

Meeting	Motion	SMT Lead	Lead Executive Member	Action Taken	Reference at Executive or Scrutiny
31 st January 2024	<p>Post Office Scandal and Lies</p> <p>All of Manchester and the country have been horrified at the lies and injustices perpetrated by the Post Office against 900 postmasters.</p> <p>At the height of the scandal from 2010 – 2012 the Postal Affairs Minister was Sir Ed Davey. The record shows that he refused to meet with postmaster Alan Bates who let the campaign for justice.</p> <p>The City Council calls on Ed Davey:</p> <p>I) To apologise to Mr. Bates II) To apologise to the 900 postmasters whose lives were shattered by the lies and criminal harassment of the Post Office</p> <p>Moved by: Cllr. Pat Karney Seconded by: Cllr. Debbie Hilal Signed by: Cllrs: Irene Robinson, Richards, Curley, Craig, Flanagan, Rahman, Hitchen</p>	Fiona Ledden	Leader	Series of letters to Ed Davey	N/A
31 st January 2024	<p>Save the Housing Support Fund: Stop Government cutting vital support for families</p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since 2010, cuts and decisions have led to rising levels of poverty in the UK, 	Fiona Ledden	Leader	Series of Letters from the Leader: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Core cities - LGA - Ministers 	Budget Scrutiny looking at the support for those in poverty

	<p>made event worse by the Cost-of-Living Crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Manchester, we have long worked hard to increase opportunities and reduce poverty. Despite our best efforts over 40% of our children live in poverty. With over 41,000 residents likely to be living with disposable income of less than £30 a month and a further 60,000 who potentially have less than £124 disposal income a month, the situation is acute. - This council works hard to support those in need and last year alone the council spent over £50 million to support residents in hardship and reduce poverty Examples include our freephone Cost of living advice line, our food support response service and free school meals for children in the school holidays. - The Government is now threatening to scrap the Household Support Fund in March 2024. In Manchester we use this to provide support to around 60,000 residents in the form of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 40,000 children and young people receiving free school meals holiday support; o 12,500 vulnerable households receiving cost of living support payments; o 6,000 children and young people accessing additional Holiday Activity 			<p>The Council has maintained its budget to support our most vulnerable residents through Cost of Living for 2024-25 financial year, albeit modest without HSF. In line with Making Manchester Fairer principles some of the funding will be used to tackle underlying causes and the delivery of key actions of the Anti-Poverty Strategy.</p> <p>The Cost of Living helpline and online advice through Helping Hands is in place supported by cross-service working to meet the needs of our poorest households including support with benefits, debt advice, food</p>	<p>RAGOS 8/2/24 Budget Reports sent looking at support for families</p>
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	<p>Fund support;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 400 care leavers receiving an income top up; o Valuable support to charities working in our communities. <p>- This support makes a real difference to some of Manchester's most vulnerable residents in managing cost of living pressures.</p> <p>This Council is concerned that across Manchester families are living under the threat of losing this vital lifeline, and that many charities and voluntary groups in Manchester depend on HSF to deliver emergency cost of living support to families who are at risk of financial hardship.</p> <p>This Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To restate the fact that political choices have seen levels of poverty rise in the UK. - To call on the Government to provide urgent clarity and reassurance to these families and community groups reliant on this funding and extend the Household Support Fund beyond its current end date of March 2024. - That the Leader of the Council is requested to write to the Government to restate Manchester's deep worry that this lifeline for many will be scrapped. - To campaign alongside the LGA, Labour MPs and community groups to save 			<p>support and close working with schools, GP practices.</p>	
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	<p>the HSF. Proposer: Councillor Midgely Seconder: Councillor Marsh Signatories: Councillors: Akbar, Bridges, Craig, Igbon, Rahman, Mahadi Mahamed, Irene Robinson, Butt and Taylor</p>				
31 st January 2024	<p>Extension of the Franchise - Our Home Our Vote Residence - Based Voting</p> <p>Motion This Council notes:- - That all our residents, no matter their nationality, bring significant value to our area. - The 2021 Census showed that 31% of Mancunians were born abroad and 12% are from the European Union (EU). They live, work, study, make use of public services, and call Manchester their home. - Many of our foreign-born residents from EU and Commonwealth countries can vote in our local elections. However, our residents born in non-EU and non-Commonwealth countries cannot. - Scotland and Wales have implemented residence-based voting rights where all residents with lawful immigration status have the right to vote in local and devolved national election. - A poll conducted by Number Cruncher showed that 63% of people agree that</p>	Fiona Ledden	Leader	Letters sent by Leader	N/A

<p>all residents should have the right to vote in local elections in England and Northern Ireland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The current complexity in voting eligibility causes confusion and will reduce voter turnout in local elections amongst migrant voters, a group which already has a disproportionately lower voter registration rate compared to British voters. <p>This Council Further Notes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- We welcome the positive comments by Sir Kier Starmer around voter residency when he said in 2021 that he is in "favour of voting rights for everybody who has contributed to our society." And the policy was subsequently accepted into Labours policy forum.- This Council has consistently campaigned against the unfair electoral changes that have disenfranchised the 2 million citizens without the correct photo identification.- We applaud the recent investigation by the Sunday Mirror Newspaper into how the "Tories are rigging the General Election rules" and the observation from the Independent Electoral Commission that the Government is "telling the umpire how to enforce the rules of the game." <p>This Council Resolves:-</p>				
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To support the cross-party Migrant Democracy's campaign for Residence Based Voting Rights and call on Manchester Labour MPs to continue to show their support - To continue to campaign against the to suppress votes in this country by enforcing facial identification requirements for the general election, whilst appointing overseas coordinators to make it easier to vote from overseas. - To call on all Councillors to stand up to the attacks on our electoral system by this Tory government and call on all Councillors who support residency-based voting rights to vote Labour for a Labour government to implement them. 				
29 th November 2023	<p>Notice of Motion - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness</p> <p>Manchester is proud to be a trauma-informed city but we cannot support the majority of residents with trauma and break the cycle of adverse childhood experiences unless we are FASD and Neurobehaviourally informed too.</p> <p>FASD, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is a hidden epidemic in Greater Manchester. A Salford University study published in 2021 estimated that up to 4% of the population is likely to have FASD – that's 2.5 times higher than autism. The average life expectancy for</p>	David Regan	Cllr Robinson	In response to the five elements of the motion set out below, the Director of Public Health has convened a FASD Round Table which will be held on Monday 26 th February 2024. The Round Table will have input from national and	Health Scrutiny Continue to consider this issue

	<p>individuals with FASD is only 34 years of age because they do not receive the interventions and support they need. FASD is underdiagnosed and little understood by professionals and frontline workers. There is an underserved stigma attached to it and often professionals, including medical, only learn about it as a very tiny part of their training.</p> <p>FASD happens when a pregnant woman consumes alcohol. Alcohol crosses the placenta and interferes with the development of the fetus, particularly the developing brain. This has a significant impact on the executive brain function – the part responsible for organisation, self-regulation, working memory and flexible thinking. It also results in some incredible strengths which, if a person with FASD is given support, may be developed and realised, such as creativity.</p> <p>The mother is blameless and often a victim too – this is vital to note. No mother knowingly damages her developing child – she drinks because she doesn't know she is pregnant, doesn't know the impact of alcohol or has an alcohol abuse disorder and cannot control her drinking. We must remove the stigma.</p> <p>FASD is a brain and body disability with lifelong impact and up to 400 comorbidities including Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), sensory issues including Sensory Processing Disorders (SPD), developmental trauma and secondary and tertiary conditions such as</p>			<p>regional experts. A local action plan for Manchester and actions to be taken forward by the NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board will be agreed.</p> <p>Explore the ability to ensure trauma informed training includes FASD and Neurobehavior awareness with an understanding that FASD is a brain and body disability and interventions and engagement need to be led by FASD-friendly approaches. Explore how services can become more FASD-friendly and aware. Work with health services to act on</p>	
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	<p>depression, anxiety, loneliness, poor academic outcomes, suicide, homelessness and criminality.</p> <p>Often individuals with FASD are diagnosed with an “alphabet soup” of labels to account for their behaviours but not FASD and internalise their problems leading to the secondary and tertiary conditions. Where they receive support, it is not FASD or neurobehaviourally informed so the support fails or exacerbates their problems.</p> <p>Any engagement with an individual with FASD must begin with the FASD regardless of their secondary and tertiary conditions including trauma. This means particularly supporting with challenges to executive brain function.</p> <p>For example, individuals needing treatment for addictions need support to attend each appointment. Those that have fallen into debt can’t be helped with a debt repayment plan unless the cause of the debt, the disability that means they need help with maths and organisation is addressed. Schools must work from a brain and nurture-based approach rather than behaviour change (rewards and sanctions).</p> <p>In 2022, following campaigning by groups such as the FASD Alliance, NICE published Quality Standards on FASD and Greater Manchester CCG have acted on the majority of these to prevent alcohol drinking in pregnancy. However, there is much to do in the areas of follow-up and in diagnosing children and adults.</p>			<p>NICE guidelines for early diagnosis and a management plan following diagnosis (NICE Quality Standard 5) “Because FASD has lifelong effects, a staged management plan may be needed to anticipate upcoming problems at planned intervals and revision should be considered at all transition stages in the person's life.” Work with schools and other organisations in providing appropriate training courses. Explore possibilities for the provision of further support for children and adults seeking an FASD diagnosis.</p>	
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	<p>This Council calls on its Officers to:-</p> <p>(1) Explore the ability to ensure trauma informed training includes FASD and Neurobehavior awareness with an understanding that FASD is a brain and body disability and interventions and engagement need to be led by FASD-friendly approaches.</p> <p>(2) Explore how services can become more FASD-friendly and aware.</p> <p>(3) Work with health services to act on NICE guidelines for early diagnosis and a management plan following diagnosis (NICE Quality Standard 5) “Because FASD has lifelong effects, a staged management plan may be needed to anticipate upcoming problems at planned intervals and revision should be considered at all transition stages in the person's life.”</p> <p>(4) Work with schools and other organisations in providing appropriate training courses.</p> <p>(5) Explore possibilities for the provision of further support for children and adults seeking an FASD diagnosis.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Alijah, seconded by Councillor Azra Ali and supported by Councillors Akbar, Doswell, Foley, Hilal and T Robinson</p>				
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<p>Minutes:</p> <p>Councillor Alijah submitted the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Doswell.</p> <p>Manchester is proud to be a trauma-informed city but we cannot support the majority of residents with trauma and break the cycle of adverse childhood experiences unless we are FASD and Neurobehaviourally informed too.</p> <p>FASD, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is a hidden epidemic in Greater Manchester. A Salford University study published in 2021 estimated that up to 4% of the population is likely to have FASD – that’s 2.5 times higher than autism. The average life expectancy for individuals with FASD is only 34 years of age because they do not receive the interventions and support they need. FASD is underdiagnosed and little understood by professionals and frontline workers. There is an underserved stigma attached to it and often professionals, including medical, only learn about it as a very tiny part of their training.</p> <p>FASD happens when a pregnant woman consumes alcohol. Alcohol crosses the placenta and interferes with the development of the fetus, particularly the developing brain. This has a significant impact on the executive brain function – the part responsible for organisation, self-regulation, working memory and flexible thinking. It also results in some incredible</p>				
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<p>management plan may be needed to anticipate upcoming problems at planned intervals and revision should be considered at all transition stages in the person's life.”</p> <p>(4) Work with schools and other organisations in providing appropriate training courses.</p> <p>(5) Explore possibilities for the provision of further support for children and adults seeking an FASD diagnosis.</p> <p>On the motion being put to the vote, the Lord Mayor declared it carried unanimously.</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>This Council agrees to:-</p> <p>(1) Explore the ability to ensure trauma informed training includes FASD and Neurobehavior awareness with an understanding that FASD is a brain and body disability and interventions and engagement need to be led by FASD-friendly approaches.</p> <p>(2) Explore how services can become more FASD-friendly and aware.</p> <p>(3) Work with health services to act on NICE guidelines for early diagnosis and a management plan following diagnosis (NICE Quality Standard 5) “Because FASD has lifelong effects, a staged</p>				
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4 th October 2023	<p>Call on the council to become a Co-operative Council</p> <p>Proposer – Cllr Hughes Seconder – Cllr Reid</p> <p>Supported by – Cllrs Brickell, Johns, Midgley, Shilton Godwin, Simcock, Rawlins, Whiston and Wills,</p> <p>The Council notes:</p> <p>That there are nearly 7,000 independent co-operative businesses across the UK, each owned and democratically run by their customers, employees, suppliers or members of their local community.</p> <p>Today, the co-operative movement is a significant part of the UK’s economy, growing by 21% to £33billion, and outperforming the economy as a whole during the recent recession.</p>	Angela Harrington	Cllr Hacking	<p>The Council provides funding for Flourish through its Work & Skills budget to provide start-up & support for women led social enterprises. Flourish in conjunction with MACC is looking at what more is needed to support the growth of the sector in the city.</p> <p>There have been 4 successful recruitment fairs at City Library over the past year, connecting unemployed residents to vacancies across</p>	Economy & Regeneration Scrutiny, Mar 24 Update on the delivery of the Work & Skills Strategy

	<p>The number of people who own and control the UK's co-operatives has grown by to 17.5m - nearly a quarter of the UK's population. From credit unions to community allotments – the rise in co-operative ownership is a significant development for the UK's business sector, meaning that the number of co-op members continues to outstrip the number of shareholders in the UK.</p> <p>This Council believes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the co-operative model provides a sustainable way of providing local government services that empower residents, service users and employees, giving them a fair share and an equal say. • Local Councils up and down the country have already put these values into practice in a number of ways, for example developing the co-operative sector, resident and employee owned companies and co-operative schools and colleges. Our social value and ethical procurement policies for all of our contracts has been the envy of many other local authorities and a clear co-operative policy. Not least this has been put into place in the contracts we have tendered for, not least the construction of the Coop Live where many local apprentices have been employed. 			<p>different job roles and sectors in Manchester. A commitment to SV has seen the creation of over 2,000 jobs across different developments in North Manchester with more of the residents in the area connected to the opportunities</p> <p>Signed up to Co-operative Council network the new economic strategy focuses one inclusive strategy.</p> <p>Part of our joint GM work we are trailing the inclusive ownership hub and funding co-operatives as part of the foundational economy innovation fund.</p> <p>Cllr Hacking is setting up an Executive Group in</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Council has the opportunity to “choose co-operative” when considering the future of local services, giving residents and communities more of a say in their area. <p>Therefore, we call on the Council to become a Co-operative council by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working to incorporate co-operative values and principles when planning services and in its engagement with local residents. 2. Ask the Council's scrutiny function to scrutinise the Council's engagement with the co-operative and mutual sector in Manchester and in doing so look to make further recommendations for its potential growth. 3. Requesting that Officers consider how to improve engagement with local cooperatives, for example through stakeholder events. Hold a meet the buyer event for local co-operatives to engage with the Council. 4. Requesting Officers to explore the setting up of a community asset transfer fund, so that local communities can own and protect their own assets. 			<p>the new municipal year.</p>	
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Auditing our contractors and suppliers on how many meet the FairTax Mark standards, pay the Living Wage and continue with and expand our social value and ethical procurement policies and meet appropriate standards on apprenticeships. 6. Protecting residents by always working hard to connect residents to jobs and opportunities, and through support on help to work schemes and on tackling poverty and the crisis of the cost of living increases. 7. Requesting that Officers explore how the Council can support the possibility of supporting a great number of local Co-operatives, social enterprises and credit unions. 8. Supporting the announcement that across Greater Manchester £750,000 will be made available to grow the inclusive economy with more co-operatives and social enterprises. 9. Setting up a working group with the Executive Member to look at what more we can do. 				
4 th October 2023	Against the Closure of Staffed Ticket Offices.	Fiona Ledden	Leader	Series of letters and joint campaigns led to	N/A

	<p>This Tory Government is again taking action to worsen the lives of ordinary working people already facing a cost-of-living crisis, by denying them widespread and easy access to the purchase of rail products and best value fares through the proposed closure of ticket offices.</p> <p>These proposals also place many working people at risk of redundancy and there are no safeguards in place for future job security on our rail networks.</p> <p>The announcement to carry out a public consultation within such a short time frame was farcical and clearly demonstrates how little interest this government has in the opinions of the majority of people in this country.</p> <p>This Council is aware that:-</p> <p>There are a range of products and services available at the ticket office, which may not be available from Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs). This includes refunds, season ticket changes, ranger and rover tickets, bus connections, park and ride, group save, disabled persons discount, season tickets over one month in length, advance fares, rail card purchases, off-peak tickets before 9.30am, changes to ticket classes, seat reservations, cycle reservations, photocards for season tickets, scholar tickets, sleeper bookings and car parking.</p> <p>Using TVMs is a one-sided process, there is no interaction between customer and retailer like there is in the ticket office. In contrast, ticket office staff can ask</p>			<p>the government changing their approach.</p>	
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<p>customers questions about their journey and requirements to ensure they get the right ticket for their journey and can offer a range of routes and classes.</p> <p>Many TVMs do not take cash, or permit a part cash, part card payment. Given that people on lower incomes and older and disabled people are more likely to use cash, these groups stand to be disproportionately affected by ticket office closures and may find it difficult to travel as a result.</p> <p>Unlike ticket office staff, TVMs do not automatically offer passengers the cheapest ticket for their journey, or clearly explain restrictions on certain fares, such as operator-specific tickets.</p> <p>Ticket Office staff also are best placed to sign post and safeguard facilities and other support for passengers with disabilities/accessibility or other equalities related needs.</p> <p>Ticket office closures would cause a significant worsening of the facilities and support offered to disabled, Deaf and older people. Already, disabled people face numerous barriers in accessing the rail network and are three times less likely to travel by rail than non-disabled people. Twenty-two percent of the population had a disability in 2020/2 and since 2002/3 the number of people reporting a disability has increased by 3.8million (+35%).</p> <p>This Council notes: -</p>				
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	<p>That there has been overwhelming opposition to ticket office closures from disabled people's organisations, including Disability Rights UK, National Federation of the Blind UK, Transport for All, RNIB, RNID, Guide Dogs, Scope, Thomas Pocklington Trust, Winvisible, Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People and the MS Society.</p> <p>That disabled people are much less likely than non-disabled people to have access to the internet, and therefore online ticketing is not accessible for many.</p> <p>That there is substantial demand for the ticket office. While the Government says that 'only' 12% of tickets are sold at ticket offices, in 2022/23, there were 1.5 billion passenger journeys, which equates to around 180 million journeys being facilitated by ticket offices.</p> <p>The presence of staff is vital for ensuring the railway is accessible to all.</p> <p>Staffed ticket offices have an important role in supporting passenger safety and security. Ticket offices provide a place of safety for both staff and passengers.</p> <p>Ticket office staff are trained and experienced in dealing with difficult incidents and the presence of staff deters abusive and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Ticket office staff provide support and assistance to passengers during times of disruption or in response to</p>				
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	<p>emergencies and their role often includes carrying out safety and security checks at the station throughout the day.</p> <p>We further note that:</p> <p>Passenger watchdogs give us a consistent theme emerging from research, which is that passengers like and value the presence of staff. Having staffed ticket offices supports passenger perceptions and feelings around safety, and closing ticket offices could lead to passengers no longer feeling safe when travelling.</p> <p>Manchester is particularly badly hit, with threats to one of the busiest stations in the country with Manchester Piccadilly ticket office even forced to close. Local Labour Councillors cross Gorton, Levenshulme, Withington, Burnage and East Didsbury (with support from Cllr Hilal) have been regularly lobbying to save their stations.</p> <p>Since the announcement of the closure of ticket offices, Manchester's Labour MPs, Greater Manchester's Labour Mayor, Manchester City Council Executive Members, and Councillors have actively campaigned against closures from presence at local stations to encouraging responses to the consultation and working with community groups to threaten legal action.</p> <p>Currently the consultation has closed and the Government must give certainty to staff, passengers and the public.</p>				
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	<p>Therefore this Council commits to:-</p> <p>(1) Continue to send a message of solidarity to the RMT, TSSA, and all unions and other organisations who are coordinating action to oppose these measures</p> <p>(2) Thanking all Manchester Councillors who took action coordinated by Labour party, the unions and other organisations.</p> <p>(3) Continue to publicise to our residents about how they can continue take action against these measures.and encourage them to continue lobbying the Government to reverse their plans</p> <p>(6) Call on the Government to rethink their plans working in partnership with all our Manchester MPs and across Greater Manchester, with the GMCA and our GM Mayor, Andy Burnham to oppose these measures</p>				
<p>4th October 2023</p>	<p>Significantly Expand the use of Selective Licencing</p> <p>This motion asks Manchester City Council to use the full extent of its powers to improve conditions for renters in Manchester.</p> <p>In 2020, Manchester City Council launched a revised Private Rented Sector Strategy with aim to see</p> <p>“Manchester’s Private Rented Sector provide a high quality, low carbon, affordable and sustainable offer so that</p>	<p>Neil Fairlamb</p>	<p>Cllr White</p>	<p>2 reports were considered by the Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in December 2023 setting out the evaluation of the final 3 pilot schemes. The report setting out the evaluation of</p>	<p>Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny December 2023</p>

	<p>Manchester’s residents have a good choice of quality homes in clean, safe and vibrant neighbourhoods.”</p> <p><i>This strategy has now been updated by our ambitious Housing Strategy for the City, updated and agreed in July 2022.</i></p> <p><i>In the city in wards from north to south, east to west, we continue to see our residents live in appalling conditions. Overcrowded and in poor state of repair. The need to tackle rogue landlords is a key priority and never been more important for the approx. 90,000 households living in the private rented sector.</i></p> <p>One of the actions we have taken is to introduce Selective Licensing.</p> <p>‘Selective licensing’ is a licence scheme which requires all private landlords operating within a designated area to license any privately rented property within that area.</p> <p><i>The council also has mandatory HMO licensing across the city, which means that any HMO with 5 or more bedrooms has to have a landlord license – this means an additional 2,209 houses across the city have landlord license – and gives the council additional powers to tackle rogue landlords and improve housing conditions for tenants.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the mandatory HMO licensing, since 2017, the council has introduced 13 selective licensing schemes in 11 different wards all across the city.</i></p> <p><i>1,547 licenses were issued in the first four selective licensing schemes in Moston, Crumpsall, Moss Side and Old Moat.</i></p>			<p>the final 3 pilot selective licensing schemes and the report recommending the next phase in the roll out of selective licensing (phase 4). The Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee agreed with the findings of the evaluation and supported the recommendations set out in the report to the Executive in January 2024, which sought permission to undertake consultation on the next phase of Selective Licensing as well as for Executive authority to be delegated to the Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration when</p>	<p>Executive in January 2024</p>
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	<p>These schemes are now live in the following wards:</p> <p>May 2022 – April 2027</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Street: Clayton and Openshaw • Hyde Road: Gorton and Abbey Hey • The Ladders: Gorton and Abbey Hey • Trinity: Harpurhey <p><i>1,018 licenses have been issued to date in these 4 areas</i></p> <p>August 2023 – August 2028</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthews Lane, Levenshulme • Great Western Street/Claremont Rd, Moss Side and Whalley Range • Laindon/Dickenson Rd & Birch Lane, Rusholme • The Royals, Longsight <p><i>Although early in the 5- year designation and licensing period, over 200 licenses have already been issued in these 5 new selective licensing areas in these 4 wards.</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, across the 13 selective licensing schemes, and mandatory HMO licensing, we have issued nearly 5,000 licenses to date to help tackle rogue landlords and improve housing conditions for tenants.</i></p> <p><i>Selective licensing is one tool that the council has to tackle poor landlords and improve housing conditions. All those renting in the private rental sector can get assistance with housing issues from the council, even if their landlord doesn't have a license. Under the Housing Act 2004, the</i></p>			<p>it comes to approving the designation of the Selective Licensing areas identified in the report. The Executive considered and approved the report in January 2024</p> <p>Preparation for the consultations is underway with the consultations to take place in early May 2024.</p> <p>In line with Greater Manchester's devolution trailblazer agreement, DLUHC has now updated the general approval for selective licensing (SL) in Greater Manchester to remove the requirement for approval from the secretary of state</p>	
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	<p><i>council can enforce against various housing standards in regards to damp, mould, excessive cold, gas and electrical safety and general levels of disrepair in the property. This doesn't require a license.</i></p> <p><i>Selective, and HMO mandatory licensing is another very important way we can raise standards in the private rented sector, by inspecting properties, and getting landlords to comply with their license. During Covid-19, inspections had to be paused, but they are now fully back and operational and we pro-actively inspect 50% of houses with a license and inspect other licensed homes where complaints are raised by tenants.</i></p> <p>This Council notes:-</p> <p><i>That a motion on landlord licensing was passed by the council in February 2022, and agreed that the council would go further and faster to introduce more areas for selective licensing all over the city.</i></p> <p>And</p> <p>This Council is also aware that:-</p> <p><i>Other cities and areas have introduced selected licensing – however, a robust case has to be made to introduce these schemes against a strict criteria set by government. Until recently, secretary of state approval had to be obtained to go beyond licensing 20% of the private rented stock in the city. However, this approval process is now devolved to the Mayor at Greater Manchester level – and Manchester will continue to monitor how we best deliver further selective licensing across the city to ensure that we continue to tackle</i></p>			<p>for large schemes. From discussions with colleagues at GMCA they have advised that although the council has to ask the Mayor of GM for his views he does not have to express a view nor can he prevent us from licensing 20% of our stock if we wish to do so. The general approval hasn't been updated yet on the Government pages so we are working on the basis of the letter from DLUHC. The council will have regard to this updated position and consider as part of our future plans for further licensing schemes.</p> <p>It is important to remember that a robust case has to be made to introduce selective</p>	
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	<p><i>issues with rogue landlords and tackle issues with the poorest level and quality of private rented housing.</i></p> <p><i>Since 2017, the council has issued 1,000s of enforcement and improvement notices, inspected 1,000s of properties, and issued nearly £1 million worth of fines through Civil Penalty Notices to all private rented sector landlords, including those in our various licensing schemes, both selective and mandatory HMO licenses. We have also pursued prosecution cases through the courts for the very worst offending landlords, and these have been highlighted in the media.</i></p> <p>This Council therefore resolves to extend the reach of Selective Licensing by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Recommending to the Executive the acceleration of the roll out of further selective licensing schemes all across the city, and liaising further with the Mayor of Greater Manchester about extending our ability to selectively license more than 20% of our private rented stock</i> <i>2. Noting the regular evaluation reports provided by council officers to the Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in recent years, and look forward to the next evaluation report that is due to be presented to the committee in December 2023. This report will also propose further and new areas for selective licensing across the city.</i> <i>3. Noting that Selective Licensing Schemes cannot be extended beyond their 5-year designation. If required, a new scheme in the same area can be proposed, subject to another 10-week public</i> 			<p>licensing against strict criteria set by government. This is extremely resource intensive and as such the approach and programming of future phases of Selective Licensing needs to have cognisance of the resources available. The council will also continue to look at using the most appropriate tools to manage conditions in the private rented sector including HMO and Additional Licensing as well as Selective licensing</p>	
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	<p><i>consultation and the Executive will consider that in full as part of the evaluation process for all schemes, both previous and current.</i></p> <p>4) <i>Recommending to the Executive that they should continue to use all means possible, with selective and mandatory HMO licensing, and other means provide for in the Housing Act 2004, to tackle rogue landlords and improve housing conditions for all our tenants. All our residents deserve to live in a safe, secure, affordable and sustainable home.</i></p>				
4 th October 2023	<p>Call for a General Election now</p> <p>Since 2010, Manchester City Council has seen its budget decimated, losing the equivalent of £428 million a year. 13 years of cuts, the most intense and unfair cuts happening to local Government during the Coalition years of 2010-15 have been followed by the Tories mismanagement of the economy. Many local councils across the country are facing the prospect of going bust.</p> <p>The last 13 years have seen an unprecedented decline in living standards and an increase in the number of children living in poverty. The House of Commons Library cites and increase of over 500,000 children living in poverty between 2011 and 2017/18. This has only got worse through the Cost of Living Crisis with the disastrous freezing of LHA and other benefits.</p>	Fiona Ledden	Leader		N/A

<p>Public Services have been cut to the bone, and schools and hospitals are literally crumbling. The Coalition Government of Conservatives and Liberal Democrats, followed by the Conservative Governments short sighted vision for the education of our children, has now 13 years later, to outdated, dilapidated, crumbling and unsafe schools throughout the country. The recent RAAC scandal is one example of the short-sightedness of the Coalition Government's cancellation of the successful Building Schools for the Future, and the Prime Minister further cutting budgets to rebuild schools when he was Chancellor. In addition, not just the health but the future of our children is jeopardised by the rollback of climate policies announced in September.</p> <p>We call on every member of the council to condemn the Lib Dem/Tory coalition government for cutting the Building Schools for the Future programme back in 2010.</p> <p>Therefore, this Council resolves to call on the Conservative Government to end 13 years of pain and chaos by calling for a General Election Now.</p>				
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<p>29th March 2023</p>	<p>Notice of Motion - Skills for Manchester</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Taylor Seconder: Cllr Wilson Supported by: Cllrs Benham, Richards and Whiston</p> <p>Manchester is a place where businesses large and small want to operate and provide jobs for our workforce. Our growth as a city has helped attract a younger, more diverse and higher-skilled population. However, businesses are still struggling to find the right skills that they need and for the jobs of the future.</p> <p>As a city we must tackle the challenges that this skills gap presents to us otherwise we will cease to grow and build the inclusive economy that our residents deserve.</p> <p>According to the Institute for Public Policy Research - State of the North Report 2022, just one in six people aged 16-64 in the North of England hold at most a level 1 qualification, compared to just over one in seven in England as a whole. If Government truly wants to level up, then they need to invest in our education and skills system to help us address this challenge.</p> <p>For too long, central government has not taken a holistic view of skills and education. There is a disconnect between skills and jobs, and between Whitehall and our local labour market in Manchester. Our local businesses, employers, education and skills partners and local leaders understand the local labour market and know what is required to plug the skills gap. However, further devolution is needed to make a success of addressing the challenges which we currently face.</p>	<p>Becca Heron - Paul Marshall</p>	<p>Leader</p>	<p>Series of letter to lobby the government to call for these changes to funding.</p>	<p>Economy Regeneration Scrutiny</p>
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	<p>Following the publication of the Levelling Up White Paper last year, Greater Manchester was recognised as a 'trailblazer' Combined Authority, and negotiations began with central government on further devolution of skills budgets. Greater Manchester's leaders have been calling for further devolution of the skills system, careers and more employment support.</p> <p>Following the Budget earlier this month, the government listened and in Greater Manchester we now have the ability to create the country's first integrated technical education city-region. This is now a step in the right direction in terms of skills devolution, however, there is still more the government needs to do to ensure Manchester has all the necessary powers to provide the skills opportunities Mancunians deserve.</p> <p>Manchester continues to be a thriving city which is making good progress with our growth in terms of the economy and jobs. We must build on that momentum with our partners in the sector, and call on the government to provide fair funding in order to truly deliver the benefits of 'levelling up'.</p> <p>This council resolves: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To ask the Leader of the Council to continue to work with the Mayor of Greater Manchester to ensure that Manchester's voice continues to be heard when pushing for further skills devolution from central government.2. To request that the Leader of the Council writes to the government calling for education and skills to be front and centre of all levelling up activity and investment.				
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	<p>3. To lobby the government to increase spending at all levels of education and skills and to invest further in lifelong learning.</p>				
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<p>29th March 2023</p>	<p>Notice of Motion - Calling for an immediate Rent Freeze and end to Section 21 ‘no fault’ evictions</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Karney Seconder: Cllr Chambers Supported by:</p> <p>The Government must now act to protect renters. We therefore call on the government to follow the lead of the Scottish government and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce an immediate freeze on rents to protect renters. • Implement an immediate ban on evictions until the cost-of-living crisis is over. • Deliver on the commitment to end section 21 by fast tracking the much-delayed Renters Reform Bill. <p>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.</p> <p>Manchester’s housing problems are a direct result of Government policy from 2010 which has unfairly cut and defunded our city, and the lack of any national effort for building affordable homes have driven people into an unregulated private sector.</p> <p>Manchester City Council launched an ambitious new 10-year Housing strategy in 2022, building 36,000 homes, including at least 10,000 social and genuinely affordable low carbon homes over the next decade. The Housing Strategy includes plans to increasing housing supply to meet the needs of our growing population; build more social and council housing,</p>	<p>Neil Fairlamb</p>	<p>Cllr Gavin White</p>	<p>Letters and Comms</p> <p>GM Good landlord Charter is being pursued</p>	
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	<p>build more low cost, low carbon homes» Addressing rising levels of homelessness across the city, investing in the Council's housing stock and ensuring it is well managed; address fire safety in residential blocks; build supported housing.</p> <p>In June 2022 Manchester launched Manchester Living Rent- the ambition that no one should have to pay more than 30% of their income on rent. The Council is expanding landlord licencing schemes and working to improve the rented sector where it can but has long called for more powers of regulation over the rented sector.</p> <p>The Council notes:</p> <p>Manchester City Council passed a motion on the housing crisis on 5th October 2022 which called on the Government to:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Introduce rent reforms and a potential temporary cap to protect private tenants from further rental increases at a time of crisis</p> <p>Legislate a no winter evictions guarantee to protect private tenants from homelessness through the most challenging period of the cost-of-living crisis</p> <p>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</p>				
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	<p>Prioritise the passing of the Renters' Reform Bill that seeks to improve standards and regulations across the private rented sector to better protect tenants.</p> <p>This Council further notes</p> <p>Manchester Labour has long called for more powers to regulate and control the private rented sector to drive up standards and protections for tenants Calls for a Renters Charter was contained in the Manchester Labour Manifesto in 2019, it called for national powers to allow rent controls; the right to repairs; an end to no fault evictions; stronger council powers over failing landlord Greater powers over the rented sector were called for as part of the latest round of Devolution</p> <p>Therefore, this Council calls for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 All Private Renters in the city to write to the Conservative housing Minister 2 For all private renters to work with the Labour Council to secure a Labour Government to ensure a radical renter's chart for our city 3. To re-endorse the motion passed on 5th October 2022 and its actions 4. To Support calls for a Renters Charter, and to roll out the Greater Manchester Good Landlords Charter in our city 				
<p>1st Feburary2023</p>	<p>Attacks on Public Service Workers</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Chambers</p>	<p>Carol Culley/Deb Clarke</p>	<p>Leader Bev Craig</p>	<p>Letters have been sent to Government</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	<p>Seconder: Cllr Wright Supported by: Cllrs Rawson, Connolly, Stanton, Hilal, Karney and Doswell</p> <p>Manchester Council sends support and solidarity to the Public Services Workers Rally in St Peters Sq. today.</p> <p>Thirteen years of underfunding has forced nurses, ambulance drivers, teachers, and civil servants on to picket lines to defend and protect public services.</p> <p>Rather than negotiating, the Government is rushing through an anti -strike bill that amounts to a full frontal attack on working people and their trade unions.</p> <p>Manchester's workers and families need a new Government which will enhance worker rights and invest in public services</p> <p>This Council resolves to condemn these attacks.</p>			<p>using the combined lobbying from LGA</p>	
<p>1st Feburary2023</p>	<p>The Right to Strike and Protection of Workers' Rights - amended version</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Leech Seconder: Cllr Bayunu Supported by: Cllrs Johnson, Good and Nunney</p> <p>This Council recognises that the right of a worker to withdraw their labour is a fundamental and sacrosanct right which should not be undermined or diluted in any way.</p> <p>This Council notes that this Conservative Government is seeking to undermine the right to strike by:</p>		<p>Leader Bev Crag</p>	<p>Motion was passed and the support of Full Council noted. Letters from Executive Members sent to government Resource maintained for Health and safety matters within the Council as a priority to ensure staff welfare.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

- Allowing the use of Agency staff during industrial disputes
- Introducing legislation to guarantee minimum levels of service during strike action.
- Allowing the increasing use of fire and rehire

This Council calls for the UK Government to:-

- Ban the use of Fire & Rehire by all employers in the UK
- Ensure that the Health & Safety Executive is properly staffed and funded so that they can undertake workplace inspections unannounced. This includes the reversal of over £100 million pounds in cuts.
- Support trade unions being allowed to use electronic voting for all elections and ballots including ballots for industrial action
- Support the right of all workers to work from home from Day 1 for anyone who wants it after appropriate induction training, where practical.

The Council condemns the Lib Dem / Tory Government for cuts to local government funding that led to a historic loss of 750,000 council jobs.

The scale of the job cuts led to severe service cuts that has damaged the lives of residents particularly in our city in areas as varied as Withington and Woodhouse Park and Hulme and Harpurhey.

The Council condemns the Lib Dem /Tory Government for running down the Health and Safety Executive.

The Lib Dem Business Secretary Vince Cable set up the Reducing Regulations Committee in June 2010 whose

	<p>purpose was "to bring to an end excessive employment regulations, that are stifling business growth".</p> <p>The following years saw million pounds cuts in the Health and Safety Budget that led to a third reduction in inspections and the loss of hundreds of inspectors. The Tory Government continued the assault on the HSE. We call on all members who support workers to vote for this amended motion.</p>				
1 st February 2023	<p>Standing up for Wythenshawe</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Craig Seconder: Cllr Newman Supported by: Cllrs White, Lynch, Cooley, Evans, Whiston, Judge, Rawlins, Russell and Taylor</p> <p>Council notes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manchester City Council's Executive approved their ambitious plans for the transformation of Wythenshawe Civic Centre on 18th February. These plans have been described as an 'exciting and a 'once in a generation opportunity' by local people and reflect Manchester Labour's ambition for Wythenshawe After campaigning from local Wythenshawe Labour Councillors and Mike Kane MP over many years, these plans have been brought forward in conjunction with local people, and will see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new cultural hub with a community cinema Job opportunities through office space and a new Enterprise Centre Over 1500 low carbon homes (including genuinely affordable homes) 	Becca Heron	Leader Bev Craig	<p>Whilst no further funding was initially achieved for Wythenshawe from central Government. Officers are working through opportunities from bringing in alternative sources of funding.</p> <p>Communications took place with central Government requesting alternative methods of approaching levelling up and requesting funding for Wythenshawe.</p> <p>Economy Scrutiny has considered</p>	<p>Economy Scrutiny Committee: 13/10/22 – 09/02/23 –</p> <p>Executive have looked at this topic at the following meetings: 18/01/23 – 29/07/2022 –</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new food hall, supporting day and nighttime businesses • A new civic square with top quality public realm • A new green transport hub; with EV charging and bike hire • Manchester Council with the support of Mike Kane MP submitted these plans to Government as part of the 'Levelling Up Fund'- as it met all of the publicised criteria <p>Council further notes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Council has had over £420million taken from its budgets since 2010, and across the country local Government has had £16 billion cut (which rises to over £40bn if you factor inflation) • In the Summer Leadership context Prime Minister Rishi Sunak boasted about reversing Treasury formulas "that shoved all the funding into deprived urban areas" • The Government did not support the Wythenshawe Civic bid, and like most Labour Cities in the UK did not receive funding in this round. <p>Council resolves:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Manchester's Labour Council will always stand up for the residents of Wythenshawe and despite the Government's failure to back Wythenshawe Civic Centre the Labour Council will push ahead with it's plans and seek a commitment that work will begin as soon as possible. 			<p>this matter in particular the item on District Centres with the meeting held in Wythenshawe to examine utilisation of district centres (13/10/22)</p> <p>item on Levelling Up and Shared Prosperity Funding with discussion on the Levelling Up Fund bid for Wythenshawe (09/02/23)</p> <p>The Executive Committee have considered items on Acquisition of St Modwen's interest at Wythenshawe Civic Centre 29/07/22)</p>	
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. To call on the Government to support the plans for Wythenshawe through other means to help Level Up our city.3. To call on the Government to fund local authorities fairly, so local council's have the resource to fund vital projects like this themselves.4. That Manchester's Labour Councillors will always stand up for Wythenshawe.			<p>The Council has ploughed on with enabling the delivery of our vision for Wythenshawe Civic, concluding the first stage of a procurement process for a Joint Venture development partner. We are on track to conclude this exercise in the summer.</p> <p>The Government recently announced that our Levelling Up Fund round 2 bid had been retrospectively approved as part of the round 3 allocation process. £20m of Central Government funding has been awarded.</p> <p>Both workstreams will accelerate the pace and scale of regeneration, enabling the delivery of key interventions that will transform</p>	
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				the experience and function of the Civic Centre for all residents of Wythenshawe.	
1 st Feburary2023	<p>Free School Meals</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Butt Secoded by: Cllr M Dar Supported by: Cllrs Noor, Bridges, Karney, Douglas, Reid, Abdullatif and Amin</p> <p>Over 42% of Manchester’s children are now living in poverty, according to the figures released in the Government statistics in 2021. The highest density of these residents live in the North and Central of the city, however there are other areas in the South where the residents face the same issues.</p> <p>Free school meals should be available for all primary school children from Reception through to Year 11 and should not be restricted to Key stage 1 only, which is Reception, Year 1 and year 2. New analysis by Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG), based on free school meals, showed that children in poverty in England continue to be overlooked by government measures, with over 1 in 3 (800,000) children in poverty not qualifying for free school meals. These figures come as the cost-of-living crisis continues to worsen and cause hardship.</p> <p>The government must not just stand and watch, this is the time change is needed. The Government must stop the</p>	Paul Marshall Amanda Corcoran	Gary Bridges	<p>The Leader and Executive Member for finance through the final budget process has ensured that our most vulnerable residents are protected and provided with essential support. A continuation of the Household Support Fund for 2023/24 will enable continued provision of free school meals during the school holidays.</p> <p>The Leader has written to the Government lobbying for uplift in the benefits to meet inflation rises and for the increase in</p>	<p>Executive:-</p> <p>19/10/2022 – Our</p> <p>The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</p>

	<p>eligibility test for free school meals and not put parents and children through the stigma of being poor.</p> <p>Free school meals are only provided for those who are eligible, this eligibility is so minute that it leaves a huge gap to those children whose parents are on Universal credit and earn above the threshold of £616.67 per month. Children aged 7-16 are affected by this eligibility as a lot of these children belong to low-income families, whose earnings are over £616.67 per month threshold but the household is below average income.</p> <p>We hear from Headteachers and school staff how children come into school unable to have a warm meal due to the low household incomes. All children should be given meals during the school day without any assessments of parental income. We must make sure each child has the nutrition required for them to be able to concentrate and work to their full potential at school. An empty stomach compromises the child's learning ability, Children need nutritious warm meals, for the health, wellbeing and development, no child should have to go hungry.</p> <p>Manchester City Council recognised the shortfall, during lockdown due to coronavirus and provided free school meals in the holidays. The Government had not stepped in quick enough, and the Council had already put in the provision to support the families through the most difficult time. The Council also supported children in vulnerable families known to the school who were outside the scope of free school meals but where an assessment had identified they required extra support in the holidays.</p> <p>Parents are currently struggling with the cost of living; they are unable to source heating bills and will be worried about</p>			<p>the councils funding to meet the cost of school meals and for a revision of the eligibility Criteria. Whilst the Committee has not looked at Free School Meals as a standalone item but received a report in June 2022 on the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme which is open to all children receiving Free School Meals. The committee has also suggested looking at Free School Meals as a whole although this has not yet been actioned</p>	
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	<p>putting meals on the table. They will worry about using gas or electric cookers and ovens due to the cost of inflation of energy bills. There are hardworking parents out there having to visit food banks to put a meal on the table. Its is heart breaking to see families in our city living through these times. As a Council we are working on this, we are asking all schools to have a named lead on poverty and how they can poverty proof the school day.</p> <p>Greater Manchester poverty action group stated in August 2022 that the number of children in Relative poverty had increased. The statistics for children living in Manchester in poverty have gone from 35.4% 2015 up to 42% in 2021. Year after Year the children of this city have gone deeper into poverty. The government has failed these children since it has come into power, the number of households in poverty has risen and nothing has been done to address this. Now is the time the Government must expand the provision to free school meals for all children.</p> <p>This Council resolves:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To ask the Leader of the Council to continue to provide support to the most vulnerable in our city2. To request the Leader of the Council writes to Government to call for an extension of free school meals for all children and a review of eligibility criteria, which is currently at £7,400 per annum, is undertaken, to ensure those in need do not miss out (such as 7–16-year-olds). The threshold is currently very low.3. To lobby government to extend the inflationary uplift to benefits in year not just next year, to help struggling families.				
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<p>1st February 2023</p>	<p>Insourcing First Motion – Manchester City Council - Amended at Council</p> <p>This Council notes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All political parties represented on this Council are committed to democratic public services, support the principle of reversing the trend of providing Council services indirectly through outsourcing, and are committed to reversing this policy. • Multiple public polls that show that the UK public support public ownership. • Councils across the country spend hundreds of millions of pounds buying in essential goods, services and expertise from the private sector each year. • The Public Services (Social Value) Act was introduced in 2012. It provides a legal basis for public authorities to look for wider social, economic and environmental benefits when undertaking procurement exercises. • Evidence shows that insourcing public services can deliver lower costs, more efficiency, a public sector ethos, economies of scale and an enhanced level of democratic accountability to local residents. <p>The Council further notes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester’s Labour Council has a strong history and commitment to Direct Services. It had the largest Direct Works Department in the country that built thousands of council houses and has started once again to build its own homes through This City • That the city’s Arms-Length Management Organisation for Housing, Northwards, has been 	<p>Carol Culley / Peter Schofield</p>	<p>Rabnawaz Akbar</p>	<p>A major contracts and oversight board chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer was established in November and standing membership includes the Executive member for Finance. The Board oversees major contracts including the timeline for when contracts are due for extension or retendering. A policy is being developed to frame all future contract sourcing decisions. In addition, the Board is reviewing the governance for the management of major contracts and assurance on performance and value for money.</p> <p>Resources and Governance</p>	<p>Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>19/07/22 –</p> <p>Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee on 7 March 2023.</p> <p>Executive – City wide insourcing policy.</p>
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	<p>brought back in house following extensive, positive consultation with residents and staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a review of expanding capacity to have the option to take further services back in house is already on the work programme of the Resources & Governance Committee. • That government's "Best Value" legislation continues to frustrate local authorities in their work to enact the democratic demands of those they represent, and that the current guidance by central government is not fit for purpose. • Manchester City Council has had its budget cut by over £420Million since 2010. Extensive cuts to council funding under both the Liberal Democrat-Conservative Coalition and subsequent Conservative governments have deeply harmed the ability of councils to build resilience, innovate and deliver. <p>This Council believes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That residents are more likely to trust local councillors to take decisions on their behalf over and above private companies. • That public service workers and their trade unions support the insourcing of public services. • That investing in strengthening the council's capacity, skills and ability to deliver services in-house will make the council more sustainable, innovative and effective for the long term. • That residents supporting their local councils to run services and redistribute wealth, will elect a national government willing to provide the financial resources to catalyse new social contracts and make public services local. 			<p>scrutiny Committee considered an item on Management of Major Contracts, which looked at considerations for insourcing versus outsourcing</p> <p>A progress update on the Major Contracts Oversight Board will be considered will be brought to the committee on 7 March</p> <p>The Leader has written to the government asking for a review of the Best Value legislation and cuts to Local Government.</p>	
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	<p>This Council therefore resolves to call on its Executive to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To continue to work in active partnership with all relevant trade unions to ensure staff who provide services in Manchester are listened to and valued, whichever management structure they currently work under.• To write to the Secretary of State calling for a wholesale review of the “Best Value” legislation to give councils the freedom to respond to the democratic demands of their own citizens.• To continue to work with partners including the Association for Public Service Excellence, of which Manchester City Council is a founding member, to develop strategies for greater democratic control of services wherever possible to deliver better results for citizens.• To continue to begin with insourcing as the default option for services with clear guidance to the policy development teams within the council on this priority.• To continue to call out the unfair and damaging cuts to local government funding by successive Governments since 2010.				
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