



Economy Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 6 March 2019

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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There will be a private meeting for Members only at 1.30pm in Committee Room 6 (Room 2006), 2nd Floor of Town Hall Extension

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Membership of the Economy Scrutiny Committee

Councillors - H Priest (Chair), Connolly, Davies, Douglas, Green, Hacking, Johns, Newman, Noor, Paul, Raikes, Razaq, Shilton Godwin, A Simcock and K Simcock

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

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2019.

5. [14:05 – 14:30] Family Poverty Strategy update

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Report of the Head of Work and Skills

This report sets out the progress that has been made since the Manchester Family Poverty Strategy 2017-2022 was adopted by the Council's Executive in September 2017. It provides a summary of the governance structure that has been put in place, the priorities for each of the workstreams and some of their achievements and added value.

6. [14:30 – 15:00] The Impact of Welfare Reform and Universal Credit on the Manchester Economy

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Report of the Head of Work and Skills

This report provides an update on the implementation of welfare reform in Manchester. It analyses the impacts of welfare reforms on the city so far, specifically Universal Credit and the anticipated impact from the continued roll out. It summarises the City Council's response to the reforms and where the City Council and partners have opportunities to focus efforts to mitigate some of the impacts in the future.

- 7. [15:00 – 15:25] The impact of low skills on residents ability to enter the labour market and sustain quality work**

Report of the Head of Work and Skills.

This report explores the issues that affect a high proportion of the city's working age population who have no or very low qualifications and outlines the emerging Adult Education and Skills Plan, which will aim to address the skills challenges faced in the city by residents, employers and the skills providers.

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- 8. [15:25 – 15:50] The Impact of Procurement Policies on Small and Medium Businesses**

Report of the City Treasurer

This report provides an update on the impact of the Council's procurement policies on small and medium businesses in the City and to consider challenges and what more can be done in the future to enable SMEs in the City to compete for City Council contracts and commissioned services.

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- 9. [15:50 – 16:05] Economy Dashboard - Quarter 3 2018/19**

Report of the Core Performance and Intelligence Team

This is the Quarterly Economy Dashboard for 2018/19 Quarter 3. Thematically it focuses on economic development, skills and jobs, the visitor economy and housing. Data on Manchester's economy is presented, where possible, with comparison to show the outturn in context. This is typically in relation to Greater Manchester, the regions of England or within national and international contexts

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- 10. [16:05 – 16:15] Overview Report**

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

This report provides the Committee with details of key decisions that fall within the Committee's remit and 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 amend as appropriate and agree.

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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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