



# **Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Thursday, 9 November 2023

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 from 1:30pm, Thursday 9 November 2023 in Room 2006, Level 2, Town Hall Extension.

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## **Membership of the Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee**

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**Councillors** - Shilton Godwin (Chair), Chohan, Collins, Holt, Ilyas, McCaul, Razaq, Wiest and Wright

## 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 declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest 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. Members with a personal interest should declare that interest 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. [2.00-2.05] Minutes**

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2023.

**5. [2.05-2.20] Revenue Budget Update 2024/25**

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Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer

The Council is forecasting an estimated budget shortfall of £46m in 2024/25, £86m in 2025/26, and £105m by 2026/27. After the application of approved and planned savings, and the use of c£17m smoothing reserves in each of the three years, this gap reduces to £1.6m in 2024/25, £30m in 2025/26 and £49m by 2026/27. This position assumes that the savings approved as part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy in February 2023 of £36.2m over three years are delivered.

This report provides a high-level overview of the updated budget position. 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 2024.

**6. [2.20-2.40] Manchester's Emissions Report**

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Report of the Director, Manchester Climate Change Agency

This report provides a summary of Manchester's Emissions Report, which is due to be published by Manchester Climate

Change Agency in November. It covers the city's direct, energy-related emissions in 2021, plus an estimate for 2022, and is based on the latest data released by the UK Government's Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

7. **[2.40-2.55] Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan - Update on Progress** 33 - 44  
Report of the Strategic Director, Growth and Development

The report presents a summary of progress on delivery of the aspirations and commitments of the Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan.
8. **[2.55-3.10] Vision Zero - Update** 45 - 52  
Report of the Strategic Director, Growth and Development

The report presents a summary of progress on the development of a Vision Zero strategy for Greater Manchester.
9. **[3.10-3.25] Refreshed Tree and Woodland Action Plan 2024 - 2034** 53 - 112  
Report of the Strategic Director, Growth and Development

A refreshed Tree and Woodland Action Plan has been developed in the context of the adopted Green and Blue Infrastructure (G&BI) Strategy. This was reported to the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee and was agreed in March 2023.

This report sets out the draft Tree and Woodland Action Plan and highlights the key actions contained within it. It provides a summary of key evidence and engagement with partners to date and how public consultation will further help to shape the Action Plan before its final approval in early 2024.
10. **[3.25-3.55] Planning Policy, Construction and Climate Change** 113 - 124  
Report of the Strategic Director Growth and Development

This report considers how planning policy can seek to address climate change, with specific consideration of the emissions associated with the construction phase. The report also includes an update on the Local Plan and climate related issues.
11. **[3.55-4.00] Overview Report** 125 - 134  
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

This is a monthly report, which 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 Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee areas of interest include The Climate Change Strategy, Waste, Carbon Emissions, Neighbourhood Working, Flood Management, Planning policy and related enforcement, Compliance and Parks and Green Spaces.

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