

**PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
20 OCTOBER 2010**

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW 2010/11 – LOW CARBON ECONOMY - TASK  
AND FINISH GROUP UPDATE**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP3 Prosperous City**

**CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services, CIO4:  
Improving Partnership Working to Deliver ‘One City’.**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the work of the Committee’s Task and Finish Group on the development of the low carbon economy in Sunderland.

**2. Background**

2.1 On 18 June 2009, the Committee agreed to undertake a policy review into the development of a Low Carbon Economy in Sunderland. The terms of reference of the review were agreed at its meeting on 14 July 2010 and the Committee received a baseline presentation at its meeting on 22 September 2010.

2.2 The Committee also agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group on this issue to help undertake research. The Group comprises Councillor Mordey (Chair), Councillor Snowdon, Councillor Bell, Councillor Cuthbert, Councillor P Gibson and Councillor A Wright.

2.3 As a starting point, it was agreed that the Task and Finish Group focus on the progress that has been made in relation to **Low Carbon Place**. This encompasses physical infrastructure and local projects and initiatives aimed at reducing the City’s carbon footprint, for example:

- Low Carbon City Campaign - encouraging the City’s residents and businesses to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- low carbon commercial buildings (new and existing);  
low carbon homes.

2.3 An initial meeting of the Group will be held on 20 October 2010. It is intended that the Group will provide regular progress reports on their work in order that it can feed into the final report of the Committee.

2.4 In view of the timescales involved, a verbal update on the issues raised at the Task and Finish Group will be provided at the Committee.

### **3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 Members are recommended to consider the evidence provided as part of their study.

#### **Background Papers**

Local Transport Plan 2006-11  
Sunderland City Council Parking Strategy

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