering Group events and communications throughout 2015/16 and beyond, including quarterly events, website, newsletters

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			Change Action Plan 2015/16 to 2017/18; presented to Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee and Executive		<p>performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clean City Community Clear up programme has seen 80 projects currently underway with 3,000 residents involved in regular activity. 166,000 bulbs have been planted across the city by residents as part of this programme.</li> <li>- 20's Plenty for Manchester plans to extend the existing 20mph scheme to approx 46% of the city's total area. The next steps for this scheme is to hold a public consultation</li> <li>- City Centre Litter Strategy has held a Business Summit event which brought together a range of organisations and individuals to discuss issues related to litter in the city centre. Each of the 26 businesses that attended</li> </ul>	<p>and others.</p> <p>MACF 2015-20</p>

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					pledged their commitment to support local efforts to tackle litter. An action plan will be developed to demonstrate how MCC and support these commitments.	
	<b>Energy policy</b>					
16.	That the Council develops an energy policy which reflects the priorities identified in the investigation.	Review the existing energy related policies to determine if they are adequate to help achieve reductions in Council and citywide CO <sub>2</sub> emissions and whether an energy policy is necessary to achieve the intended outcomes.	October 2014 – review and options appraisal presented to the Council's Environmental Strategy Programme Board; preferred option selected  February 2015 – preferred option, and progress with implementation, included as part	MCC  Jonathan Sadler, Policy, Partnerships and Research	A Motion on Climate Change was agreed by Full Council in December 2014, focusing on investigations into the establishment of a Manchester or GM energy services company.  A review of existing policies, issues for consideration and high-level options for further work was considered by MCC Environmental Strategy Programme Board in January 2015.	MCC Climate Change Action Plan 2015/18  MCC Environmental Strategy Programme Board; minutes available from <a href="http://www.manchester.gov">www.manchester.gov</a> .

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			of the Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2015/18.		In order to progress both activities work has commenced with the GMCA to undertake further investigations into the energy policy options and the potential establishment of an energy services company. Progress will be reported to MCC Environmental Strategy Programme Board during 2015/16.	<a href="#">uk</a>
<b>Council decision-making</b>						
17.	To recommend that all Executive reports include consideration of the impact the decision has on the environment.	To be considered by the members of the Executive.	The recommendation is under consideration. The target date is January 2015.	MCC Relevant Executive Members: - Councillor Chappell - Councillor J Smith - Councillor Flanagan	The recommendation is under consideration by Executive Members	Executive reports, subject to Executive Members discussions.

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18.	To recommend that the Economy Scrutiny Committee monitor the implementation of these recommendations.	A monitoring report is proposed to be presented to Neighbourhoods and Economy Scrutiny Committees in March 2015.	March 2015 – progress report to Neighbourhoods and Economy Scrutiny Committees (proposed)	MCC  Jonathan Sadler, Policy, Partnerships and Research	This report	This report