



# **Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Tuesday, 5 March 2024

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

**There will be a private meeting for Committee Members only at 1.20 pm in the Council Antechamber, Town Hall Extension.**

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

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**Councillors** - Hitchen (Chair), Azra Ali, Appleby, Doswell, Good, Ogunbambo, H Priest, Rawson, Sheikh, Whiston and Wills

## 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 February 2024.

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**5. Manchester Indoor Sport Built Facilities Strategy Update**

Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

Pages  
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This report provides an update on the key findings identified in the Manchester Indoor and Sport Built Facilities Strategy (2023-2031) and short-term action plan, to be taken forward with partners over the next 18-month period.

**6. Manchester Libraries Update**

Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

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This report provides the Committee with an update on the library strategy and to present future plans.

**7. Digital Inclusion Update - Bridging The Digital Divide In Manchester**

Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

Pages  
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This report provides the Committee with an update on the Council's digital inclusion work, since the last report to scrutiny in March 2023. This includes the development and implementation of the Digital Inclusion Action Plan.

**8. 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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