



# Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

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Date: Thursday 7 December 2017  
Time: 10.00 am  
Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall  
Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

There will be a private meeting for members only at 09.15 am in Committee Room 9 (Room 1006, 1st Floor of Town Hall Extension)

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## **Membership of the Committee**

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

## Agenda

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- 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 9 November 2017.  
To receive the minutes of the Hate Crime and Third Party Reporting Centres Task and Finish Group meeting held on 16 November 2017.
- 5 **[10.05 – 10.45] Volunteering – Timebanks – to follow**
- 6 **[10.45 – 11.25] Support Available to Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Manchester**  
Report of the Director of Homelessness  
  
This report provides an overview of the support available to asylum seekers and refugees in Manchester, including case studies.
- 7 **[11.25 – 11.55] Manchester Playing Pitch Strategy – to follow**
- 8 **[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.

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## Information about the Committee

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The Communities and Equalities 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.

The Council wants to consult people as fully as possible before making decisions that affect them. Members of the public do not have a right to speak at meetings but may do so if invited by the Chair. If you have a special interest in an item on the agenda and want to speak, tell the Committee Officer, who will pass on your request to the Chair. Groups of people will usually be asked to nominate a spokesperson. The Council wants its meetings to be as open as possible but occasionally there will be some confidential business. Brief reasons for confidentiality will be shown on the agenda sheet.

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