



# **Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Thursday, 11 January 2024

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 committee members only from 9:30am on Thursday, 11 January 2024 in Room 2006, Level 2, Town Hall Extension.

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## **Membership of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee**

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**Councillors** - Simcock (Chair), Andrews, Brickell, Connolly, Davies, Evans, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Rowles, Stogia and Wheeler

## 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** 5 - 18  
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2023.
- 5. Increasing Council Tax Premiums on Empty Properties** To Follow
- 6. Cost of Living and Anti-Poverty Support** To Follow
- 7. Changes to Council Tax Support Scheme from April 2024** To Follow
- 8. Feasibility Study into Ending the Use of Enforcement Agents** To Follow
- 9. Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2024/25 and Budget Assumptions** To Follow
- 10. Sales Fees and Charges** To Follow
- 11. Overview Report** 19 - 36  
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.
- 12. Commercial Activity, Investments and Governance (Part A)** 37 - 46

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer.

The Council is involved in a wide range of commercial activities, including, but not limited to, provision of loans to third parties, Joint Ventures, investments into a range of initiatives and property transactions. This report provides an overview the governance and assurance activity which take place before, during and post completion of commercial transactions.

This report is accompanied by Part B report, which goes into more detail about the Council's commercial ventures.

**13. Exclusion of Press and Public**

The officers consider that the following item contains exempt information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Committee is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of this item.

**14. Commercial Activity, Investments and Governance (Part B)**

To Follow

## Information about the Committee

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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 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.

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. To help facilitate this, the Council encourages anyone who wishes to speak at the meeting to contact the Committee Officer in advance of the meeting by telephone or email, who will then pass on your request to the Chair for consideration. 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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