



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday 4 February 2010

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Room 11, Level 1, Town Hall

Note:

There will be a pre-meeting for members of the Committee at 9:30 in Committee Room 3

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Membership of the Committee:

Councillors -

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M Clayton

C Glover

E Lomax

E McCulley

P Morrison

P Murphy

T Parkinson

D Sandiford

N Swannick

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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This Agenda was issued by the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit on 27 January 2010

Sir Howard Bernstein
Chief Executive

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Manchester, M60 2LA

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 7 January 2010. To receive the minutes of the Governance Subgroup meeting held on 13 January 2010 and the meeting of the Human Resources Subgroup held on 12 January 2010.

5. Partners' Use of Resources

[10:00 – 10:50]

Reports are included from NHS Manchester, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority and Greater Manchester Police Authority on their approach to ensuring they make effective use of resources. The Committee is invited to discuss the different approaches and identify good practices and opportunities for further collaborative working.

6. Police Authority Precept

[10:50 – 11:15]

Report of Greater Manchester Police Authority

The Committee will look at the process used to set the Police Authority precept and the factors that have influenced the decision. The Chair of Greater Manchester Police Authority has been invited for this item.

7. Treasury Management Strategy – To Follow

[11:15 – 11:35]

Report of the City Treasurer

Members of the Committee are invited to comment on the Treasury Management Strategy.

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8. City Region Pilot and Governance [11:35 – 12:05]
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Performance)

This report describes the draft Scheme of Governance approved by the AGMA Executive for consultation in December. The report will be submitted to the Executive on 10 February 2010, and the Scrutiny Committee is asked to comment on the recommendations to the Executive.

The AGMA City Region Governance Consultation Document has also been sent out to members with this set of papers.

9. Information and Overview Report [12:05 – 12:10]
Report of the City Solicitor

This report sets out key decisions which fall within the Committee's remit which are due to be taken in the near future and responses to recommendations the Committee has made. Members are asked to note the Comprehensive Area Assessment Action Plan and agree the work programme for the Committee.

10. Building Schools for the Future: Key Decision - To Follow [12:10 – 12:15]

The Chair will be asked to exempt a key decision from the call in process relating to the release of capital funds to support the ongoing Building Schools for the Future programme.

11. Governance of Health and Safety – To Follow [12:15]
Report of the City Treasurer and Head of Personnel

This report provides an overview of Health and Safety practice within the City Council and explains how the Council responds to accidents and incidents and manages the health and safety of its staff. Members are asked to comment on the identified actions required to mitigate identified issues and risks.