



Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday 12 October 2017
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall
Extension

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There will be a private meeting for members only at 09.30 am in Committee Room 6, 2006 (2nd Floor of Town Hall Extension)

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Membership of the Committee

Councillors – Austin-Behan, Cookson, Cooley, Evans, Fletcher-Hackwood, Grimshaw, Hassan, Ilyas, Knowles, Marshall, Peel, Rawlins (Chair), Sharif Mahamed and Siddiqi

Agenda

- 1 **Urgent business**
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.
- 2 **Appeals**
To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.
- 3 **Interests**
To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial interest or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.
- 4 **Minutes**
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2017.
To receive the minutes of the Hate Crime and Third Party Reporting Centres Task and Finish Group meeting held on 28 September 2017.
- 5 **[10.05 – 10.35] Manchester International Festival 2017**
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Growth and Neighbourhoods)

This report provides a picture of the outcomes of the evaluation of the Manchester International Festival 2017 and seeks approval for new funding arrangements for the Festivals which will take place in July 2019 and 2021.

The Committee is invited to comment on this report prior to its submission to the Executive on 18 October 2017.
- 6 **[10.35 – 11.00] Cultural Ambition Strategy**
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Growth and Neighbourhoods)

This report provides an overview of work undertaken to develop and deliver the Cultural Ambition. The Cultural Ambition sets out a series of aspirations for art and culture over the next ten years and demonstrates how the cultural sector can contribute to the delivery of the Our Manchester Strategy. The Cultural Ambition articulates some of the ways in which cultural organisations can work to ensure that opportunities for access and participation are as wide as possible and inclusive of all Manchester residents.
- 7 **[11.00 – 11.25] Widening Access and Participation**
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Growth and Neighbourhoods)

This report provides an updated on Widening Access to Culture and Leisure.

The purpose of the Widening Access work is to understand resident engagement in services provided by Leisure, Libraries, Galleries and Culture, and to explore routes to increase participation among groups or communities that may be less engaged.

8 **[11.25 – 11.55] Manchester Libraries**

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Growth and Neighbourhoods)

This report provides an overview of Manchester Libraries over the last 12 months and gives an update on the Library 2020 strategy and future priorities for the service.

9 **[11.55 – 12.00] Overview Report**

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

This report provides members with details of key decisions that fall within the Committee's remit and an update on actions resulting from the Committee's recommendations. The report also includes the Committee's work programme, which the Committee is asked to amend as appropriate and agree.

Information about the Committee

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The Communities Scrutiny Committee examines the work of the Council and its partners relating to reducing levels of crime, community cohesion, older people and equality and inclusion.

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