



Tuesday, 25 January 2022

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council – Wednesday, 2nd February, 2022

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 2nd February, 2022, in The Charter Room, Manchester Central Convention Centre, Windmill Street, Manchester, M2 3GX.

1. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

The Queen's New Year's Honours List 2022

2. Interests

To allow members an opportunity to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax or Council rent arrears. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item

3. Minutes

To submit for approval the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2021.

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4. Notice of Motion - Strengthening Licensing in the Private Rented Sector

This Council believes that everyone has the right to a safe and secure home. After two years of lockdowns and Covid restrictions, it is more important than ever that people are able to access appropriate housing, to enjoy being in their homes and that our communities are not blighted by the impact of rogue landlords.

Under the current housing crisis caused by 12 years of Conservative and Liberal Democrat cuts, Manchester residents are having to become more reliant on private rented landlords to meet their housing needs.

The latest estimates from Council Tax suggest that 38% of

Manchester households live in the private rented sector, which equates to around 90,000 homes.

Unfortunately, thousands of renters across the city continue to live in unsafe or substandard accommodation. In addition to this, many welfare recipients are illegally discriminated against when trying to secure accommodation in the private rented sector and often have limited means to challenge this discrimination. It is clear that greater action is needed to tackle rogue landlords and agents who do not manage their properties properly.

Under Labour leadership, the Council has made great efforts to ensure that Mancunians have access to good quality and affordable housing.

In Manchester, we have programmes of both HMO mandatory licensing across the city and targeted selective licensing in North, East and Central Manchester. Both programmes give us the opportunity and scope to take action against landlords to deliver the safe and secure housing that our residents deserve.

The Council also welcomes commitments by the Greater Manchester Mayor to introduce a Greater Manchester Good Landlord Charter to drive up standards in the private rented sector.

This Council notes that:

- Strengthening the landlord licensing scheme would benefit all our mixed residential communities across the city, not just those living in private rented housing.
- The Conservative Government since 2010 have taken little action to regulate private landlords and improve conditions for private rented tenants.
- The landlord licensing scheme has so far had a positive impact and has led to landlord prosecutions and over £1.05 million in fines being served on landlords in recent years.

This Council resolves:

- To broaden the scope of the licensing scheme by identifying further areas for inclusion and rolling out the scheme as quickly as possible, particularly in areas of greater deprivation.
- To include anti-discrimination clauses in all future licensing requirements which would prevent landlords from discriminating against tenants on the basis of a protected characteristic or those in receipt of benefits.
- To review the license requirement for refuse checks and strengthen this if it is found that it could be more effective. Particularly this review should consider the prevention of

waste issues including bins being left on public footpaths and landlords and agents properly dealing with waste issues in front gardens.

- To ensure that council officers are making use of all legal and enforcement powers that are at our disposal to take the strongest and swiftest action against landlords who are in breach of their license.
- To investigate the inclusion of a clause which would prevent landlords from leaving properties empty for an unreasonable period of time.
- To call on the Conservative Government to give local authorities further and stronger legal enforcement powers to tackle poor private landlords to help improve the living standards and conditions for local residents in our city.

Proposed by Councillor Chambers, seconded by Councillor Stanton and also signed (via email) by Councillors Hilal, White and Wills.

5. Notice of Motion - Trans Rights Are Human Rights

Manchester is a city that firmly believes in equality of opportunity. We believe that trans women are women, trans men are men and non-binary individuals are non-binary. We know that our differences within our communities can make our city stronger and that shapes the vision of our city.

This Council notes:

- The rise in reports of violent attacks and hate crime against LGBTQ+ people, with hate crime against trans people having quadrupled in the last 5 years.
- The Tory Government has fallen far short of its promise to reform the GDA (Gender Recognition Act), despite the consultation yielding overwhelming support for change, the results mean the process will not be de-medicalised, the spousal veto will remain, and legal recognition for non-binary individuals will not be extended.
- Trans people are more likely to take their own life, with one in four young trans people attempting to take their own life.
- Manchester has a strong history of being at the forefront of the fight for LGBTQ+ equality, with serving Councillors leading the historic Section 28 Protests.
- That Manchester Labour boasts one of the largest groups of LGBTQ+ Councillors in the country, who stand up for our community daily.
- Manchester City Council has a proud and recognised history of working to achieve equality of opportunity both within the Town Hall, across the city, and the world, whilst supporting groups and organisations to deliver essential services, projects and events.
- That research commissioned by Stonewall and conducted

by YouGov in 2018 found that:

- i. When accessing general healthcare services in the last year, two in five trans people (41%) said healthcare staff lacked understanding of trans health needs.
 - ii. Three in five (62%) of trans people who have undergone, or are currently undergoing, medical intervention for their transition are unsatisfied with the time it took to get an appointment.
 - iii. One in four (24%) of trans people fear discrimination from a healthcare provider.
 - iv. 7% of trans people were refused access to healthcare because they were LGBTQ+.
- That Manchester's Labour Council has undertaken the following recent work to support for the LGBTQ+ community:
 - i. Announcing the UK's first purpose-built majority LGBT+ Extra Care housing facility in Manchester.
 - ii. Financial support to LGBTQIA+ groups through Neighbourhood Investment Funds.
 - iii. Conduct a Gay Village Review in order to establish a community-built vision for the area.
 - The amazing work that has been done is no reason to stop and the Council can continue to challenge itself and others to be better in supporting LGBTQ+ community.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Affirm trans men are men, trans women are women, non-binary people are non-binary and trans rights are human rights.
2. Facilitate and strongly encourage all councillors to attend relevant training to learn of the challenges faced by trans people.
3. Write to the Secretary of State for Health and Adult Social Care to call for the government to:
 - Provide the funding and resources necessary to increase the capacity of and improve access to trans and non-binary healthcare, including expanding gender identity services and reducing waiting times.
 - Develop strategies to recruit more clinicians to become gender identity specialists across all relevant disciplines and train staff across the NHS on issues affecting trans and non-binary people.
 - Commit to effectively and regularly consulting trans and non-binary people and groups in the design and delivery of trans and non-binary healthcare.
4. Continue working to promote and extend our Pride in Practice provision, delivered with the LGBT Foundation, to all healthcare providers in Manchester to make sure that our hospitals, GPs, and pharmacies are accessible for trans and non-binary people.

5. Conduct an audit of Council services to ensure they are as accessible as possible to trans and non-binary people.
6. Look into what we can do as a Council as an employer to further support those who identify as trans and non-binary.
7. Re-fresh our Gay Village Review in-light of Covid and publish it by the end of 2022, setting up a working group that is representative of our whole community and looks to work towards its recommendations.
8. Declare that our city is a welcoming, tolerant and progressive city that will not let hate divide our communities.

Proposed by Councillor Lyons, seconded by Councillor Doswell and also signed (via email) by Councillors Igbon, Johns, Wheeler, Wills, Wright and Wills.

6. **Appointment of Executive Members and their Portfolios** 21 - 26
The Executive Leader to report on her appointment of the Deputy Leader(s) and Executive Members, including their portfolios.

7. **Proceedings of the Executive** 27 - 30
To submit the minutes of the Executive on 15 December 2021 and 20 January 2022 and in particular to consider:

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

- Neighbourhoods – Beswick Hub RFL. A capital budget increase of £2.577m is requested, funded by Waterfall Fund.
- ICT – EYEs Phase 2. A capital budget decrease of £1.352m is requested funded from borrowing along with a corresponding revenue budget increase of £1.352m funded from Capital Fund.

8. **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.

9. **Scrutiny Committees** 31 - 98
To note the minutes of the following scrutiny committees:

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| Communities and Equalities | 7 December 2021 and 11 January 2022 |
| Resources & Governance | 7 December 2021 and 11 January 2022 |
| Health | 8 December 2021 and 12 January 2022 |
| Children & Young People | 8 December 2021 and 12 January 2022 |
| Environment & Climate Change | 9 December 2021 and 13 |

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9 December 2021 and 13
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10. Proceedings of Committees 99 - 114

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

Constitutional & Nomination Committee 2 February 2022 (to be tabled)
Audit Committee 23 November 2021
Licensing and Appeals Committee 24 January 2022
Personnel Committee 16 December 2021
Planning and Highways Committee 16 December 2021 and 20 January 2022.

11. Waiver of six month Councillor attendance rule (Section 85 Local Government Act 1972)

Oral report of the City Solicitor

12. Process for the Appointment of the External Auditor

To consider the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer.

This is a decision report which will be “to approve a proposal as agreed at Audit Committee (23 November 2021) to opt into a national procurement process for the procurement and appointment of the Council’s external auditor from 2023/24”

13. Key Decisions Report

The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed.

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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, Benham, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Clay, Collins, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Y Dar, Davies, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Farrell, Foley, Flanagan, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Hitchen, Holt, Hughes, Hussain, Igbon, Ilyas, Jeavons, Johns, S Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, 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, Simcock, Stanton, Stogia, 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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