



Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 6 September 2018

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

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 Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Councillors - Russell (Chair), Ahmed Ali, Andrews, Barrett, Clay, Davies, Lanchbury, Kilpatrick, R Moore, Priest, Rowles, A Simcock, Watson and S Wheeler

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 19 July 2018.

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5. Revenue and Benefits Unit - Annual Report 2018/18

Report of the City Treasurer

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This report provides performance data for the 2017/18 financial year for the Council Tax, Benefits and Business Rates Service areas. The report also provides an update on key areas of work and the welfare reform changes.

6. Proposed changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/2020

Report of the City Treasurer

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This report proposes changes to the Council's Council Tax Support Scheme so that the scheme remains fit for purpose as working age residents in receipt of welfare benefits are moved onto Universal Credit. The report seeks approval from the Executive to formally consult on the proposals that change the scheme for working age residents in receipt of Universal Credit.

7. Blacklisting

Report of the City Treasurer

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This report informs the Committee of the Council's position and

actions in relation to organisations/contractors that have previously or currently blacklist trade union members and officers.

- 8. Our Town Hall Project - Management Contractor Procurement** 115 - 122
Report of the City Treasurer

This report provides an update on the position of the appointment of a Management Contractor for the refurbishment and partial restoration of the Town Hall and Albert Square under the Our Town Hall (OTH) project.

- 9. Overview Report** 123 - 146
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.

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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