



**MANCHESTER**  
CITY COUNCIL

# RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday 26 February 2008 **(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)**  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, Level 3, Town Hall Extension

## 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.

## ITEMS FOR INVESTIGATION

### 4 The Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets 2008/2009

The documentation in relation to the Council Budget for 2008/9 was circulated to all members of the Council on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**Members are requested to bring these documents with them to the meeting.**

The page numbers referred to below are those used in those documents.

- a) To receive a Statement by the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources on the Executive's budget proposals and the key issues underlining the budget process;
- b) To consider any issues arising from individual Business Plans that Chairs of overview and scrutiny committees wish to draw specific attention to
- c) To consider issues raised during the public consultation round
- d) To receive an Statement from the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services regarding the Housing Revenue Account calculations and to consider any amendment proposed in relation to the Housing Revenue account 2008/9 (Pages 155-164)
- e) To consider any amendments to the budget proposals,  
(The Constitution provides that amendments to the Executive's budget recommendation are to be submitted by the seventh day after the meeting of the Executive.  
**Details of amended budget proposals submitted by the Opposition Group will be circulated after 20 February)**
- f) To summarise its findings and to formulate any recommendations to the City Council on 5th March 2008

**In this connection the following documents were considered by the Executive on 13th February 2008**

- 1. Medium Financial Plan 2008/9 to 2010/11; Revenue Budget 2008/9, Capital Strategy and Budget 2008/9 and Treasury Management Strategy Report**  
(Report of City Treasurer and Chief Executive)
  - Overview report – pages 15-23
  - Medium Term Financial Plan – pages 24-84
  - Three-year Capital Programme – pages 85-137
  - Treasury Management Strategy and Borrowing Limits and Annual Investment Strategy 2008/9 – pages 138-154
  - Housing Revenue Account 2008/9 – pages 155-168
- 2. Legal Background to the setting of the Budget and Council Tax**  
(Report of Chief Executive and City Solicitor) Pages 1-14

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## 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 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
- Communities and Neighbourhoods
- Resources and Governance
- Economy, Employment and Skills
- Citizenship and Inclusion
- Health and Well-being

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