



**MANCHESTER**  
CITY COUNCIL

# FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006**

**Time: 10.00am**

**Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall**

## 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 The Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets 2006/2007**

a) To consider public responses received to the consultation on the budget proposals;

b) 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;

c) To review individual Service Strategies as considered by the Executive and to consider any issues that chairs of overview and scrutiny committees wish to draw specific attention to;

- d) To considers issues relating to the Housing Revenue Account calculations;
- e) To consider any amendments to the budget proposals, and  
(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 are attached)
- f) To summarise its findings and to formulate any recommendations to the City Council on 1st March 2006

**In this connection the following documents that were issued to all members as part of the Executive agenda for the meeting on 15th February 2006 are enclosed**

- 1. Legal background to the setting of budget and Council Tax
- 2. Service Strategies
- 3. Housing Revenue Account 2006/2007
- 4. Revenue and Capital Budget 2006/7 to 2008/9 and Treasury Management Strategy Report
- 5. Three Year Capital Programme

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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
- Community Regeneration
- Finance and General Purposes
- Physical Environment
- Social Strategy
- Health and Well-being

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