

# **Economy Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Wednesday 8 January 2014

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

There will be a private meeting for members in at 9.30am in **Committee Room 6**, **Level 2 of the Town Hall Extension**.

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# **Membership of the Committee**

#### Councillors –

H Barrett, E Boyes, V Chamberlain, J Davies, J Green (Chair), M Hackett, P Karney, C Keegan, C Ollerhead, JL Pritchard, L Raikes, A Razaq, S Richards, A Simcock, M Smitheman, A Stogia, R Walters

# 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, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary 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 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 11 December 2013

# 5 [10.00 – 11.00] The Role of Medical Research in Supporting Economic Growth

Oral report of Professor Ian Jacobs, Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences at Manchester University

Professor Jacobs has been invited to the Committee to provide a presentation on the role that medical research has in supporting economic growth across Greater Manchester.

#### 6 [11.00 – 11.30] Impact of Small Infrastructure Investment

Report of John Holden, Deputy Director, Research - New Economy

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This report presents evidence collected on the economic impact of small infrastructure projects in follow up to the work presented in October 2012.

#### 7 [11.30 – 12.00] Business Start Up Support

Report of the Head of Regeneration

This report provides an update on business start up support delivery in Manchester, both through mainstream and local provision. It also provides an overview of progress with the recommendations made by the Business Start-Up Task and Finish Group.

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#### 8 [12.00] Overview Report

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 most recent Real Time Economy Dashboard will follow.

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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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