



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday 16 October 2008

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Room 11, Town Hall

Note:

There will be a pre-meeting for members at 09.30am in Committee Room 3

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 4 September 2008 (enclosed).

5. Information and Overview Report

Report of the City Solicitor

This report includes information reports on Extended Schools Start-up Costs and Accessibility across the City Council's Property Portfolio. Members of the Committee can make suggestions for the future work programme for the Committee.

6. School Governance

Report of the Director of Children's Services

7. Annual Accounts Process

Report of the City Treasurer

To inform Members of the action taken to ensure the Council achieves a better Use of Resources score on the 2007/08 annual accounts process and action which needs to be taken to further improve for process for the 2008/09 annual accounts.

8. Neighbourhood Funding Strategy

Report of the Chief Executive

To present a summary of the Neighbourhood Funding strategy, the priorities received and an outline of the next stages of the process.

Cont

9. Business Planning 2009/10

Report of the Chief Executive and City Treasurer

To consider the 2008/2009 Environmental Services plan as the starting point for the 2009/2010 plan and budget.

There will be a presentation for this item.