
Executive

6th October 2009

Report of the Director of City Strategy

Green Jobs Task Force

Summary

1. This report presents the recommendations of a task group set up to consider the scope to develop “green jobs” within the City, following a question asked at Council in January of this year.
2. The report has a good strategic fit with the long term aspirations of the city, particularly in relation to the Sustainable City and Thriving City themes within the Sustainable Community strategy, but also with strong links to those related to the Inclusive City and Learning City.

Background

3. In response to a question asked at the Council meeting in January of this year, the Leader of the Council requested the Chief Executive to convene an “Eco Jobs Task Group” from the Council and partners to examine how the city can create more locally based jobs focussed on environmental technologies, with a view to a final report being completed by September 2009. The Green Jobs Task Force has been established as a small group involving partners. The final report of the Task Force is appended to this report. This sets out recommendations for actions to be taken to stimulate the further development of “Green Jobs” in the City, taking account of existing activity. The Task Force has used the Local Government Association publication “Creating Green Jobs; developing low carbon economies” as a guide to shaping these recommendations.

Consultation

4. The Task Force recognises the need for further consultation on the recommendations set out in this report and would suggest that this is undertaken primarily through the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership and its constituent thematic partnerships.

Options

5. The options are to accept the recommendations of the Task Force, reject these or carry out further consultation. Given that the Task Force has itself recognised that further consultation is necessary, it is recommended that this latter option is followed. This would enable the development of an action plan to take forward the implementation of the recommendations set out in the report of the Task Force.

Corporate Priorities

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

Implications

Financial

7. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report. Any future initiative to be undertaken by the Council in response to the recommendations of the Task Force will be the subject of further reports, including consideration of the financial implications. The report raises issues of procurement which will need to be considered in more detail as part of the proposed consultation process.

Human Resources (HR)

8. There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

9. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

Legal

10. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Crime and Disorder

11. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

Information Technology (IT)

12. There are no strategic IT implications.

Property

13. There are no direct property implications.

Risk management

14. Means of assessing the success of options supported need to be developed in order to ascertain their effectiveness for reporting back to members in due course.

Recommendations

15. That the Executive considers the recommendations set out in the report of the Green Jobs Task Force, and endorses these for further consultation.
16. That the Executive agrees to further consultation on these recommendations, primarily through the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership and its constituent thematic partnerships.
17. That the Executive requests that the Task Force continues to meet to consider the outcome of further consultation and develop an action plan to take forward agreed recommendations.
18. That the Executive receives a further report on this action plan including a programme for implementation.

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Annexes

Annex A – Task group recommendations