



13 March 2018

Dear Councillor / Honorary Alderman,

Meeting of the Council – Wednesday 21 March 2018

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held at 10.00am on Wednesday 21 March 2018, in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Manchester Town Hall Extension.

1. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

Including a presentation on Greater Manchester Police (GMP) - by GMP representatives and a presentation on the NHS - by NHS representatives.

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 2 March 2018.

4. Proceedings of the Executive

To submit the part proceedings of the meeting which took place on 7 February 2018, and the minutes of the meetings on 7 March 2018 and 21 March 2018 (to be presented at the meeting) and in particular to consider:

Exe/18/033 Capital Programme – Proposed Increases. That Council approves the following changes to the City Council's capital programme:

1. Growth and Neighbourhoods – Parking Improvements. An increase to the capital budget of £0.924M in 2018/19, funded by a revenue contribution to capital outlay from the Parking Reserve.
2. Asset Management Programme – Ross Place Refurbishment. An increase to the capital budget of £0.096M in 2018/19, funded by Capital Fund.
3. Growth and Neighbourhoods – Blackley Crematorium. An increase to the capital budget of £0.115M in 2017/18, funded by capital receipts.

Council to approve

- and to also consider any recommendations contained in the minutes of the meeting on 21 March 2018 that are to be available at the meeting.

5. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

6. Scrutiny Committees

To note the minutes of the following committees:

Health – 30 January 2018, 6 February 2018 and 27 February 2018
Children and Young People – 30 January 2018 and 27 February 2018
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 31 January 2018 and 28 February 2018
Economy – 31 January 2018 and 28 February 2018
Communities and Equalities – 1 February 2018 and 1 March 2018 (to follow)
Resources and Governance – 1 February 2018 and 1 March 2018

7. Proceedings of Committees

To submit for approval the minutes of the following meetings and consider recommendations made by the committee:

Audit Committee – 25 January 2018
Constitutional and Nomination 21 March 2018 (to be tabled)
Health and Wellbeing Board – 14 March 2018 (to follow)
Licensing Committee – 26 February 2018 (to follow)
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 15 January 2018 and 26 February 2018 (to follow)
Planning and Highways Committee – 8 February 2018 and 8 March 2018 (to follow)
Standards Committee – 15 March 2018 (to follow)
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 25 January 2018

Personnel Committee – 7 February 2018 and 7 March 2018 (to follow) and 21 March 2018 (to be tabled) in particular to consider

PE/18/06 Disciplinary Procedure for the Chief Executive and Certain Statutory Officers

To invite the Council to amend the constitution in relation to the appointment of Independent Persons to an Independent Panel and in relation to the power to suspend any relevant officer respectively, when it undertakes its annual review of the Constitution incorporating the rules of procedure that are appended to these minutes in Part 4 Section F of the Council's Constitution.

- and to consider any recommendations contained in the minutes of the meeting on 21 March 2018 that are to be available at the meeting.

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 Waste Disposal Authority, and (c) the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee

9. Key Decisions Report

The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed

10. Annual report of the Standards Committee

The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed

11. Notice of Motion – Marine Litter

It is estimated that over 8 million tons of litter enter the ocean every year.

A multitude of ascending colourful balloons against the backdrop of a bright blue sky may be a brilliant sight to behold, but, as the saying goes, “what goes up must come down” – and when balloons do, the consequences are deadly for wildlife.

Although there is generally good intent behind the practice of releasing balloons such as memorialising an event, showing remembrance for a person, or to symbolically “let something go,” people fail to realise that once released, balloons become nothing more than floating litter.

Latex balloons are often cited as biodegradable. However, in spite of its natural origin, latex does not degrade sufficiently quickly to avoid ingestion by marine wildlife and potential damage to their digestive system. Balloons submerged in saltwater have been shown to remain intact for more than a year. Ingestion of balloon debris poses both a physical and a chemical hazard to marine animals and causes significant harm. Marine animals, notably turtles, dolphins, and whales mistake balloons floating in water for prey and swallow them which can block digestive tracts, causing the animal to slowly starve.

With this, we have seen globally the harm plastic straws are also doing to our marine life – It is estimated that the UK alone uses 8.5 billion straws every year, the plastic takes over 200 years to break down and they are among the top 10 items found in beach clean-ups

I am asking members to support this motion, to ask the executive to take action to tackle balloon releases across the City. To see what actions can be taken to work with all outlets who use single use plastic straws, looking at alternatives so that we can play our part in preserving marine wildlife.

Proposed by Councillor Austin-Behan, Seconded by Councillor A Simcock, Also signed by Councillors Davies, Alijah, H Priest, Paul and Fletcher-Hackwood

12. Notice of Motion - Transparent Viability Assessments

This council notes that, under Labour leadership, Manchester has been one of the fastest growing cities in the UK over the last 20 years and is now generally regarded as the nation's 'second city'. This has meant that property development has become a lucrative industry in Manchester.

This Council notes that there is a housing crisis in the UK which has been made worse by the policies of the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats in government since 2010. Not only have they failed to regulate the private-rented sector but the coalition government slashed funding for new social housing and failed to replace homes which were sold off under right-to-buy. In the face of this, the Council has made great efforts to ensure that ordinary Mancunians have access to affordable housing. There are 548 units of affordable housing currently under construction and 1711 in the pipeline to be delivered in the next 3 years where affordability is based on average income rather than the government's arbitrary measure of 80% of market value.

This Council notes that developers have often used viability assessments to avoid their obligations to provide affordable housing and where this happens, it can damage public confidence in the planning process. Labour Councils in Greenwich, Bristol and Lambeth have improved transparency by making their viability assessments public.

This Council believes that the developers who make money from building in our city have an obligation to make a fair contribution to providing affordable housing.

This Council seeks to amend its planning policy to:

- set out clear viability criteria based on market value compared with land value and construction costs
- require viability assessments for developments of more than 15 units where less than 20% of the development is affordable housing as part of the planning process and for these to be public
- require all information submitted for the viability assessment (including any which the Council agrees is commercially sensitive) to be made available to members of the planning committee and other relevant members of the Council in advance of determination of the planning decision.

Proposed by Councillor James Wilson, seconded by Councillor Garry Bridges and also signed by Councillors Moore, Strong, Wills, Raikes and Craig

13. Notice of Motion – Greater Manchester Police (GMP)

- notes the increasing pressures facing Greater Manchester Police (GMP)
- supports the warnings of the Labour party that, nationally, police forces are reaching a breaking point, and completely condemns the Liberal Democrats for their complicity, whilst part of the Coalition Government, in the wide

ranging cuts experienced by forces up and down the country and here in Manchester.

- welcomes the announcement by GM Deputy Mayor with responsibility for Police, Bev Hughes for 100 additional officers
- believes that the Government should rethink their strategy for policing and adopt Labour's 2017 manifesto commitment; pledging to put 10,000 additional police on to the streets of England and Wales, to be paid for by reversing planned cuts to capital gains tax.
- highlights that the seven year pay cap for police officers has seen morale collapse and that officers are £6,000 per year worse off in real terms, with wages failing to keep pace with inflation and believes that lifting the pay cap will help to reward officers fairly, increase morale and officer retention rates and, ultimately, lead to a better standards of policing throughout the country.
- derides the meagre one-off 1% lump sum pay rise being given by the Conservative government to the police for the next year; noting that this one-off rise makes police pay still far below inflation which stands at 2.0% and is well short of the 5% pay increase being asked for by unions to help mitigate the extensive period of real term pay cuts already undertaken
- supports unions and others who have called the Government's offer 'pathetic' and believes that is a damning indictment for the Conservative Party that they make tax cuts for the very richest whilst failing to give public servants fair pay
- welcomes the GMP's commitment to neighbourhood policing, with its key emphasis on tackling crime and antisocial behaviour, and focus on problem solving and crime prevention through enhancing local intelligence gathering; it is noted that police officers work collaboratively with partner agencies to provide a bespoke service that best meets the needs of each community, with an increased focus on utilising early partnership based intervention

Proposed by Councillor N Murphy, Seconded by Councillor Davies, Also signed by Councillors Andrews, Karney and H Priest

14. Notice of Motion – Protecting our National Health Service

This year we celebrate 70 years since the establishment of our National Health Service, a world class public service. Since 2010 we have seen a crisis grow in our NHS, and by January 2018 experienced the 'worst winter on record'.

Across the country waiting lists are increasing, routine operations have been cancelled, A&E's have struggled to hit their 4 hour target, ambulances have been backed up at A&Es and there is a growing shortage of doctors and nurses.

This Council notes:

- Nationally mental health trusts have been left with less funding in real terms than they had in 2012 as experts warn patients with mental illness are “bearing the brunt” of government cuts to the sector
- Public Health budgets have been cut by approximately 40% since 2010
- National funding to Mental health Trusts has found to be lower than 2012 levels one inflation has been taken into account
- The IFS warn that NHS funding increases is at its lowest rate since 1950’s
- In March The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) found that four out of five doctors are worried about the ability of their service to deliver safe patient care over the next 12 months
- Funding to social care has been significantly cut, causing pressure on the rest of the health system.

The NHS and social care need proper funding urgently, and after years of attacks since 2010, only Labour can be trusted to protect the NHS for the next 70 years.

Proposed by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Ellison and also signed by Councillors Andrews, Karney and H Priest

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Roney', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right and a loop at the end.

**Joanne Roney OBE
Chief Executive**

Information about the Council

The Council is composed of 96 councillors with one third elected three years in four. Councillors are democratically accountable to residents of their ward. Their overriding duty is to the whole community, but they have a special duty to their constituents, including those who did not vote for them.

Seven 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 –

Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, N. Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Appleby, Austin-Behan, Barrett, Battle, Bridges, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cookson, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Farrell, Fender, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Igbon, Ilyas, S Judge, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, Lone, Longsdon, Loughman, Lovecy, Ludford, Manco, Marshall, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Mary Monaghan, Moore, N. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, O'Neil, Paul, Peel, B Priest, H Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Rowles, Russell, Sadler, Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, A Simcock, K Simcock, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Taylor, Teubler, Watson, Webb, Wills and Wilson.

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester –

Gordon Conquest, William Egerton JP, Audrey Jones JP, Peter Morrison, Paul Murphy OBE, John Smith and Keith Whitmore.

Further Information

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

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This summons was issued on **13 March 2018** by the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit, Manchester City Council, Town Hall Extension, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA

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Declaration of Councillors' Interests in items appearing on the Council Agenda

Declaration by Councillor _____

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