

Decision Session – Executive Leader

1 February 2011

Report of the Director of City Strategy

Update on green jobs

Summary

1. This report seeks to provide an update on actions taken following the report produced by the Green Jobs taskforce.
2. This report has a good strategic fit with the long term aspirations of the city in relation to all themes within the Sustainable Community Strategy, particularly those in relation to Thriving City and Sustainable City but also with respect to Inclusive City and Learning City.

Background

3. The recommendations of the Green Jobs Taskforce were reported to the Council's Executive in October 2009. These set out actions to be taken to stimulate the further development of a low carbon economy in the City, taking account of existing activity already underway. The Taskforce used the Local Government Association publication "Creating Green Jobs: developing low carbon economies" as a guide to shaping these recommendations.
4. Key to the recommendations was the Council working in partnership with a number of organisations to take forward actions. The attached report provides an update on progress made.

Consultation

5. A range of partners were involved in the Green Jobs taskforce. Subsequent to their recommendations being produced, further consultation has taken place through the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership and constituent thematic partnerships, particularly the York Economic Partnership and the York Environment Partnership. A survey of local businesses has also been undertaken – the results from this are also appended to this report.

Options

6. The options are to note the progress being made with taking forward the recommendations from the Green Jobs taskforce, and to consider any additional actions to be undertaken.

Corporate Priorities

7. The actions in this report support the Inclusive City, Learning City, Sustainable and Thriving City elements of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Council's Corporate Strategy.

Implications

Financial

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report. Any future initiatives to be undertaken by the Council, in addition to those actioned already, in response to the recommendations of the Task Force will be the subject of further reports, including consideration of the financial implications.

Human Resources (HR)

9. None directly from this report.

Equalities

10. None directly from this report.

Legal

11. None directly from this report

Crime and Disorder

12. None directly from this report.

Information Technology (IT)

13. None directly from this report.

Property

14. None directly from this report.

Risk management

15. Subsequent actions to be developed will be assessed in order to ascertain their effectiveness.

Recommendations

16. That the Executive Leader notes the progress made in taking action in line with the recommendations of the Green Jobs taskforce and considers any further action to be undertaken.

Reason: To support the strategic objectives of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Strategy.

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Annexes

Annexe A – Green Jobs Briefing

Annexe B – York Green Jobs Survey – Quantitative Results