



**MANCHESTER**  
CITY COUNCIL

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

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**Date: Thursday 3 September 2009**

**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 1

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

Councillors -

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M Clayton

C Glover

B Jones

E Lomax

E McCulley

P Morrison

P Murphy

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

**Town Hall, Albert Square**  
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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 16 July 2009 (enclosed).

To receive the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Human Resources Sub Group on 30 June 2009.

## 5. Information and Overview Report

Report of the City Solicitor

Members of the Committee are invited to comment on the recommendations monitor and agree the work programme for the Committee.

## 6. Local Area Agreement: Quarterly Performance Report 1

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Performance)

The report documents performance of the LAA basket of indicators for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Members of the Committee received this report early and are asked to contact the Committee's support officer if there are specific targets which they would like to look at in more detail in the meeting. This is so that officers with the relevant expertise can attend the meeting to answer questions on these targets.

The Committee can

- ask questions and comment on how the Manchester Partnership is working to hit the targets in the LAA
- decide whether it feels that any of the targets would benefit from more detailed scrutiny by another committee.

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## **7. Northwards Housing**

Report of the Director of Housing

The report sets out background information about Northwards and how the organisation has progressed. It reflects on the financial arrangements for Northwards together with performance and governance information.

The Housing Services Performance Review and the Audit Commission's ALMO inspection referred to in the report have been sent to Committee members by e-mail. Hard copies of the report are available on request to the Committee officer.

## **8. Manchester Working – To Follow**

Report of the City Treasurer

This report covers Manchester Working's governance, performance and financial strategy.

## **9. Use of External Consultants and Agency Staff**

Report of the City Treasurer

This report appraises members of the work and recommendations of the Temporary Staffing Group, including details of spend on consultants and agency staff over time.

## **10. Business Plans**

Report of the Chief Executive and City Treasurer

This report includes an overview of the business planning process. The Committee is asked to select a handful of Business Plans in their early stages to look at in the next meeting.