



27 September 2016

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council – Wednesday 5 October 2016

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 5 October 2016 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 Our Manchester by Sara Todd (Deputy Chief Executive, Growth & Neighbourhoods)

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 minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 21 September 2016.

4. Proceedings of the Executive

To submit the minutes of the Executive on 27 July 2016, and 14 September 2016 (to follow) and in particular to consider:

Exe/16/096 Updated draft St. John's Strategic Regeneration Framework and Factory Manchester

To recommend the Council to approve the capital funding arrangements and approve in principle the its funding commitment to provide a contribution to the project of up to £20m to be funded from a mix of capital receipts and other Council resources.

Exe/16/102 Capital Programme Monitoring 2016/17

To recommend to Council the approval of the in-year budget transfers over £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the City Council as set out above.

Exe/16/103 Global Revenue Budget Monitoring 2016/17

To recommend that the Council approve the use of £250,000 reserves to assist with Manchester's Residential Growth Strategy. As this will take the total of reserves released this year above £2m it must be authorised by Council

5 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

6 Scrutiny Committees

To note the minutes of the following committees:

Children and Young People – 19 July 2016 and 6 September 2016
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 19 July 2016 and 6 September 2016
Economy – 20 July 2016 and 7 September 2016
Communities and Equalities – 20 July 2016 and 7 September 2016
Resources and Governance – 21 July 2016 and 8 September 2016 (to follow)
Health – 21 July 2016 and 8 September 2016 (to follow)
Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 5 July 2016

7 Proceedings of Committees

To submit for approval the minutes of the following meetings and consider recommendations made by the committee:

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 5 October 2016 (to be tabled)

Audit Committee – 14 July 2016 and 15 September 2016 (to follow)
Health and Wellbeing Board – 22 July 2016 and 31 August 2016 (to follow)
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 18 July 2016
Licensing Committee – 18 July 2016
Planning and Highways Committee - 28 July 2016, 25 August 2016 and 22 September 2016 (to follow)
Standards Committee – 22 September 2016 (to follow)
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 22 September 2016 (to follow)

Personnel Committee – 28 July 2016, 4 August 2016 and 14 September 2016 and 28 September 2016 (to follow) and in particular to consider:

PE/16/21 Senior Salaries Review

To recommend that Council approve the changes to salaries and role descriptions for SMT and support level posts of Deputy Chief Executive (Growth and Neighbourhood), City Solicitor, Strategic Director of Adults and Director of Neighbourhoods as detailed in the appendix to the report to ensure that there is no perception of unfairness and no gender bias arising from salary changes that have taken place out of sequence over time.

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 Report

The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed

10. Notice of Motion – Census 2021

This council notes:

1. The obligations its owes to the Armed Forces community within Manchester City Council as enshrined in the Armed Forces Covenant; that the Armed Forces community should not face disadvantage in the provision of services and that special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given the most.
2. The absence of definitive and comprehensive statistics on the size or demographics of the Armed Forces community within the city of Manchester. This includes serving regular and reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.
3. That the availability of such data would greatly assist the council, local partner agencies, the voluntary sector, and national Government in the planning and provision of services to address the unique needs of the Armed Forces community within the city of Manchester

In light of the above, this council moves to support and promote the Royal British Legion's call to include a new topic in the 2021 census that concerns military service and membership of the Armed Forces community. We further call upon the UK Parliament, which will approve the final census questionnaire through legislation in 2019, to ensure that the 2021 census includes questions concerning our Armed Forces community.

(Proposed by T Judge, Seconded by S Murphy and signed by Councillors N Murphy, Rawlins and Kirkpatrick)

11. Notice of Motion - Expansion of selective schools

Manchester City Council opposes the expansion of selective schools

Manchester City council believes that our young people need the best start in life. The council has worked hard to maintain a family of schools in spite of this government's creation of a fragmented education system. Manchester's schools have achieved excellent results in spite of the constant and disruptive

changes to the education system under this Tory and the previous coalition government.

At a time when an even greater focus is needed on fostering better relations in and between communities, this council notes the government's proposal to encourage the opening of more new Grammar Schools.

This council believes that:

1. There is little evidence to prove that grammar schools are the solution to help the majority of students. We support the OECD's position that countries with selective education systems, on average, perform less well than countries with more comprehensive education systems
2. There is clear evidence to show that pupil selection discriminates against children and young people from less affluent backgrounds with lower attainment for those students outside of the system in areas where there are higher levels of pupil selection.
3. There is evidence to suggest that in England, the highest-performing boroughs and counties are comprehensive.
4. This proposed policy is a distraction from the greater challenges facing education such as the recruitment of more qualified teachers, the shortage of schools places and cuts to budgets.
5. This approach to pupil selection risks creating a two tier system and an 'us and them' division within education at a time when we need more than ever, to be bridging the gaps between the 'haves' and the 'have nots'. This proposed policy will not end 'selection by house price'.
6. This government should be focussed on trying to improve schooling across the board seeking to raise aspirations and attainment amongst all of our pupils – rather than the few.

Manchester Council will campaign to oppose the promotion of Grammar Schools in our city and seek to preserve the inclusive family of schools approach in our city aimed at providing the best possible education for all Manchester's children.

We call upon the government to abandon its plans to drive an even greater wedge between the rich and the poor through this policy and to focus its energies on investing in and supporting a system that raises standards and attainment across our entire school education system.

(Proposed by Councillor K Simcock, seconded by Councillor Bridges and signed by Councillors B Stone, Sameem Ali, Wilson and Midgely)

12. Notice of Motion - Make fair transitional state pension arrangements for 1950's women

The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly

borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time.

The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

Proposed by Councillor Battle, seconded by Councillor B Priest and signed by Councillors Andrews, Craig and Leese

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.

6 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. Here councillors decide the Council's overall strategic policies and set the 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 –

Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, N. Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Amesbury, Andrews, Appleby, Austin-Behan, Barrett, Battle, Bridges, Chappell, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cookson, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Farrell, Fender, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Igbon, S Judge, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, Lone, Longsden, Loughman, Ludford, Manco, Marshall, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Mary Monaghan, Moore, N. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, O'Neil, Paul, Peel, B Priest, H Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Rowles, Russell, Sadler, Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, A Simcock, K Simcock, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Taylor, Teubler, Watson, Webb, Wills 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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