



22 November 2016

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

## **Meeting of the Council – Wednesday 30 November 2016**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 30 November 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: Preventing Cancer Locally: How Manchester can beat cancer sooner - by Stacey Arnold, Phillip Brownlie and Stuart Pepper (Cancer Research UK)

Presentation: Manchester's State of the City Report (2016) by Courtney Brightwell (Performance Manager - Place and Core)

### **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 meeting held on 5 October 2016.

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

To submit the minutes of the Executive on 19 October 2016, and 16 November 2016 (to follow) and in particular to consider:

#### **Exe/16/127 Capital Programme – Proposed Increases**

Growth and Neighbourhoods – Waste and Recycling. Purchase of Recycling Bins. To increase the capital budget by £1,200k in 2016/17, funded by borrowing.

## **Exe/16/139 Manchester – a Housing Strategy 2016-2021**

To recommend that the Council adopts the Housing Strategy as part of the Council's formal Policy Framework

## **Exe/16/142 Capital Programme Monitoring 2016/17**

To approve the in-year budget transfers over £500,000 between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the City 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 – 11 October 2016 and 8 November 2016

Neighbourhoods and Environment – 11 October 2016 and 8 November 2016 (to follow)

Economy – 12 October 2016 and 9 November 2016 (to follow)

Communities and Equalities – 12 October 2016 and 9 November 2016 (to follow)

Resources and Governance – 13 October 2016 and 10 November 2016 (to follow)

Health – 10 October 2016 and 10 November 2016 (to follow)

Trafford Borough Council and Manchester City Council Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 11 October 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 – 30 November 2016 (to be tabled)

Audit Committee – 6 October 2016

Health and Wellbeing Board – 2 November 2016 (to follow)

Licensing and Appeals Committee – 24 October 2016 (to follow)

Licensing Committee – 24 October 2016 (to follow)

Planning and Highways Committee - 20 October 2016 and 17 November 2016 (to follow)

Standards Committee – 3 November 2016

Wythenshawe Area Committee – 24 November 2016 (to follow)

Personnel Committee – 16 November 2016, and in particular to consider:

## **PE/16/27 Project Director – 'Our Town Hall'**

1. To recommend to Council that recruitment commences to the role of Project Director with a salary package of circa £120,000 to £140,000. The role will be subject to the new approach to senior Job Evaluation and

dependant on the outcome may require the introduction of a market supplement. To note that the outcome of this exercise will be reported to Personnel Committee in December 2016 and will include any recommendations to Council if required.

2. To recommend to Council the introduction of a completion payment of £50,000 for the Project Director upon satisfactory completion of the project to agreed timelines, cost and quality; and that this payment is dependent on the Project Director leaving the employment of the Council at the end of the project.

#### **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 – Domestic Abuse Evidence Letter Fees – Scrap the Fee Campaign**

Tackling domestic violence and abuse is a key priority for Manchester City Council. For many years, we have had, and continue to have, a zero tolerance approach.

Manchester City Council believes that it is everyone's responsibility to stop domestic violence and abuse and it is our ambition that people treat one another with respect and compassion.

Yet between April 2014 and March 2015 domestic abuse incidents reported in the city increased by 35%.

National statistics have not changed for decades - 2 women are killed every week in England and Wales by a current or former partner. 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes.

Legal Aid is a lifeline for women in the city fleeing domestic abuse. It helps them to protect themselves, their children and secure their financial situation. Yet due to Government changes to the rules for women to qualify for legal aid they now need to provide a prescribed piece of evidence to prove they have been subjected to abuse.

One of the accepted forms of evidence is a letter from a GP. However some GPs charge a fee – in some cases as much as £75 – to produce that letter.

No GP should charge victims of domestic abuse for a letter they need to access legal aid. It's unfair. It's immoral. And it has to stop.

Manchester City Council will:

1. Support the Scrap the Fee campaign which was established by Tom Watson MP following a plea from Wythenshawe Safe Spots.
2. Call on the Government to scrap this unfair and unjust charge by bringing this service back under the NHS contract.
3. Resolve to use its strengthened relationship with GPs through Health & Social Care Devolution to work with them to bring about a 'Manchester GPs pledge' to not charge for legal aid evidence letters in cases of domestic abuse.
4. Work with the Greater Manchester Mayor to highlight this campaign across all 10 Greater Manchester Councils.

Proposed by: Councillor Sarah Judge, seconded by Councillor Suzanne Richards and also signed by Councillors Emma Taylor, Lanchbury, Rawson, Igbon and Connolly

#### **11. Notice of Motion - Recognising and acknowledging diverse needs of children in adoption and fostering**

This Council notes that Manchester is one of linguistically diverse City in Europe where over 200 languages are spoken and it is comfortable and proud for its diversity and its heritage.

This Council notes that number of children in Local Authority Care has now reduced from 1,294 it stands at 1,237 between April 2015 and March 2016. We recognise that the majority of looked after children in our care are from White British background due to abuse or neglect and the birth parents are unable to care for them.

The Council notes that all children have diverse and often complex needs and we try to place them to the appropriate matched foster or adoptive carer. Statistics from our Corporate Panel shows that LAC come from Mixed, Black Asian and Minority Ethnic communities; 14% of children described as Black or Black British; 5% as Asian; and 18% as mixed.

The Council further notes to continue our endeavours in engaging Manchester's diverse range of communities to attract wide range of potential foster and adoptive carers.

The Council resolves to continue and redouble its effort in line with the spirit of Our Manchester to promote and develop new links and relationships and recruit more foster and adoptive carers.

Proposed by: Councillor. Shaukat Ali, seconded by Councillor Nasrin Ali and also signed by Councillors Hassan, Karney and N Murphy

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Bernstein', written over a horizontal line.

**Sir Howard Bernstein**  
**Chief Executive**

## 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.

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

## Members of the Council

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### **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, Longsdon, 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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For help, advice and information about this meeting please contact the Committee

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This summons was issued on **22 November 2016** by the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit, Manchester City Council, Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA.

## Council Meeting on 30 November 2016

### Declaration of Councillors' Interests in items appearing on the Council Agenda

Declaration by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

Item under which you wish to declare an interest	What is the Interest?	Type (please tick)	
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