



## **Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Thursday, 7 February 2019

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

There will be a private meeting for members of the Committee at 9:30 am in Committee Room 6, Room 2006, Level 2 of the Town Hall Extension.

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## **Membership of the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee**

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**Councillors** - Andrews, Collins, Cooley, M Dar, Douglas, Evans, Fletcher-Hackwood, Hacking (Chair), Kirkpatrick, Rawlins and Rawson

## 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** Pages  
5 - 14  
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2019.  
To receive the minutes of the Our Manchester Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Fund Task and Finish Group on 3 January 2019.
- 5. [10:05 – 10:40] Begging and people who beg in the city centre** Pages  
15 - 22  
Report of the Strategic Director (Strategic Development) and the Chief Operating Officer (Neighbourhoods)  
  
This report provides information on the proactive partnership work on begging being undertaken.
- 6. [10:40 – 10:50] Updated Financial Strategy and Directorate Business Plans 2019-20 - to follow**
- 6a. [10:50 – 11:10] Neighbourhoods Budget and Business Plan 2019-20 - to follow**
- 7. [11:10 – 11: 30] Refreshed Business Plans - Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs)** Pages  
23 - 32  
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive  
  
This report provides an overview of the role of Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) in the Council's business planning process

for 2019/2020. It outlines the context of why the Council undertakes EIAs and how this process is managed to support good quality analysis which informs decision making. It also describes how the Council uses Equality Delivery Plans as part of this process to highlight achievements on equality in the preceding year, as well as stating its commitments to equality activity and analysis over the remaining year of this budget cycle (2019-20).

**8. [11:30 – 11: 45] Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Infrastructure Service - to follow**

**9. [11:45 – 11:50] Overview Report**

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

Pages  
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This report provides members 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.

**Please note that at the rise of the meeting Members will meet to discuss the format of future reports and how the Committee can better scrutinise the issues within its remit.**

## Information about the Committee

Scrutiny Committees represent the interests of local people about important issues that affect them. They look at how the decisions, policies and services of the Council and other key public agencies impact on the city and its residents. Scrutiny Committees do not take decisions but can make recommendations to decision-makers about how they are delivering the Our Manchester Strategy, an agreed vision for a better Manchester that is shared by public agencies across the city.

The Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee examines the work of the Council and its partners relating to reducing levels of crime, community cohesion, older people and equality and inclusion.

The Council wants to consult people as fully as possible before making decisions that affect them. Members of the public do not have a right to speak at meetings but may do so if invited by the Chair. If you have a special interest in an item on the agenda and want to speak, tell the Committee Officer, who will pass on your request to the Chair. Groups of people will usually be asked to nominate a spokesperson. The Council wants its meetings to be as open as possible but occasionally there will be some confidential business. Brief reasons for confidentiality will be shown on the agenda sheet.

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