



Tuesday, 12 March 2024

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council – Wednesday, 20th March, 2024

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 20th March, 2024, in The Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension.

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 meeting held on 1 March 2024

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4. Notice of Motion - Heart Safe City

Council notes that Manchester now has the second highest rate of premature (under 75) deaths from heart and circulatory complications in the UK. Wards such as Ardwick, Longsight and Baguley have some of the highest rates in the country and the number of deaths in North Manchester currently stands at 89.6 per 100,000 – over twice the national average.

Figures from the British Heart Foundation show that in Greater Manchester:

- 1 in every 4 people die from heart and circulatory diseases
- around 320,000 people are living with heart and circulatory disease
- 560 people die every month from heart and circulatory diseases
- Council further notes that for out of hospital cardiac arrests

the survival rate is just 1 in 13.

We note the work being done by health colleagues and the charity sector to tackle these issues and want to place on record our aim of becoming a heart-safe city. In particular we want to give our communities the tools to deal with out of hospital cardiac arrests.

We note that last year the Government provided only £1million for the installation of defibrillators across the whole country. From 2000 applications only 100 were fully funded.

The cost of a defibrillator is between £1,500 - £2,000 and it is appalling that Government has neglected to provide sufficient funding to allow Manchester's communities access to vitally important equipment that could save the lives of mancncuians.

To this end Council resolves to:-

- (1) Commit to working with the British Heart Foundation to look at ways of raising awareness of heart and circulatory diseases amongst our communities, to train members of the public in how to spot cardiac arrests and how to provide those quick and effective interventions which can often save lives.
- (2) Call on the Government to provide significantly more funding for the installation and maintenance of defibrillators in public places.

Proposed by Councillor Cooley, seconded by Councillor Green and supported by Councillors Andrews, Curley, Karney Lanchbury, Ogunbambo and T Robinson.

5. Notice of Motion - Banning High Carbon Advertising

In 2019, Manchester City Council (MCC) declared a climate emergency. The original motion recognised that Manchester City Council must “make climate breakdown and the environment an integral part of activity throughout the Council, including all decision making, ensuring key decisions take into account the impact on achieving the zero-carbon target”.

A key part of our action around the climate emergency is encouraging residents to reduce their carbon footprints. The council owns 110 advertising units across the city and currently there are prohibitions on advertising for gambling, smoking, vaping and high fat, salt and sugary foods. These prohibitions are aligned with our policies around health and have clear public benefits. However, we have no such policy when it comes to encouraging residents to choose low carbon options, which we also know is urgently needed. Currently advertisements for petrol and diesel cars, holidays via flying and other fossil fuel-related

products are all allowed.

Furthermore, Manchester City Council has put significant work into developing a Climate Change Action Plan, a Clean Air Plan, and an Active Transport Strategy, all of which are contradicted by messages to purchase and consume high carbon products such as fossil fuel powered cars and flights.

This motion aims to unify our messaging across different platforms so they align with our target of reaching net zero by 2038, and the priorities laid out in the Our Manchester Strategy.

Numerous other councils have already taken the step to include a ban on high carbon advertising, including –

- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Somerset Council
- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
- Coventry City Council
- Hackney Council

The city has two major advertising contracts. One of these is with Ocean which covers 24 large format units and several smaller loop units, and this contract is due to end on the 30th September 2025. The other contract is with JC Decaux, covering 86 digital advertising units around the city centre. This contract was awarded on the 1st August 2021 and will last for 10 years, with the possibility of a five year extension. Together, these contracts cover 110 advertising units around the city owned by Manchester City Council, with the digital advertising boards able to offer spaces for multiple products.

This Council notes that:

- We have committed to our role as a climate leader and this motion aligns with our strategic goals.
- Manchester city council owns only a small proportion of advertising units around the city, but this has not stopped us implementing prohibitions on advertisements for gambling, smoking, vaping and high fat, salt and sugary foods.
- Ocean has previously agreed to meet our prohibitions standards even though it was not included in the advertising concession agreement, as a show of their good will and our positive and constructive working relationship with them.
- Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is also in the process of revising its advertising policy and it has many more advertising units across Greater Manchester than Manchester City Council alone.
- A cohesive strategy which covers all of the ten Greater Manchester (GM) boroughs will have the greatest impact on behaviour change, therefore working with other

organisations in GM to achieve this would be preferable to working alone.

- This motion pertains to contracting for concession agreements/advertising only and does not require any changes to our current planning policy.

This Council resolves to:-

- (1) Recommend that the Executive commit to a ban on high carbon advertising for any of the units owned by MCC, including at the very least -
 - Advertisements for cars powered by fossil fuels, or those which are hybrid
 - Advertisements for airlines, airports, or flights
 - Advertisements for fossil fuels

This Council also resolves to recommend that the Executive:-

- (2) Review our advertising concession agreements immediately, to investigate the possibility of amending the current set of restrictions during the term of the agreement to include a prohibition on the products listed above
- (3) If this is not possible, to begin to work on a new advertising policy, to take effect when the advertising concession agreement is next renewed
- (4) Work with our partners at TfGM, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and the other borough councils to agree on a definition of high carbon advertising at least as stringent as our own, with the aim that it be uniformly applied throughout Greater Manchester

Proposed by Councillor Wiest, seconded by Councillor Nunney and supported by Councillors Abdullatif, Bayunu, Kilpatrick, Johnson, Leech and Northwood.

6. Notice of Motion - Protecting Our Democracy by upholding the right to protest

This Council notes:

- That the right to protest is a fundamental cornerstone of liberal democracy.
- Under Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and to freedom of association with others.
- In recent years, this Conservative Government has passed legislation which significantly restricts the right to peaceful protest.
- In 2022 the Government passed the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act, which gave police the power to impose noise-based restrictions on protest; to

impose restrictions on public assemblies; and created the offence of wilful obstruction of the highway.

- In 2023 the Government passed the Public Order Act, which gave the police powers to criminalise locking-on & being equipped for locking-on; interfering with major transport works; interfering with key national infrastructure; and powers to carry out suspicion-less stop and search related to protests.
- The Government has now successfully passed a statutory instrument to introduce a new definition of 'serious disruption', so that the police will be given the power to impose restrictions on protests if they think that it could result in "a hindrance that is more than minor to the carrying out of day-to-day activities".
- Numerous national and international figures have spoken out against this clamping down on protest, including five UN Special Rapporteurs, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, the Director of Public Prosecutions, and former senior police advisors.
- In March, the UK was downgraded in the Civicus Monitor, an annual global index of civic freedoms, as a result of the government's "increasingly authoritarian" drive to impose restrictive and punitive laws on public protests.

This Council further notes:

- The right to protest is being restricted at a time when this Conservative Government is passing authoritarian laws against migration, failing to adequately tackle climate change, and failing in its responsibility to protect refugees and asylum seekers.
- People resort to protest when they feel that their concerns are not being heard through more traditional means, such as by raising issues with and through their political representatives.
- Residents in our city are rightly concerned about the situation in the Middle East, its impact directly on people in our communities and upon community relations, and the rising tide of incidents of both antisemitism and islamophobia.
- That the UK, and communities within the UK have the right and the duty to speak out and to take steps that can bring pressure to bear towards a ceasefire, the release of all hostages, the free flow of humanitarian aid and creation of space for dialogue towards a lasting settlement.
- Scotland Yard reported in February 2024 that "The vast majority of those joining Palestinian protests have done so in a lawful and peaceful way."
- A YouGov Poll co-commissioned by Medical Aid for Palestine highlighted overwhelming level (71%) support for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

- That in a response to Rishi Sunak's speech on 1 March 2024, Amnesty International's Racial Justice Director said "The threat to impose yet more restrictions on people's right to peacefully protest is deeply worrying and suggests the Government is determined to silence those who may disagree with its policies. This is entirely in line with the chaotic patchwork of legislation and sweeping policing powers we have seen introduced in recent years."

This Council believes:

- That when public opinion is not reflected by the actions of politicians it results in citizens responding through public protest in order for the collective concern to be heard.
- That the Prime Minister's speech is also fuelling the rise in Islamophobic hate crime as reported by Tell MAMA who recorded a 335% increase in anti-Muslim hate cases, comparing the last 4 months to those in 2022/2023

This Council therefore resolves to:-

- (1) Engage with the Greater Manchester Police to understand how they are upholding the right to peaceful protest.
- (2) Work with community and civil society campaign groups in Manchester to support their right to protest.
- (3) Write to the Home Secretary in opposition to the Government's severe restriction of the right to protest.
- (4) Encourage all Politicians and political parties to educate themselves in the role that politicians play in challenging hateful rhetoric against Muslim and Jewish communities.
- (5) Support all of Manchester's elected members to attend the protests that are calling on an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza.

Proposed by Councillor Abdullatif, seconded by Councillor Bayunu and supported by Councillors Johnson, Nunney and Wiest.

7. Notice of Motion - A Conservative budget that yet again failed our City

On 1 March 2024 at Full Budget Council, Manchester Labour called on the Government to put the needs of Manchester people before electioneering in the Spring Budget.

We made 5 important asks:

1. To set out a fair, multi year funding settlement for local councils
2. To extend the Household Support Fund for at least another 12 months
3. To fix the housing and homelessness crisis
4. To invest in public services like schools, the NHS, police and

councils

5. To reverse the decline in living standards in the country

On the 6 March 2024, the Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, delivered the last Spring Budget before a General Election, apart from a temporary 6 month extension to HSF, he failed Manchester on all of these fronts and indeed in some areas set out plans that would make it worse.

The Tories unfunded tax cuts come at the expense of crumbling schools and hospitals and if re-elected Conservatives are openly planning to bring back austerity (IFS analysis shows that they plan a real term cut for unprotected departments, such as local government), of at least 3.4% after the General Election. There were no plans of much needed investment in schools or the NHS, and the only reference on housing was scrapping £200m support for Councils to build social housing.

Therefore this Council resolves:-

- (1) To lead a mass campaign of Mancunian voices to the Chancellor highlighting the impact of 14 years of broken promises and cuts to public services on our city
- (2) To call on the Prime Minister to set the date for the General Election to give the country hope of a better future rather than the continued decline we've seen under the Conservatives and their Lib Dem Coalition partners, and successive Conservative Governments
- (3) To work side by side with a future Labour Government on their plan to improve the country and to deliver for Manchester.

Proposed by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Lyons and supported by Councillors Akbar Bridges, Flanagan, Green, Hacking, Karney, Midgley, Rahman, Rawlins, Reeves, Richards, T Robinson, and White.

8. Proceedings of the Executive

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To submit the minutes of the Executive on 14 February 2024 (non budget) and 15 March 2024 (to follow) and in particular to consider:-

Adoption of Places for Everyone Plan: A Joint Development Plan Document for 9 Greater Manchester Local Authorities

The recommendations to Council by Executive will be listed on the supplementary Council Summons which will be published after the Executive has met on 15 March 2024.

9. 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.

10. Scrutiny Committees

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To note the minutes of the following committees:

- Economy & Regeneration – 6 February 2024 & 5 March 2024 (to follow)
- Communities & Equalities – 6 February 2024 & 5 March 2024 (to follow)
- Children & Young People – 7 February 2024 & 6 March 2024 (to follow)
- Health – 7 February 2024 & 6 March 2024 (to follow)
- Resources & Governance – 8 February 2024 & 7 March 2024 (to follow)
- Environment, Climate Change & Neighbourhoods – 8 February 2024 & 7 March 2024 (to follow)

11. 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 Committee – 13 February 2024
- Personnel Committee – 14 February 2024 and in particular to consider:-

PE/24/4 Senior Management Team updates

The Committee:-

- (1) Recommend to Council the creation of a new Deputy Chief Executive role at DCX (£167,144) following the separation of the role from City Treasurer.
 - (2) Recommend to Council the creation of a new City Treasurer role at SS5 (£135,976 - £155,898) following the separation of the role from Deputy Chief Executive.
 - (3) Recommend to Council the appointment of Tom Wilkinson to the position of City Treasurer with effect from 1 April 2024, at a salary of £135,976p.a.
 - (4) Recommend to Council the designation of Tom Wilkinson as Section 151 Officer in accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 with effect from the 1 April 2024.
 - (5) Recommend to Council the appointment of Dr Cordelle Ofori to the position of Director of Public Health with effect from 1 April 2024, at a salary of £111,906.
 - (6) Recommend to Council the designation of Dr Cordelle Ofori as Director of Public Health under Section 73A(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006.
- Planning and Highways Committee – 15 February 2024 & 14 March 2024 (to follow)

- Licensing Committee – 4 March 2024
- Licensing and Appeals Committee – 4 March 2024

12. **Adoption of Places for Everyone Plan: A Joint Development Plan Document for 9 Greater Manchester Local Authorities** 139 - 1428
Report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) attached.

This report is to be considered alongside the Proceedings of the Executive (15 March 2024 minutes) which will be detailed on the supplementary Council Summons.

Due to the large size of the appendices, these are available on the Council's website (link address below) and paper copy on request.

Weblink address:

<https://democracy.manchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=4359>

13. **Key Decisions Report** 1429 - 1434
Report of the City Solicitor attached

Yours faithfully,



Joanne Roney CBE
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:-

Y Dar (Chair), Andrews (Deputy Chair), Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Nasrin Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Amin, Appleby, Bano, Bayunu, Bell, Benham, Brickell, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Davies, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Fletcher, Foley, Gartside, Good, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Hitchen, Holt, Hughes, Hussain, Igbon, Ilyas, Iqbal, Johns, Johnson, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, J Lovecy, Ludford, Lynch, Lyons, Marsh, McCaul, McHale, Midgley, Moran, Muse, Noor, Northwood, Nunney, Ogunbambo, H Priest, Rahman, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, I Robinson, T Robinson, Rowles, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Simcock, Stogia, Taylor, Wheeler, Wiest, Whiston, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester –

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

Further Information

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