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Tuesday, 28 September 2021

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council - Wednesday, 6th October, 2021

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 6th October, 2021, in The Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension.

1. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

- 1. To receive a presentation on the Armed Forces Covenant Gold Accreditation status for Manchester City Council.
- 2. To receive a presentation on the progress of implementing the findings of the recent race review into Council workforce practices.

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 7 - 16

To submit for approval the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2021.

4. Notice of Motion

This Council notes:-

Universal Credit was increased by £20 a week (or £1,040 a year) in April 2020 as part of a government support package when the country first went into lockdown. This was paid to all working age residents in receipt of Universal Credit and other means tested benefits. This has continued for the last eighteen months and has had a positive impact on residents and the economy of the city.

The government has now withdrawn this additional payment from

6 October 2021. This withdrawal will have a negative impact on low-income households in the city, including those that are working, and is also expected to have an impact on discretionary budgets including the Welfare Provision Scheme and the Discretionary Housing Payment scheme.

This will have a devastating impact on residents across our city. It has been calculated that the withdrawing of the £20 per week uplift will result in a loss of approximately £4.96m per month to families across our city. This will impact an estimated 58,339 households across Manchester.

Many of these households are working households in low paid jobs who rely on Universal Credit to make ends meet on a daily basis. We are talking about carers, shop workers, cleaners the roles that got us all through the pandemic. The roles that had previously been described as low skilled became some of the most important roles in society when Covid hit.

In Manchester we have a long standing commitment to creating good jobs for Manchester residents, proudly paying the real living wage and promoting the GM Good Employment Charter. We must continue to work to create good, sustainable jobs that all Manchester people can access.

This Council moves to:

- Call upon the Conservative Government not to scrap the £20 per week uplift in Universal Credit.
- Call upon the Government to increase the minimum wage to the real living wage that reflects the cost of living.
- To support our residents impacted by government changes to benefits.
- To continue to work to ensure jobs in our city are sustainable, secure and fairly paid.
- To continue to support our residents through training and upskilling to make sure that jobs in this City are accessible to all of our residents.

Proposed by Councillor S Judge, seconded by Councillor Taylor and also signed (via email) by Councillors Baker Smith, Newman and Russell.

5. Proceedings of the Executive

To submit the minutes of the Executive on 28 July 2021 and 15 September 2021 and in particular to consider:

Exe/21/74 Capital Programme Monitoring 2021/22

The Executive recommends that the Council approve the virement of £1.0m to the Maintenance Challenge Fund,

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consolidating the budget to enable priority works to be completed within the Highways Portfolio.

Exe/21/76 National Cycling Centre

To recommend that Council approves:-

- The establishment of a capital budget of £22.456 million for the refurbishment of the Centre, funded from £20.566 million from borrowing and £1.89 million on a spend to save basis funded by joint funds held by Manchester City Council and Sport England and that Council; and
- A virement from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme budget of £2.145 million

Exe/21/86 Capital Programme Update

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

- Children's Services Manchester Creative Media Arts Academy Completion Works. A capital budget increase of £0.661m, funded by borrowing.
- Growth and Development Manchester Equipment and Adaptations Partnership (MEAP) Relocation. A capital budget virement of £2.025m, funded by the Asset Management Programme budget.

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 20 July 2021 and 7 September

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Resources & Governance 20 July 2021 and 7 September

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Health 21 July 2021 and 8 September

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Children and Young People 21 July 2021 and 8 September

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Environment & Climate Change 22 July 2021 and 9 September

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Economy 22 July 2021 and 9 September

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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 27 July 2021 and 28

September 2021

Constitutional & Nomination Committee 6 October 2021 (to be

tabled)

Health & Wellbeing Board 1 September 2021

Licensing Committee 19 July 2021

Licensing & Appeals Committee 13 September 2021 Licensing Policy 16 August 2021 Planning & Highways 29 July 2021 and 23

September 2021

9. Places for Everyone

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Report of the Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure and Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing attached.

Due to the size of the appendices of this report, these can be viewed on line:—

https://democracy.manchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld =135&Mld=3697&Ver=4

10. Key Decisions Report

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The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

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, 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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