



Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 7 March 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

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

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 7 February 2023.

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5. [10.05 - 10.40] Digital Inclusion Update

Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

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This report provides an update on the Council's digital inclusion work over the last 2 years.

6. [10.40 - 11.15] Equalities Update- to follow

7. [11.15 - 11.50] Our Manchester Voluntary & Community Sector (OMVCS) Fund

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

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This report provides an update on the OMVCS funding programme for 2023-26. The report describes the steps that have been taken to complete the funding assessment process, and details which organisations will be funded by the programme from 1 April 2023, subject to approval of the Council's annual budget and due diligence.

The report goes on to outline the background and process for developing the Supporting Communities Fund, and details the organisations in scope for it, subject to the same conditions above. The report describes the support available across both

programmes for funded groups and for unsuccessful applicants.

8. [11.50 - 12.00] Overview Report

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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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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