



Economy Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 9 September 2021

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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There will be a private meeting for Members only at 10:00am on Monday 6 September 2021 via MS Teams. A separate invite will be sent to Committee Members.

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Membership of the Economy Scrutiny Committee

Councillors - H Priest (Chair), Baker-Smith, Bayunu, Doswell, Farrell, Johns, Moore, Noor, Raikes, Stanton, Strong and Shilton Godwin

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 22 July 2021.

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5. [14:05 – 14:35] Manchester's support for families living in poverty

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer and Director of Inclusive Economy attached

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This report provides an overview of the Council's response to poverty, including an update on the Family Poverty Strategy Reprioritisation and also details some of the major activities undertaken across the Council to help tackle poverty.

6. [14:35 – 15:05] Manchester's Digital Strategy

Report of the Director of Inclusive Economy attached

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This report sets out how the Council will use digital and technology to meet the priorities of the Our Manchester Strategy and achieve its ambition of being in the top-flight of world-class cities by 2025.

7. [15:05 – 15:25] Digital Exclusion Index

Report of the Director of Inclusive Growth attached

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This report and the accompanying presentation details how the index works, some of the initial trends the index provide in relation

to residents and areas of the City with greatest likelihood of being digitally excluded and provides a number of recommendations on how the index can be used to create better targeted interventions and more long-lasting change.

8. [15:25 – 15:50] Economy COVID19 Sit Rep Report

Report to follow

9. [15:50 – 16:00] 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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The Economy Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for looking at how the city's economy is growing and how Manchester people are benefiting from the growth. .

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