



Economy Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 10 November 2022

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

There will be a private meeting for Committee Members only at 1:45pm on Thursday, 10 November 2022 in Room 2006, 2nd Floor, Town Hall Extension.

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

Access to the Antechamber

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Membership of the Economy Scrutiny Committee

Councillors - Johns (Chair), Bell, Good, Moran, Noor, Raikes, I Robinson, Shilton Godwin and Taylor

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 Thursday, 13 October 2022.

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5. Economic Strategy Update

Report of the Strategic Director – Growth and Development.

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This report provides an update on the development of a new Economic Strategy which sets out how the next phase of Manchester's growth can ensure that the city's economy is both high performing and drives a reduction in inequalities.

6. Poverty Strategy Update

Report of the Director of Inclusive Economy.

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This report provides an overview of the work undertaken to date to develop a refreshed poverty strategy for the city which for the purpose of this report will be referred to as the 'Manchester Anti-Poverty Strategy'. The report will set out the approach and engagement process for developing the strategy, the evidence base, emerging themes and the suggested priorities and actions that will be included in the final strategy.

This report also sets out the relationship between the new strategy fits and existing work on Making Manchester Fairer, developing a more inclusive economy, tackling the Cost-of-Living

Crisis and other linked areas of work.

7. Revenue Budget Update

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Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer.

This report sets out the financial challenge facing the Council, the latest forecast position, and the next steps. The Council is forecasting an estimated budget shortfall of £44m in 2023/24, £85m in 2024/25, and £112m by 2025/26. After the use of c£16m smoothing reserves in each of the three years, this gap reduces to £28m in 2023/24, £69m in 2024/25 and £96m by 2025/26.

This report sets out the high-level position. Officers have identified potential savings options to reduce the budget gap totalling £42.3m over three years.

Even after these proposals there remains a budget gap of £7m to close to get to a balanced budget in 2023/24 and further savings options will be developed between now and January 2023 and be reported back to Scrutiny committees in February. Each scrutiny committee is invited to consider the current proposed changes which are within its remit and to make recommendations to the Executive before it agrees to the final budget proposals in February 2023.

8. Growth and Development 2023/24 Budget Proposals

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This report sets out the priorities for the services in the remit of this committee and details the initial revenue budget changes proposed by officers.

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9. 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

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 Economy Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for looking at how the city's economy is growing and how Manchester people are benefiting from the growth.

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. If you have a special interest in an item on the agenda and want to speak, tell the Committee Officer, who will pass on your request to the Chair. Groups of people will usually be asked to nominate a spokesperson. The Council wants its meetings to be as open as possible but occasionally there will be some confidential business. Brief reasons for confidentiality will be shown on the agenda sheet.

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