



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Finance and General Purposes Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday 22 June 2006

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Committee Room 11, Level 1, Town Hall

**There will be a pre-meeting for members at 9.30am in
The Council Chamber Ante Room.**

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.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2006 (enclosed)

5. Gas and Electricity contract prices (Report of City Treasurer)

6. Postal Services - verbal update on actions from the NEF Review

7. **Review of Core Budgets for Children's Services and Adult Services** -scoping stage of more thorough review to be conducted during the year.
8. **Planning Enforcement** – informing Members of progress in introducing changes to the Planning Enforcement Service
9. **County Records Office** – To note and endorse the work being undertaken to prepare a bid for a major Heritage Lottery Fund grant in support of the Mackie Mayor programme and to support the proposals relating to the Capital financing of the project.
10. **Review of Manchester Education Partnership** – Report to follow.

Information about Scrutiny Committees

As part of the process of democratic renewal in Manchester the Council has established five 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 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
- Community Regeneration
- Finance and General Purposes
- Physical Environment
- Social Strategy
- Health and Well-being

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