



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Finance and General Purposes Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday 25 May 2006

Time: 10.00am

**Venue: Committee Room 11 (Room 117 / 118), Level 1,
Town Hall**

**There will be a pre-meeting for members at 9.30am in
Committee Room 1.**

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 9 March 2006 (enclosed)

5. Audit Sub Committee – to consider the Minutes from the meeting on 23 March 2006

6. City Works Joint Venture

(Report of City Treasurer)

[Note: this is a key decision for which an exemption from the call-in process will be requested following consideration by this Committee]

7. **Housing Benefits and Council tax** – interim progress report on implementation of new processing system
8. **Work Programme 2006/2007** – in connection with this item the 2005/6 Annual Report is enclosed

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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