



Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 5 March 2020

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, 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

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2020.

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

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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. Review of Council's Processes - Accessibility for Disabled People

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Report of the City Solicitor

This report sets out the intended approach for a review of how the Council engages with disabled residents, to act upon the Council's previously stated commitment to embed disability inclusion and accessibility considerations in the design and development of Manchester's capital and public realm projects.

7. Equality Objectives 2020 - 2024

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Report of the City Solicitor

This report sets out the Council's proposed equality objectives for the period 2020 - 2024. It outlines the approach that the Council has taken to setting these in the past and describes the process that has been undertaken to ensure that the most recent set of objectives represent the priorities of Manchester residents and other stakeholders, as well as those of the Council. The report sets out the objectives in draft form and provides an opportunity for the Committee to comment on these to influence further refinement of them before they are published by no later than 6 April 2020.

8. Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Infrastructure Service - to follow

9. Community Events Funding and Applications - 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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