

27 January 2015

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council

You are summoned to a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 4 February 2015 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Manchester Town Hall Extension.

1. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

Including:

Presentation: The NHS – A View from the Frontline by Amy Barringer (Head of Health, UNISON)

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 10 December 2014

4. Proceedings of the Executive

To submit the proceedings of the Executive on 22 December 2014 and 21 January 2015 (to follow) and in particular to consider:

Exe/14/136 Development and Future Organisation of the City Council's Digital Asset Base

To recommend Council to approve a revenue budget increase of £125,000 to undertake feasibility work in relation to One Central Park, with funding coming from the Capital Fund resources released from the underspend on the One Central Park acquisition.

Exe/14/139 Capital Programme - Proposed Increases

To recommend that the City Council approve:

- a. Growth & Neighbourhoods (Highways) - Gully Cleaning vehicle: To increase the capital budget by £90k in 2014/15 funded by Clean City funding from the Clean and Green Places Reserve.
- b. Public Sector Housing - Moxley Road Acquisitions: To increase the capital budget by £477k in 2014/15 funded by a Revenue Contribution to Capital.
- c. Private Sector Housing - Collyhurst Acquisition and Demolition: To increase the capital budget by £2,333k funded by Capital Receipts (£150k in 2014/15, £1,200k in 2015/16, £708k in 2016/17 and £275k in future years).

Exe/14/141: Development and future organisation of the City Council's Digital Asset Base

To recommend the Council to approve the addition of 11 Vaughan Street to the capital programme and provide a capital budget of £1.2m, with the resources being from the capital fund monies previously approved for the acquisition of One Central Park.

Exe/15/004: Capital Programme – Proposed Increases

To recommend that the City Council approve:

- a. Growth & Neighbourhoods (Highways) - Levenshulme Parking Signage: To increase the capital budget by £20k in 2014/15 funded by a revenue contribution to capital.
- b. Growth & Neighbourhoods (Leisure) - Levenshulme Leisure Centre: To increase the capital budget by £100k in 2015/16 funded by Capital Fund.
- c. Growth & Neighbourhoods (Property) - Platt Lane: To increase the capital budget by £125k in 2014/15 funded by a £95k contribution from the Platt Lane Reserve and a £30k Leisure revenue contribution to capital.

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 December 2014 and 13 January 2015 (to follow)

Neighbourhoods – 16 December 2014 and 13 January 2015

Economy – 17 December 2014 and 14 January 2015 (to follow)

Communities – 17 December 2014 and 14 January 2015 (to follow)

Finance – 18 December 2014 and 15 January 2015 (to follow)

Health – 18 December 2015 and 15 January 2015

Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 27 January 2015 (to follow)

7. Proceedings of Committees

To note the proceedings of the following meetings acting under delegated powers:

Audit Committee – 29 January 2015 (to follow)
Health and Wellbeing Board – 28 January 2015 (to follow)
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 15 December 2014
Personnel Committee – 21 January 2015
Planning and Highways Committee – 11 December 2014 and 22 January 2015
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 18 December and 22 January 2015

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 - HIV testing

Manchester City Council,

- i. Recognises the importance of local action in coordinating and commissioning accessible and effective HIV testing to reach the undiagnosed and reduce late HIV diagnosis
- ii. Recognises that Manchester has a high prevalence of HIV and commits to strengthening its own provision of HIV testing services through working with local NHS partners, HIV charities and patient groups
- iii. Recognises that late HIV diagnosis is a Public Health Outcomes Indicator in the Public Health Outcomes Framework
- iv. Recognises the volume and quality of public health and local government guidelines and performance indicators designed to support local authority implementation and monitoring of appropriate and effective testing guidelines.

Council further notes,

- i. That an estimated 100,000 people were living in England with HIV in 2012; 22% were unaware of their status
- ii. That there is an impact of late diagnosis on individual health, public health and health budgets. Late diagnosis increases the likelihood of the need for complex and expensive treatment and the risk of onward transmission to others. 47% of people diagnosed with HIV in 2012 were diagnosed late.
- iii. That if diagnosed early, put on a clear treatment pathway and guaranteed access to antiretroviral therapy (ART), people living with HIV can expect to have a near-normal life expectancy and live healthy and active lives.

Recognising the weight of evidence in favour of expanding local HIV testing services, Manchester City Council:

Resolves to:

- Act to halve the proportion of people diagnosed late with HIV (CD4 count <350mm³) in Manchester by 2020
- Act to halve the proportion of people living with undiagnosed HIV in Manchester by 2020.

Further resolves to:

Ensure that rates of late diagnosed HIV are included as an indicator in its Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

- Ask the Director of Public Health to provide a report outlining what needs to be done locally in commissioning and provision of services in order to halve late diagnosed and undiagnosed HIV by 2020

(Proposed by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Craig, and signed by Councillors Stone, Richards, Akbar, Grimshaw and Hitchen)

11. Notice of Motion - Support for Trade Unions and Union Members

Council notes:

The UK has some of the most draconian, anti-trade union legislation in the EU.

54 trade unions are members of the TUC, representing nearly six million workers across all industries and sectors.

The TUC has described the most recent Conservative Party policies as effectively ending the right to strike in the public sector.

Accident at work rates are almost twice as high in workplaces without trade union recognition. Union members earn more and receive more paid days holiday than workers not in a Union.

Every worker in the UK has the legal right to be a member of their appropriate trade union.

Almost every piece of workplace legislation to improve conditions has come from campaigning by the trade union movement including the national minimum wage, equal pay, health and safety laws, statutory redundancy pay and better rights for agency workers.

The Trade Unions do more than just negotiate pay. They fight for better terms and conditions, represent members' interests to employers, provide education and training to Reps and members, lobby the government, fight discrimination in the workplace and provide legal information.

Trade unions are on the forefront of campaigning for better terms and conditions for members. The Living Wage, Pensions, Work Your Proper Hours Day, and Health and Safety Campaigns all support workers to have safe and secure employment.

The right to organise in the workplace is fundamental – as is the right to demonstrate.

Council calls on the Government to:

- Stop attacking ordinary workers, the people they claim to represent
- Allow electronic and workplace balloting of Union members.
- Recognise the positive work trade unions do for workers and society.
- Recognise the legal right of workers to demonstrate and protest against their terms and conditions.
- Recognise the right of all workers to organise in their workplace.
- Retain the right for all workers to pay subs by check off.
- Enshrine in law Right to strike for all workers.

(Proposed by Councillor Rowles, seconded by Councillor Shone and signed by Councillors Fletcher-Hackwood, Cox, Hughes, Priest, S. Murphy, and Gillard)

12. Notice of Motion - Manchester City Council against tax dodging

Background:

ActionAid's *Towns Against Tax Dodging* campaign has been established to raise the profile of corporate tax avoidance within the UK and Internationally. The broad stated aim of the campaign is for the UK government to play a lead role in creating a fairer tax system.

Following lobbying from Manchester residents in various wards across the city, a report on tax avoidance was commissioned. The report by Eddie Smith, Strategic Director- was taken to the Economy Scrutiny Committee on 14 January 2015.

While committee members followed recommendations- to note the content of the report and discuss the merits of this initiative within a Manchester context- it was generally felt that Manchester City Council could, and should go further. The committee believe that we should not only seek to formally support ActionAid's campaign, but also implement some practical measures to tackle tax avoidance- and use our influence to lobby other Greater Manchester councils, partnership organisations, national Government and the European Union on the issue.

Manchester City Council notes:

- It has been estimated that the UK Treasury loses as much as £12 billion to tax dodging by multinational companies every year. Developing countries lose three times more to tax dodging than they receive in aid each year – enough to give a basic education to the 57 million children currently missing out.
- The UK has a particular responsibility to end tax dodging, as it is responsible for 1 in 5 of the world's tax havens in the British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.

- The use of tax havens by UK companies is rife, with 98 of the FTSE 100 companies routinely using tax havens.
- Large multinational companies pay as little as 5% in corporate taxes globally, while smaller businesses pay up to 30%.
- As the tax collection system is nationally administered, local authorities have limited opportunities to directly influence the behaviour of multinational companies. As a result, some authorities have decided to pass a Full Council Motion which offers their support to the *Towns Against Tax Dodging* campaign in the hope that this will help to influence future government policy.
- Manchester City Council's procurement policy already precludes companies that evade tax from entering into contract with the council.

Manchester City Council believes:

- As a local authority, we have a duty to provide the best possible public services for residents across Manchester.
- Our ability to provide quality local services would be significantly enhanced by a fairer Local Government spending deal. Increased revenues from the government tackling tax dodging could contribute to this.
- All who benefit from public spending should contribute their fair share.
- The UK must take a lead role in creating a fairer tax system and combatting tax dodging.

Manchester City Council resolves:

- To support ActionAid's campaign.
- To invite all interested political and campaigning groups to lobby their respective local Members of Parliament and regional Members of the European Parliament to continue this focus on tackling tax avoidance and evasion and to support such measures in the future.
- To request that the Chief Executive report back on the issue of tax avoidance in a Manchester context. Following this, we seek to form a Task and Finish group under the remit of the Economy Scrutiny Committee, to explore what practical measures Manchester City Council can implement to tackle tax avoidance. This would include reviewing our procurement policies.
- To use our influence to lobby other Greater Manchester councils, other Labour groups in local government, partnership organisations, and elected members of national Government and Europe to take practical action on tax avoidance.

(Proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Wilson and signed by Councillors Smitheman, Hackett, and Simcock)

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.

Seven 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 on the decisions.

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, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, N. Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Austin, Barrett, R. Battle, Chappell, Chohan, Collins, Cookson, Cooley, Cooper, Cowell, Cox, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Fender, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Gillard, Green, Grimshaw, Hackett, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Hyde, Judge, Kamal, Karney, Keegan, Khan, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Lanchbury, Leese, Lone, Longsdon, Loughman, Ludford, Lyons, Manco, Midgley, Monaghan, Moore, M. Murphy, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, Barbara O'Neil, Brian O'Neil, Paul, Peel, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Rowles, Royle, Russell, Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, Simcock, Shone, Smith, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Swannick, Teubler, Trotman, Watson and Wilson

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester-

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

Further Information

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