

# Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 6 February 2020

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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There will be a private meeting for members of the Committee at 1.30 pm in Committee Room 6, Room 2006, Level 2 of the Town Hall Extension.

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## Membership of the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

**Councillors** - Hacking (Chair), Andrews, Battle, Chambers, Collins, M Dar, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Grimshaw, Hitchen, Kirkpatrick, Rawlins and Rawson

### **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** 5 - 12

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2020.

### 5. Review of Advice Services in Manchester - Final Report and Recommendations

Report of the Review of Advice Services in Manchester Task and Finish Group

This report presents the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Review of Advice Services in Manchester Task and Finish Group. The Task and Finish Group was established to consider the availability of advice services across the city, with a view to producing recommendations to be considered in the budget in the next financial year.

### 6. The Council's Updated Financial Strategy and Budget reports 2020/21 - to follow

### 6a. Neighbourhoods Directorate Budget Report 2020/21 - to follow

### 7. Equality Impact Assessments

Report of the City Solicitor

This report reviews a selection of the Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) produced in support of the Council's 13 - 34

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business planning process for 2019/2020. It outlines the context of why the Council undertakes EIAs and some of the key themes emerging from the business priority-related analyses produced in the last year. It also describes changes to the Council's approach to business planning for 2020-21, and the implications for how equality impacts will be considered within the plan and how the process of producing EIAs will be managed moving forwards.

### 8. Manchester Playing Pitch Strategy

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Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

This report provides an update on Manchester Playing Pitch Strategy and Site Action Plan.

### 9. Delivering the Our Manchester Strategy - to follow

### 10. Overview Report

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Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

This report provides members 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.

### 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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