



Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 12 October 2021

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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Membership of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Councillors - Russell (Chair), Ahmed Ali, Andrews, Clay, Davies, Hacking, Hitchen, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, B Priest, Robinson, Rowles, A Simcock, Wheeler 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** 5 - 12
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2021
- 5. Update from the Revenues and Benefits Unit** 13 - 64
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer attached

This report provides an update on the activity of the Revenues and Benefits Unit, including details of how the service was affected and maintained during the pandemic and includes performance data for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years.
- 6. Equalities Strategy Implementation update** 65 - 116
Report of the Director of HROD attached

This report provides Members with an update on progress to date to increase diversity, ensure that Manchester City Council is an inclusive employer and to challenge discrimination.
- 7. Overview Report** 117 - 130
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 Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee areas of interest include finances, Council buildings, staffing, corporate and partnership governance as well as Council tax and benefits administration. .

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