



# Economy Scrutiny Committee

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Date: Wednesday 6 March 2013

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 4.

## Membership of the Committee

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### **Councillors –**

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

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<b>Urgent business</b>	
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.	
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<b>Appeals</b>	
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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<b>Interests</b>	
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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<b>Minutes</b>	
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the following meetings	
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A presentation from the Manchester College is enclosed.	
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<b>[10.30 – 11.00] Manchester Adult Education Service</b>	16
Report of the Head of the Manchester Adult Education Service	
This report provides an update on changes to the MAES business model and course provision in order to contribute more effectively to national and local priorities for employment and skills.	
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<b>[11.00 – 11.20] Digital Skills</b>	27
Report of the Chief Executive	
This report provides an overview of the development of the Digital Strategy for Manchester and specifically the skills development of residents and how local people are being supported to gain the digital skills relevant to the modern labour market.	
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<b>[11.20 – 11.40] Christmas 2012 Summary</b>	49
Report of the Chief Executive	
This report provides an overview of the Christmas activity promoted by the	

Council and the extent to which it drives economic growth. Vaughan Allen, Chief Executive of CityCo has been invited to attend the meeting.

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| 9  | <b>[11.40 – 12.00] Economic Improvements by Ward – impact on residents’ lives – to follow</b> | -  |
| 10 | <b>[12.00] Overview Report</b><br>Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit          | 61 |

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 report also contains the most recent Real Time Economy Dashboard.

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## Information about the Committee

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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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