

10 November 2015

**Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,**

## **Meeting of the Council**

You are summoned to a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 18 November 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 on diversity and community cohesion by pupils at Haveley Hey, The Willows and St Mary's Primary schools.

### **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 23 September 2015.

### **4. Proceedings of the Executive**

To submit the proceedings of the Executive on 7 October 2015 and 4 November 2015 (to follow) and in particular to consider:

#### **Exe/15/112 The Development of the City Council's Digital Asset Base – Growth of the Space Project**

To recommend to Council to release from the Capital Fund £450,000 to develop a business case for Phase 2 to undertake more detailed design and costings works in relation to the expansion of the Space Project facility, with funding initially coming from the Capital Fund resources with the costs to be capitalised if the main project is approved.

#### **Exe/15/113 Capital Programme – Proposed Increases**

To recommend that the Council approve:

- (a) Highways Programme – Hyde Road Pinch Point Scheme. To increase the capital budget by £1.2m in 2015/16, funded by a virement of Growth Deal grant funding from the Inner Relief Route – Great Ancoats Street Improvement Scheme.
- (b) Public Sector Housing Programme - Willert Street Park Improvements. To increase the capital budget by £150k in 2015/16 funded by a £150k external contribution from the Big Lottery Fund, and to transfer £280k from the unallocated Housing Improvements capital budget to the scheme.
- (c) Corporate Property Programme - Asset Management Programme - Condition Surveys. To reduce the capital budget by £750k in 2015/16 and approve the transfer of £750k to revenue, funded by capital fund.

#### **Exe/15/120 Capital Programme Monitoring 2015/6**

To recommend that Council approves the in year budget transfers over £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the Council as set out in the minutes.

#### **Exe/15/122 The Redress Schemes for Lettings Agency Work and Property Management Work**

To recommend that Council approve the revision to the Corporate Enforcement Policy that was appended to the report to enable the Council to impose monetary penalties where powers exist to do so.

### **5. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23**

### **6. Scrutiny Committees**

To note the minutes of the following committees:

Young People and Children – 29 September 2015 and 27 October 2015 (to follow)

Neighbourhoods – 29 September 2015 and 27 October 1 2015 (to follow)

Economy – 30 September 2015 and 28 October 2015 (to follow)

Communities – 30 September 2015 and 28 October 2015 (to follow)

Finance – 1 October 2015 and 29 October 2015 (to follow)

Health – 1 October 2015 and 29 October 2015 (to follow)

Manchester and Trafford Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 29 September 2015 and 10 November 2015.

### **7. Proceedings of Committees**

- a) To submit for approval the minutes of the following meetings and consider recommendations made by the Committee.

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 18 November 2015 (to be tabled)

Audit Committee – 24 September 2015  
Health and Wellbeing Board – 11 November 2015 (to follow)  
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 19 October 2015  
Licensing Policy Committee – 2 November 2015  
Personnel Committee – 4 November 2015  
Planning and Highways Committee – 15 October 2015 and 12 November 2015 (to follow)  
Standards Committee – 22 October 2015  
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 24 September 2015 and 22 October 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. Notice of Motion – Age Friendly Manchester**

Council welcomes the international recognition that Manchester has by being the first City to be recognised as an Age Friendly City by the World Health Organisation. The Age Friendly Manchester Older People's Board has been in existence for over 10 years, represents older people across the City and launched the Older People's Charter on International Older person's Day on 1<sup>st</sup> October this year.

Today, the Lord Mayor has adopted the Older People's Charter on behalf of the City Council.

Council recognises that the Older People's Charter needs to be embedded through action and resolves to recommend that:

1. The Manchester Strategy 2015 - 2025 (Manchester wants to be wonderful) should demonstrably recognise that an Age-Friendly Manchester will enhance the City as a whole. Older people have much to contribute and the Manchester Strategy should recognise this.
2. The contribution of the Age Friendly Manchester Older People's Board should be recognised either through regular receipt and consideration of the minutes of Board meetings at the Communities Scrutiny Committee or by regular reports to that Scrutiny Committee.
3. Further development of the community asset approach within the Transforming Adult Social Care programme should recognise that the Age-Friendly Manchester Locality approach provides a template for the integration of health and social care within Manchester at the level which matters – the local community level.

4. As an Age-Friendly City, Manchester should live up to its international reputation, celebrate what has been achieved so far and commit to embedding the Older People's Charter through clear action.

(Proposed by Councillor Watson seconded by Councillor Cooley and signed by Councillors Richards, Lone, Lanchbury, Cox, E Newman and Razaq)

#### 11. **Notice of Motion - Housing Crisis and the Private Rented Sector**

The Conservative Government are overseeing a housing crisis in this country which affects the health and life chances of Manchester residents. Home Ownership is falling. The Government is forcing Housing Associations to sell homes at a reduced rate with no proper plan for replacing them. The private rented sector has grown rapidly and is becoming the tenure of necessity for families. The sector is marked by wildly variable standards and we can all see the consequences in our areas. There are limits to what we as a Council can do to address the national crisis but we should be rigorous in looking at how we can improve the sector using the powers we do have as well as looking at best practice from other authorities and where we can create more instruments to effect change at no cost to the Council and where we should lobby government to introduce the change we need to regulate the sector properly.

This motion calls on the Council

1. To ask the government for a binding guarantee that houses which housing associations will be forced to sell off will be replaced by at least an equal number of social homes.
2. To investigate ways in which our current powers can be better used to enforce standards in the private rented sector across the city.
3. To investigate ways in which our current powers can be better used to enforce standards in the private rented sector across the city.
4. To approach Councils in other areas of the country to investigate the successes and failures of other schemes (including selective landlord licensing).
5. To seriously consider whether any successful additional measures can be introduced to regulate the rental sector without any additional cost to the Council.
6. To contact the Secretary of State to make the case for the power to regulate the sector properly.

(Proposed by Councillor Bridges, seconded by Councillor Moore and signed by Councillors Strong, Ludford and Lone)

## **12. Notice of Motion – Trade Union Bill**

This Council recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces. This Council values the constructive relationship that we have with our trade unions and we recognise their commitment, and the commitment of all our staff, to the delivery of good quality public services.

This Council notes with concern the Trade Union Bill which is currently being proposed by the Government and which would affect this Council's relationship with our trade unions and our workforce as a whole. This Council rejects this Bill's attack on local democracy and the attack on our right to manage our own affairs.

This Council is clear that facility time, negotiated and agreed by us and our trade unions to suit our own specific needs, has a valuable role to play in the creation of good quality and responsive local services. Facility time should not be determined or controlled by Government in London.

This Council is happy with the arrangements we currently have in place for deducting trade union membership subscriptions through our payroll. We see this as an important part of our positive industrial relations and a cheap and easy way to administer a system that supports our staff. This system is an administrative matter for the Council and should not be interfered with by the UK Government.

This Council resolves to support the campaign against the unnecessary, anti-democratic and bureaucratic Trade Union Bill.

This Council further resolves to seek to continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy and will take every measure possible to maintain its autonomy with regard to facility time and the continuing use of check-off.

(Proposed by Councillor Karney, seconded by Councillor N Murphy and signed by Councillors Longsdon, Ludford and Leese)

## Information about the Council

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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](http://www.manchester.gov.uk)

## Members of the Council

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### **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, 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, Audrey Jones JP, Peter Morrison, John Smith and Keith Whitmore

## Further Information

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