



Meeting of the City Council

Date: Wednesday 27th January 2010
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Council Chamber, Level 3, Town Hall Extension,
Albert Square, Manchester. M60 2LA

Agenda

1. Special Business to be introduced by the Lord Mayor.
 2. **Minutes** - to submit for approval and signature the Minutes of the meetings held on 2nd December 2009.
 3. **Proceedings of the Executive.**
To submit the proceedings of the Executive on 16th and 23rd December 2009 and 13th January 2010, and in particular to request Council to consider the following recommendations –

London Road Fire Station

To recommend the Council to increase the capital programme by up to £5.25m to cover the anticipated costs of acquisition including Stamp Duty Land Tax. This sum provides for all relevant costs and fees and assumes that VAT will be recoverable on the purchase price.
 4. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23.
 5. **Overview and Scrutiny Committees.**
To note the Minutes of the following Committees –

Children and Young People – 8th December 2009 and 5th January 2010
Citizenship and Inclusion – 9th December 2009 and 6th January 2010
Communities and Neighbourhoods – 8th December 2009 and 5th January 2010
Economy, Employment and Skills – 9th December 2009 and 6th January 2010
Health and Well-being – 10th December 2009
Resources and Governance – 10th December 2009 and 7th January 2010
 6. **Proceedings of Committees.**
 - a) To submit for approval the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 27th January 2010 (to be tabled)
 - b) To note the proceedings of the following meetings –
Audit Committee – 3rd December 2009 and 14th January 2010
Employee Appeals Committee – 17 December 2009.
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 14 December 2009 and 18th January 2010.
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Personnel Committee – 16th December 2009 and 13th January 2010
Planning and Highways Committee – 17th December 2009 and 14th January 2010
Standards Committee – 11th January 2010

7. **Business of the Joint Authorities and Committees.**

To receive answers to any questions raised in accordance with Procedural Rule 24 on the business of (a) Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority (b) Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority (c) Greater Manchester Police Authority, and (d) Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority.

8. **Key decisions exempted from call-in.** (Report of City Solicitor)

9. **Motion – Council’s on-going support to our military personnel**

This Council’s support for our armed forces is well known, an example of which is the reception that we will shortly be holding in honour of service personnel in this city.

Council would support a review of armed forces pay and conditions, and considers that their package should be comparable to those of other emergency services.

Signed: Councillors Iain Donaldson, Tony Burns, Val Stevens, Simon Ashley, Simon Wheale and Bernard Priest.

10. **Motion - Manchester Heroes**

This Council wishes to acknowledge the fantastic efforts made by staff , partners and the local community in ensuring that the City operated as normally as possible throughout the recent cold weather conditions. Manchester people have shown once again that true grit was not only on the roads.

At the council award ceremonies where staff and community achievement are celebrated. We want to recognise our Manchester Heroes. We ask that nominations for these awards take into account the dedication and commitment shown during this difficult winter period.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to circulate our thanks and appreciation in Council publications including Manchester People and Ward Matters and to staff and our partners.

Signed: Councillors Mary Watson (proposer) Jon Leigh Pritchard (seconder) Mike Amesbury, Bernard Priest and Jim Battle.

11. **Motion - High Pay Commission**

This Council notes:

1. The widening gap between the highest paid and the median wage in the UK and Manchester over the past 12 years.
2. That narrowing the gap in Manchester by increasing the average of residents’ wages has been and remains a priority for the City Council and the Manchester Partnership.



3. That some Executive remuneration has now reached excessive levels and action is needed to limit excessive pay awards and bonuses that are not based on merit.
4. That the top 0.1% of income earners (enough to fill Manchester City Stadium) have combined earnings of £33bn., or 4% of all UK earnings.
5. In 1997 a 'Low Pay Commission' was set up to tackle the problem of poverty wages to coincide with the introduction of the minimum wage.
6. The wide-ranging work being done in Manchester to improve the well-being of the lowest paid in the city, and, in particular, the introduction of the Manchester Minimum Wage; the support and development of credit unions; the introduction of the Helping Hands campaign to inform and help Manchester residents during the recession, and the ground-breaking Residents' Wages programme.

This Council believes that:

1. Income inequality, linked together with health inequality and poor housing undermines social cohesion and the efforts of the City Council and its partners to achieve the aims and objectives of a city where all citizens benefit from regeneration and have equal access to the wealth, employment and other opportunities which this brings.
2. We need a 'High Pay Commission' to launch a wide-ranging review of pay at the top. It should consider proposals to control the highest levels of remuneration such as maximum wage ratios and bonus taxation to provide the just society and sustainable economy we all want.

This Council resolves:

1. To support the establishment of a UK High Pay Commission as being compatible with the values and aims and objectives of Manchester City Council.
2. To lobby ministers to support the setting up of a UK High Pay Commission to help the Council's aims of improving the health, education, security and quality of life of Manchester residents.

Signed: Councillors Marc Ramsbottom (proposer) Bernard Priest (seconder) Norman Lewis, Simon Ashley, Jim Battle, Mary Watson, John Commons, Brendan Jones, Mike Amesbury, David Sandiford, Graham Shaw and Jackie Pearcey.

12. **Motion - Police Funding**

Council notes:

1. That this years GMP budget is overspent by £5million. Training, recruitment and overtime budgets are being cut to balance the budget.
2. That 300 police officers will be lost through "natural wastage". The Police Federation are "very concerned" that "these cuts will affect services to the public"
3. That the Government funding formula has resulted in Greater Manchester Police losing £81.2million since 2002. This extra money, which in 2009/10 would amount to £15million, would fund over 500 permanent police



- officers, and allow positive improvements, like neighbourhood policing, to be rolled out more quickly.
4. During the same period, Surrey police have received an extra £56million from Government through the same funding formula.

Council resolves to lobby every MP in Greater Manchester and the Home Secretary, to support our campaign to change the police funding formula and get GMP's money back.

Signed: Jackie Pearcey (proposer) Simon Ashley, Paul Shannon, Iain Donaldson, Graham Shaw, John Commons, John Grant and Marc Ramsbottom

Sir Howard Bernstein
Chief Executive