



Economy Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday 24 February 2016
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall
Extension

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Membership of the Committee

Councillors –

Amesbury, Appleby, Bridges, Davies, Ellison, Farrell, Green, Hacking, Karney, Lone, Moore, Peel, Raikes, Razaq, Richards (Chair), Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, Simcock, Smitheman, Strong and Wilson

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 27 January 2016.
- 5 **Quarterly Economy Dashboard – For information**
Report of the Core Performance and Intelligence Team

This is the Quarterly Economy Dashboard for Quarter Three 2015/2016
- 6 **[10.05 - 10.25] European Union (EU) Referendum – Potential implications for Manchester of the UK leaving the EU – to follow**
- 7 **[10.25 – 10.45] Greater Manchester: Economic update**
Presentation of Simon Nokes and John Holden, New Economy

This presentation includes information on the Greater Manchester strategic context, future growth potential and opportunities and challenges for growth.
- 8 **[10.45 – 11.05] City Centre Strategic Plan 2015/2018 – to follow**
- 9 **[11.05 – 11.20] Devolution Update**
Report of the Strategic Director (Strategic Development)

This report summarises the additional freedoms and flexibilities awarded to Greater Manchester as part of a further Devolution Agreement, announced as part of the Spending Review on 25 November 2015.

10 **[11.20 – 11.40] Low pay/ low productivity including the Living Wage – to follow**

11 **[11.40 – 11.50] Final Report of the Tax Avoidance Task and Finish Group**
Report of the Tax Avoidance Task and Finish Group

This report presents the findings and conclusions of the Tax Avoidance Task and Finish Group. The Task and Finish Group carried out an investigation into the practical measures the Council could take to tackle tax avoidance, including through its procurement process, and how it could influence other organisations to combat tax evasion and aggressive tax avoidance.

12 **[11.50 – 11.55] Membership of the District Centres Subgroup**

To agree the membership of the District Centres Subgroup

13 **[11.55 – 12.00] Overview Report**
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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.

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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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