



Economy Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday 22 June 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, Battle, Davies, Farrell, Green, Hacking, Moore, H Priest, Raikes, Razaq, Richards (Chair), Shilton Godwin, A Simcock and Smitheman

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 25 May 2016.

5 **[10.05 – 11.00] Digital Skills**

Report of the Head of Work and Skills

This report provides an overview of the growth and employment opportunities in the City's digital sector and the critical role of skills to drive growth and ensure that Manchester's residents are benefitting from the career opportunities in the sector.

6 **[11.00 – 11.55] Internet Connectivity and Infrastructure – to follow**

7 **[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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