

7 July 2015

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council

You are summoned to a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 15 July 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 from Rachel Walsh, St Matthews High School and Liam Manton, Wates Construction on Business Engagement with Education and Skills

Presentation from Gladys Rhodes-White, Director of Children's Services on Child Sexual Exploitation

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 20 May 2015.

4. Proceedings of the Executive

To submit the proceedings of the Executive on 13 June 2015 and 3 July 2015 (to follow) and in particular to consider:

Exe/15/062 Capital Programme Proposed Increases

To recommend that the City Council approve:

Parks Improvement Programme - Park Events Infrastructure. An increase to the capital budget of £600k in 2015/16 funded by a virement from the Clean City - Clean and Green Places revenue budget.

Exe/15/063 The Regional Growth Fund Leverage

To recommend to the Council that the Capital Programme be increased by £21.5m for the increase of the Regional Growth Fund to be funded through prudential borrowing including a £6.5m loan from the GMCA.

To recommend that the Council accepts a 5 year interest free loan from the GMCA to cover the first losses on any loans advanced by the Council.

Exe/15/072 Revised Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Borrowing Limits Annual Investment Strategy Statement

To recommend to Council the proposed revised Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2015/16 to Council.

Exe/15/073 Capital Programme – Proposed Increases

To recommend the Council to approve:

- a. Development Capital Programme – Belle Vue Speedway. To increase the capital budget by £320k in 2015/16, funded by Capital Fund.
- b. Children’s Capital Programme – Manchester Solar PV project: To increase the capital budget by £280k in 2015/16, funded by a revenue contribution (Climate Innovation Fund).
- c. Highways – Maintenance Challenge Fund. To increase the capital budget by £8.037m (£1.367m in 2015/16, £4.662m in 2016/17 and £2.008m in 2017/18), funded by £6.345m DfT grant administered by Greater Manchester Combined Authority and £1.692m revenue contribution (Clean and Green Places Reserve).
- d. ICT Programme – Infrastructure and Mobile Working. To increase the capital budget by £9.5m in 2015/16 funded by borrowing.
- e. Environment Programme – Acquisition of waste collection vehicles. To increase the capital budget by £0.782m in 2015/16 and funded by a Growth and Neighbourhood service revenue contribution.

Exe/15/075 Civic Quarter - Heat Network

To recommend that the Council approve the release of £500,000 from the Climate Innovation Fund Reserve to fund the revenue costs of the Civic Quarter Heat Network project development to financial close.

5. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

6. Scrutiny Committees

To note the minutes of the following committees:

Young People and Children – 26 May 2015 and 23 June 2015 (to follow)

Neighbourhoods – 26 May 2015 and 23 June 2015

Economy – 27 May 2015 and 24 June 2015 (to follow)

Communities – 27 May 2015 and 24 June 2015 (to follow)

Finance – 28 May 2015 25 June 2015 (to follow)

Health – 25 June and 23 July 2015 (to follow)

7. Proceedings of Committees

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

Audit Committee – 11 June 2015

Health and Wellbeing Board – 10 June and 8 July 2015 (to follow)

Licensing and Appeals Committee – 15 June 2015

Licensing Committee – 15 June 2015

Licensing Policy Committee – 1 July 2015

Personnel Committee – 3 June 2015

Planning and Highways Committee – 4 June 2015 and 2 July 2015 (to follow)

Standards Committee - 18 June 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. Changes to the Constitution

The Council is asked to agree the following changes to the Council's constitution for 2015/16

1. To remove all references to 'Director of Neighbourhood Services' in the Constitution and replace with 'Director of Neighbourhoods'.
2. To remove subparagraphs (a) and (b) of Rule 7.2 of the Budget and Policy Framework Rules contained in Part 4 Section C of the Constitution (which set out virement provisions) and to replace with the table at paragraph 86 of Chapter 1 of Part 5 Section D (Financial Systems and Procedures) of the Constitution which sets out virement thresholds.
3. To authorise the City Solicitor to make the necessary changes to the Constitution.

11. Changes to Executive Portfolios

The report of the Leader is enclosed.

12. Revised Treasury Management Strategy Statement & Borrowing Limits and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16

The report of the City Treasurer is enclosed.

13. Notice of Motion – Northern Powercut

Council calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reverse the government's recent decision to place 'on hold' plans for the electrification of Transpennine rail services between Manchester and Leeds, and demands that the Government fulfils its promise of a much heralded 'Northern Powerhouse'.

Electrification of this over-stretched service is long overdue and is vital for Manchester's long term, low carbon economic growth. Failure to re-instate the programme of electrification will condemn passengers to the continued misery of long journey times on out-dated and unreliable trains.

Council welcomes the campaign launched by the Manchester Evening News to re-instate the improvements which passengers and businesses were promised and we call on Mancunians to sign up to the 'Northern Powercut' petition.

(Proposed by Councillor Leese, seconded by Councillor Priest and signed by Councillors Adams, Karney and S Newman)

14. Notice of Motion – Child Poverty and Welfare Reform

The previous Labour government set a target to eliminate child poverty in this country by 2020. This was a visible commitment to ending the impact that living in poverty has on too many children and families in the UK. The Coalition government kept the same pledge but failed to make any progress towards it during their five years in office. Now the Conservative government are set to abolish the target altogether, demonstrating their lack of concern for some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in our society.

Alongside this, they are cutting welfare by a total of £12 billion. Planned cuts to housing benefit and tax credits will mean many more children and families falling below the poverty line. Many of these households are working families, struggling to get by on low wages and in insecure jobs.

We will do our best to support families and individuals affected by these callous cuts, and will do everything we can to lobby the government to end these attacks on the poorest residents in our city. We will continue to stand up for Manchester people.

Council resolves:

1. To ask the Chief Executive to prepare a report outlining the devastating impact of these cuts on people in Manchester.
2. To ask our Members of Parliament to stand with us in lobbying against these cuts.
3. To continue our policy of paying the Living Wage and encouraging our partners and suppliers to do the same.

(Proposed by Councillor S Murphy, seconded by Councillor B Priest and signed by Councillors Leese, Karney and Adams)

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, Appleby, Austin, Barrett, Battle, Bridges, Chappell, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cookson, Cooley, Cooper, Cox, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Farrell, Fender, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Gillard, Green, Grimshaw, Hackett, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Igbon, S Judge, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Lanchbury, Leese, Lone, Longsdon, Loughman, Ludford, Manco, Marshall, Midgley, Monaghan, Moore, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, O'Neil, Paul, Peel, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Rowles, Royle, Russell, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, Simcock, Shone, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Swannick, Teubler, Trotman, Watson, Webb 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

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

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