



Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday 2 March 2017
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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This is a **revised agenda** as one item of business has been withdrawn.

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Membership of the Committee

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

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 2 February 2017, **which were previously circulated.**
- 5 **[10.05-10.40] Manchester Town Hall and Albert Square: ‘Our Town Hall’**
The report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Growth and Neighbourhoods) **was previously circulated.**
- 6 **[10.40 – 11.15] Manchester Central**
Report of the City Treasurer

This report provides an impact assessment of the proposed closure of the Town Hall on Manchester Central; a Manchester City Council owned business which currently provides conferencing and catering services to designated spaces of the Town Hall and Central Library. The report summarises the impact of the potential closure on Manchester Central’s people, profit, shareholder return, brand and strategic offering, along with mitigating actions identified. The report also highlights the potential opportunities for Manchester Central post development.
- 7 **[11.15 -11.50] The Council’s Budget Response to the result of the EU referendum – Withdrawn**
This report has been withdrawn from the agenda of this meeting.

The Committee received a paper in December 2016 on matters arising for European Funding following the Referendum result. Since that time there has been no change with the City Council and City partners still accessing the

ERDF and ESF funds allocated to it for the period 2014-20 and still accessing other EU funds where they fit City priorities. This is in line with HM Government assurances that the UK can continue to seek EU funding and deliver EU funded projects up to the point that the UK leaves the EU and that, after that date, the Government will honour any funding agreements for projects provided they continue to offer value for money and are in line with national priorities. Further updates will be made after the triggering of Article 50 which is expected by the end of March 2017.

8 **[11.50-12.00] Overview Report**

The report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit **was previously circulated.**

Information about the Committee

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The Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee areas of interest include finances, Council buildings, staffing, corporate and partnership governance as well as Council tax and benefits administration.

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