



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Health and Environmental Services Committee
Subject:	Secondment of Sustainable Development Manager
Date:	18th January, 2010
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Relevant Background Information

The Health & Environmental Services Committee, at its meeting on 8th March 2005, approved the secondment of the Sustainable Development Manager, Ms Clare McKeown, to the Department of the Environment for an initial two year period, as a support officer for the Sustainable Development Commission. The Committee agreed also, at its meetings on 11th September 2006 and 8th September 2008, to further extend the secondment until April, 2010.

Key Issues

The Sustainable Development Commission has requested a further extension to Ms McKeown's secondment for a period of one year until April, 2011. The secondment continues to represent a suitable development opportunity for this officer in an area which is of key strategic importance to the Council. The extension of the secondment presents no operational problems and is cost neutral as all costs for the secondment are fully met by the Sustainable Development Commission. The current arrangement also provides continuing development benefits for officers backfilling posts within the Health and Environmental Services Department.

Resource Implications

All employee costs and expenses associated with the secondment are recouped from the Department of the Environment.

Recommendation

The Committee is requested to agree to the extension of the secondment subject to 100% recoupment of salary and associated expenses for a further one year period until 12 April 2011. In these circumstances it is further recommended that the Committee agrees to continue to fill the vacant post through extension of the current secondment in accordance with the appropriate Council procedures.

Decision Tracking

The Departmental Business Support Manager will ensure that an extension to the existing agreement with the Sustainable Development Commission is completed.