



# Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

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Date: Thursday 5 January 2017  
Time: 10.00am  
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 only at 9.30 am in Committee Room 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Town Hall Extension)

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## **Membership of the Committee**

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Councillors Ahmed Ali, Barrett, Cookson, Connolly, Davies, Karney, Lanchbury, Ollerhead (Chair), Russell, Siddiqi, Simcock, Strong, Teubler and Lone

## 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 meeting held on 8 December 2017  
  
To note the minutes of the HR Subgroup held on 24 November 2016
- 5 **[10.05-10.20] The Financial Settlement**  
Report of the City Treasurer  
  
The Committee has requested an update on the financial settlement.
- 6 **[10.20-10.40] Localised Council Tax Support Scheme – to follow**
- 7 **[10.40-11.05] Devolution Governance**  
Report of the City Solicitor  
  
The Committee have requested an update. This report deals with progress on the implementation of the devolution arrangements through the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act and the current proposals which have been subject to consultation.
- 8 **[11.05-11.20] Governance around Restrictions on Events and Publicity at Elections and Referendums**  
Report of the City Solicitor  
  
To brief the Committee on the restrictions applying to local authority publicity ahead of elections and referenda.

9 **[11.20-11.40] Register of Key Decisions**

Report of the City Solicitor is enclosed

To brief the Committee on the Key Decisions, the Register of Key Decisions and the information presented to Scrutiny Committees.

10 **[11.40-11.45] 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.

The report also includes a number of items of information, **one of which is to follow.**

11 **[11.45-12.15] Devolution and GMCA/AGMA Budgets**

Report of the City Treasurer

The report details the current position on devolution agreements for Greater Manchester and outlines the current budget for both the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA).

**Including: Part A Report to the Combined Authority 25 November 2016**

Report of: Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning and Housing and Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Planning and Housing and Investment Strategy and Finance

This report provides detail on the outturn and forecast position of the GM Housing Fund for 2016/17 and to note the position in relation to the indemnity entered into by each of the Local Authorities in relation to the GM Housing Fund

12 **Exclusion of the Public**

The officers consider that the following item contains exempt information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Committee is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of this item.

13 **[12.15 – 12.30] Part B Report to the Combined Authority 25 November 2016**

Report of Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning and Housing and Eamonn Boylan, Lead Chief Executive for Planning and Housing & Investment Strategy and Finance

This report provides further detail of the position in respect of the indemnity Given for the GM Housing Fund by GM Local Authorities.

## Information about the Committee

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