

1 October 2013

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council – Wednesday 9 October 2013

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 9 October 2013 at 10.10 am (or at the rise of the Special Council) in the Council Chamber, Level 3, Manchester Town Hall Extension for the following purposes:

1. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

A presentation by Dave Newton, Strategy Director at Transport for Greater Manchester on High Speed Rail 2

2. Interests

To allow members an opportunity to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax or Council rent arrears. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

3. Minutes - to submit for approval the part proceedings of the meeting on 15 May 2013 (meeting continued on 10 July 2013, and the proceedings of the meeting on 10 July 2013.

4. Proceedings of the Executive.

To submit the proceedings of the Executive on 24 July and 11 September 2013 and in particular to consider:

Exe/13/114 The Ideas Project: An investment proposition into Ideas Inc Ltd

To recommend to Council to increase the capital budget by £0.65m in 2013/14 funded from the Capital Fund, with delegated authority to the City Treasurer to finalise the detailed terms for the loan and equity investment.

Exe/13/125 Clean and Green Places Initiative

To recommend to Council that a reserve is established for the Additional Airport Dividend of £14.5m due to be received in 2013/14, with the ability to commit up to the full £14.5m in this financial year, to draw down any remaining balance in subsequent years and that it is used as set out in the report.

5. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23.

6. Scrutiny Committees

To note the minutes of the following committees –

Young People and Children – 16 July and 3 September 2013

Communities – 17 July and 4 September 2013 (to follow)

Neighbourhoods – 16 July and 3 September 2013

Economy – 17 July and 4 September 2013

Health – 18 July and 5 September 2013

Finance – 18 July and 5 September 2013

Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 1 August 2013

In October 2012, the Council referred a motion on the Alicia Keys MTV concert (minute reference CC/12/91 Motion - MTV Alicia Keys' Concert Expenditure from public funds) to the Finance Scrutiny Committee to report its findings back to the Council. The Committee's conclusions are detailed in the September minute FSC/13/41 - MTV Evaluation to note.

7. Proceedings of Committees.

- a) To submit for approval the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 9 October 2013 (to be tabled) and the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2013 and to consider recommendations made by the Committee.
- b) To note the proceedings of the Personnel Committee held on 31 July and to note the proceedings of the Committee held on 11 September 2013 and to agree the following:
 - the establishment of a post of Strategic Director Children and Families at a salary of circa. £140K which will carry out the statutory functions and duties of the Director of Children's Services (DCS) and Director of Adults Social Services (DAS) and lead a new Directorate for Children and Families.
 - the City Solicitor be authorised (in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Assistant Chief Executive (People)) to make any consequential changes to the management structure in Part 8 of the Constitution.
- c) To note the proceedings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 27 August 2013 and to adopt the following amendments to the Policy on Sex Establishments as follows:

Sex establishments will not normally be licensed near to:

- a) housing / residential property
- b) in the immediate vicinity of major transport stops e.g. railway stations, tram stops or clustered bus stops.
- c) schools, play areas, nurseries or children's centres;
- d) family shopping or leisure areas;
- e) places of worship;
- f) historic buildings or tourist attractions;

- g) other places where relevant entertainment takes place;
 - h) other sensitive uses that may be relevant e.g. women's hostel; where the proximity to such uses is likely to be considered by the Council to be inappropriate in having regard to the character of the relevant locality and the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put.
- d) To note the proceedings of the Licensing Policy Committee held on 27 August 2013 and to adopt the revised Manchester Statement of Licensing Policy 2011 – 2016 with the amendment incorporating an extension of the existing special policy boundary area for Fallowfield/Wilmslow Road and other miscellaneous changes to the full Policy.
- e) To note the proceedings of the following meetings acting under delegated powers –
- Audit Committee – 11 July and 26 September 2013 (to follow)
 - Health and Wellbeing Board – 18 September 2013
 - Licensing Committee – 27 August 2013
 - Planning and Highways Committee – 25 July, 15 August and 12 September 2013
 - Wythenshawe Area Committee – 25 July, 22 August and 26 September 2013

8. Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees.

To receive answers to any questions raised in accordance with Procedural Rule 24 on the business of: (a) the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, (b) the Greater Manchester Fire and Civil Defence Authority, (c) the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority, (d) the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee.

9. Key Decisions

The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed for members' information

10. Motion – Free School Meals

Council wishes to place on record that whilst it welcomes the announcement of free school meals (FSM) for reception years, those aged from 5-7, the government does not go far enough and asks the government to extend its proposals to cover all primary school children. Council calls on the government to reintroduce food standards in Academies and Free Schools.

Currently school dinner up take across the country is at an all time low at around 43%. Even more alarming is that only 1% of those bringing packed lunches meet the nutritional standards that schools have to adhere to.

Providing free school meals for all primary school children would save money, improve health and increase educational standards in the long term. It would

also remove the false stigma associated with FSM and would afford a FSM to thousands of children who slip through the cracks.

Currently the NHS spends approximately £5.1 billion a year treating illnesses caused by being overweight or obese and £5.8 billion treating illnesses directly linked to poor diet. These costs could be reduced significantly by spending a small fraction of this colossus bill up front.

According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies and the National Centre for Social Research, the pilot schemes held under the previous Labour Government, which provided universal free school meals, led to significant improvements in attainment. These findings were also confirmed in the government commissioned report this year "The Free School Food Plan".

In addition to Government proposals announced in September the Council calls upon Government to re-introduce the scrapped pilot schemes of universal FSM starting with a ring-fenced pilot in Manchester.

(Signed by: Councillor Ollerhead (proposer), S Newman (seconded), Amesbury, Andrews, Priest)

12. Motion – Financial Transaction Tax

Council notes that:

The financial crisis and the recession have left a massive hole in the UK's public finances.

The banking bailout in the UK cost around £1.5 trillion in total or £31,250 per person.

Bailed-out banks with £5.2 billion losses, £1.1 billion in fines for mis-selling, £390 million in fines for libor-fixing were still in 2012 paying over £600 million in bonuses.

Despite being one of the most deprived local authority areas in the country Manchester is facing unprecedented cuts due to the Conservative led Coalition Government's austerity policies. If Manchester's cut was the same as the England average we would, by the end of the current comprehensive spending review period (2014/15) be £55m per year better off. That is over £1million pounds a week.

Council welcomes:

The response of the Business Select Committee to the Kay Review calling on the government to assess the likely impact of the introduction of a Financial Transaction Tax.

Council believes that:

It is time for the financial sector to pay its fair share.

As the blame for the economic crisis lies largely at the door of the banks they must be part of the solution.

Council calls on the Government to:

Follow the lead of the 11 European countries, including France, Germany, Italy and Spain, and introduce a Financial Transaction Tax on transactions like stocks, bonds, foreign currency and derivatives, which could raise £250 billion a year globally.

Support the work being led by Arlene McCarthy MEP in the European Parliament to ensure that the costs of risky trading are never again borne by the public purse.

Use the revenues from this measure to reverse its unfair cuts to Manchester.

(Signed by: Councillors Richards (proposer), N Ali (seconder) Stogia, Khan and Amesbury)

13. Motion – Blacklisting

Manchester City Council is deeply concerned by revelations that major companies have been involved in “blacklisting” in order to deny employment to workers who have engaged in trade union activity, such as reporting breaches of health and safety regulations.

The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) found that a blacklist of construction workers was maintained by an organisation called The Consulting Association who traded for profit the personal information of over 3200 workers. This blacklist was used by over 40 companies and included information about workers’ personal relationships, trade union activity and employment history.

The use of such blacklists is unacceptable and cannot be condoned, as it has a potentially negative impact on the employment rights of Manchester construction workers.

This Council has constructive relationships with trade unions and upholds the right to freedom of association, and we expect all suppliers and partner organisations to do the same. Council calls on the Chief Executive to examine existing contracts with any of the companies listed by the ICO and ask for reassurances that the company uses no form of blacklisting to inform their employment decisions.

(Signed by; Councillors N Murphy (proposer), Priest (seconder), Amesbury, Hughes, Khan)

14. Motion – Supporting HS2

This Council notes with great concern recent comments raising questions about the future of HS2 from Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls, Alistair Darling, Peter Mandelson and Boris Johnson.

This Council welcomes the strong and repeated commitment of Coalition Ministers, from both the Liberal Democrat and Conservative parties, to HS2 and welcomes the more positive indication of support for HS2 that has been given by Shadow Transport Minister Maria Eagle.

This Council understands the 'once in a lifetime' chance that HS2 will bring to end the north/south divide and the huge regeneration benefits that HS2 offers to Manchester.

This Council resolves to invite the HS2 Growth Taskforce, newly appointed Chair of HS2 Sir David Higgins and Transport Ministers to hold a Cities Summit in Manchester, at the earliest possible opportunity, to identify the key role that cities like Manchester can play in starting to deliver the project and the wider regeneration benefits now.

This Council also resolves to invite Ed Balls, Alistair Darling, Peter Mandelson and Boris Johnson to this Cities Summit to help to move forward constructive dialogue on delivering HS2.

(Signed by: Councillors Wheale (proposed), Clayton, Hennigan, Lewis, Chamberlain, Di Mauro)

15. Motion – The Waste Collection Contract

This Council notes that the Waste Collection Contract for Manchester is up for renewal or retendering.

This Council believes that this provides a huge opportunity to deliver a new and more effective contract that will address major concerns over bins left strewn all over pavements after collection, overflowing bins, side waste and increasing litter problems across our city.

This Council therefore resolves to open up the review process for the Contract to the widest possible public comment and consultation so that a stronger Waste Collection Contract that works better for Manchester can be developed.

(Signed by: Councillors Wheale (proposed), Clayton, Hennigan, Lewis, Chamberlain, Di Mauro)

16. Motion – Landlord Licensing

This Council notes with concern the detrimental effect on too many of Manchester's communities of poorly managed and maintained houses in multiple occupation (HMOs).

This Council believes that urgent action is needed to raise standards in the HMO sector and that often landlords are hard to contact when problems happen - leaving neighbours to suffer.

This Council therefore resolves to look at measures to strengthen the conditions in respect of issues such as waste management and anti-social behaviour in existing Mandatory HMO Licenses.

This Council also resolves to reduce the length of licenses issued to a year where badly managed licensed HMOs are the source of problems for their neighbours.

In addition this Council agrees to look into the operation of landlord licensing schemes which cover all HMOs, such as the ones in Oxford and Newham, with a view to introducing a landlord licensing scheme for all HMOs in Manchester.

(Signed by: Councillors Wheale (proposed), Clayton, Hennigan, Lewis, Chamberlain, Di Mauro)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Bernstein', written over a horizontal line.

Sir Howard Bernstein
Chief Executive

Information about the Council

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.

8 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.

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 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

Members of the Council

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

Further Information

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

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