



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 11th December 2007

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Committee Room 11, Level 1, Town Hall.

(Please note there will be a pre-meeting for Members of the Committee at 1:30pm in Committee Room 2)

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 or prejudicial 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 interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial 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 13th November 2007 (enclosed).

PROGRAMME

5 Accessible Neighbourhoods: Footpaths and Highways

Report of the Chief Executive

Spokespersons for groups representing disabled and older people have been invited to contribute their views on the accessibility of Manchester's footpaths and highways.

6 Road Safety: Safer Routes to School

Report of the Chief Executive

7 Waterways

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

This item will feature a presentation from the Environment Agency. Invitations have been extended to United Utilities and project officers for the River Medlock as well as fishing and canal barge user groups.

8 Business Plans

Report of the Chief Executive

Members are invited to select Business Plans from the list for scrutiny in the January meeting.

9 Regional Centre Transport Strategy

Report of the Head of Transport

To look at the impact of the Regional Centre Transport Strategy on the City Centre as a community. The Strategy has been circulated separately – if you have not received a copy and would like one please contact the committee officer.

10 Information and Overview Report

Report for Information

INFORMATION ABOUT SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

As part of the process of democratic renewal in Manchester the Council has established six Overview and Scrutiny Committees to investigate major and new policy issues and to review specific areas of service delivery. They also have power to review decisions taken by the Executive Committees that have been 'called-in' to Council by the Chair of a Scrutiny Committee or by five members of the Council. These Committees deal with the following areas of interest -

- Children and Young People
- Citizenship and Inclusion
- Communities and Neighbourhoods
- Economy, Employment and Skills
- Health and Well-being
- Resources and Governance

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