



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Economy, Employment and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday 8 September 2010

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Room 11, Level 1, Town Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

There is a private meeting for Members at 9.30am in Committee Room 2.

Membership of the Committee

Councillors -

H Barrett, T Bethell, J Cameron (Chair), V Chamberlain, J Commons, J Green, J Pritchard, S Richards, M Smitheman, N Swannick, R Walters

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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 21 July 2010 (enclosed).	1
5	Information and Overview Report (Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit)	9
6	[10.00 – 10.40] Manchester Investment and Development Agency (MIDAS) (Report of the Deputy Chief Executive of MIDAS)	23
	<p>This report provides members with an overview of the Manchester Investment and Development Agency (MIDAS). Mr. Tim Newns, Deputy Chief Executive of MIDAS will make a presentation to the Committee about the core functions of the organisation and its role and performance within the Manchester local authority and the wider city region.</p>	
7	[10.40 – 11.20] High Speed Rail – Core Cities (Report of the Rail Programme Director, Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive)	28

This report provides members with a summary of recent government and GMPTE work on high speed rail. Members are invited to consider the work carried out by GMPTE to promote the economic benefits of a high speed rail link between core cities.

- 8 **[11.20 – 12.00] Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES)**
(Report of the Regeneration Manager [Employment and Skills] and the City Treasurer) 33

This report aims to demonstrate the value of the City Councils membership of the Centre of Local Economic Studies (CLES) by highlighting a particular piece of work on sustainable procurement. The report outlines the conclusions of a piece of work undertaken by CLES on the impact of Manchester City Council (MCC) spend on our local economy.

Information about the Committee

Overview and Scrutiny Committees represent the interests of local people about important issues that affect them. They look at how the decisions, policies and services of the Council and other key public agencies impact on the city and its residents. Overview and Scrutiny Committees do not take decisions but can make recommendations to decision-makers about how they are delivering the Community Strategy, an agreed vision for a better Manchester that is shared by public agencies across the city.

The Economy, Employment and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for looking at how the city's economy is growing and how Manchester people are benefiting from the growth.

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