



# Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee

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Date: Wednesday 8 November 2017  
Time: 10.00 am  
Venue: The Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall  
Extension

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There will be a private meeting for members of the Committee at 9:30 am in Committee Room 6, Level 2 of the Town Hall Extension.

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## **Membership of the Committee**

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### **Councillors –**

Akbar, Azra Ali, Shaukat Ali, Appleby, Chohan, Hughes, Igbon, Kirkpatrick, Leech, Longsdon, Ludford, Noor, Paul (Chair), Rawson and Sadler

## Agenda

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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 Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 11 October 2017.

To note the minutes of the Road Safety Around Schools Task and Finish Group meeting held on 17 October 2017.

5 **[10.05-11.15] Housing issues (stock transfer promises; homelessness and improving the private rented sector)**

Report of the Director of Housing and Residential Growth

This report is delivered in three sections:

The Council transferred over 30,000 properties to new housing associations between 1999 and 2009. The Council gave a series of commitments (promises) to tenants before each transfer and this report explains whether those promises have been delivered.

During the past few years the issue of homelessness has become ever more pressing nationally and in Manchester. This report gives a brief summary of the issues and refers to a further report planned for the Executive and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

During the past 10 years there has been a significant increase in the number and percentage of properties managed by private landlords. The Council has adopted a Market Rental strategy and this report provides an update on progress.

- 6 **[11.15-11.30] Final Report and Recommendations of the Air Quality Task and Finish Group – To follow**
- 7 **[11.30 – 11.45] Budget Refresh Process: Update for Scrutiny Committees – To follow**
- 8 **[11.45-12.00] Overview Report**  
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

This report includes details of the 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 agree.

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## Information about the Committee

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The Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for looking at how the Council and its partners create neighbourhoods that meet the aspirations of Manchester's citizens.

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