

**Manchester City Council  
Report For Information**

**Report to:**           **Citizenship and Inclusion Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee – 8 September 2010**

**Report of:**           Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

**Subject:**            Information and Overview Report

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**Summary**

This report provides information about relevant issues affecting the Committee's remit to aid members to manage their work programmes.

**Recommendation**

1.     The Committee is requested to consider the topics highlighted in the report and either:
  - note the information,
  - request a briefing note to provide further details or
  - add the item to the Committee's work programme.
  
2.     The Committee is also asked to agree the work programme attached at Appendix 1.

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**Background documents (available for public inspection):**

None

## 1. Suggestions for the Work Programme

No suggestions have been received. The work programme is attached at appendix one.

## 2. Forward Planning

The Executive Forward Plan lists key decisions to be taken by the City Council within the next four months. A key decision, as defined in the Council's Constitution is an executive decision, which is likely:

- To result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or
- To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the city.

The Council Constitution defines 'significant' as being expenditure or savings (including the loss of income or capital receipts) in excess of £500k, providing that is not more than 10% of the gross operating expenditure for any budget heading in the in the Council's Revenue Budget Book, and subject to other defined exceptions.

Relevant extracts from the Executive Forward Plan are attached to this report to enable members to incorporate scrutiny of key decisions into its work programme.

Subject Area for Decision	Key Decision Objective /Consultation arrangements /Point of Contact	Anticipated date of decision Documents to be considered	Decision Taker (Executive or Chief Officer)
<p><b>Adult Social Care</b></p> <p>Community Legal Advice Services</p>	<p><b>Key Decision Objective:</b></p> <p>Award of up to six Contracts in partnership with the Legal Services Commission, to establish:</p>	<p>July 2010 Report</p>	<p>Strategic Director Adults</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Community Legal Advice Services in six localities of the City. The contracts will include a requirement to provide</li> <li>2) “One stop shop” for residents of the City to access advice services</li> <li>3) Outreach (including home visits) to residents unable to travel/access community legal advice services</li> <li>4) Development of a comprehensive volunteer development programme of advice workers to enhance the recruitment, training and retention of volunteers to complement the objectives of Community Legal Advices Services and to provide a pathway to employment.</li> </ol> <p><b>Consultees:</b> The Legal Services Commission, Stakeholders involved in the development of the service specification and related tender documentation. Current contracted and non-contracted Advice Service Providers.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Mike Gorman A.S.C. Lead commissioner, Advice Services</p>		
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The Committee should note that the decision proposed above is exempt from the call in process.

### 3. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report lists recommendations made by the Committee and responses to them indicating whether the recommendation will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
2 September 2009	CI/09/38 Irresponsible Lending – OFT Guidance for Creditors	To continue the Committee’s investigation by inviting the Minister for the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills to a future meeting of the Committee to discuss the effect of the new European consumer credit directive and how they are addressing problems caused by unfair credit terms and high interest rates.	A letter was sent to the Minister for Consumer Affairs on 21 July. The Minister has replied thanking the Committee for the invitation and apologising that he cannot attend any of our meeting dates in the near future due to other commitments. He has asked if the committee wants to contribute to the joint Dept for Business Innovation and Skills and HM Treasury review of consumer credit and personal insolvency. This will be discussed through the usual agenda-setting process.	Courtney Brightwell, Team Leader, Scrutiny Support
23 June 2010	CI/10/29 Work Programme 2010/11 – Development and Support	To request that the Committee’s support officer explores options for commissioning training on community engagement for the Committee.	A report will be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-Ordinating Group on 16 September with details of the training requested by each of the scrutiny committees and proposals for commissioning training.	Courtney Brightwell, Team Leader, Scrutiny Support
21 July 2010	CI/10/37 Manchester Ageing Strategy	To look at how intergenerational work is being delivered and how it contributes to developing cohesive communities.	This has been added to the work programme for a date to be scheduled.	Courtney Brightwell, Team Leader, Scrutiny Support

21 July 2010	CI/10/38 North Manchester Community Cohesion Programme	To request that the Deputy Chief Executive (Performance) takes account of the discussion in the meeting in the review of the Council's approach to cohesion.	The minute of the discussion has been submitted to the Deputy Chief Executive (Performance) to be taken into account in the review.	Geoff Little, Deputy Chief Executive (Performance)
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#### 4. Items for Information

There are no items for information this month.

**Citizenship and Inclusion Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
 Work Programme 2010/11 – September 2010**

<b>Wednesday 8 September 2010 – report deadline Friday 27 August 2010</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
There will be a visit to the Courts on September 15 <sup>th</sup> to observe the courts in session, followed by a short presentation and lunch.				
Guns and Gangs	To receive an update on the Guns and Gangs area of innovation and to look in detail at preventative work.	Councillor J Battle	Maureen Noble Mike Livingstone	Invitation to the Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.
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<b>Wednesday 20 October 2010 – report deadline Friday 8 October 2010</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Citizens' Confidence and Engagement in the Criminal Justice Programme	To follow up the visit to the Civil Justice Centre by looking at community engagement programmes and the involvement of Magistrates within them. The report will include an information briefing on what different courts there are and what their jurisdiction is.	Councillor J Battle	Maureen Noble	
Preventing Violent Extremism Update	To focus on work on resilience in schools	Councillor J Battle	Maureen Noble Samiya Butt Anne Jones	

Access Arrangements for train stations	To look at the accessibility of the city's train stations	Councillor N Murphy	Keith Howcroft GMPTE	See Minutes February 2010.
Alcohol Subgroup - Update	To update members on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Alcohol Subgroup and other developments, including the approach of the coalition government, in this area.	Councillor J Battle Councillor Evans	Geoff Little Liz Bruce Maureen Noble, Colin Elliot, Fiona Sharkey	Invitation to the PCT
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<b>Wednesday 17 November 2010 – report deadline Friday 5 November 2010</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Youth Crime	To look at how the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership addresses youth crime. A scoping meeting will be arranged to agree a more detailed scope for this item.	Councillor J Battle	Maureen Noble	
City Region and Multi-Area Agreement	To look at the likely effects of the City Region pilot and Greater Manchester Strategy on residents of Manchester as they relate to the Committee's remit (crime, equality, cohesion, older people.)	Councillor Leese	Steve Mycio Geoff Little	Timing to be agreed.

Burglary	To look at the ongoing trends in burglary, and to discuss the role of Alleygating in this with the Head of Private Sector Housing.	Councillor J Battle Councillor Andrews	Maureen Noble Sean McGonigle Mark Glynn	Timing to be agreed. Invitation to Councillor Flanagan for the meeting and scoping process.
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**Wednesday 15 December 2010 – report deadline Friday 3 December 2010**

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Half Yearly Performance Report	To look at performance indicators within the Committee's remit for the period April – September 2010.	Councillor J Battle	Jane Abdulla Andy Blore	Linked to the item below.
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership – Performance and Risk Management	To look at performance in the CDRP's target areas and its approach to risk management, and what it sees as the most significant risks. The Committee may wish to use this exercise to select future items for the work programme.	Councillor J Battle	Maureen Noble Jane Abdulla	A session for elected members on risk management will be held to tie in with this.
Domestic Violence	Update on work to address domestic violence and the development of the new strategy. A scoping meeting will be arranged to agree a more detailed scope for this item.	Councillor J Battle	Maureen Noble	

Agenda 2010	To look at the outcome of events to mark the conclusion of Agenda 2010 and the proposals for how race equality should be imbedded post 2010. To include the views of a range of voluntary and community sector views.	Councillor S Murphy	James Hand Samiya Butt Anissa Kheratkar	Requested December 2009, see CI/09/56  Report and consultation
Business Planning	To select business plans and equality action plans for scrutiny at the Committee's next meeting.	Various	James Hand	Approach to scrutiny of business plans for 2010/11 to be agreed.
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**Wednesday 12 January 2011 – report deadline Thursday 23 December 2010**

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Business Planning	To look at the business plans and equality action plans selected for scrutiny by this committee at its last meeting.  To include high level overviews with key messages and context in which to read the rest of the plan.	Various	James Hand and business planning leads	Approach to scrutiny of business plans for 2010/11 to be agreed.
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<b>Wednesday 9 February 2011 – report deadline Friday 28 January 2011</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Policing in Manchester	To receive an overview of how Greater Manchester Police and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership are tackling crime in Manchester, with a view to choosing further crime topics for the Committee to explore.	Councillor J Battle	GMP representatives CDRP representatives Maureen Noble	Invitation to Assistant Chief Constable Garry Shewan and Divisional Commanders for the Manchester area,
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<b>Monday 7 March 2011 – report deadline Wednesday 23 February 2011</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments

Information and Overview Report	Woodhouse Park, Workwise pilot evaluation	Councillor N Murphy	Keith Howcroft	See Minutes February 2010.
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<b>To be scheduled</b>				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Escalating Debts - Advice	To look at what can be done / what advice can be provided to assist people suffering from rapidly escalating debts (including debts escalating from bailiffs costs)	Councillor Evans	Neela Mody / Barbara Guest	
Community Legal Advice Services	Update on the delivery of Community legal advice services	Councillor Evans	Neela Mody	See Minutes February 2010.
Performance Targets – work to hit performance targets for serious violent crime.	To look at the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership’s approach to reducing serious violent crime.	Councillor J Battle	Maureen Noble	See minute CI/10/19 – March 2010
Role of the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team	To look at the activities carried out by the Anti Social Behaviour Action Plan.	Councillor J Battle	Maureen Noble	
Drugs and Alcohol	To look at accessibility of rehabilitation services and how effective they are. To look at the misuse of prescriptive drugs and what can be done / is being done to address it.	Councillor J Battle	Maureen Noble Colin Elliot	
Valuing Older People	To consider how the Valuing Older People work could be sustained once the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review was known.	Councillor Evans	Paul McGarry	Could be scheduled for November onwards

Intergenerational Work	To look at how intergenerational work is being delivered and how it contributes to developing cohesive communities.	Councillor Evans	Paul McGarry Mary Maguire	Should be linked to the item above
Welcome Pack template	To look at and comment on the welcome pack template before it is finalised.	Councillor S Murphy	Martin Saker Samiya Butt	
Prostitution	Update.	Councillor J Battle	Maureen Noble	