



Tuesday, 6 July 2021

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council – Wednesday, 14th July, 2021

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 14 July, 2021, in Exchange Hall, Manchester Central Convention Centre, Windmill Street, Manchester, M2 3GX.

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 Annual meeting held on 19 May 2021.

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4. Notice of Motion - Pay Day Loans

This Council notes:-

The rising cost of living and falling incomes is causing genuine problems to people with their finances. This has become much worse in the last eighteen months, due to the pandemic. More and more people are falling into debt due to zero hours contracts, and then going to the likes of payday loans etc. Those who borrow from high-cost credit companies, on average borrow £326 per month. The interest paid on this money is punishing rates of up to 5,800% APR . Many are unable to make the repayments and are pushed into a spiral of debt.

We all know that the long-term solution to the problem of pay day loans, must be to increase wages and control the cost of living, so that people are not forced into their arms. In the short term more

needs to be done to give our residents more information about other ways to access credit unions and debt agencies.

Credit Unions offer a sustainable alternative to high-cost short term credit and should be supported by this council. As someone who used to sit on the board of a credit union, I have seen at first-hand how much they can help people who might be struggling with their finances. South Manchester Credit Union and Voyager Alliance Credit Union are just two in Manchester. Credit unions are open to all and are beneficial to all.

This Council resolves:-

- (1) To block access to payday loan websites through any council-controlled IT systems, including libraries and staff computers.
- (2) Where access has been blocked, to display information about pay plan (www.payplan.com) and other free local debt counselling services, and contacts for local credit unions, such as South Manchester CU.
- (3) To promote local credit unions by working with council and external organizations to, for example give cheaper bus tickets to local CU members.
- (4) To restrict the growth of payday loans companies on high streets, using an article 4 direction to take back control of planning permission for conversions of general shops and offices into payday loan shops.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Clay and also signed (via email) by Councillors Akbar, Azra Ali, Farrell, Kamal, Reid and Wheeler.

5. Proceedings of the Executive

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To submit the minutes of the Executive on 2 June 2021 and 30 June 2021 and in particular to consider:

Exe/21/57 Capital Programme Update

- (1) Recommends that the Council approve the following changes to Manchester City Council's capital programme:
 - Resident and Business Digital Experience (RBDxP). A capital budget decrease of £5.228m funded from borrowing along with a corresponding revenue budget increase of £5.228m funded from Capital Fund.
 - Riverdale Maisonettes. A capital budget increase of £2.856m, funded by an RCCO from the HRA.

Exe/21/64 Capital Programme Outturn 2020/21

Recommend that the Council approve the virements over £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources

available to the City Council (as set out in the appendix to the 30 June 2021 minutes).

Exe/21/65 Capital Programme Update

To recommend that the Council approve the following changes to Manchester City Council's capital programme:

- Highways Services – Patching Defect Repairs Programme 2021/22. A capital budget increase of £4.244 is requested, funded by £0.500m RCCO and £3.744m Grant. A capital budget virement of £1m is also requested, from the Highways Project Delivery Fund budget.
- Neighbourhoods – Library Refurbishment. A capital budget increase of £0.500m is requested, funded by Borrowing.
- Neighbourhoods - New Islington Marina Bridge Works. A capital budget increase of £0.156m is requested, funded by Borrowing.
- Public Sector Housing - Newton Heath High Rise Blocks Improvements. A capital budget increase of £14.113m is requested, funded by an RCCO from the Housing Revenue Account.

6. Questions to Executive Members and Others under Procedural Rule 23

To receive answers to any questions that councillors have raised in accordance with Procedural Rule 23.

7. Scrutiny Committees

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To note the minutes of the following committees:

Communities & Equalities	25 May 2021 and 21 June 2021 (to follow)
Resources & Governance	25 May 2021 and 21 June 2021
Health	26 May 2021 and 22 June 2021
Children and Young People	26 May 2021 and 22 June 2021 (to follow)
Environment & Climate Change	27 May 2021 and 23 June 2021
Economy	27 May 2021 and 23 June 2021 (to follow)

8. Proceedings of Committees

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

Audit	15 June 2021
Constitutional & Nomination Committee	13 July 2021 (to follow)
Health & Wellbeing Board	9 June 2021 and 7 July 2021 (to follow)
Licensing & Appeals	7 June 2021

Planning & Highways

3 June 2021 and 1 July
2021

Standards

17 June 2021

9. **Terms of Office of the Independent Members of the Standards Committee and the Independent Persons** 123 - 126
The report of the City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer is enclosed.
10. **Key Decisions Report** 127 - 132
The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joanne Roney', written in a cursive style.

Joanne Roney OBE
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.

Six 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:-

T Judge (Chair), Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Nasrin Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Appleby, Baker-Smith, Bano, Battle, Bayunu, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Clay, Collins, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Y Dar, Davies, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Foley, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Hitchen, Holt, Hughes, Hussain, Hutchinson, Igbon, Ilyas, Jeavons, Johns, S Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, J Lovecy, Ludford, Lynch, Lyons, McHale, Midgley, Mary Monaghan, Moore, Newman, Noor, Nunney, B Priest, H Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, Robinson, Rowles, Russell, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, A Simcock, Stanton, Stogia, Strong, Taylor, Wheeler, Whiston, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester –

Hugh Barrett, Andrew Fender, Audrey Jones JP, Paul Murphy OBE, Nilofar Siddiqi and Keith Whitmore.

Further Information

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