

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Resolution**

**Report to:** Economy Scrutiny Committee – 11 March 2015  
**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
- Items for Information – including the most recent Real Time Economy Dashboard
- Work Programme (attached as an appendix)

**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
5 March 2014	ESC/14/12 Christmas 2013 Summary	To request that the Assistant Chief Executive (Communications, Customers and ICT) look into how much it would cost to provide shared lights for use by all the district centres.	The work to determine how much this will cost is ongoing, and the results will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.	Sara Tomkins, Assistant Chief Executive (Communications and Customers)
11 June 2014	ESC/14/17 Minutes	To request that the Assistant Chief Executive (Communications, Customers and ICT) take action to correct the misinformation on lighting that was communicated to residents in south Manchester.	A response to this recommendation will be provided to a future meeting of the Committee.	Sara Tomkins, Assistant Chief Executive (Communications and Customers)
27 August 2014	ESC/14/32 Economic impact of health, research and bio-science – feedback from July's meeting	To agree that the Chair and the three chairs of the subgroups will meet with the Chief Executive, the new Director of the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC), once appointed, and Peter Noble, of MAHSC to discuss this work further and agree the best way to take the recommendations forward.	This meeting will be arranged once the new Chief Executive of MAHSC has been appointed in the new year.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer
24 September 2014	ESC/13/38 Universal Credit	To visit Barlow Moor Community Centre in Chorlton to meet people affected by the Universal Credit pilot in Manchester.	This visit will be arranged for early 2015, once Universal Credit has been implemented.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer
24 September	ESC/13/39 Update on Community	To request that the Head of Regeneration report back to the Committee how long the evaluation	A response to this query will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Angela Harrington, Head of Regeneration

2014	Budgets and Troubled Families	of the Troubled Families programme would run.		
11 February 2015	ESC/15/10 Minutes	To set up a task and finish group to investigate what measures the Council can implement to tackle tax avoidance, and appoint Councillors Moore and Wilson as co-chairs. To appoint Councillor Ollerhead to the membership and seek expressions of interest from the rest of the committee.	The Council agreed to request that the Chief Executive report back on the issue of tax avoidance in a Manchester context, following which a task and finish group would be established. This has been added to the Work Programme of the Committee for May 2015.	Sir Howard Bernstein, Chief Executive  Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer
11 February 2015	ESC/15/10 Minutes	To write to Lord Stephen Green, Dave Hartnett and Margaret Hodge.	These letters will be drafted and sent in consultation with the Chair.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer
11 February 2015	ESC/15/13 Business Plans	To request that officers provide clarity on appendix 5 of the report.	A response to this query will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer
11 February 2015	ESC/15/14 Business Start Up Support	To request that the link to the consultation on the proposals for the next round of European Regional Development Fund funding is circulated to members.	This link was circulated on 18 February 2015. Please contact the Scrutiny Support Officer for more details.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Officer

## 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 **2 March 2015**, 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.

<b>Decision title</b>	<b>What is the decision?</b>	<b>Decision maker</b>	<b>Planned date of decision</b>	<b>Documents that will be considered</b>	<b>Contact officer details</b>
Eastlands Strategic Joint Venture	Approval of capital expenditure for Eastlands Strategic Joint Venture	The Executive	Mar 2015 or later	Report to the Executive	Eddie Smith Strategic Director (Strategic Development) 0161 234 3030 e.smith@manchester.gov.uk
Universal Credit – Delivery Partnership Agreement with DWP	To enter into a Delivery Partnership Agreement with DWP to provide support for Manchester residents who are affected by the first stage roll-out of Universal Credit in the city	Deputy Chief Executive (Growth and Neighbourhoods )	Mar 2015 or later	Report on the roll-out of Universal Credit to Economy Scrutiny Committee - 24 September 2014	Angela Harrington Head of Regeneration 0161 0161 234 1501 a.harrington@manchester.gov.uk

### **3. Items for Information**

The February Real Time Economy Dashboard had not been received by the time the papers were published. It will be circulated to members as soon as it is received.

### Economy Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – March 2015

<b>Wednesday 11 March 2015, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 27 February 2015)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
District Centres	To review developments to district centre policy since the Committee last considered it in March 2014.	Councillor Chappell Councillor Smith	Jessica Bowles Angela Harrington	See March 2014 minutes
Working Well	<p>To receive an update on the Working Well Programme. This programme is jointly funded by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Department for Work and Pensions. It works with Employment Support Allowance claimants who have completed two years on the Work Programme without moving into work.</p> <p>To request that the report contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes and understanding of the evaluation of the programme;</li> <li>• A full years worth of data;</li> <li>• Accurate data for Manchester residents on the programme;</li> <li>• Consideration of how to capture the long term impact of the programme, such as a longitudinal study;</li> <li>• Information on employers' perception of the programme;</li> <li>• Information on participants' perception of the</li> </ul>	Councillor S Murphy	Angela Harrington	<p>See September 2014 minutes</p> <p>To invite representatives from the Big Life Group</p>

	programme.			
The Christmas Economy	To receive a report on the Christmas Economy over the 2014/15 period and the Council's role in maximising the potential for economic benefit in the city. To include detail on the city centre and how it has developed over the last few years.	Councillor Leese Councillor S Murphy	Sara Tomkins Jennifer Green	See October 2012 and March 2013 minutes
Neighbourhood Focus	To receive a report which updates Members on the proposed Neighbourhood Focus delivery arrangements	Councillor Smith Councillor Priest	Sara Todd	
Environmental Sustainability Subgroup Update	To receive an update on the recommendations of the Environmental Sustainability Subgroup.	Councillor Chappell	Jonathan Sadler	
Living Wage Task and Finish Group – Final Report	To consider the final report and recommendations of the Living Wage Task and Finish Group.	Councillor Flanagan Councillor S Murphy	Eleanor Fort	
Overview Report	This is a monthly report which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.  To include the most recent Real Time Economy Dashboard.	Not applicable	Eleanor Fort  Christina Sharples	

<b>Wednesday 27 May 2015, 10.00am (Report deadline Thursday 14 May 2015)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
There will be a session for the committee members to discuss the work programme for the year.				
Update on the city's	The Chief Executive attended the February 2014	Councillor	Sir Howard	See February 2014

economy – how residents benefit	meeting of the Committee to discuss a presentation he had recently given to full Council in detail. The presentation was on developments to the city's economy. The Committee would like to invite the Chief Executive to a meeting to receive an update on this activity and the work taking place to ensure that residents benefit from the improvements to the city's economy.	Leese	Bernstein Eddie Smith	minutes.
Tax Avoidance	At the February 2015 meeting of Council a motion was passed on Tax Avoidance. The Council agreed to request that the Chief Executive report back on the issue of tax avoidance in a Manchester context.  Following this, the Council resolved to form a Task and Finish group under the remit of the Economy Scrutiny Committee, to explore what practical measures the Council can implement to tackle tax avoidance. This would include reviewing procurement policies.	Councillor Leese	Sir Howard Bernstein Eddie Smith	See motion to Council – February 2015
Overview Report	To include the most recent Real Time Economy Dashboard.		Christina Sharples	

<b>Wednesday 24 June 2015, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 12 June 2015)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Overview Report	To include the most recent Real Time Economy		Christina	

	Dashboard.		Sharples	
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<b>Wednesday 22 July 2015, 10.00am (Report deadline Friday 10 July 2015)</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Overview Report	To include the most recent Real Time Economy Dashboard.		Christina Sharples	

<b>Items To be Scheduled</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Accessing Economic Benefits – follow up	To receive a follow up report once more relevant data from the 2011 Census is available, which provides details of the outcomes of initiatives that were discussed in the report the Committee received in December 2012.	Councillor Leese	Angela Harrington	See December 2012 and March 2013 minutes
Impact of Funding Cuts to the Third Sector	To invite representatives of third sector organisations to hear their personal experiences of the impact of funding cuts on their organisation and the people they help.	Councillor S Murphy	Geoff Little Liz Goodger	See July 2013 minutes  To invite Mike Wild of Macc to the meeting
Cost of transport	To look into the cost of transport and the impact this has on people's finances. (To be fully scoped)	Councillor Chappell	Jessica Bowles	



Financial Inclusion	To invite representatives from local banks to discuss how they can work with the Council and social housing providers to support residents in budgeting and making best use of the services available.  To consider examples of where this has worked well.	Councillor Leese Councillor Smith	Angela Harrington	See September 2013 minutes
Greater Manchester Growth and Reform Plan update	To follow up on the evaluation plan for the Greater Manchester Growth Deal once it has been developed. To include more information on the commitment to communicate with local people on a regular basis.	Councillor Leese	Jessica Bowles	See August 2014 minutes
Smart Cities	To receive an update on the Smart Cities work, including the key deliverables and how this links to the Manchester Strategy.	Councillor Leese	Jessica Bowles	See August 2014 minutes
The Council's procurement from small and medium businesses	To examine the reasons why Manchester Council is bottom of the Greater Manchester League Table of council's procuring services from small and medium sized businesses.	Councillor Leese Councillor Flanagan	Ian Brown Eddie Smith	To invite the chair of the Finance Scrutiny Committee  See September 2014 minutes
Work Programme Update	When the Committee next considers the Work Programme performance, to invite people who had participated in the Work Programme when the Committee returns to the subject, to hear about their experiences.	Councillor S Murphy	Angela Harrington	See September 2014 minutes
Universal Credit	To request a briefing note on the detail of the unintended consequences of Universal Credit which may have a significant impact on claimants, once the roll out of Universal Credit has been implemented.	Councillor S Murphy	Angela Harrington	See September 2014 minutes
Troubled Families	To receive a further update on the Community Budgets and Troubled Families Programme, to be submitted when appropriate. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• data broken down by ward;</li> </ul>	Councillor S Murphy	Geoff Little Jacob Botham	See September 2014 minutes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• information on the long term evaluation of the project;</li> <li>• what lessons are being learned from the project that influence practice elsewhere;</li> <li>• how the learning and evaluation of the project will be taken forward.</li> </ul>			
Corporate Social Responsibility	<p>To receive a report on corporate social responsibility (CSR) following up on matters raised when the Committee last considered it in October 2014. To include the strategic context to CSR in the city.</p> <p>To also include detail on the work that the Technology Strategy Board is doing to support organisations to track their corporate social responsibility, which has Manchester Metropolitan University as its first client.</p>	Councillor Leese	Eddie Smith Angela Harrington	See October 2014 minutes
Digital Skills	To hold a meeting dedicated to digital skills in the city. Date to be confirmed and content of the meeting to be fully scoped.	Councillor S Murphy	Eddie Smith John Edwards	See September and October 2014 minutes
Impact of Birley Fields development	<p>To assess the impact of the development of the new campus of Manchester Metropolitan University at Birley Fields, in terms of benefits to the local economy. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• number of level of jobs created;</li> <li>• comparisons to other big developments;</li> <li>• cost benefit analysis of the investment.</li> <li>• to what extent the supply chain of the development has an impact in Manchester and Greater Manchester.</li> </ul>	Councillor S Murphy	Eddie Smith Angela Harrington	See October 2014 minutes.
Impact of worklessness on health	To consider the impact of worklessness and poverty on health. To consider what support is in place in the city for helping people back into work with health	Councillor S Murphy Councillor	David Regan	See October 2014 minutes.

	<p>problems. To include consideration of mental health in this, and what support is available for people with mental health problems in accessing work.</p> <p>To consider the work of Well North.</p>	Andrews		To invite the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee
Talent Match update	To receive an update on the Talent Match approximately a year to consider progress on the Talent Match programme and invite young people involved in the programme.	Councillor S Murphy	Angela Harrington	<p>Date to be confirmed – November 2015</p> <p>See November 2014 minutes</p>
Apprenticeships update	<p>To add an item to the agenda for early 2016 to consider progress in apprenticeships and youth initiatives in Greater Manchester since it was last considered in November 2014. To ensure that the item has sufficient time on the agenda.</p> <p>To consider dedicating a meeting to apprenticeships.</p>	Councillor S Murphy	Angela Harrington	<p>Date to be confirmed – November 2015</p> <p>See November 2014 minutes</p>
Skills funding	<p>To provide an overview of post-16 skills capital and revenue funding in Greater Manchester and Manchester. To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• detail of the roles of the Skills Funding Agency and Local Enterprise Partnership;</li> <li>• the reductions in funding compared with previous years, particularly for post-16 education, and the impact of this;</li> <li>• implications for learners in Manchester.</li> </ul>	Councillor S Murphy Councillor S Newman	John Edwards	To invite the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee.
Job creation through large investments	<p>To request a report which provides analysis of the jobs that were created in large developments in the last five years. To consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all developments which planned to create 100+ jobs;</li> <li>• to compare the number of jobs planned with the</li> </ul>	Councillor Leese	Angela Harrington Jessica Bowles	

	<p>number of jobs created;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to provide an analysis of the jobs by development and in total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- what level they are;</li> <li>- whether they are full or part time;</li> <li>- how many went to Manchester residents.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Manchester College	To invite the Manchester College to provide an update on their activity since they last attended the Committee in February 2015.	Councillor S Murphy	The Manchester College	See February 2015.  Date to be confirmed – February 2016
Greater Manchester Business Survey	To consider the results of the Greater Manchester Business Survey.	Councillor S Murphy	Angela Harrington	
Business Growth Hub Update	<p>To receive an update on the work of the Business Growth Hub.</p> <p>To invite representatives from businesses which had benefitted from the Hub's support to hear about their experiences.</p>	Councillor S Murphy	Angela Harrington Business Growth Hub	See February 2015 minutes