



# **Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Wednesday, 13 January 2021  
Time: 10.00 am  
Venue: Virtual meeting - Webcast at  
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## **Membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

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### **Councillors –**

Abdullatif, Sameem Ali, Alijah, Chohan, Cooley, Hewitson, Kilpatrick, Lovecy, McHale, Madeleine Monaghan, Reeves, Reid, Sadler, Stone (Chair) and Wilson

### **Co-opted Members -**

Ms S Barnwell, Ms Z Derraz, Mr L Duffy, Ms J Fleet and Mrs J Miles

## 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 2 December 2020.

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**5. Children and Education Services Budget 2021/22**

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services

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This report outlines the financial management and leadership of the Directorate's budget, the financial position which includes demography, growth of demand and a series of savings options proposed by officers aligned to the remit of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to contribute to the Council's duty to achieve a balanced budget in 2021/22. The report also sets out the impact the options will have on residents and the workforce.

The Council's budget proposals for 2021/22 and onwards will be subject to further refinement following feedback from public consultation and scrutiny committees. Final budget proposals will be made to Scrutiny and Executive in February 2021.

**6. Update on Schools and Their Response to COVID-19**

Report to the Director of Education

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This report provides a further update on the impact of COVID on schools in the city and how this has been responded to during the

Autumn term 2020. This includes an overview of remote learning which is provided by our schools when pupils are required to self-isolate. The report provides an update on how the COVID winter grant was used to make provision over Christmas for children and young people eligible for free school meals and also summarises recent guidance for schools from the Government on summer term assessment, remote learning and testing. Finally, the report provides some information on plans to develop testing in schools during the spring term.

- 7. Our Manchester Strategy Reset - Draft Strategy** 67 - 80  
Report of the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services

This report provides an update on the draft *Our Manchester Strategy – Forward to 2025* reset document. A draft of the reset Strategy is appended to this report.

- 8. Overview Report** 81 - 90  
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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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 decisionmakers 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 Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee reviews the services provided by the Council and its partners for young people across the city including education, early years, school standards and valuing young people.

In addition to the elected members the Committee has seven co-opted member positions. These are:

- Representative of the Diocese of Manchester – Vacant
- Representative of the Diocese of Salford – Mrs Julie Miles
- Parent governor representative – Ms Samantha Barnwell
- Parent governor representative – Vacant
- Parent governor representative – Ms Zainab Derraz
- Secondary sector teacher representative – Mr Liam Duffy
- Primary sector teacher representative – Ms Joanne Fleet
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The co-opted members representing faith schools and parent governors are able to vote when the Committee deals with matters relating to education functions.

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