

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Commission on Environmental Sustainability has been established by the Mayor of Liverpool to undertake an independent review of what is required to support Liverpool as a sustainable city.
- 1.2 As the city faces the challenges brought about by the economic downturn and subsequent austerity measures, the Commission intend to focus on the key differentiators and unique selling points for Liverpool and on ways to harness Liverpool's natural assets, its young people, its education providers, its businesses, its communities, its voluntary sector and its city leaders, in order to identify and prioritise the actions that could make the biggest impact on Liverpool and its residents.
- 1.3 The Commission on Environmental Sustainability will be expected to examine a range of key issues, supported by evidence, and to make a series of recommendations to the Mayor of Liverpool.

2. Key Tasks

The Commission on Environmental Sustainability will:

- 2.1 Receive evidence from experts.
- 2.2 Receive evidence from a cross section of stakeholders including young people, businesses, universities, city leaders, communities, voluntary sector and others.
- 2.3 Consider the latest research and available data.
- 2.4 Draw on examples of best practice locally, nationally and internationally.
- 2.5 Determine the key themes of inquiry, likely to include but not necessarily limited to:
 - Governance and leadership
 - Education, engagement and behaviour change
 - Resilience
 - Energy and resource
 - Waste and recycling
 - Transport and infrastructure
 - Quality of place
 - Research and innovation
- 2.6 Consider wealth creation, the use of resources and the need to balance the increasing pressures on Liverpool's economy, its people and its environment.
- 2.7 Review policy and legislation with a view to identifying opportunities and challenges for the development of future initiatives.
- 2.8 Develop clear recommendations that reflect the research and consultation evidence.

3. Membership

3.1 The Mayor's Commission on Environmental Sustainability will be chaired by Professor Nigel Weatherill, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of Liverpool John Moores University. Membership of the Commission is by invitation of the chair.

3.2 Commissioners are:

Garry Banks, Director Arup Liverpool
Professor Helen Carty
Iain Goldrein QC
Phil Leigh, Diocese of Liverpool and Chair of Faiths4change
Professor Malcolm Press, University of Birmingham

3.3 The Commission is independent and is not party political.

4. Outputs

4.1 The Commission will submit a final report to the Mayor in late 2014. The report will include clear principles for working and practical recommendations for consideration by the Mayor.

5. Secretariat

5.1 Liverpool City Council will provide support for the Commission including drafting papers for meetings, supporting lines of enquiry, intelligence and evidence gathering, organising engagement events and visits, and drafting reports.

6. Publication

6.1 The Commission will publish all key papers on www.liverpool.gov.uk.

7. Further Information

7.1 For further information on the Commission, please contact lucy.horne@liverpool.gov.uk.

