

## Report for Resolution

**Report to** Executive  
24 March 2010

**Report of** Director of Transformation

**Subject** Norwich Independent Commission on Climate Change  
(NICCC) – progress report

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### Purpose

To report the progress of the Norwich Independent Commission on Climate Change (NICCC).

### Recommendations

Executive is asked to:

- Note the progress of the NICCC
- Agree to write to the NICCC Board members to extend sincere thanks for their hard work and commitment to the consultation process
- Note that the final NICCC report and recommendations will be reported to Executive in due course

### Financial Consequences

There are no direct financial consequences arising from the report. The additional work needed to support the operation of the NICCC has been met from within existing resources.

It is likely that delivery of many of the NICCC recommendations will have resource implications. These will be assessed and considered as part of the determination of how to take forward the NICCC recommendations.

### Risk Assessment

No risk analysis has yet been undertaken on the deliverability or impact of the NICCC recommendations. It will be essential to carry out a risk assessment as part of the implementation planning work.

### Strategic Priority and Outcome/Service Priorities

The report helps to meet all of the city council's strategic priorities.

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## Report

1. In late 2009 the Executive agreed to establish an independent commission to carry out a wide ranging consultation on how the City Council and the city overall should respond to the growing issue of climate change.
2. As a result, the Norwich Independent Commission on Climate Change (NICCC) Board was set up. The NICCC Board comprised a range of both local experts on climate change, and other interested parties, representing a range of different sectors within the city.
3. The Board commissioned a consultation exercise, and approached both local experts, and a wide range of local people and organisations. The consultation included a range of different approaches including a questionnaire (see copy at Annex A), face to face interviews, wide media coverage, a Facebook page and coverage on the City Council website. Interviews are still continuing.
4. A large number of responses have been received. The NICCC Board is now in the process of synthesising these into a final report and recommendations, and it is expected that this will take some time to complete.
5. It is likely that the NICCC report will contain a number of recommendations. These are likely to fall into a number of different categories:
  - Recommendations which the City Council should consider – these will be reviewed as part of the process for the refresh of the City Council's Environmental Strategy, which will commence in early summer 2010. The NICCC report will therefore provide a range of useful consultation material which will ensure the strategy has a strong community led perspective
  - Recommendations which relate to the city overall – in this case the City Council will need to take the lead in implementation, but will need to involve a range of organisations across the wider city
  - Recommendations which relate to county, region or national issues – in this case the City Council will need to consider how to take these forward in collaboration with others.
6. It is anticipated that the final NICCC report will be ready during April 2010. It is therefore proposed that a copy of the final report and recommendations will be submitted to the Executive in the next few weeks. A special meeting of the Executive may be necessary, depending on whether local elections are cancelled or not because of the unitary decision (expected week commencing 22 March).

7. Following the Executive consideration of the NICCC report, it will also be necessary to hold a scoping meeting to consider the resource implications of implementing all of the recommendations.