



29 November 2013

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council – Wednesday 4 December 2013

A summons was issued on 26 November 2013 for the meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 4 December 2013 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Level 3, Manchester Town Hall Extension . This summons provided updated information for that meeting

1. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

A presentation by Lorna Fitzsimmons, New Economy Manchester on the Alliance Project.

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 proceedings of the special meeting and the meeting held on 9 October 2013.

4. Proceedings of the Executive.

To submit the proceedings of the Executive on 23 October and 20 November 2013 and in particular to consider:

Exe/13/142 Global Revenue Budget Monitoring to the end of August 2013

To recommend Council to approve the use of grants which the Council has received for 2013/14 which were announced after the financial settlement, therefore not included in the budget we approved on 13th February 2013.

Exe/13/143 Capital Programme – proposed increases

To recommend Council to approve the increase the capital budget by £100k in 2013/14, funded by capital fund for Manchester Business Park.

Exe/13/145 New Smithfield Market: Development Strategy

To recommend Council to approve the increase to the Capital Programme by a total of £5.55 million: £4.5m in relation to the development of a new Fish

Market hall and associated works and the remaining £1.05m in 2013/14, to kick-start the refurbishment programme for the units within the Wholesale Fruit/Vegetable Market and the former Fresh Direct building to return them to a marketable standard.

Exe/13/146 Subvention

To recommend Council to approve the allocation from Capital Reserves of £2.9m over a 5 year period, from 2015/6 – 2019/20.

Exe/13/152 Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2014

To recommend Council to delegate authority to the City Treasurer to make minor technical changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme to provide for uprating of applicable amounts, disregards and non-dependant deduction levels and income bands and approve the revised Council Tax Support Scheme and;

To approve the revised Council Tax Support Scheme to Council.

Exe/13/155 Long Leasehold disposal of 37 Tyldesley Street, Moss Side, Manchester M14 4JW

To recommend Council to authorise the City Solicitor to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State to dispose of the Property at less than best consideration.

Exe/13/159 Capital Programme – proposed increases

To recommend that Council to approve an increase in the capital budget by up to £500k (£400k in 2013/14 and £100k in 2014/15), funded by City Council resources through the Clean and Green Fund for Neighbourhood Services - Litter Bin Procurement, and

To approve an increase the capital budget by £350k in 2013/14, funded by City Council resources and to delegate responsibility to negotiate the terms of the loan to the City Treasurer for Children's & Commissioning Services - Loan to Bright Futures Education Trust.

Exe/13/160 Proposed Hough End and Levenshulme Leisure Facilities Update

To recommend Council to approve an increase in the capital budget of £18.198 million for the development of the new leisure and library facilities at Levenshulme and leisure facilities at Hough End.

5. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23.

6. Scrutiny Committees

To note the minutes of the following committees –

Young People and Children – 15 October and 12 November 2013

Communities – 16 October and 13 November 2013 (to follow)

Neighbourhoods – 15 October and 12 November 2013 (to follow)

Economy – 16 October and 13 November 2013

Health – 17 October and 14 November 2013

Finance – 17 October and 14 November 2014

7. Proceedings of Committees.

- a) To submit for approval the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 4 December 2013 (to be tabled)
- b) To note the proceedings of the following meetings acting under delegated powers –

Audit Committee – 28 November 2013 (to follow)
Health and Wellbeing Board – 6 November 2013
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 28 October 2013
Licensing Committee – 28 October 2013
Personnel Committee – 23 October 2013
Planning and Highways Committee – 24 October and 21 November 2013
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 28 November 2013 (to follow)
Standards Committee - 18 November 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. Executive Member Portfolios

The report of the Leader of the Council is enclosed for information.

11. Motion – Backing small businesses in Manchester

This Council notes that Small and Medium sized shops and businesses are vital to our city's economy and provide employment to thousands of Manchester residents.

This Council recognises the difficulties faced by our business community, particularly, the small independent retailers who bring much vibrancy and character to our highstreets and district centres. This Council notes that many high streets are struggling with the influx of pay day loan companies, bookmakers, pawnbrokers and businesses too reliant on the night time economy.

This Council welcomes and pledges its support for the upcoming Small Business Saturday, due to be held on Saturday 7th December, at the peak of the Christmas shopping season, as an excellent opportunity to showcase the hundreds of independent smaller businesses across Manchester and to encourage people to shop in small, local shops.

The Independent newspaper campaign, which has received backing from traders groups across Manchester and from American Express - who started the equivalent successful campaign in the US - also has the support of a wide range of business organisations including the Federation of Small Businesses, the British Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Convenience Stores, the Association of Town and City Management and the Forum for Private Business.

This Council welcomes the work that businesses, traders groups and council officers have been doing to promote the campaign. In particular this Council welcomes the visit of the national campaign bus to promote Small Business Saturday on 25 November in Levenshulme and the supporting day long programme of signposting, workshops and 1-2-1 advice drop-ins.

The Council notes that Small Business Saturday could provide a much needed boost in trade for many of our smaller businesses and help reverse the decline of some high streets.

This Council resolves:

- 1) To ask the Chief Executive and Lead Officers to ensure the authority participates fully in Small Business Saturday on 7th December 2013 and any subsequent events;
- 2) To request that officers work closely with local business organisations and smaller enterprises across the City to make them aware of the day and to help them participate in it.
- 3) To request that officers ensure the authority promotes Small Business Saturday via the Council's websites, social media and other marketing and external communication tools.
- 4) To ask the Chief Executive to produce a report after this year's campaign has concluded to assess its success and what lessons can be learnt to continue to support and promote our smaller businesses. In particular how the Council can support independent retailers and residents from the decline some high streets face from pay day loan companies, bookmakers, pawnbrokers and businesses too reliant on the night time economy.

(Signed by: Councillor Victor Chamberlain (proposer) Councillor Mary Di Mauro (seconder), Councillors Clayton, Hennigan, Lewis and Wheale)

12. Motion – Raising the starting rate of Income Tax to help Manchester workers

Council recalls with dismay the abolition of the 10p starting rate of tax by then Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown in his last budget in 2007. This cost a low income family reliant on a basic wage earner £232 per year.

Council welcomes the substantial and progressive increases in

the single person's allowance from £6,345pa after the 2010 general election to £10,000 from next April. This will give a direct boost to the pay packet of adults on minimum wage of £705 a year.

Council welcomes the proposal of the Deputy Prime Minister that this allowance should increase to £10,500 in 2015 to particularly help workers on low and middle incomes in Manchester.

Given the large proportion of lower paid residents in Manchester, this Council agrees to lobby the Government to increase the single person's starting rate of tax to the same level as the National Minimum Wage for a thirty five hour week, (currently £11,484.20p), and to lock the two together so that in future a full time worker on the minimum wage will not pay any Income Tax.

(Signed by: Councillor Mark Clayton (Proposer), Councillor Victor Chamberlain (seconder), Councillors Di Mauro, Hennigan, Lewis and Wheale)

13. Motion – Action on 'To Let' Board blight

This Council:-

Acknowledges that 'To Let' and 'Let By' signs can be erected on some properties for months despite the property being occupied. These signs can attract crime and anti-social behaviour as well as having a detrimental effect on the appearance of the area.

Notes the success of the code on the erection of residential letting boards in Inner North West Leeds which led to a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour and improved the appearance of the Headingley and Hyde Park areas.

Agrees to introduce such a code in Manchester, (based on the Leeds scheme), on the erection of residential letting boards, with specific areas of Special Control, that will start with pilot areas in the wards of Fallowfield, Levenshulme, Old Moat and Withington and be expanded as soon as possible across the city.

The code should state:

1. Only one board per building will be permitted.
2. Each board will conform to the following layout: 34cm x 48cm or 48cm x 34cm.
3. The board shall be mounted flush to the wall above/around the front door, or if that is not possible, it shall be mounted flush to the wall on the street frontage elevation. In either instance, no part of the board shall be higher than first-floor window sill level.
4. The board shall have a white background with black text. Up to 20% of the board may be occupied by a logo (which may be in colour).

5. One board shall be permitted per landlord/agent per street. However, if a landlord/agent specifies on the board, the number of bedrooms in the advertised property, one board shall be permitted per type of property, up to a maximum of three per street.


6. There shall be no 'Let By' signs.

7. 'To Let' boards shall be removed not later than 14 days after the granting of a tenancy for the room, house or flat in question.

8. All 'To Let' boards shall be removed by 1st November each year with no new boards being erected until 1st December.

(Signed by; Councillor Councillor James Hennigan (proposer), Councillor Simon Wheale (seconder), Councillors Chamberlain, Clayton, Di Mauro and Lewis)

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. At these meetings, councillors decide the Council's 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, Ludford, 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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