



Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 7 March 2023

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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Councillors - Simcock (Chair), Andrews, Davies, Good, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, B Priest, Rowles and Wheeler

Second Supplementary Agenda

8. **Progress on Council Motions over the last 12 Months** 3 - 54
Report of the City Solicitor.

This report updates the Committee and confirms the progress made in respect of motions that have been passed before Manchester City Council over the last 12 Months.

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**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee - 7 March 2023
Subject: Progress made with Council Motions over last 12 Months
Report of: The City Solicitor

Summary

This report updates the Committee and confirms the progress made in respect of motions that have been passed before Manchester City Council over the last 12 Months.

Recommendations

To note this update report and the progress made on the motions agreed by Council.

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city
The motions that have been before council includes a motion declaring a Climate Emergency.

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Council Motions look to promote inclusion across all of our protected Characteristics and have widened those to include vulnerable groups such as those leaving the Council care.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city’s economic success	Council motions are seeking to assist in developing a world class city. Addressing issues around poverty.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	A number of the motions passed seek to unlock the potential of our communities including promoting youth services and looking at equalities issues across the City.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	The motions passed through Council address both climate issues for the City.

A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	The Motions passed by Council seek to address the issues around connectivity through addressing t poverty issues.
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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on 4th March 2022
- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on the 30 March 2022
- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on 13th July 2022
- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on 6th October 2022
- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on 30th November 2022
- Council meeting Summons (agenda) and minutes for meeting on 1st February 2022

All are available at <https://democracy.manchester.gov.uk>

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report is provided to update members on the progress of the motions that have been passed by full Council since March 2022 and following previous report to this Committee by the City Solicitor. In the City Solicitor's department, a tracker is maintained of Council motions passed during the course of the year, progress on the actions taken is monitored at SMT. A number of the motions have requested a call on the government to take action and have raised serious issues of concern to Manchester residents and the Council.
- 1.2 The tracker is attached with an update as to the actions taken for each of the motions, passed over the last 12 months with the progress made to date. It should be noted this report only records those actions taken to date and whilst there is a reference to some of the debates in formal committees there continues to be considerable work and discussion of these key issues that the motions relate to undertaken throughout the Council. All the work is not able to be covered in a single document that only records and tracks the key actions identified in the resolutions and is a small reflection of the overall work of the Council on these important areas.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The consideration and resolution of motions, and amendments to motions, is an important part of the Council's decision-making processes. They are a significant part of the meetings of the full Council throughout the year and are a normal part of the business of Council meetings, with the exception of the Annual Meeting. Proposing and debating motions allows Councillors to participate directly in policy development and policy making enabling democracy in action.
- 2.2 The Council's procedures for debating and deciding motions are set out in Part 4 Section A of the Council's Constitution. They allow a motion to be considered at a meeting of the Council if it is supported by any five Councillors. Amendments to motions that are to be considered can be proposed by any two councillors. To be passed and adopted, motions and amendments generally require the support of a majority of the members present and voting at the meeting.
- 2.3 The decisions on motions, the resolutions of the Council, are recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting. After each meeting the resolutions are considered by the members of the Council's senior management and any necessary plans of action agreed and acted upon. Progress with these is then tracked on a periodic basis by SMT. Appended to the report is the schedule that is being maintained by the SMT to record the actions and track progress on Council resolutions.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 For the Committee to note the contents of the report and to continue to receive regular updates.

4.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Motions Tracker

Meeting	Title	Resolution	SMT Lead	Lead Executive Member	Action Taken	Reference at Executive or Scrutiny
1 st February 2023	Attacks on Public Service Workers	<p>Proposer: Cllr Chambers Seconder: Cllr Wright Supported by: Cllrs Rawson, Connolly, Stanton, Hilal, Karney and Doswell</p> <p>Manchester Council sends support and solidarity to the Public Services Workers Rally in St Peters Sq. today.</p> <p>Thirteen years of underfunding has forced nurses, ambulance drivers, teachers, and civil servants on to picket lines to defend and protect public services.</p> <p>Rather than negotiating, the Government is rushing through an anti -strike bill that amounts to a full frontal attack on working people and their trade unions.</p> <p>Manchester's workers and families need a new Government which will enhance worker rights and invest in public services</p> <p>This Council resolves to condemn these attacks.</p>	Carol Culley/Deb Clarke	Leader Bev Craig	Letters have been sent to Government using the combined lobbying from LGA	N/A
1 st February 2023	The Right to Strike and Protection of Workers' Rights - amended version	<p>Proposer: Cllr Leech Seconder: Cllr Bayunu Supported by: Cllrs Johnson, Good and Nunney</p> <p>This Council recognises that the right of a worker to withdraw their labour is a fundamental and sacrosanct right which should not be undermined or diluted in any way.</p>		Leader Bev Crag	Motion was passed and the support of Full Council noted. Letters from Executive Members sent to government Resource maintained for Health and safety matters within the	N/A

		<p>This Council notes that this Conservative Government is seeking to undermine the right to strike by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing the use of Agency staff during industrial disputes • Introducing legislation to guarantee minimum levels of service during strike action. • Allowing the increasing use of fire and rehire <p>This Council calls for the UK Government to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban the use of Fire & Rehire by all employers in the UK • Ensure that the Health & Safety Executive is properly staffed and funded so that they can undertake workplace inspections unannounced. This includes the reversal of over £100 million pounds in cuts. • Support trade unions being allowed to use electronic voting for all elections and ballots including ballots for industrial action • Support the right of all workers to work from home from Day 1 for anyone who wants it after appropriate induction training, where practical. <p>The Council condemns the Lib Dem / Tory Government for cuts to local government funding that led to a historic loss of 750,000 council jobs. The scale of the job cuts led to severe service cuts that has damaged the lives of residents particularly in our city in areas as varied as Withington and Woodhouse Park and Hulme and Harpurhey.</p>			<p>Council as a priority to ensure staff welfare.</p>	
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		<p>The Council condemns the Lib Dem /Tory Government for running down the Health and Safety Executive.</p> <p>The Lib Dem Business Secretary Vince Cable set up the Reducing Regulations Committee in June 2010 whose purpose was "to bring to an end excessive employment regulations, that are stifling business growth".</p> <p>The following years saw million pounds cuts in the Health and Safety Budget that led to a third reduction in inspections and the loss of hundreds of inspectors. The Tory Government continued the assault on the HSE.</p> <p>We call on all members who support workers to vote for this amended motion.</p>				
<p>1st February 2023</p>	<p>Standing up for Wythenshawe</p>	<p>Proposer: Cllr Craig Seconder: Cllr Newman Supported by: Cllrs White, Lynch, Cooley, Evans, Whiston, Judge, Rawlins, Russell and Taylor</p> <p>Council notes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manchester City Council’s Executive approved their ambitious plans for the transformation of Wythenshawe Civic Centre on 18th February. These plans have been described as an ‘exciting and a ‘once in a generation opportunity’ by local people and reflect Manchester Labour’s ambition for Wythenshawe After campaigning from local Wythenshawe Labour Councillors and Mike Kane MP over many years, these plans have been brought forward in conjunction with local people, and will see: 	<p>Becca Heron</p>	<p>Leader Bev Craig</p>	<p>No further funding has been achieved for Wythenshawe from central Government. Officers are working through opportunities from bringing in alternative sources of funding. Communications have been taking place with central Government requesting alternative methods of approaching levelling up and requesting funding for Wythenshawe.</p>	<p>Economy Scrutiny Committee have looked at and debated this topic at the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13/10/22 –in particular the item on District Centres with the meeting held in Wythenshawe to examine utilisation of district centres. 09/02/23 – item on Levelling Up and Shared Prosperity Funding with discussion on the Levelling Up

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new cultural hub with a community cinema • Job opportunities through office space and a new Enterprise Centre • Over 1500 low carbon homes (including genuinely affordable homes) • A new food hall, supporting day and nighttime businesses • A new civic square with top quality public realm • A new green transport hub; with EV charging and bike hire • Manchester Council with the support of Mike Kane MP submitted these plans to Government as part of the 'Levelling Up Fund'- as it met all of the publicised criteria <p>Council further notes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Council has had over £420million taken from its budgets since 2010, and across the country local Government has had £16 billion cut (which rises to over £40bn if you factor inflation) • In the Summer Leadership context Prime Minister Rishi Sunak boasted about reversing Treasury formulas "that shoved all the funding into deprived urban areas" • The Government did not support the Wythenshawe Civic bid, and like most Labour Cities in the UK did not receive funding in this round. <p>Council resolves:-</p>				<p>Fund bid for Wythenshawe</p> <p>Executive have looked at this topic at the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/01/23 – item Wythenshawe Civic Centre Development Framework including reference in the Levelling Up Fund bid for Wythenshawe • 29/07/2022 - Acquisition of St Modwen's interest at Wythenshawe Civic Centre
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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Manchester's Labour Council will always stand up for the residents of Wythenshawe and despite the Government's failure to back Wythenshawe Civic Centre the Labour Council will push ahead with it's plans and seek a commitment that work will begin as soon as possible. 2. To call on the Government to support the plans for Wythenshawe through other means to help Level Up our city. 3. To call on the Government to fund local authorities fairly, so local council's have the resource to fund vital projects like this themselves. 4. That Manchester's Labour Councillors will always stand up for Wythenshawe. 				
<p>1st February 2023</p>	<p>Free School Meals</p>	<p>Proposed by: Cllr Butt Seconded by: Cllr M Dar Supported by: Cllrs Noor, Bridges, Karney, Douglas, Reid, Abdullatif and Amin</p> <p>Over 42% of Manchester's children are now living in poverty, according to the figures released in the Government statistics in 2021. The highest density of these residents live in the North and Central of the city, however there are other areas in the South where the residents face the same issues.</p> <p>Free school meals should be available for all primary school children from Reception through to Year 11 and should not be restricted to Key stage 1 only, which is Reception, Year 1 and year 2. New analysis by Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG), based on free school meals, showed that children in poverty in England continue to be</p>	<p>Paul Marshall Amanda Corcoran</p>	<p>Gary Bridges</p>	<p>The Leader and Executive Member for finance through the final budget process has ensured that our most vulnerable residents are protected and provided with essential support. A continuation of the Household Support Fund for 2023/24 will enable continued provision of free school meals during the school holidays.</p> <p>The Leader has written to the</p>	<p>Executive have looked at this topic at the following meetings:-</p> <p>19/10/2022 – Our Manchester Progress Update with reference to extension of Free School Meals over Xmas school holidays</p> <p>The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee has not looked at Free School Meals as a standalone item but received a report in June 2022 on the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)</p>

		<p>overlooked by government measures, with over 1 in 3 (800,000) children in poverty not qualifying for free school meals. These figures come as the cost-of-living crisis continues to worsen and cause hardship.</p> <p>The government must not just stand and watch, this is the time change is needed. The Government must stop the eligibility test for free school meals and not put parents and children through the stigma of being poor.</p> <p>Free school meals are only provided for those who are eligible, this eligibility is so minute that it leaves a huge gap to those children whose parents are on Universal credit and earn above the threshold of £616.67 per month. Children aged 7-16 are affected by this eligibility as a lot of these children belong to low-income families, whose earnings are over £616.67 per month threshold but the household is below average income.</p> <p>We hear from Headteachers and school staff how children come into school unable to have a warm meal due to the low household incomes. All children should be given meals during the school day without any assessments of parental income. We must make sure each child has the nutrition required for them to be able to concentrate and work to their full potential at school. An empty stomach compromises the child's learning ability, Children need nutritious warm meals, for the health, wellbeing and development, no child should have to go hungry.</p> <p>Manchester City Council recognised the shortfall, during lockdown due to coronavirus and provided</p>			<p>Government lobbying for uplift in the benefits to meet inflation rises and for the increase in the councils funding to meet the cost of school meals and for a revision of the eligibility Criteria.</p>	<p>Programme which is open to all children receiving Free School Meals. The committee has also suggested looking at Free School Meals as a whole although this has not yet been actioned.</p>
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free school meals in the holidays. The Government had not stepped in quick enough, and the Council had already put in the provision to support the families through the most difficult time. The Council also supported children in vulnerable families known to the school who were outside the scope of free school meals but where an assessment had identified they required extra support in the holidays.

Parents are currently struggling with the cost of living; they are unable to source heating bills and will be worried about putting meals on the table. They will worry about using gas or electric cookers and ovens due to the cost of inflation of energy bills. There are hardworking parents out there having to visit food banks to put a meal on the table. Its is heart breaking to see families in our city living through these times. As a Council we are working on this, we are asking all schools to have a named lead on poverty and how they can poverty proof the school day.

Greater Manchester poverty action group stated in August 2022 that the number of children in Relative poverty had increased. The statistics for children living in Manchester in poverty have gone from 35.4% 2015 up to 42% in 2021. Year after Year the children of this city have gone deeper into poverty. The government has failed these children since it has come into power, the number of households in poverty has risen and nothing has been done to address this. Now is the time the Government must expand the provision to free school meals for all children.

This Council resolves:-

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ask the Leader of the Council to continue to provide support to the most vulnerable in our city 2. To request the Leader of the Council writes to Government to call for an extension of free school meals for all children and a review of eligibility criteria, which is currently at £7,400 per annum, is undertaken, to ensure those in need do not miss out (such as 7–16-year-olds). The threshold is currently very low. 3. To lobby government to extend the inflationary uplift to benefits in year not just next year, to help struggling families. 				
<p>1st February 2023 Page 14</p>	<p>Insourcing First Motion – Manchester City Council - Amended at Council</p>	<p>This Council notes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All political parties represented on this Council are committed to democratic public services, support the principle of reversing the trend of providing Council services indirectly through outsourcing, and are committed to reversing this policy. • Multiple public polls that show that the UK public support public ownership. • Councils across the country spend hundreds of millions of pounds buying in essential goods, services and expertise from the private sector each year. • The Public Services (Social Value) Act was introduced in 2012. It provides a legal basis for public authorities to look for wider social, economic and environmental benefits when undertaking procurement exercises. • Evidence shows that insourcing public services can deliver lower costs, more efficiency, a public sector ethos, 	<p>Carol Culley / Peter Schofield</p>	<p>Rabnawaz Akbar</p>	<p>A major contracts and oversight board chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer was established in November and standing membership includes the Executive member for Finance. The Board oversees major contracts including the timeline for when contracts are due for extension or retendering. A policy is being developed to frame all future contact sourcing decisions. In addition, the Board is reviewing the governance for the</p>	<p>Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee have looked at this topic at the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/07/22 – item on Management of Major Contracts, which looked at considerations for insourcing versus outsourcing <p>A progress update on the Major Contracts Oversight Board will be considered by Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee on 7 March 2023.</p>

		<p>economies of scale and an enhanced level of democratic accountability to local residents.</p> <p>The Council further notes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester’s Labour Council has a strong history and commitment to Direct Services. It had the largest Direct Works Department in the country that built thousands of council houses and has started once again to build its own homes through This City • That the city’s Arms-Length Management Organisation for Housing, Northwards, has been brought back in house following extensive, positive consultation with residents and staff. • That a review of expanding capacity to have the option to take further services back in house is already on the work programme of the Resources & Governance Committee. • That government’s “Best Value” legislation continues to frustrate local authorities in their work to enact the democratic demands of those they represent, and that the current guidance by central government is not fit for purpose. • Manchester City Council has had its budget cut by over £420Million since 2010. Extensive cuts to council funding under both the Liberal Democrat-Conservative Coalition and subsequent Conservative governments have deeply harmed the ability of councils to build resilience, innovate and deliver. <p>This Council believes:-</p>			<p>management of major contracts and assurance on performance and value for money.</p> <p>The Leader has written to the government asking for a review of the Best Value legislation and cuts to Local Government</p>	
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- That residents are more likely to trust local councillors to take decisions on their behalf over and above private companies.
- That public service workers and their trade unions support the insourcing of public services.
- That investing in strengthening the council's capacity, skills and ability to deliver services in-house will make the council more sustainable, innovative and effective for the long term.
- That residents supporting their local councils to run services and redistribute wealth, will elect a national government willing to provide the financial resources to catalyse new social contracts and make public services local.

This Council therefore resolves to call on its Executive to:-

- To continue to work in active partnership with all relevant trade unions to ensure staff who provide services in Manchester are listened to and valued, whichever management structure they currently work under.
- To write to the Secretary of State calling for a wholesale review of the "Best Value" legislation to give councils the freedom to respond to the democratic demands of their own citizens.
- To continue to work with partners including the Association for Public Service Excellence, of which Manchester City Council is a founding member, to develop strategies for greater democratic control of

		<p>services wherever possible to deliver better results for citizens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue to begin with insourcing as the default option for services with clear guidance to the policy development teams within the council on this priority. To continue to call out the unfair and damaging cuts to local government funding by successive Governments since 2010. 				
<p>30th November 2022</p> <p>Page 17</p>	<p>Call an immediate general election to end the chaos of the Conservative government</p>	<p>This Council notes that over the last 12 years the Conservative government has caused immeasurable damage to the residents of Manchester and the entire United Kingdom including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The unprecedented Government public service cuts, increased costs from spiralling inflation, increased demand for services, higher energy costs have left our economy on its knees, and the vulnerable, most at need and hard-working residents, families and households shoulder the impact of funding shortfalls The housing crisis leaving millions forced to live in unsafe and uninhabitable properties as shocking conditions are being endured by households despairing at the lack of action, increasing mortgage and rental payments, while younger generations are unable to enter the housing market; The NHS struggling to cope with record demand and waiting times, social care services are stretched to the limit without a plan to put the health and social care system on a sustainable footing; 	<p>Fiona Ledden</p>	<p>Cllr Bev Craig</p>	<p>Leader has written with other Labour Leaders to request an immediate general election.</p>	<p>This is a motion that would not be appropriate to take Council time in Executive or Scrutiny but has been actioned by political lobbying.</p>

- The justice system in crisis with court backlogs reaching unprecedented levels, leaving victims, witnesses and defendants waiting years for justice, with rising crime and fewer police;
- The signature “levelling up agenda”, is just empty rhetoric as inequalities widen;
- The slow progress on developing long term regulatory strategies post- Brexit reducing the UK’s competitiveness, productivity and openness to trade with the world largest trading bloc and reduced British influence in the world;
- The misconduct in public office through a series of scandals including holding parties at 10 Downing Street during Covid lockdowns and the failure to deal with misconduct in ministerial office by senior Conservative MPs; and
- The mismanagement of the economy, real terms reductions in salaries, the devaluation of sterling.

This Council believes:-

- The economic, political and environmental permacrisis and state of flux indicate that despite the attempts of four prime ministers since 2016, a succession of chancellors, secretaries of state, and u-turns the government has run out of ideas, credibility, and confidence having spectacularly failed to deliver on its own promises;
- Despite the financial challenges over the last decade, Manchester Labour and our Council staff have worked tirelessly to challenge the government to provide a

		<p>fairer funding settlement and ensure Manchester remains a great place to live, work and play, and remain ambitious for the future of the City;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conservative government is implementing a programme far removed from the 2019 manifesto, written before the pandemic and current economic crisis • The City has no confidence in the new UK Prime Minister and Government to act in the best interests of the citizens of Manchester and the UK; and • Any “difficult decisions on the public finances” and further sacrifices by the British public should be subject to a new mandate that has gained public endorsement and constitutional recognition <p>This Council resolves to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chair of the LGA to request all local leaders who over the last 12 years have worked tirelessly for their places to impose maximum pressure on the government to call a general election. (2) Ask the Leader of the Council to write to Sir Keir Starmer, Leader of Her Majesty’s Official Opposition; Nicola Sturgeon, Scottish First Minister; Ian Blackford, Leader of the SNP at Westminster and Ed Davey, Leader of the Liberal Democrats urging them to support any motion tabled to stop this blatant abuse of power. (3) Ask the Leader of the Council to call on Councillors and MPs of all parties to put our country and our community first and 				
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		<p>demand an immediate general election so the public can decide on the future of Britain.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Stogia, seconded by Councillor Richards and supported by Councillors Ilyas, Chambers, Kamal, Reid and Simcock</p> <p>Minutes: Councillor Stogia proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Ilyas:-</p> <p>This Council notes that over the last 12 years the Conservative government has caused immeasurable damage to the residents of Manchester and the entire United Kingdom including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The unprecedented Government public service cuts, increased costs from spiralling inflation, increased demand for services, higher energy costs have left our economy on its knees, and the vulnerable, most at need and hard-working residents, families and households shoulder the impact of funding shortfalls • The housing crisis leaving millions forced to live in unsafe and uninhabitable properties as shocking conditions are being endured by households despairing at the lack of action, increasing mortgage and rental payments, while younger generations are unable to enter the housing market; • The NHS struggling to cope with record demand and waiting times, social care services are stretched to the limit without a 				
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		<p>plan to put the health and social care system on a sustainable footing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The justice system in crisis with court backlogs reaching unprecedented levels, leaving victims, witnesses and defendants waiting years for justice, with rising crime and fewer police; • The signature “levelling up agenda”, is just empty rhetoric as inequalities widen; • The slow progress on developing long term regulatory strategies post- Brexit reducing the UK’s competitiveness, productivity and openness to trade with the world largest trading bloc and reduced British influence in the world; • The misconduct in public office through a series of scandals including holding parties at 10 Downing Street during Covid lockdowns and the failure to deal with misconduct in ministerial office by senior Conservative MPs; and • The mismanagement of the economy, real terms reductions in salaries, the devaluation of sterling. <p>This Council believes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The economic, political and environmental permacrisis and state of flux indicate that despite the attempts of four prime ministers since 2016, a succession of chancellors, secretaries of state, and u-turns the government has run out of ideas, credibility, and confidence having spectacularly failed to deliver on its own promises; • Despite the financial challenges over the last decade, Manchester Labour and our 				
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		<p>Council staff have worked tirelessly to challenge the government to provide a fairer funding settlement and ensure Manchester remains a great place to live, work and play, and remain ambitious for the future of the City;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conservative government is implementing a programme far removed from the 2019 manifesto, written before the pandemic and current economic crisis • The City has no confidence in the new UK Prime Minister and Government to act in the best interests of the citizens of Manchester and the UK; and • Any “difficult decisions on the public finances” and further sacrifices by the British public should be subject to a new mandate that has gained public endorsement and constitutional recognition <p>This Council resolves to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chair of the LGA to request all local leaders who over the last 12 years have worked tirelessly for their places to impose maximum pressure on the government to call a general election. 2. Ask the Leader of the Council to write to Sir Keir Starmer, Leader of Her Majesty’s Official Opposition; Nicola Sturgeon, Scottish First Minister; Ian Blackford, Leader of the SNP at Westminster and Ed Davey, Leader of the Liberal Democrats urging them to support any motion tabled to stop this blatant abuse of power. 				
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3. Ask the Leader of the Council to call on Councillors and MPs of all parties to put our country and our community first and demand an immediate general election so the public can decide on the future of Britain.

Councillor Johnson moved an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Nunney and accepted by Councillor Stogia (proposer). In accordance with Rule of Procedure 20.3, the amendment was incorporated into the motion.

Councillor Nunney moved an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Johnson and accepted by Councillor Stogia (proposer). In accordance with Rule of Procedure 20.3, the amendment was incorporated into the motion.

The amended motion was as follows:

This Council notes that over the last 12 years the Conservative government has caused immeasurable damage to the residents of Manchester and the entire United Kingdom including:-

- The unprecedented Government public service cuts, increased costs from spiralling inflation, increased demand for services, higher energy costs have left our economy on its knees, and the vulnerable, most at need and hard-working residents, families and households shoulder the impact of funding shortfalls

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The housing crisis leaving millions forced to live in unsafe and uninhabitable properties as shocking conditions are being endured by households despairing at the lack of action, increasing mortgage and rental payments, while younger generations are unable to enter the housing market; • The NHS struggling to cope with record demand and waiting times, social care services are stretched to the limit without a plan to put the health and social care system on a sustainable footing; • The justice system in crisis with court backlogs reaching unprecedented levels, leaving victims, witnesses and defendants waiting years for justice, with rising crime and fewer police; • The signature “levelling up agenda”, is just empty rhetoric as inequalities widen; <p>Similarly, the government has veered away from taking the promised actions to protect and restore the natural environment and has taken decisions that severely jeopardise even the inadequate Net Zero-by-2050 target.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The slow progress on developing long term regulatory strategies post- Brexit reducing the UK’s competitiveness, productivity and openness to trade with the world largest trading bloc and reduced British influence in the world; • The misconduct in public office through a series of scandals including holding parties 				
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		<p>at 10 Downing Street during Covid lockdowns and the failure to deal with misconduct in ministerial office by senior Conservative MPs; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mismanagement of the economy, real terms reductions in salaries, the devaluation of sterling. <p>This Council believes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The economic, political and environmental permacrisis and state of flux indicate that despite the attempts of four prime ministers since 2016, a succession of chancellors, secretaries of state, and u-turns the government has run out of ideas, credibility, and confidence having spectacularly failed to deliver on its own promises; Despite the financial challenges over the last decade, Manchester Labour and our Council staff have worked tirelessly to challenge the government to provide a fairer funding settlement and ensure Manchester remains a great place to live, work and play, and remain ambitious for the future of the City; The Conservative government is implementing a programme far removed from the 2019 manifesto, written before the pandemic and current economic crisis <p>1. Most gravely, this programme puts at risk progress towards mitigating the effects of the Climate Crisis and safeguarding</p>				
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		<p>biodiversity and as such runs counter to this Council’s own urgent priorities in this regard;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has no confidence in the new UK Prime Minister and Government to act in the best interests of the citizens of Manchester and the UK; and • Any “difficult decisions on the public finances” and further sacrifices by the British public should be subject to a new mandate that has gained public endorsement and constitutional recognition <p>This Council resolves to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chair of the LGA to request all local leaders who over the last 12 years have worked tirelessly for their places to impose maximum pressure on the government to call a general election. 2. Ask the Leader of the Council to write to Sir Keir Starmer, Leader of Her Majesty’s Official Opposition; Nicola Sturgeon, Scottish First Minister; Ian Blackford, Leader of the SNP at Westminster and Ed Davey, Leader of the Liberal Democrats and Carla Denyer and Adrian Ramsay, co-leaders of the Green Party of England and Wales urging them to support any motion tabled to stop this blatant abuse of power. 3. Ask the Leader of the Council to call on Councillors and MPs of all parties to put our country and our community first and 				
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		<p>demand an immediate general election so the public can decide on the future of Britain.</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>The motion, as amended, was then put to the Council and the Lord Mayor declared it was carried unanimously.</p>				
<p>30th November 2022</p> <p>Page 27</p>	<p>Support the Climate and Ecology Bill</p>	<p>This summer, the UK has witnessed the highest temperatures on record, nine regions of drought zones and the driest July since 1935. Alongside this, there is the looming danger of the cost of living crisis with energy prices rising fourfold and experts predicting that two-thirds of the UK population will be under threat of fuel poverty by January 2023.</p> <p>Our over-reliance on fossil fuels and the need for a transition to renewable energy has never been so clear.</p> <p>Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. The global temperature has already increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels, and the natural world has reached crisis point, with 28% of plants and animals threatened with extinction.</p> <p>Council will be aware that the UN Environment report published last month, finds that there is currently no credible pathway to 1.5°C in place. In tandem with this there is a severe biodiversity crisis.</p> <p>The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. More than one in seven of</p>	<p>Carol Culley / Neill Fairlamb</p>	<p>Cllr Tracey Rawlins</p>	<p>It is noted that Council supported the Climate and Ecology Bill by passing this motion Tracey Rawlins has written to our MP's urging them to support the Bill and to Zero Hour, confirming the support of this Council</p>	<p>Whilst the detail of the motion has not been specifically considered at Executive or Scrutiny all reports going through Executive and Scrutiny are required to reference the effect on the Climate of the recommendations sought and how they support the continued commitment to zero carbon.</p>

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		<p>has been passed, and urging them to sign up to support the Bill; and</p> <p>(3) Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (joinus@ceebill.uk).</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Nunney, seconded by Councillor Johnson and supported by Councillors Bayunu, Good and Leech.</p> <p>Minutes: Councillor Nunney proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Johnson:-</p> <p>This summer, the UK has witnessed the highest temperatures on record, nine regions of drought zones and the driest July since 1935. Alongside this, there is the looming danger of the cost-of-living crisis with energy prices rising fourfold and experts predicting that two-thirds of the UK population will be under threat of fuel poverty by January 2023.</p> <p>Our over-reliance on fossil fuels and the need for a transition to renewable energy has never been so clear.</p> <p>Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. The global temperature has already increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels, and the natural world has reached crisis point, with 28% of plants and animals threatened with extinction.</p> <p>Council will be aware that the UN Environment report published last month, finds that there is currently no credible pathway to 1.5°C in place. In tandem with this there is a severe biodiversity crisis.</p> <p>The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. More than one in seven of</p>				
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The Bill is the only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament that ensures a comprehensive approach to the joint climate and nature emergency.

It would ensure that:

- the Paris Agreement aim is enshrined into law to ensure that the UK does its full and fair share to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5°C;
- we halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 to ensure that the UK's ecosystems are protected and restored;
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(3) Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (joinus@ceebill.uk).

Councillor Johnson moved an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Nunney and accepted by Councillor Nunney (proposer). In accordance with Rule of Procedure 20.3, the amendment was incorporated into the motion.

Councillor Rawlins moved an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Shilton-Godwin and accepted by Councillor Nunney (proposer). In accordance with Rule of Procedure 20.3, the amendment was incorporated into the motion.

The amended motion was as follows:

This summer, the UK has witnessed the highest temperatures on record, nine regions of drought zones and the driest July since 1935. Alongside this, there is the looming danger of the cost-of-living crisis with energy prices rising fourfold and experts predicting that two-thirds of the UK population will be under threat of fuel poverty by January 2023.

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		<p>which aims to reduce the Council’s direct emissions by 50% and in 2022 Manchester refreshed its Climate Change Framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At COP26, Manchester City Council signed up to the Edinburgh Declaration on Biodiversity. • Since COP26 in November 2021, the Council produced a Biodiversity Strategy for the city of Manchester, which highlights that "Manchester was the first city in England to sign the Edinburgh Declaration – a global pledge registering our concern about biodiversity loss and signalling our commitment to tackling the twin challenges of the biodiversity and climate crises." Further actions on biodiversity and the natural environment have been included within the refresh of the Council’s Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25 (under Workstream 4 – Climate Adaptation, Carbon Storage & Carbon Sequestration), which was approved by Executive in September 2022. • At the 2022 Local Government Chronicle awards we were Highly Commended for our Climate Change Action Plan, and Climate Change was cited in our Council of the Year Award. • MCCs Council climate score card for 2021 achieved 87% scoring full marks for ecological emergency. • The Our Rivers Our City Strategy was shortlisted as a finalist at the Landscape Institute Awards 2022 <p>It would ensure that:</p>				
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<p>5th October 2022</p>	<p>Notice of Motion - National Housing Crisis</p>	<p>The worst cost of living crisis since the 1950s is coinciding with a national housing crisis. The result of this will be an increasing number of our residents deprived of one of the most fundamental pillars to a healthy and happy life – a secure, stable, and affordable home.</p>	<p>Neil Fairlamb</p>	<p>Cllr Gavin White</p>	<p>Gavin White has lobbied for action to be taken from Ministers across the Government to gain the changes to Legislation this</p>	<p>Economy Scrutiny Committee have considered reports on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Allocations

		<p>Homeownership is in decline following a period of rising house prices that has made buying a home unaffordable for too many. This combined with a drastic depletion in social housing stock has forced an increasing number of residents into the private rented sector and at the mercy of rising rents and under-regulated tenancies. Worse still, many are left without a permanent residence at all, as levels of homelessness remain high.</p> <p>Whilst this Council has welcomed the Manchester Housing Strategy it is now calling for the acceleration of its delivery to increase the provision of affordable, secure, high-quality and energy-efficient housing across the city to tackle the root of the housing crisis locally.</p> <p>However, in the face of a worsening national economic crisis, urgent action is needed to protect our residents, especially those in the most precarious living circumstances, from its severest impacts.</p> <p>To support residents through the immediate and acute period of the cost-of-living crisis, this Council calls upon Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Local Housing Allowance rates in line with rising private market rents - making these more affordable and reducing the proportion of income spent on rent at a time when household budgets are increasingly squeezed • Introduce rent reforms and a potential temporary cap to protect private tenants from further rental increases at a time of crisis 			<p>Council has resolved to require.</p>	<p>Policy both in March 2022 and February 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester Housing Strategy in June 2022. • Crumpsall Selective Licensing Area in June 2022. • Local Plan Update in February 2023. <p>A report on Landlord Licensing Post-Consultation will be considered by the Economy Scrutiny Committee on 9 March 2023.</p> <p>Executive have considered reports on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/11/2022 - Delivery of Affordable Housing – Project 500 • 18/01/2023 - Gorton District Centre Development Framework
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislate a no winter evictions guarantee to protect private tenants from homelessness through the most challenging period of the cost-of-living crisis Reform Right to Buy - safeguarding remaining social housing stock for our most vulnerable residents, but also increasing affordable housing targets and expanding pathways to homeownership so that the right to own your own home can still be a realistic goal for all residents Prioritise the passing of the Renters' Reform Bill that seeks to improve standards and regulations across the private rented sector to better protect tenants. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15/02/2023 - Disposal of Land at the former Chorlton Leisure Centre
<p>5th October 2022</p>	<p>Notice of Motion - Manchester Windrush and Deportation</p>	<p>Manchester City Council notes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The 2014 Immigration Act has had a huge negative effect on the Windrush Generation and their descendants in Manchester. The 2014 Immigration Act was supported by the Liberal Democrats in the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Government. People have been affected by the Windrush scandal even if they had legal status, such as those who came to Britain from Commonwealth countries before 1973 and their descendants. They and their descendants have been subjected to cruel and inhuman treatment including deportation, loss of employment, housing and services including the denial of prompt medical treatment. 	<p>Fiona Ledden</p>	<p>Cllr Akbar</p>	<p>Councillor Midgley Lead Member for Equalities has written and collaborated with local MP to raise the issue of the windrush generation requesting changes to legislation Manchester has a considerable Windrush community and activity has taken place in the last few years in response to the Windrush scandal, ranging from community engagement and</p>	<p>Not specifically considered at Executive or Scrutiny but the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee continue to receive reports in relation to equalities issues and are due to receive a report updating the committee on equalities on 7 March 2023. Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee received a workforce report on equalities in November 2022.</p>

		<p>Manchester City Council Further notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Manchester is forever grateful for the contributions of the Windrush Generation to our city and our nation. These courageous men and women came to the UK and contributed not only to our post-war economic recovery but to all facets of social, cultural, and political life. The Council has long celebrated the contribution that the Windrush Generation have made to our city and the UK as a whole. 5. Manchester stands with the Windrush Generation, and all who have been affected by the scandalous treatment of the Windrush Generation by the British Government. They and their families have been put through appalling stress, hardship, and indignity and it is inexcusable that so few have received support through the Windrush Compensation Scheme. 6. Home Office officials have frequently used the Hostile Environment legislation to deprive migrants of their right to live and work in the UK even if they have legal status. 7. The Windrush Compensation Scheme has not been effective enough in compensating all victims for their losses and is being unreasonably slow to pay out. Unfortunately, as of the end of February 2022, only 24% of the initially estimated 15,000 eligible claimants had applied to the scheme and only 6% had received compensation. At least 23 people have died before they received any 			<p>commemoration to information sharing and advocacy. Officers are following this up with further engagement through some of our established networks that exist in the Caribbean community.</p>	
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compensation for the hardship they endured at the hands of the Home Office.

8. The National Audit Office has said the scheme is “not meeting its objective of compensating claimants quickly”. Last year, the cross-party Home Affairs Committee outlined a litany of flaws in the design and operation of the scheme including “an excessive burden on claimants to provide documentary evidence of losses, long delays in processing, poor communication and inadequate staffing.”

9. To recognise the work that this Council has taken in showing our support for our Windrush Communities, such as the Executive Report in 2019 which allowed flexibility to grant a discount for Council Tax payers liable for Council Tax in the city who claim Council Tax Support or have been receiving an amount of Council Tax Support but whose entitlement is reduced or extinguished as a result of a payment from the Windrush Compensation Scheme.

The Council resolves:

- Through the Executive Member for Equalities and the Council Lead Members for Race continue to work alongside Manchester MPs to call for justice for all of those who have been impacted, including legislation such as a Windrush Act to right the Government’s wrongs
- That the Executive, Lead Members for Race and local Councillors to continue to

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 42</p>		<p>work with community groups and community campaigners to ensure local groups are supported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to celebrate the contribution of our communities and continue to commemorate Windrush Day • To re-state our opposition to the Government's Hostile Environment policies and call on legislation to redress them • To call upon the Government to urgently review and fix the inadequate Compensation Scheme, and through Manchester's Labour MPs to radically reform the scheme and to support calls to move the compensation Scheme to an independent body • To signpost residents to free legal aid and support to Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit -Windrush legal initiative and Windrush defenders and provide designated spaces and information across the city. 				
<p>5th October 2022</p>	<p>Notice of Motion - Cost of Living Crisis</p>	<p>This Council notes:</p> <p>The UK is entering a recession, with inflation at over 10%, a 40 year high, interest rates increasing and the cost-of-living spiralling</p> <p>Despite rising costs, the real value of pay fell by 3% up to August 2022</p> <p>Gas has increased 114% and electricity up 85% since April 2022</p> <p>On 24th September the Conservative Government set out a mini-budget that removed the cap on</p>	<p>Angela Harrington</p>	<p>Cllr Bev Craig</p>	<p>The Council has provided further support as part of the 2023/24 budget setting process as reported to Resources and Governance Overview Scrutiny Committee as part of the Corporate Core Budget report. In total the additional support available to residents includes;</p>	<p>Several reports that have been considered by the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee have referenced the cost-of-living crisis and detailed the support available to residents.</p> <p>A report on the Revenues and Benefits Unit will be considered at the meeting on 7</p>

		<p>bankers' bonuses and scrapped the highest rate of tax for people earning over £150,000. Basic rate of income tax was reduced from 20% to 19%</p> <p>This means someone earning £25,000 will only get £125 more annually but someone earning £500,000 will gain an extra £17,500 a year</p> <p>This Council Further notes:</p> <p>In the 2022/23 Council Budget, Manchester City Council prioritised tackling Anti-Poverty by committing over £34 Million to working with residents, community groups and charities on anti-poverty measures</p> <p>Manchester City Council already has an Anti-Poverty Strategy, and has developed new plans for a more inclusive economy and an action plan to tackle inequalities</p> <p>In Manchester plans have been moving at pace over the summer to make sure Manchester City Council has a clear Cost-of-Living Action Plan for this winter to support Mancunians during this crisis</p> <p>Manchester City Council will launch its Community Response Hub on 3rd October to provide one point of contact for all of those who need it</p> <p>This Council Resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To do everything it can this winter to support those most in need in this city and in doing so recommends that the Executive launch a Manchester Cost-of- 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £3.55m for cost of living (£1m food response; £1m DHP; £600k local welfare provision; £50k other welfare schemes; £700k to VCSE & CHEM; £200k debt advice) already included £2m to help with outstanding debt on council tax bills and Voluntary and Community Sector Reviewing CTS support level for 2024/25 - currently all residents pay 17.5% of bill £3m - Making Manchester Fairer (support to early years through 'Kickstart' and to vulnerable adults) to tackle health inequalities <p>Government Schemes with local contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household Support Fund 4 	<p>March 2023 and has a significant focus on the support available, including the Household Support Fund.</p> <p>Executive have received regular updates through the Our Manchester Progress Updates that have touched on the impact of the cost of living Crisis to Manchester residents.</p> <p>In addition, Executive has considered the following report:-</p> <p>18/018/2023 - Manchester Anti-Poverty Strategy</p>
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		<p>Living Action Plan: a support package of over £8m to help Mancunians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To organise a Cost-of-Living Summit with partners across the city to ensure every organisation in the city is doing all they can to support Mancunians and to encourage local partnerships to bring together communities • To call on the Government to declare a Cost-of-Living emergency and provide COVID style support to residents and businesses urgently • That Manchester will continue to support children on Free School Meals during the holidays this winter and to call on the government to make this permanent. • Calls on the Executive to endorse an expansion of the Local Welfare Fund this winter to provide emergency hardship support and continue the city's emergency food response • To continue to work towards achieving a city where everyone gets a fair wage through becoming a Living Wage Place • To Call on the Government to increase the National Minimum Wage to match the Real Living Wage, and increase Universal Credit and all other benefits in line with inflation • To call on the Government to introduce an energy price cap on homes in apartment buildings where residents pay commercial 			<p>c£13m – additional payments to vulnerable adults and families, free school meals in school holidays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Activity Fund £4.1m - Holiday clubs for eligible children in the main school holidays • £1.3m to fund £25 reduction to council tax support bill + discretionary fund £350k <p>Residents at Risk group which was in place during Covid has been re-established with cross-Council working to respond to the Cost of Living crisis.</p> <p>Free cost of living advice line has been up and running since 01 October 2022, with proportionately larger numbers of residents from the poorest areas of the city.</p>	
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rates, and do not currently benefit from the residential homes cap.

Good working with VCSE organisations and through Teams Around the Neighbourhoods (TANs) at area level to organise Cost of Living events across the City.

Businesses supported by the Growth Company through the "Here for Business" campaign.

Vouchers for families eligible for FSMs distributed through schools for Christmas holidays and February half-term.

Local Welfare Fund expanded within the current financial year and funding in the budget to support next year.

Manchester became a Living Wage accredited city in October 22 and is working with anchor organisations and businesses in the city to increase the

					<p>number of organisations that are Living Wage accredited.</p> <p>The leader has written to government to request cost of living crisis to be called to increase the National living wage further to introduce energy price cap where residents pay commercial rates.</p>	
<p>5th October 2022 Page 46</p>	<p>Notice of Motion - Supporting Our Children and protecting Care Leavers</p>	<p>Every elected member and employee of this Council – along with our partner agencies- is a corporate parent to the children in our care.</p> <p>We are all responsible for providing the best possible care, safeguarding and outcomes for the children who are looked after by us.</p> <p>Our young people in care or who have left care have the right to expect everything from a corporate parent that would be expected from a responsible and good parent. This includes how families continue their support, care, and ambition for their children after they leave home and gain independence</p> <p>As an adult how many times in life do you stop and think, “where do I go from there.” Imagine what that must like for a young person</p> <p>On their own with no one to help or advise. Just think about for it a minute</p>	<p>Paul Marshall</p>	<p>Cllr Bridges</p>	<p>The City Solicitor has confirmed that the Council can enable the inclusion of people experiencing care and care leavers within the Manchester priority groups in the Equality Impact Assessment process. Work is ongoing across the organisation to ensure that supporting research and evidence is collated to support officers in considering impacts on this priority group. This includes co-production of guidance with people with lived experience.</p>	<p>The communities and equalities Scrutiny Committee will be receiving a report on the 7th March 2023 in respect of the equalities update which includes an update on the extension of the protected Characteristics considered by the Council</p>

We have already made really important steps to support our cared for and care experienced children better:-

- We made all our care leavers exempt from Council Tax up to the age of 25.
- We gave our Care Leavers Band 1 priority on our housing register.
- We provide specialist support to any Care Leavers facing homelessness without the use of B&B.
- We guarantee Care Leavers first access to our apprenticeships.
- We brought our Leaving Care service back in house and invested in a new home for the service- with trainer flats and emergency accommodation on site.
- We increased “Staying Put” so that young people can stay with foster carers and invested alongside our housing partners to provide move on accommodation for young people who need independence.

However, we cannot be complacent, and we know that we can always do more.

We are determined that every decision made in this Council and every policy set here considers the impact on young people in care and those who have experienced the care system.

This motion proposes including “young people in care” and “care experienced people” as an additional characteristic in all of our Equality Impact Assessments. This will give them a formal recognition and make sure that all decisions that are made and policies that are set consider their specific needs and the impact on them.

This will have a real tangible impact on people who have experienced care. We want to make it easier for young people to gain employment at the Council and to develop into senior roles – with guaranteed interview schemes, mentoring and support and reasonable adjustments made to support employees with care experience.

We also want to see our procurement and commissioning of our services to consider the impact on young people with care experience, in the same way as other protected and additional characteristics are and make extra effort to ensure that they can access all of our services.

The Government commissioned an independent national review of children’s social care, and one recommendation was to look at making care experience an additional characteristic. Given the paralysis in Government across departments, we cannot afford to wait for the Government to respond. We will take immediate steps here in Manchester – as we have done before- to be the best corporate parents we can be.

We have a commitment to our young people. To ease them into independence. To allow them to build a prosperous, healthy, and happy future.

These proposals will ensure our young people have the tools to do just that.

This Council therefore request that the City Solicitor examine the inclusion of “young people in care” / “care experienced people” as an additional characteristic in the Council's Equality Impact Assessments.

<p>13 June 2022</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 49</p>	<p>Active Travel to School</p>	<p>Walking and wheeling to school can help children and parents have a healthy and active lifestyle, as well as supporting their independence, development and essential road safety awareness. Each morning and afternoon the streets around our schools are dangerous, congested places where many parents and carers – fearful of the dangers of traffic - drop off their kids by car.</p> <p>Over the last 10 years, the percentage of trips to school by car in the Northwest increased from 35% in 2012 to 56% in 2020, and walking decreased from 47% to 30%. Almost a quarter (23%) of cars on the road at peak times (08:35hrs) are taking children to school. 250 million car journeys in Greater Manchester are less than 1KM, the equivalent of a fifteen-twenty-minute walk or five-ten-minute cycle ride. Many of these journeys are for the school run. Department for Transport - National Survey.</p> <p>Reducing traffic immediately outside the school gates will improve air quality, reducing the harmful effects of PM2.5 and NOx on the health of children and adults.</p> <p>This council notes our existing commitment to improve air quality across the city and to work with schools to improve walking, cycling and wheeling and anti-idling initiatives. To further encourage more active travel to school. We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out a full review of the existing infrastructure that supports parents and schools' ability to engage in active travel to school measures. 	<p>Paul Marshall/Amanda Corcoran</p>		<p>Motion is being tracked through SMT to ensure progress on the decisions</p> <p>World Car free day promoted across schools and coincided with launch of climate change pledge across schools where pledges dropped off by officers/members actively travelling to school.</p> <p>Access to bike vouchers – criteria is set and offered as an alternative to free travel pass criteria. In addition this is also now promoted through SEND home to school travel policy too.</p> <p>Currently the Council is running a competition across schools to promote active travel - schools have to clock up 3500 miles across pupils/staff and schools that achieve this will be entered</p>	<p>The Executive, Economy Scrutiny and Environment and Climate Change have considered the Manchester Active Travel Strategy Implementation Plan (MATSIP).</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct an audit of current provision from both Manchester and Greater Manchester, to check that our residents are accessing these and uncover any barriers. • Ensure that this motion is actioned alongside other motions passed by this council in the last 18 months, including 'Road Safety and Children' which was passed in March of this year. • Use the findings from the audit of provision, the review of infrastructure and the implementation of motions as above to ensure that we are improving in line with our ambitions for a safer and greener city. • Raise the profile of active travel to school on the council's website. Making it more prominent and easy to find - Front page One click access. • Review and increase access to resources for families to get help to fund active travel. • Make some immediate adjustment to current provision. • For example, In the face of the cost of living crisis, widen the eligibility criteria for funding for families for bicycles. https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/10000/5/schools_and_education/7050/apply_for_a_secondary_school_cycle_voucher • Ensure all actions identified are linked to the provision for safe walking and cycling routes around and to schools. • Encourage greater cross ward collaboration on initiatives and sharing of knowledge and experience between councillors and political parties. • Set up an Active Travel to School Councillors Forum that could lead on the review of current resources, how well they 			<p>into a draw for a cash prize.</p> <p>Schools are encouraged to promote and include active travel as part of our climate change pledge.</p> <p>Promotion of the Green Schools travel page on the schools hub (Green School Travel - School Hub (manchester.gov.uk)) which includes information, advice, resources and useful organisations on green school travel. Additional promotion of new TfGM active travel grant of up to 10k at Green School networks and with schools participating in action planning pilot.</p> <p>Education and Neighbourhood teams are working together to promote safer streets and living streets across schools and to be included in</p>	
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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 51</p>		<p>are being accessed by our resident’s city wide, and advocate for the actions in this motion to be implemented. The Forum will include representation from all Scrutiny Committees and be city wide and cross party.</p> <p>Additionally, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require every ward to make two commitments within their Climate Change Plan to improve and support active, sustainable travel to school. • Increase participation in every ward in the ‘Living Streets WOW’ walking to school scheme, ModeshiftSTARS and Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. • Develop a good practice school streets toolkit that enables schools to facilitate a safer school streets project. • Actively promote World Car Free Day on 22 September 2022 and to encourage active travel to school initiatives on this day, to include all forms of walking, cycling, scooting and wheeling. • Call on the government to recognise the importance of behaviour change interventions to reduce air pollution around schools and, to invest in enabling communities and residents to understand the impacts of their actions on air quality and what they can do to reduce it. 			<p>all ward/school climate change action plans.</p>	
<p>30th March 2022</p>	<p>Road Safety and Children</p>	<p>Manchester City Council has declared 2022 the Year of the Child and is committed to doing all we can to enable children to have a safe and active childhoods in our City. This Council notes our commitment to enabling children and their families</p>	<p>Neil Fairlamb</p>	<p>Lee Anne Igbon/Gary Bridges</p>	<p>Over the last 3 years we have spent approximately £5m improving road safety outside schools and</p>	<p>This is listed as an item to be scheduled for the 2023/24 municipal year for Economy Scrutiny Committee as</p>

		<p>to walk and cycle to school and parks, and across the City, and the significant funds already committed to this. Further, we will:</p> <p>Develop a programme of auditing school and park entrance points, to be completed within the next eighteen months, to ensure our records for these are up to date with a mechanism for regularly updating this.</p> <p>Formulate a strategy to create safe crossing points for each of the school and park entrances over a precise timescale to be agreed with the Executive Member for the Environment, but with a view to the work being completed within the next 8 years;</p> <p>Ensure that safe crossing points are an integral part of the Council’s Active Travel Strategy which is currently being developed.</p> <p>Lobby central government for funding to enable this plan to be achieved as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Lobby Highways England to prioritise schemes and spending that improve pedestrian and cycle safety in the major road network.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Shilton-Godwin and also signed by Councillors Baker-Smith, S Judge and Lynch.</p> <p>Minutes:</p> <p>Manchester City Council has declared 2022 the Year of the Child and is committed to doing all we can to enable children to have a safe and active childhoods in our City.</p>			<p>making walking and cycling to school safer.</p> <p>A project board is being developed to further assess entrance points to schools and parks and what improvements are required.</p> <p>Work to ensure that safe crossing points are an integral part of the Council’s Active Travel Strategy which has now been completed.</p> <p>Lobbying of central government and Highways England for funding and to prioritise schemes to improve pedestrian and cycle safety in the major road network is actively on-going with TfGM and Executive Members playing a key part in the communications.</p>	<p>Highways is within the remit of this committee.</p>
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2. Formulate a strategy to create safe crossing points for each of the school and park entrances over a precise timescale to be agreed with the Executive Member for the Environment, but with a view to the work being completed within the next 8 years;
3. Ensure that safe crossing points are an integral part of the Council's Active Travel Strategy which is currently being developed.
4. Lobby central government for funding to enable this plan to be achieved as quickly as possible.
5. Lobby Highways England to prioritise schemes and spending that improve pedestrian and cycle safety in the major road network.

Motion proposed and seconded:

Resolution

		<p>The motion was put to Council and voted on and the Lord Mayor declared that it was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>This Council notes our commitment to enabling children and their families to walk and cycle to school and parks, and across the City, and the significant funds already committed to this.</p> <p>Further, we will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a programme of auditing school and park entrance points, to be completed within the next eighteen months, to ensure our records for these are up to date with a mechanism for regularly updating this. 2. Formulate a strategy to create safe crossing points for each of the school and park entrances over a precise timescale to be agreed with the Executive Member for the Environment, but with a view to the work being completed within the next 8 years; 3. Ensure that safe crossing points are an integral part of the Council's Active Travel Strategy which is currently being developed. 4. Lobby central government for funding to enable this plan to be achieved as quickly as possible. 5. Lobby Highways England to prioritise schemes and spending that improve pedestrian and cycle safety in the major road network 				
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