



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday 21 May 2009

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Banqueting Room, Level 2, Town Hall

Note:

There will be a seminar on the new Councillor Call for Action power at 1:00 in the Banqueting Hall

There will be a pre-meeting for members of the Committee at 9:30 in Committee Room 2

Membership of the Committee:

Councillors -

F Bhatti
M Clayton
C Glover
B Jones
E Lomax
E McCulley

P Morrison
P Murphy
D Sandiford
N Swannick
A Trotman
M Watson

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The Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for looking at how the Council and partners make the best use of their resources and deliver good value services.

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Sir Howard Bernstein
Chief Executive

Town Hall, Albert Square
Manchester, M60 2LA

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 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

- (i) To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2009 (enclosed).
- (ii) To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Human Resources Sub Group held on 10 March and 28 April 2009 (enclosed).
- (iii) To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Governance Sub Group held on 15 April and 6 May 2009 (enclosed).

5. Information and Overview Report

Report of the City Solicitor

Members of the Committee are invited to comment on the recommendations monitor and note the items provided for information.

6. Work Programme

Report of the City Solicitor

An Overview and Scrutiny Topic Suggestion Form is included with this set of papers. These will be discussed in the pre-meeting and as part of this item. The Committee is also asked to agree terms of reference and membership for the Human Resources and Governance Sub Groups.

7. Local Area Agreement – Commissioning

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Performance)

To report on progress on the development of the Manchester Model for Commissioning made since Sept 2008 when this was last reported to this committee.

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8. Revenue and Benefits
Report of the City Treasurer

This report provides performance data for the 2008/9 financial year for the Council Tax, Benefits and Business Rates Service areas. It also details current key issues and outlines plans for the new financial year.

9. Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System, Information Strategy, SAP roll out and Corporate Contact Centre (CCC) - Capital Expenditure
Report of the Strategic Director of the Manchester Improvement Programme

10. Exclusion of public

The officers consider that the following item contains exempt information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Committee is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of these items.

An appeal process exists for members of the public who wish to appeal against the officers' recommendation for exemption. Anyone who does wish to appeal should contact the Committee Officer as soon as possible (preferably at least 48 hours) before the meeting.

PART B

11. Town Hall Project
Report of the City Treasurer