



# **Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Tuesday, 10 January 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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

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**Councillors** - Hitchen (Chair), Azra Ali, Benham, Chambers, Connolly, M Dar, Evans, Hilal, Hussain, Iqbal, Johnson, Ogunbambo, H Priest, Rawson, Sheikh, Whiston, Wills and Wilson

## Agenda

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**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 6 December 2022.

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**5. [10.05-10.35] Bonfire Night Events**

Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

Pages  
15 - 24

This report provides an overview of the approach to planning and delivery of a safe Bonfire/fireworks season. The report includes details of anti-social behaviour during this period and an assessment of the impact of the Council's decision not to reinstate Bonfire Night events during 2022.

**6. [10.35-11.15] An update report on the Homelessness Service**

Report of the Director of Housing Operations

Pages  
25 - 60

This report is an update on the Homelessness Service and the improvement and transformation that is happening across the service in an increasingly challenging social and economic context. The Council's Homelessness Transformation Programme (A Place Called Home) is focussed on

- Significantly increase the successful prevention of homelessness
- Continue our progress to end rough sleeping
- Considerably reduce the use of temporary accommodation
- Deliver Better Outcomes and Better Lives for people and families at risk or who are homeless

7. **[11.15-11.50] Advice Services Update** Pages  
Report of the Director of Housing Operations 61 - 84

This report provides members with an overview of the advice services within the city. It details the range of provision across the city and outlines the outcomes achieved through the advice contracts that the Council commissions.

8. **[11.50-12.00] Overview Report** Pages  
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit 85 - 96

The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.

## Information about the Committee

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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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