



1 October 2013

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

## **Special Meeting of the Council – Wednesday 9 October 2013**

You are summoned to attend a special meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday 9 October 2013** at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Manchester Town Hall Extension for the following purposes:

**1. Honorary Freedom of the City of Manchester  
Professor Andre Geim and Professor Konstantin Novoselov.**

Motion to be moved by The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor –

That the Council hereby records its view that the powers entrusted to it by law of recognising distinctive and eminent service would be properly exercised by conferring the Honorary Freedom of the City of Manchester upon Professor Andre Geim and Professor Konstantin Novoselov.

The professors are world renowned for their ground-breaking work at the University of Manchester on the material Graphene. Graphene can be described as a single free-standing atomic layer of carbon, 200 times stronger than steel, thinner than a sheet of paper and more conductive than copper.

Professor Geim and Professor Novoselov, who are residents of Manchester, are widely recognised for their work to isolate this material at The University of Manchester. It was this work and their ground breaking experiments which resulted in each of them being awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2010 and undoubtedly led to Manchester being considered at the forefront of the global Graphene revolution.

The professors' continued work on Graphene has also helped to secure considerable additional research and collaborative contracts in Manchester. The Professors lead a successful research group in Manchester and continue to innovate, with substantial new advances in two-dimensional materials being published in the scientific literature. A new graphene facility currently under construction will develop and establish Manchester and the UK as a Graphene research and technology "hub". The Professors' work has attracted a dramatic growth in research activities, student numbers, scientific and industrial partnerships in their field.

The work of the professors is an illustration of the importance of The University of Manchester to the growth and regeneration of the city. The University is at the

forefront of innovation and research and is exemplary at exploiting the critical mass of academic and research activity to drive not just research and academic excellence but also the city's wider economic and social goals. The Council's partnership with The University of Manchester goes back a long way and we have worked closely with them on a number of important initiatives, not least The Corridor Partnership.

In the opinion of this Council it is altogether fitting and proper to confer upon Professor Andre Geim and Professor Konstantin Novoselov the highest honour that is within the power of the City Council to bestow, and the Council accordingly resolves -

That pursuant to the powers contained in the Local Government Act, 1972, the Council being desirous of recognising distinctive and eminent service by Professor Andre Geim and Professor Konstantin Novoselov, hereby confers upon Professor Andre Geim and Professor Konstantin Novoselov the Honorary Freedom of the City of Manchester.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Bernstein', with a horizontal line underneath and a small flourish at the end.

SIR HOWARD BERNSTEIN  
Chief Executive

## Further Information

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For help, advice and information about this meeting please contact the Committee

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This summons was issued on **1 October 2013** by the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit, Manchester City Council, Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA.

## Information about the Council

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The Council is composed of 96 councillors with one-third elected three years in four. Councillors are democratically accountable to residents of their ward. Their overriding duty is to the whole community, but they have a special duty to their constituents, including those who did not vote for them.

6 individuals with previous long service as councillors of the City have been appointed Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester and are entitled to attend every Council meeting. They do not however have a vote.

Councillors undertake to follow a code of ethical conduct to ensure high standards in the way they undertake their duties. A Standards Committee is established to train and provide guidance to them on the code of conduct.

All councillors meet together as the Council under the chairship of the Lord Mayor of Manchester. There are seven meetings of the Council in each Municipal year and they are open to the public. Here councillors decide the Council's overall strategic policies, initiate parliamentary bills to support local Acts, and set the Council budget each year.

Agenda, reports and minutes of all Council meetings can be found on the Council's website [www.manchester.gov.uk](http://www.manchester.gov.uk)

## Members of the Council

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### **Councillors –**

Adams, Ahmed, Akbar, A. Ali, N. Ali, Sameen Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Austin, Barrett, R. Battle, Boyes, Chamberlain, Chappel, Chohan, Clayton, Cookson, Cooley, Cooper, Cowell, Cox, Craig, Curley, Davies, Di Mauro, Ellison, Evans, Fairweather, Fender, W. Fisher, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Gillard, Green, Grimshaw, Hackett, Hassan, Hennigan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Hyde, Judge, Kamal, Karney, Keegan, Keller, Khan, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leese, Lewis, Longsdon, Loughman, Lone, Lyons, Midgley, M. Murphy, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Ollerhead, Barbara O'Neil, Brian O'Neil, Paul, Peel, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Royle, Siddiqi, Simcock, Shone, Smith, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Swannick, Tavernor, Taylor, Trotman, Walters, Watson and Wheale

### **Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester-**

Gordon Conquest, William Egerton JP, Kenneth Franklin, Audrey Jones JP, Peter Morrison, Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, John Smith and Keith Whitmore