



**MANCHESTER**  
CITY COUNCIL

## **Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

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**Date: Thursday 11 December 2008**

**Time: 10.00 am**

**Venue: Committee Room 11, Town Hall**

**Note:**

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

### **Membership of the Committee:**

Councillors -

F Bhatti  
M Clayton  
C Glover  
J Hitchen  
A Jones  
M Khan  
P Morrison

P Murphy  
Brian O'Neil  
D Sandiford  
J Smith  
A Trotman  
M Watson

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The Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for looking at how the Council and partners make the best use of their resources and deliver good value services.

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**Sir Howard Bernstein**  
**Chief Executive**

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# 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.

## 4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2008 (enclosed).

## 5. Information and Overview Report

Report of the City Solicitor

**To Follow**

## 6. City of Manchester Stadium Income and the Development of Sportcity.

Report of the City Treasurer / Head of Leisure

To update the Committee on how revenue from the City of Manchester Stadium Rental Agreement is being invested to support the development of Sportcity.

## 7. Corporate Property

Report of the City Treasurer

## 8. Town Hall Strategy: Update Report

**To Follow**

## 9. Business Planning Process

The draft Environmental Services business plan is included.

## 10. Budget and Financial Plans - Business Plans

Report of the Chief Executive and City Treasurer

Members of the Committee are invited to select the Business Plans they would like to scrutinise at their next meeting.

### **11. Local Area Agreement – Quarter 2 Performance Monitoring**

The report documents performance of the LAA basket of indicators for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 September 2008 (Quarter 2).

### **12. Capital Expenditure Approval – Academies Programme**

Report of the City Treasurer

The Committee is asked to note the need to approve capital expenditure of £133 million to ensure the opening of the new Academies buildings by September 2010.

### **13. Call In: Annual Increase in Communal Domestic Heating System Charges**

The decision of the Executive on 19 November 2008 has been called in by Councillors Ashley, Commons, Donaldson, Grant, Parkinson, Pearcey, Shannon, Shaw and Wheale in accordance with paragraph 13 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

The terms of the call in are that *“This report recommended increasing heating charges by 31% from the start of January, which would balance the heating budget by the end of the financial year.*

*The projected surplus on the Housing Revenue Account, as reported to the October Executive Meeting, to the end of the financial year is £6.738m. Given we have subsidised the heating account from the HRA in the past, why can't some of this £6.738m surplus be used to reduced the planned increase in heating prices.”*

The report of the Director of Housing / City Treasurer considered by the Executive and the minute, including the Executive's decision are attached.

Members of the Committee are asked to consider whether or not they will refer the decision back to the decision maker for reconsideration.