



Tuesday, 27 September 2022

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council – Wednesday, 5th October, 2022

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 5th October, 2022, in The Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension.

1. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business (including the submission of any urgent business)

- Manchester Older People's Board – retirement of Board Members
- Presentation of Manchester as a Living Wage City

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 13 July 2022.

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4. Notice of Motion - National Housing Crisis

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.

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.

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.

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.

To support residents through the immediate and acute period of the cost-of-living crisis, this Council calls upon Government to:

- 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
- 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.

Proposed by Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Lynch and supported by Councillors Baker-Smith, Rahman, Richards, T Robinson, Russell and White.

5. Notice of Motion - Support Fair Votes Now

This Council notes that the Labour Party in government successfully implemented Proportional Representation (PR) for several elections, introducing PR into devolved government for Scotland and Wales, in the London Assembly and the Supplementary vote for the Mayoral elections. The introduction of PR for local elections in Scotland has led to an increase in turnout, which was 44.8% at the last elections, held in 2022.

In contrast turnout in Manchester in 2022 was 24.08%, meaning over 75% of eligible voters stayed away.

With the Welsh Senedd reviewing legislation on Single Transferable Vote for local councils, England looks likely to be the only part of the UK without any form of PR at local level.

Earlier in 2022, Labour Mayor for Greater Manchester Andy Burnham voiced public support for a Proportional Representation system for general elections, writing “First-past-the-post, combined with the whip system, takes the votes of millions and turns them into inordinate power for a small Whitehall elite.”

Earlier in 2022, Prospect and the University and College Union (UCU) also voted to embrace more proportional general elections.

The list of trade unions who back some kind of electoral reform is long and growing: Unison, Unite the Union, Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS), Prospect, University and College Union (UCU), Fire Brigades Union (FBU), Musicians’ Union (MU), Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF), Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association (TSSA), Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union (BFAWU), Napo (Probation and family court staff).

In addition, the Communication Workers Union (CWU) recently unanimously passed a motion calling First Past the Post “undemocratic”. The union will now establish a national policy forum to discuss the merits of PR. As the Labour for a New Democracy coalition has said “more and more trade unions can see that First Past the Post is bad for workers and bad for the UK”.

According to polling, the vast majority of Labour members, and of voters in the United Kingdom, support the use of proportional representation for elections in the United Kingdom. At the most recent (prior to 2022) Labour Party conference, the vast majority of Constituency Labour Party (CLP) delegates supported proportional representation.

The Liberal Democrats have a long standing policy of supporting Proportional Representation. The Green Party of England and Wales has also long supported a move to Proportional Representation. There is therefore unity in the political parties represented at Full Council in support of Proportional Representation.

The last Labour Government put together the Jenkins Commission, which recommended the adoption of the AV+ voting system.

The Conservative Government has also been waging a war against PR, stripping supplementary voting away from Mayoral elections.

The UK's First Past the Post voting system curtails voter choice and leaves millions unrepresented by those elected.

This Council also notes that at the local elections in May 2022 in Manchester, Labour gained 93.75% of council seats, despite only 16.4% of the electorate (those eligible to vote) voting Labour. Manchester Liberal Democrats won only 1 council seat (3.1%) to represent 12.64% of the votes cast. Manchester Greens also won only 1 council seat (3.1%) to represent 11.47% of the votes cast.

This Council believes:

- That it is essential that faith is restored in our democracy by introducing voting systems that fairly represent the electorate's political views at both local and national level. First Past the Post produces binary politics, but no party has the monopoly of wisdom. We need an inclusive politics where the best ideas serve communities in Manchester.
- A system of Proportional Representation in which seats match votes and all votes count equally would help to rebuild trust by ensuring that all political views are represented in Parliament and at local councils in proportion to their level of public support. The systems of Proportional Representation that maintain a constituency link are best, since they mean voters will still have local representatives. Single Transferable Vote and AV+ both fulfil these criteria.

Council therefore resolves to request the Leader of the Council to:-

- Make representations to Manchester's MPs asking them to support a form of Proportional Representation for electing local councils and for general elections, and the return of Supplementary Vote for Mayoral elections.
- Oppose this Conservative Government's efforts to remove existing PR systems, and to write a letter to the Prime Minister Liz Truss condemning the removal of the supplementary vote from elections for Mayor."

Proposed by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Johnson and supported by Councillors Bayunu, Leech and Nunney.

6. Notice of Motion - Manchester Windrush and Deportations
Manchester City Council notes that:

The 2014 Immigration Act has had a huge negative effect on the

Windrush Generation and their descendants in Manchester.

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.

Lord Kerslake, the former head of the Civil Service, told BBC's Newsnight that some in government had warned that the way the 2014 Act worked was 'almost reminiscent of Nazi Germany'.

Manchester City Council believes that:

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.

The Windrush Compensation Scheme has not been effective enough in compensating all victims for their losses and is being unreasonably slow to pay out.

Many of the current problems have their roots in the racist 1971 Immigration Act which ended the right of people from the British Commonwealth to obtain UK citizenship unless they had a parent or grandparent with UK citizenship. This ensured that many white people in the Commonwealth could come to the UK but denied the same rights to most black people from the same countries. The right of abode should be restored to the Windrush Generation who lived in the UK and their descendants.

The use of the UK Borders Act 2007 to automatically deport people who have been sentenced to twelve months or more is racist, as it disproportionately impacts black immigrants (who routinely suffer longer sentences than white people committing the same offences), and has led to people being deported to countries they left as children and where they have no connections, often leaving behind their families.

The Nationalities and Borders Bill creates a second-tier category of British citizenship as Clause 10 of the bill allows the Home Secretary to strip a naturalised Brit of their citizenship without any notice at all and without providing any rationale for the decision.

There is need of a lead member who can focus on understanding the legislation and through direct contact with individuals and community organisations how it impacts on our residents. A Windrush Lead can also inform and support the work of the Executive Member for Vibrant Neighbourhoods, who has begun

to reach out to the communities impacted, but whose wide ranging portfolio prevents her from the time required to make this work a priority. Especially during the looming Cost of Living Crisis foisted on our residents by the same evil Tory government who also created the Windrush Scandal that we wish to ameliorate.

Manchester City Council therefore resolves:

1. To campaign for a Windrush Act which:
 - Places a duty on public bodies to reduce race disparities for outcomes in their work as exposed by the Government's Race Disparity Audit
 - Establishes a commonwealth community cohesion fund for the development of projects in the UK and the Commonwealth to tackle disparities and rebuild social and economic ties of communities damaged by the Windrush scandal
2. To campaign for legislation ending the Hostile Environment
3. To campaign for a judge-led independent Public Inquiry into the circumstances which led to the treatment of the Windrush Generation
4. To campaign against the deportations resulting from racist immigration legislation
5. To raise our awareness of the impact of the new Nationalities and Borders bill on our communities, with a special emphasis on the impact on our diverse Muslim communities.
6. To appoint a Windrush Lead on the council who will
 - advocate for families impacted by Windrush and current legislation
 - ensure that the resolution from this motion are implemented
 - provide a first point of support for Manchester victims of the Windrush scandal and the Nationalities and Borders bill
 - Support a network of legal, social and voluntary sector organisations to provide an effective service for Manchester people affected by the Windrush Scandal and the Nationalities and Borders bill. To include, for example
 - The ground breaking work of Anthony Brown, Windrush Defender
 - The advice work being done by Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit

- The Greater Manchester Law Centre working in partnership with the Greater Manchester Tenants Union and GMIAU

Proposed by Councillor Bayunu, seconded by Councillor Good and supported by Councillors Johnson, Leech and Nunney.

7. Notice of Motion - Cost of Living Crisis

This Council notes:

The UK is entering a recession, with inflation at over 10%, a 40 year high, interest rates increasing and the cost-of-living spiralling

Despite rising costs, the real value of pay fell by 3% up to August 2022

Gas has increased 114% and electricity up 85% since April 2022

On 24th September the Conservative Government set out a mini-budget that removed the cap on 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%

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

This Council Further notes:

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

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

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

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

This Council Resolves:

- 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-Living Action Plan –

a support package of over £8m to help Mancunians.

- 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.
- To call 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.

Proposed by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Karney and supported by Councillors Akbar, Bridges, Lanchbury, Rahman, Rawlins, Reeves and T Robinson.

8. Notice of Motion - Supporting Our Children and protecting Care Leavers

Every elected member and employee of this Council – along with our partner agencies- is a corporate parent to the children in our care.

We are all responsible for providing the best possible care, safeguarding and outcomes for the children who are looked after by us.

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

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

On their own with no one to help or advise. Just think about for it a minute.

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 young 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 young people” as an additional characteristic in the Council's Equality Impact Assessments.

Proposed by Councillor Sadler, seconded by Councillor Bridges and supported by Councillors Cooley, Hughes, Lanchbury, Lovecy, Reeves, Reid and T Robinson.

9. Proceedings of the Executive

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To submit the minutes of the Executive on 22 July 2022 and 14 September 2022, and in particular to consider:

Exe/22/61 Capital Update Report

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

- Neighbourhoods – Manchester Aquatic Centre. A capital budget virement of £2.930m is requested, funded by borrowing via the Inflation Budget and a further capital budget increase of £0.070m, funded by borrowing.
- Neighbourhoods – Indoor Leisure – Abraham Moss. A capital budget virement of £1.4m is requested, funded by borrowing via the Inflation Budget.
- Growth and Development – Hammerstone Road Depot. A capital budget virement of £2.320m is requested, funded by borrowing via the Inflation Budget and a further capital budget increase of £4.280m, funded by borrowing.

Exe/22/74 Capital Programme Update

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

- ICT - Future Council Infrastructure Implementation – Hybrid Cloud Programme. A capital budget virement of £0.618m funded by Borrowing via the ICT Investment budget. A capital budget decrease of £2.661m is also requested and approval of a corresponding transfer of £2.661m to the revenue budget, funded by Capital Fund.
- Public Sector Housing – Woodward Court external concrete repairs and Enveloping. A capital budget increase of £3.005m, funded by RCCO – HRA.
- Public Sector Housing – Fire Risk Assessment Additional Work. A capital budget increase of £4.885m funded from by RCCO from the HRA.

10. 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.

11. Scrutiny Committees

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To note the minutes of the following scrutiny committees:

Communities & Equalities – 19 July & 6 September 2022

Resources & Governance – 19 July & 6 September 2022

Health – 20 July & 7 September 2022

Children & Young People – 20 July & 7 September 2022

Environment & Climate Change – 21 July & 8 September 2022

Economy – 21 July & 8 September 2022

12. 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 – 26 July 2022

Constitutional & Nomination – 5 October 2022 (to be tabled)

Licensing & Appeals - 26 September 2022 (to follow)

Planning & Highways – 28 July, 1 and 22 September 2022 (to follow)

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:-

Ludford (Chair), Y Dar (Deputy Chair), Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Nasrin Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Amin, Andrews, Appleby, Baker-Smith, Bano, Bayunu, Bell, Benham, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Davies, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Foley, Gartside, Good, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Hitchen, Holt, Hughes, Hussain, Igbon, Ilyas, Iqbal, Jeavons, Johns, Johnson, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, J Lovecy, Lynch, Lyons, McHale, Midgley, Moran, Newman, Noor, Nunney, Ogunbambo, B Priest, H Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, I Robinson, T 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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