

On behalf of Manchester City Council

Witness. F Swift

Date: 19th March 2020

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUIRY ARISING FROM THE 22 DEATHS IN THE
MANCHESTER ARENA BOMBING**

BEFORE HON. SIR JOHN SAUNDERS

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF FRASER SWIFT

I, Fraser Swift, say as follows

1. I am an employee of Manchester City Council, Town Hall, Manchester, M2 5DB
2. I provide this witness statement on behalf of Manchester City Council at the request of the Chairman for the Manchester Arena Inquiry, Hon Sir John Saunders.
3. I am employed by Manchester City Council as a Principal Licensing Officer. My role is ensuring the licensing of premises in Manchester is properly conducted as required by legislation, including the Licensing Act 2003. As part of this, I am responsible for the administration of licence applications and policy matters for licensed premises. I have held this position since November 2007 and have 17 years' experience in this field of licensing having previously worked at Westminster City Council and Davenport Lyons Solicitors in London.
4. I make this witness statement from the facts and matters within my own knowledge. Where I refer to facts and matters outside my own knowledge, I identify the source of those facts and matters
5. Manchester Arena is licensed by Manchester City Council to carry out 'licensable activities' under the Licensing Act 2003