



Economy Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday 14 November 2012

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Room 11, Level 1, Town Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

There will be a private meeting for members of the Committee at 9.30 am in Committee Room 3.

Membership of the Committee

Councillors –

H Barrett, V Chamberlain, K Chappell, J Davies, A Fender, J Green (Chair), M Hackett, P Karney, C Keegan, C Ollerhead, JL Pritchard, S Richards, F Shone, A Simcock, A Stogia, M Smitheman, A Taylor, R Walters

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Urgent business	
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.	
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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.	
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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 they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.	
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The Business Start Up Task and Finish Group carried out an investigation into support for business start ups in Manchester. The group met four times in 2011/12 and reported its findings and recommendations to the May 2012 meeting of the Economy Scrutiny Committee. This report provides an update on the actions taken in response to those recommendations.	
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[10.40 – 11.20] Update on the Business Growth Hub	39
Report of the Interim Head of Regeneration	
This report provides an update on the Business Growth Hub since its launch in November 2011 and the outline recommendations of a recent review of the Business Centre of Excellence. A representative of Manchester Solutions has been invited to present this report.	
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This report provides an update on the 2011 Manchester Business Survey and feedback a task and finish group of the Work and Skills Board, which was set up to respond to issues raised in the survey.	

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Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

The Overview Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit is attached. This report includes a summary of key decisions due to be taken that are relevant to the Committee's remit as well as 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.

The Overview Report includes the most recent Real Time Economy Dashboard, providing up to date economic data.

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The Economy Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for looking at how the city's economy is growing and how Manchester people are benefiting from the growth.

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