



Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 2 September 2020

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Virtual meeting – Webcast at –

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There will be a private meeting for Members only at 11am, Wednesday 2 September 2020 via Zoom. A separate invite will be sent to Members with joining details.

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.

To attend this meeting it can be watched live as a webcast. The recording of the webcast will also be available for viewing after the meeting has concluded.

Membership of the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee

Councillors - Igbon (Chair), Azra Ali, Appleby, Butt, Flanagan, Hassan, Hughes, Jeavons, Kilpatrick, Lynch, Lyons, Razaq, Sadler, Strong, Whiston, White and Wright

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 22 July 2020.

5. Private Rented Sector Strategy 2020-2025

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Report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development)

This report provides an overview of the new Private Rented Sector Strategy 2020-25 and action plan.

The Committee is invited to comment on the report prior to its submission to the Executive on 9 September 2020.

6. Extension to Selective Licensing Schemes - Public Consultation

51 - 80

Report of the Strategic Director, Neighbourhoods

One of the main themes of the refreshed Private Rented Sector Strategy is to improve property and management conditions in the private rented sector with a particular focus on the poorest quality properties. Selective licensing is a useful tool to apply targeted interventions in the most challenging areas of the City.

Officers are seeking approval to commence an extensive consultation exercise to establish whether the declaration of a selective licensing scheme is required within these identified areas.

The Committee is invited to comment on the report prior to its submission to the Executive on 9 September 2020.

7. Housing Compliance and Enforcement - Performance in 2019/20 81 - 96

Report of the Strategic Director, Neighbourhoods

This report provides the Committee with an update on demand for and performance of the Housing Compliance and Enforcement Team during 2019/20.

8. Fire Safety in High Rise Residential Buildings 97 - 116

Report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development)

This report provides the Committee with information on the range of activities to address fire safety in high rise residential buildings.

The Committee is invited to comment on the report prior to its submission to the Executive on 9 September 2020.

9. Overview Report 117 - 126

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

This report includes details of the key decisions due to be taken that are relevant to the Committee's remit as well as 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 agree.

The relevant COVID-19 Sit-rep is to follow and will be circulated for information.

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 Manchester Strategy, an agreed vision for a better Manchester that is shared by public agencies across the city.

The Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for looking at how the Council and its partners create neighbourhoods that meet the aspirations of Manchester's citizens.

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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