



## **Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Thursday, 3 December 2020  
Time: 2.00 pm  
Venue: Virtual meeting - Webcast at  
<https://youtu.be/2KBWibSWaW8>

### **Advice to the Public**

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Under the provisions of these regulations the location where a meeting is held can include reference to more than one place including electronic, digital or virtual locations such as internet locations, web addresses or conference call telephone numbers.

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

**Councillors** - Hacking (Chair), Andrews, Battle, Chambers, Collins, M Dar, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Grimshaw, Hitchen, Kirkpatrick, Moore, Rawlins, Rawson and Russell

## 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**

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2020.

**5. Manchester's Age Friendly Recovery**

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Report of the Consultant in Public Health (Ageing Well Lead)

This report outlines how COVID-19 and the impacts of restrictions in place this year have disproportionately affected older people. It also outlines a set of proposals, developed by the Age Friendly Manchester Older People's Board, the Age Friendly Manchester Team and senior officers in the Council, that are designed to help address the barriers many of Manchester's mid to later life residents report that they face.

**6. Driving Digital Inclusion and Bridging the Digital Divide in Manchester**

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Report of the Director of Inclusive Growth and Head of Libraries, Galleries and Culture

This report provides an update on the digital inclusion challenge within Manchester, the impact of COVID-19 on those who are excluded and the initiatives that are being developed to scale up efforts to tackle the challenges.

**7. Update on COVID-19 Activity**

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Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

This report provides a further update summary of the current situation in the city in relation to COVID-19 and an update on the work progressing in Manchester in relation to areas within the remit of this Committee.

**8. Overview Report**

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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 decision-makers about how they are delivering the 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. Speaking at a meeting will require a video link to the virtual meeting.

Members of the public are requested to bear in mind the current guidance regarding Coronavirus (COVID19) and to consider submitting comments via email to the Committee Officer. The contact details of the Committee Officer for this meeting are listed below.

The Council is concerned to ensure that its meetings are as open as possible and confidential business is kept to a strict minimum. When confidential items are involved these are considered at the end of the meeting and the means of external access to the virtual meeting are suspended.

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## Further Information

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