



18 March 2014

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Manchester Town Hall Extension for the following purposes:**

1. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

Presentation on the Regional Centre Infrastructure Co-ordination by Ms Pat Bartoli, Head of City Centre Growth and Regeneration and Ms Kim Dorrington, Regional Centre Portfolio Manager

And

Presentation on Youth Employment by John Edwards, Director of Education and Skills and James Farr, Manchester New Economy.

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 meeting held on 7 March 2014.

4. Proceedings of the Executive.

To submit the part proceedings of the Executive on 12 February and the proceedings of the Executive on 12 March 2014 and in particular to consider:

Exe/14/030 Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

To approve the recommendation that the Council adopts the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy that was appended to the report to the Executive.

Exe/14/037 GM Investment Fund – Project Catalyst

To approve the recommendation that the Capital Programme be increased by £4.7m in 2014/15, financed from prudential borrowing, to be redeemed from the repayment of the loan scheduled for March-2016.

5. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23.

6. Scrutiny Committees

To note the minutes of the following committees –

Young People and Children – 4 February 2014 and 4 March 2014

Communities – 5 February 2014 and 5 March 2014 (to follow)

Neighbourhoods – 4 February 2014 and 4 March 2014 (to follow)

Economy – 5 February 2014 and 5 March 2014 (to follow)

Finance – 6 February 2014 and 6 March 2014

Health – 6 February 2014 and 6 March 2014

Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 29 January 2014

7. Proceedings of Committees.

- a) To submit for approval the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 26 March 2014 (to be tabled)
- b) To submit for approval the minutes of the Personnel Committee on 12 March 2014 and to agree to adopt the Pay Policy Statement and the appointment of the Director of Adult Services in line with the pay policy statement.
- c) To note the proceedings of the following meetings acting under delegated powers –

Audit Committee – 20 March 2014 (to follow)

Health and Wellbeing Board – 19 March (to follow)

Licensing and Appeals Committee – 17 February 2014

Personnel Committee – 6 February 2014

Planning and Highways Committee – 13 February 2014 and 13 March 2014 (to follow)

Wythenshawe Area Committee – 27 February 2014 and 20 March 2014 (to follow)

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 – Manchester: European City of Culture 2023

This Council notes:

the United Kingdom will be asked to nominate a European Capital of Culture in 2023.

that hosting a European Capital of Culture provides cities with an enormous opportunity to generate considerable cultural, social and economic benefits and legacies.

Liverpool benefited enormously from hosting the 2008 European Capital of Culture. The city saw: 9.7million visitors (a 34% increase); a £753.8m boost to the economy; a 10% rise each year in arts audiences; 5.5 million visitors at the seven largest attractions; 85% of residents say the city was a better place to live than before; massive amounts of positive media coverage that helped change perceptions.

that the selection procedure for the 2023 UK European Capital of Culture will begin in 2016 but preparations for a bid must begin well in advance to ensure the opportunity to host a truly unique and spectacular year of events and create a lasting legacy.

Manchester is a proud European and International City. The Guardian suggests "the city is arguably the most ethnically diverse in Europe". Manchester residents speak at least 153 languages.

Manchester has one of the most diverse and influential cultural scenes in Europe including the Manchester International Festival, the Halle and BBC Philharmonic Orchestras; Manchester Art Gallery; Whitworth Art Gallery; the Cornerhouse; Manchester Costume Gallery; the Manchester Museum; the People's History Museum; the National Football Museum; the Museum of Science and Industry; the Royal Exchange; the Palace Theatre; the Contact Theatre; the Bridgewater Hall; the Manchester Opera House; the Royal Northern College of Music; the Library Theatre company; a series of fantastic parades ranging from the Manchester Day Parade to the St Patrick's Day parade and Manchester Pride; a Caribbean Carnival; a Mega Mela; world class sports facilities; Manchester Arena; Manchester Central; Manchester Cathedral; Manchester Apollo; Manchester Academy; the Comedy Store; the Frog and Bucket; the Band on the Wall; a world class night-life and hundreds of cultural events and venues in communities.

This Council believes:

Manchester is already home to remarkable cultural activity and talent and would be the ideal European Capital of Culture in 2023. The City would be able to put on a world-class series of events and attractions for residents and visitors and would be best placed to ensure they have a lasting legacy for communities.

This Council:

Instructs the Chief Executive to produce a report for the Executive on how Manchester could put together a winning bid to host the 2023 European Capital of Culture including how to ensure long term benefits for Manchester residents.

(Signed by Councillor Chamberlain (proposer), Hennigan (second) Taylor, Clayton Lewis and Wheale)

11. Motion – Living Wage

This Council recognises:

- that tackling in-work poverty is a high priority for Manchester, given that many families don't earn enough to have a decent quality of life, despite working full-time and receiving in-work benefits
- that the many Manchester residents who are stuck in cycles of unemployment and low-paid work make a substantial contribution to the city's prosperity
- that earning a Living Wage would help some of the poorest workers in the city deal with the unprecedented pressures on their incomes; and that the non-London Living Wage rate, endorsed by the Living Wage Foundation, applies to Manchester
- that many businesses – large and small and across many sectors – pay a Living Wage to their staff, and the Council commends them for doing so
- that there are many advantages to paying a Living Wage – many businesses report higher retention, and higher quality of staff and work
- that across the country many local authorities have been able to pay a Living Wage, and have overcome the legal and financial obstacles of becoming accredited by the Living Wage Foundation
- that in paying staff first the Manchester Minimum Wage from 2009, and then the Living Wage from this year, the most challenging steps have already been taken
- that more can be done to help the low paid: such as requiring it of, or commending it to, contractors, sub-contractors, agency workers, school staff and employers in the wider economy

Therefore, this Council:

- supports the principle of both introducing and maintaining a Living Wage for all of the Council's directly employed staff, and of this being a requirement in contracts and sub-contracts, including agency workers and school staff
- will ask all those it contracts and sub-contracts, now and in future (including agency workers and school staff) whether they currently pay a Living Wage and if they are willing to do so
- will launch a member-led task and finish group to oversee the implementation of the Living Wage as far as possible, and to investigate:
 - if the Council can require contractors to pay a Living Wage on a case-by-case basis for all existing and future contracts;
 - whether the Council should apply for accreditation from the Living Wage Foundation; and
 - how the Living Wage can be extended out across Greater Manchester.
- will ensure the terms of implementing a Living Wage are negotiated through the recognised trade union(s)
- encourages members to urge the partner organisations they engage with – such as schools, colleges and housing associations – to pay the Living Wage
- will annually publish the most detailed statistics possible on low-paid staff who the Council directly employs, contracts, sub-contracts, hires as agency staff and

school staff; and on low pay in general across Manchester and Greater Manchester.

(Signed by Councillors Raikes (proposer), Peel (seconded), Lone, Stogia, and Flanagan)

12. Motion – Gambling Premises

1. Council notes the changing usage patterns in betting shops across Manchester, where now less than 20% of takings are from over-the-counter or 'traditional' bets.
2. Council supports the rights of people to choose placing a bet as a recreational activity.
3. Council notes that the introduction of high stakes, no limit, fixed odds betting terminals has made addictive gambling accessible and attractive to a wide number of people, including vulnerable people at risk of gambling beyond their means.
4. Council notes the lack of effective controls on age restrictions and gambling addiction within betting shops that are often single-staffed, especially where those staff have reportedly been advised not to inform the police of incidents.
5. Council recognises that gambling addiction can represent a loss of income for the whole family and a significant cause of spiralling debt.
6. Council notes that betting shops have begun to cluster in some areas of the city, particularly in areas of multiple deprivation.
7. Council considers that the current licensing and planning regime does not provide for adequate control of gambling establishments.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Invite representatives from the gambling industry to attend a Summit on Gambling in Manchester and to hear from community representatives and those whose lives have been affected by gambling.
2. Undertake a programme of test purchasing
3. Support and work with other local authorities who are using the Sustainable Communities Act to propose more effective control through the planning and licensing regimes.

(Signed by Councillors Manco (proposer), Reid (seconded), Ollerhead, Craig, and Karney)

113. Motion - Asylum Seekers

Manchester has a long history as a welcoming and tolerant city to those fleeing persecution and the strong record of the Council in protecting and speaking out for the most vulnerable. Manchester and Greater Manchester have a large population of asylum seekers and refugees.

Worldwide, approximately 80 countries criminalise lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people resulting in persecution, imprisonment, and even death. The deteriorating situation for LGBT people in Uganda, Nigeria and Malawi has been heavily documented. Some of these LGBT people who have been tortured or imprisoned, flee to the UK for safety.

Reports from the Home Affairs Select Committee, Stonewall, The Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group and leaked Home Office documents detail the culture of disbelief and inhumane treatment facing LGBT asylum seekers in the process.

Asylum seekers face a lengthy application process, poverty and homelessness. The Red Cross (2014) found that over 50% of Greater Manchester's Asylum Seekers had living in destitution (no access to public funds or housing) for over two years. Asylum seekers want to work to support themselves, but are not allowed to do so by the Home Office.

Often the financial burden falls on local authorities to support those with no recourse to public funds with little central government support.

This Council resolves to:

Re-state our commitment in support of the fair treatment of LGBT people fleeing persecution and ensure that these values are shared by partners and funded groups working with asylum seekers.

Write to the Home Secretary voicing concerns that the current application of the asylum process allows too many people to fall destitute and that responsibility needs to be more equally shared between local and national government.

Sign up to the relevant sections of the Still Human, Still Here Campaign which includes faith groups, charities and a number of other Labour Councils such as Liverpool, Leeds, Bradford, Glasgow and Sheffield.

Encourage all Manchester MPs to adopt this position and raise these issues nationally.

(Signed by Councillors Craig (proposer), Richards (seconder), Ollerhead, Karney, and Chappell)

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, Chappell, 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, Manco, 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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