



MANCHESTER  
CITY COUNCIL

# Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Date: Thursday 21 October 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 pre-meeting for Members at 9.30 am in Committee Room 2.

## Membership of the Committee

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### Councillors -

F Bhatti, M Clayton, B Fisher, C Glover, E Lomax, E McCulley, P Morrison, P Murphy, E Newman, D Sandiford, N Swannick, A Trotman, M Watson (Chair)

## Agenda

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<b>1 Urgent business</b> To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.	
<b>2 Appeals</b> 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.	
<b>3 Interests</b> 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.	
<b>4 Minutes</b> To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2010 (enclosed).	1
To note the minutes and endorse the recommendations from the meeting of the Human Resources Subgroup on 5 October 2010.	8
<b>5 10:00 – 10:10 - Information and Overview Report</b> (Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit)	14
This report includes extracts from the Forward Plan as it relates to the Committee's remit as well as an update on actions arising from the Committee's recommendations. There are a number of notes providing further information requested by the Committee in previous meetings. The report also includes the Committee's work programme, and the Committee is asked to agree this.	
<b>6 10:10 – 10:40 – Insurance and Claims Handling</b> (Report of the City Treasurer and City Solicitor)	67
The Committee requested a report on the Council's insurance arrangements and potential for collaboration on an AGMA level. This report covers this and looks at the Council's claims handling processes – both for claiming on its insurance and defending claims against the Council.	

- 7 **10:40 – 10:50 – Business Planning 2011/14** 88  
(Report of the City Treasurer & Deputy Chief Executive (Performance))

The report provides an update on the Council's business and budget planning process for 2011-14 and invites the Committee to select a number of business plan self assessments to review in full at its next meeting.

- 8 **Exclusion of the Public** -

The officers consider that the following item contains exempt information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act 1985 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Committee is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of this item.

An appeal process exists for members of the public who wish to appeal against the officers' recommendation for exemption. Anyone who does wish to appeal should contact the Committee Officer as soon as possible (preferably at least 48 hours) before the meeting.

- 9 **10:50 – District Heating** 98  
Report of the Director of Housing, City Treasurer and City Solicitor

This report will be submitted to the Executive on October 27 2010. The Committee is asked to comment on the recommendations to the Executive.

## Information about the Committee

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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 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.

The Council wants to consult people as fully as possible before making decisions that affect them. Members of the public do not have a right to speak at meetings but may do so if invited by the Chair. If you have a special interest in an item on the agenda and want to speak, tell the Committee Officer, who will pass on your request to the Chair. Groups of people will usually be asked to nominate a spokesperson. The Council wants its meetings to be as open as possible but occasionally there will be some confidential business. Brief reasons for confidentiality will be shown on the agenda sheet.

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