

Constitutional and Nomination Committee Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2017

Present: Councillor Karney - In the Chair
Councillors: Curley, Flanagan, Lanchbury, S. Murphy, B. Priest and Stogia.

Apologies: Councillors Leese and Reeves.

CN/17/15 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2017.

CN/17/16 Membership of Committees 2017/18, appointment of Chairs and members of Committees

Decisions

1. To request the Council to agree to suspend Procedural Rule 25.1 to allow the following decisions which involve reconsideration of a decision taken by the Council within the previous six months.
2. To recommend the Council to make the following changes in appointments to Committees and Joint Committees of the Council.

Councillors -

Membership of Committees

The Committee reviewed the membership of committees.

The Committee were told that Liam Duffy has been re-appointed as a co-opted member /Teacher Representative on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, and that his term of office would therefore be extended to 30 November 2019.

The Committee noted that June Gudgeon's term of office as a co-opted member/Teacher Representative on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee would end on 30 November 2017. The Committee thanked her for her hard work and commitment during her term of office.

The Committee also noted that Russell Lammas would replace Ms Gudgeon for a 2 year term of office as from 1 December 2017.

Decision

1. To note the changes to the co-opted membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

2. To recommend the Council to make the following changes in appointments to Committees and Joint Committees of the Council.

Committee	Member removed	Member appointed
Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee	-	Cllr. Ali Ilyas Cllr Nilofar Siddiqi
Economy Scrutiny Committee	-	Cllr Joanne Green
Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Joanne Green	-
Health Scrutiny Committee	-	Cllr Rosa Battle
Licensing Policy Committee	-	Councillor Carmine Grimshaw Councillor Joan Davies

CN/17/17 Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which proposed changes to the current scheme of polling places for polling districts in Manchester's wards.

The review will ensure that the Council's scheme of polling districts and polling places reflects the new ward boundaries as a key part of the city's governance arrangements, and which must be in place in advance of the local elections which will take place on 3 May 2018.

Decisions

1. To note the background to the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places and the proposed timetable/process including the consultation arrangements.
2. To authorise the initiation of a Review of the parliamentary polling districts and polling places within the Council's area and that this be combined with a review of local government elections polling districts and polling places within the Council's area beginning on 9 October 2017.
3. To note the establishment of a Member Working Group to assist the (Acting) Returning Officer to develop her detailed proposals for the location of polling stations which will be submitted and published during the Review's consultation period.
4. To delegate authority for undertaking the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places to the Chief Executive.

5. To request that the Chief Executive reports back to the Committee upon completion of the Review, so that the Committee can make final recommendations on polling districts and places to the City Council.

CN/17/18 Recognising Outstanding and Exceptional Contributions to Manchester

At the extraordinary meeting on 12 July 2017 the Council resolved to ask the Chief Executive to prepare a report proposing a new awards system to recognise exceptional and outstanding contributions to the life of the city, this to include the awarding of honorary citizenship for people living and working outside Greater Manchester (Minute CC/17/50).

The Chief Executive's report was now submitted for consideration. The report proposed the introduction of "The City of Manchester Award" to recognise the outstanding contributions and achievements of individuals and organisations whatever their field or expertise. There were to be two categories of this award:

Outstanding Contribution to Manchester: This was to be for an individual living, working or studying in the city or organisation located within the city that had made such an exceptional contribution to Manchester that it should be formally recognised and recorded in the city's history. Outstanding Contributions would be those having a significant positive impact on Manchester, its people or the city's reputation nationally or internationally. These contributions could arise from a one-off event, a specific achievement, or from consistent excellence.

Honorary Mancunian: This was to be for an individual not living or working in the city but who had, by their actions, made an exceptional contribution to the city, its people or the city's reputation nationally or internationally.

The report also explained the proposals for ensuring that there was a permanent public record of these honours being awarded. The main Shakespeare Hall entrance of Manchester Central Library had been identified as the most appropriate site for a board or for plaques to be installed to record the awarding of these two honours in a place where they would be readily seen by the people of Manchester.

Decision

To endorse proposals for the City of Manchester award scheme.