

21 January 2014

**Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,**

## **Meeting of the Council**

A summons was issued on for the meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 29 January 2014 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Level 3, Manchester Town Hall Extension.

**1. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business**  
Including

**Presentation by the Chief Executive of the Council, Sir Howard Bernstein, on the Manchester Economy.**

**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 proceedings of the meeting held on 4 December 2013.

**4. Proceedings of the Executive.**

To submit the proceedings of the Executive on 18 December 2013 and 15 January 2014 and in particular to consider:

**Exe/13/172 Capital Programme – proposed increases**

To approve the following:

Growth & Neighbourhoods (Highways) – Delamere Road One Way: To increase the capital budget by £15k in 2013/14, funded by revenue.

Growth & Neighbourhoods (Libraries) - Barlow Moor Outreach Library: To increase the capital budget by £143k in 2013/14, funded by Fire Insurance Reserve.

**Exe/13/173 Global Revenue Budget Monitoring report to end of October 2013**

To approve the use of Housing Benefit Transitional Fund grant as set out in paragraph 6 of the Executive report, the grant being announced after the financial settlement and therefore not included in the budget approved by Executive on 13 February 2013.

**5. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23.**

**6. Scrutiny Committees**

To note the minutes of the following committees –

Young People and Children – 10 December 2013 and 7 January 2014

Communities – 11 December 2013 and 8 January 2014

Neighbourhoods – 10 December 2013 and 7 January 2014

Economy – 11 December 2013 and 8 January 2014

Health – 12 December 2013 and 9 January 2014

Finance – 12 December 2013 and 9 January 2014

**7. Proceedings of Committees.**

a) To submit for approval the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 15 January 2014 and 29 January 2014 (to be tabled)

b) To note the proceedings of the following meetings acting under delegated powers –

Audit Committee – 23 January 2014 (to follow)

Health and Wellbeing Board – 22 January 2014 (to follow)

Licensing and Appeals Committee – 16 December 2013

Personnel Committee – 15 January 2014

Planning and Highways Committee – 19 December 2013 and 16 January 2014 (to follow)

Wythenshawe Area Committee – 23 January 2014 (to follow)

Standards Committee – 13 January 2014

**8. Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees.**

To receive answers to any questions raised in accordance with Procedural Rule 24 on the business of: (a) the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, (b) the Greater Manchester Fire and Civil Defence Authority, (c) the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority, (d) the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee.

**9. Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places: Draft Final Proposals**

The report of the Chief Executive is enclosed

**10. Key Decisions**

The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed for members' information

## 11. Motion – Food Poverty

Food is essential to life, has a major influence on health and wellbeing and is a key public health priority for the city. Poor diet is a significant contributor to ill health and the associated costs of this to the public purse are significant. Less than a quarter of people in Manchester eat the recommended five fruit and vegetables a day; dietary factors account for up to a third of deaths from coronary heart disease and a quarter of cancer deaths.

Food is also important in our ability to participate in society and an inability to buy and share food similar to our peers is socially isolating. There is gathering evidence that food poverty, defined by the Department of Health as “the inability to afford or to have access to, food to make up a healthy diet”, is increasing in the city; this is damaging to the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities. Also the impact of the food system on the environment is vast.

While taking action on food is imperative to address the issues above, it also presents a positive opportunity to improve the economy and vitality of our city. Procuring food sustainably creates a market for local food businesses thus creating jobs, and there is opportunity to encourage and support investment in high tech sustainable commercial growing systems – creating jobs and increasing local food production.

There is already much good work going on in the city by the City Council and partners. Manchester has been a pioneer of multi agency and community action on food since 2004, when it became one of the first cities in England to establish a comprehensive food strategy and partnership (Food Futures). However, it is clear that we now need to do more to rise to the challenges above and to realise the full economic and social benefits that food can bring to the city.

A new national initiative – Sustainable Food Cities – a coalition of NGOs led by the Soil Association, Food Matters and Sustain has been established to support Cities to use food to support positive change through networking and support. Next year it is expected that Cities will be invited to apply to become an accredited Sustainable Food City. This initiative has prompted the establishment of a new Food Board to champion and oversee this work in the city; this Board has identified four key priority areas for action, reflected in the commitments below.

This council therefore:

- Welcomes and supports the establishment of a new Food Board
- Commits to working towards Sustainable Food City status
- Commits to develop a policy on health and take aways to support improvements in the diets and health of our residents
- Commits to working towards reducing food waste in the city
- Commits to working to alleviate the scandal of food poverty in the city
- Commits to supporting sustainable food procurement through its own purchases and through its influence with other public sector organisations

Commits to investigate options for attracting investment in high tech sustainable food growing industry to create jobs and prosperity in the local economy.

(Signed by: Councillor Akbar (Proposer), Councillor Stogia (seconder), Councillors Chappell, Lone, Flanagan and Ollerhead)

## **12 Motion – Nuclear Test Veterans**

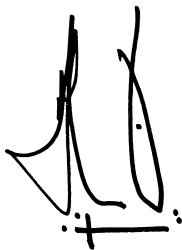
Council calls for the recognition of the unique contribution made by our nuclear test veterans to the nation and defence of the realm, during the British Nuclear Testing Programme in the 1950s and 1960s.

We note that, in contrast to many other nuclear powers, Britain has never fully acknowledged it's debt of gratitude. Furthermore, we rank towards the bottom of the 'decency' league table when it comes to how we treat our test veterans.

Council believes that official recognition from the UK Prime Minister, written or oral, would go a long way to honouring the service these veterans gave, together with an ex gratia donation from the Government of £25million to help with the establishment of a Benevolent Fund to help assist those veterans and their descendents in need.

(Signed by: Councillor Judge (Proposer), Councillor Pritchard (seconder), Councillors Ollerhead, N Murphy and Chappell)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Bernstein', written over a horizontal line.

**Sir Howard Bernstein**  
**Chief Executive**

## Information about the Council

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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.

8 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. At these meetings, councillors decide the Council's strategic policies and set the Council budget each year.

Agenda, reports and minutes of all Council meetings can be found on the Council's website [www.manchester.gov.uk](http://www.manchester.gov.uk)

## Members of the Council

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### Councillors –

Adams, Ahmed, Akbar, A. Ali, N. Ali, Sameen Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Austin, Barrett, R. Battle, Boyes, Chamberlain, Chappell, Chohan, Clayton, Cookson, Cooley, Cooper, Cowell, Cox, Craig, Curley, Davies, Di Mauro, Ellison, Evans, Fairweather, Fender, W. Fisher, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Gillard, Green, Grimshaw, Hackett, Hassan, Hennigan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Hyde, Judge, Kamal, Karney, Keegan, Keller, Khan, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leese, Lewis, Longsdon, Loughman, Lone, Ludford, Lyons, Manco, Midgley, M. Murphy, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Ollerhead, Barbara O'Neil, Brian O'Neil, Paul, Peel, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Royle, Siddiqi, Simcock, Shone, Smith, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Swannick, Tavernor, Taylor, Trotman, Walters, Watson and Wheale

### Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester-

Gordon Conquest, William Egerton JP, Kenneth Franklin, Audrey Jones JP, Peter Morrison, Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, John Smith and Keith Whitmore

## Further Information

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For help, advice and information about this meeting please contact the Committee

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