



17 January 2017

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council – Wednesday 25 January 2017

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 25 January at the rise of the special meeting of the Council, in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Manchester Town Hall Extension.

1. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

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 ordinary meeting held on 30 November 2016 and the extraordinary meeting held on 14 December 2016.

4. Proceedings of the Executive

To submit the minutes of the Executive on 14 December 2016, and 16 January 2017 (to follow) and in particular to consider:

Exe/16/156 Global Revenue Budget Monitoring

To recommend that Council approve the budget virements of £3.6m being £1m additional income from planning applications and £2.6m of uncommitted money allocated to adults' investment funding.

Exe/17/012 Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2017

To commend to Council the revised Council Tax Support Scheme and recommend it be adopted.

To recommend that Council delegate authority to the City Treasurer to continue to make minor technical changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme to provide for uprating of applicable amounts, disregards and non-dependant deduction levels and income bands.

5. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

6. Scrutiny Committees

To note the minutes of the following committees:

Children and Young People – 6 December 2016 and 3 January 2017
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 6 December 2016 and 3 January 2017
Economy – 7 December 2016 and 4 January 2017 (to follow)
Communities and Equalities – 7 December 2016 and 4 January 2017 (to follow)
Resources and Governance – 8 December 2016 and 5 January 2017 (to follow)
Health – 8 December 2016 and 5 January 2017 (to follow)

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 – 25 January 2017 (to be tabled)

Audit Committee – 1 December 2016
Health and Wellbeing Board – 18 January 2017 (to follow)
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 5 December 2016 and 16 January 2017 (to follow)
Licensing Committee – 16 January 2017 (to follow)
Personnel Committee – 11 January 2017
Planning and Highways Committee – 15 December 2016 and 12 January 2017 (to follow)
Standards Committee – 15 December 2016
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 15 December 2016

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. Response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) on its Electoral Review Draft Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Manchester City Council

The report of the Chief Executive **will follow**.

11. Annual report of the Standards Committee

The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed.

12. Treasury Management Interim report

The report of the City Treasurer is enclosed.

13. Code of Corporate Governance

The report of the Deputy Chief Executive (People, Policy and Reform) is enclosed.

14. Findings of the Hearing Panel in Respect of a Complaint Concerning a Breach of the Code of Conduct for Members

The report of the Monitoring Officer is enclosed.

15. Notice of Motion – Sex and Relationship Education in schools

This council notes that there is an urgent need for mandatory quality inclusive sex and relationship education for every child in every school.

Our young people are being denied their right when: there is a scandalous level of sex crime in our schools - 5,500 sex crimes reported to the police over the last three years; 44% of LGBT young people have considered suicide; young people with disabilities are at a high risk of being subjected to sexual and emotional abuse; 10-15% of children are unhappy with their appearance – an issue that can lead to significant mental health problems. We cannot idly accept this.

This Tory Government is continuing to deny our young people the right the British Youth Council, the UK Youth Parliament and the NUS have been demanding since 2014 – the right to quality inclusive sex and relationship education.

As most of our secondary schools are academies and exempt from the National Curriculum, it is only in maintained schools and only from age 11, that a form of sex and relationship education (teaching about reproduction, sexual health, sexual orientation) is required – and even here parents can withdraw their children. By age 11, 28% of our children will have been exposed to online pornography and 22% of our girls will have been subjected to sexual comments from boys.

Studies show, 94% of parents expect sex and relationship education to be delivered in our schools yet, whilst there are isolated cases of good practice, teachers generally are not trained to teach the subject and health workers are not trained to teach in our school environment.

Our young people are being educated elsewhere: through the pornography they stumble upon; through airbrushed and highly sexualised images splashed across billboards, prevalent in the music videos they watch, the games they play and displayed on tv and cinema screens; through sexual harassment and exploitation in the school playground and beyond.

Our young people, from an early age are discovering themselves and their identity. Disturbingly, those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, disabled or not white see little healthy representation about them.

This council calls on the Education Secretary urgently, to legislate for every pupil in every school, compulsory quality, inclusive sex and relationship education that includes consent, body image, pornography, sexting, sexual orientation, gender, partner and domestic violence.

Proposed by: Councillor Alijah, seconded by Councillor Craig and also signed by Councillors Sameem Ali, Moore and Sharif Mahamed.

16. Notice of Motion – Action ‘To Let’ Boards

Communities across Manchester are blighted by unsightly To Let boards. These have a negative impact on the sustainability of the housing market. Wards with a high proportion of private rented housing stock are most affected. There has been a huge growth in unauthorised 'Let By' and 'Managed By' signs in the residential and commercial sectors.

Removing To Let boards would benefit all of our residents and local landlords, making the worst affected neighbourhoods more desirable places to live. These signs attribute, wrongly, to a sense that there is no fixed community.

To Let boards are an outdated way of advertising. Market research shows that most of those renting find available properties via the internet or by visiting letting agencies in person.

Many properties with To Let signs displayed are not actually on the market. The signage is often left up all year round as a form of free advertising for landlords and agencies.

Over 85,000 students live in Manchester. To Let and Let agreed boards often indicate that the properties concerned are rented to students. Wards with larger student populations are known to experience high levels of domestic burglary due to the association with lower levels of security and higher levels of expensive consumer goods.

When our student residents are vulnerable we are all vulnerable; and we want to keep our mixed residential communities safe.

Manchester City Council notes:

- Pernicious cuts from the current Tory Government and 2010-2015 Coalition Government have vastly reduced the capacity for our Planning Department to police and prioritise this growing problem.
- Liverpool City Council have successfully implemented scheme to get rid of To Let boards. Greenbank Ward- an area with 1,600 houses- used to have over 600 To Let signs. Since the introduction of the ban, there are now none of these boards. Other successful schemes have been implemented in Leeds, Westminster and Newcastle.

This motion calls on Manchester City Council to:

- Investigate the implementation of pilot schemes where estate/ letting agents and landlords will be asked to remove all To Let boards from properties.
- Prioritise implementation in wards with the highest levels of private rented accommodation.
- Approach other local authorities to investigate the successes and failures of respective schemes and to share best practice on enforcement.
- To enforce a ban on unauthorised 'Let by' and 'Managed by' boards.
- If a voluntary removal scheme does not work, the council resolves to investigate using an Article 4 direction to make a ban of To Let boards legally enforceable.

Proposed by: Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Stone and also signed by Councillors Strong, Webb and Bridges

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, 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

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

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This summons was issued on **17 January 2017** by the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit, Manchester City Council, Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA.

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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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