



## **Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Tuesday, 20 July 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

**There will be a private meeting for Members of the Committee at 9.30 am in the Council Chamber.**

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

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**Councillors** - Hacking (Chair), Azra Ali, Shaukat Ali, Andrews, Battle, Chambers, Connolly, M Dar, Douglas, Evans, Grimshaw, Hilal, S Judge, Rawson, Sheikh, Whiston, Wills and Wilson

## Agenda

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- 1. Urgent Business** Pages  
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.
- 2. Appeals** Pages  
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** Pages  
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** Pages  
5 - 12  
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2021.
- 5. Homelessness - To follow** Pages
- 6. Manchester Playing Pitch Strategy Update** Pages  
13 - 48  
Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

The purpose of this report is to update the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee on the progress of Manchester Playing Pitch Strategy and proposals for consideration over the next 12-month period.
- 7. Recycling in Leisure Centres** Pages  
49 - 56  
Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of recycling rates for Council owned leisure centres and to highlight the progress made through the pandemic from February 2020 (pre-pandemic) to May 2021. The report highlights the progress that has been made in generating a sustainable waste and recycling structure to achieve zero waste to landfill and increase recycling in all the leisure centres. This is one of the objectives set out in MCR Active's Leisure Facilities Sustainability Strategy 2020-2025 in response to the Council's priorities for waste.

- 8. Manchester UNESCO City of Literature - Progress Report** Pages  
Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods) 57 - 68

This report details the progress with Manchester UNESCO City of Literature - following the designation awarded in 2017 an independent organisation was established in 2019. The vision for Manchester City of Literature is for Manchester to be an innovative, distinctive, equitable, globally connected city of reading and writing, where diverse voices are celebrated, creative talent and industries are nurtured and where literary activity changes lives. This report shows the progress the organisation has made towards the vision, how it has unified the city's literary sector to strengthen programmes and events that support reading for pleasure, literacy and social capital. It also shows how the charity has leveraged additional funds for the city and created new festivals and activity to benefit residents.

- 9. Read Manchester - Progress Report** Pages  
Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods) 69 - 84

This report details the progress with Read Manchester since it was launched in 2016, managed within the library service in partnership with Education, and the National Literacy Trust. It shows how by developing the love of 'reading for pleasure', Read Manchester contributes to tackling low literacy levels in the city. It shows how initiatives such as book gifting have continued to maintain residents' access to reading, during the pandemic. Read Manchester will be more important than ever over the next 12 months with the Year of the Child.

- 10. Overview Report** Pages  
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit 85 - 92

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

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 Our 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.

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