

Council

Minutes of the meeting on 30 July 2014

Present: The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor Councillor Cooley – in the Chair

Councillors Adams, Ahmed, Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, N. Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Andrews, Austin, Barrett, R. Battle, Chappell, Chohan, Collins, Cookson, Cooley, Cooper, Cox, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Fender, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Gillard, Green, Grimshaw, Hackett, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Hyde, Judge, Kamal, Karney, Khan, Knowles, Leese, Longsdon, Ludford, Lyons, Manco, Midgley, Monaghan, Moore, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, Barbara O'Neil, Brian O'Neil, Paul, Peel, Priest, Raikes, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Rowles, Royle, Russell, Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, Simcock, Shone, Smith, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Swannick, Teubler, Trotman, Watson and Wilson

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester-
William Egerton

CC/14/50 Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that she had consented to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee and the Personnel Committee on 30 July 2014 being submitted for consideration as urgent business. She also informed Council that she had consented to the Leader making a statement at the start of the meeting.

CC/14/51 Leader's Statement

The Leader of the Council made a statement about the Council's position on the Gaza conflict and the recent demonstrations that have taken place in the city centre.

CC/14/52 Presentation to Councillor Mark Hackett

The Council marked 25 years of service by Councillor Mark Hackett with the presentation of a long service medal.

CC/14/53 Queen's birthday honours list

The Lord Mayor informed Council that she had written to the following Mancunians to congratulate them on the honour they received in the Queen's birthday honours list.

- Dr Diana Mary Leitch, MBE
- Gary Buxton, MBE
- Hari Dutt Seth, BEM
- Joanne Susan Dalton, BEM
- Kevin Mulligan, QPM
- Sir Michael Deegan, CBE

- Steven Anthony Heyward, QPM
- Thomas Walsh, BEM

The honours bestowed on these Mancunians were applauded by the Council.

CC/14/54 Town Hall Extension and Central Library refurbishment - awards

The Lord Mayor informed the Council of the many awards made to the Town Hall Extension and Central Library refurbishment projects. These included winning the 'Refurbished or Recycled Workplace' - British Council for Offices and the National Public Sector Project of the Year, Faculty for the Built Environment awards. Mr Dave Carty, Head of Capital Programmes was presented with an award on behalf of the Capital Programme Project Team.

CC/14/55 Presentation: Greater Manchester Combined Authority

The Council received a presentation from the Chief Executives of Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council and Wigan Council on the work of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

CC/14/56 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held of 4 June 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

CC/14/57 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive for 18 June, 24 June and 16 July 2014 were submitted. The Council considered the following recommendations:

Exe/14/051 Capital Programme – Proposed Increases

To recommend that Council approve:

- Growth & Neighbourhoods (Leisure) – National Taekwondo Centre: To increase the capital budget by £2.4m in 2014/15, funded from £1.8m borrowing, the costs of which will be covered by the Stadium rental income and £600k Sport England grant.
- Growth & Neighbourhoods (Highways) – Armitage School Parking Issues: To increase the capital budget by £39k in 2014/15, funded by £20k cash grants (revenue), £10k school contribution and £9k external contribution.
- To transfer £610k from the ICT capital budget to release revenue resources. This is to fund the specialist technical analysts required to support the delivery of the ICT capital transformation programme.

Exe/14/072 Capital Budget Increases

To recommend that Council approve:

- Growth & Neighbourhoods (Highways) - North Manchester Hospital Residents Parking: To increase the capital budget by £30k in 2014/15 funded from the Parking Reserve.
- Growth & Neighbourhoods (Leisure) - Boggart Hole Clough: To increase the capital budget by £126k (£95k in 2014/15 and £31k in 2015/16), funded by Clean City funding from the Clean and Green Places Reserve.
- Growth & Neighbourhoods (Highways) - Blocked Gullies: To increase the capital budget by £800k (£400k in 2014/15 and £400k in 2015/16), funded by Clean City funding from the Clean and Green Places Reserve.
- Growth & Neighbourhoods (Leisure) - Alexandra Park: To increase the capital budget by £58k in 2014/15, funded by Clean City funding from the Clean and Green Places Reserve.

Exe/14/073 Capital Budget Monitoring

To approve the in year budget transfers below £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the City Council.

Decision

1. To receive those minutes.
2. Capital Programme – Proposed Increases

To increase the capital budget by £2.4m in 2014/15 for the National Taekwondo Centre, funded from £1.8m borrowing, the costs of which will be covered by the Stadium rental income and £600k Sport England grant.

To increase the capital budget by £39k in 2014/15 for Armitage School Parking Issues, funded by £20k cash grants (revenue), £10k school contribution and £9k external contribution.

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To increase the capital budget by £58k in 2014/15 for Alexandra Park, funded by Clean City funding from the Clean and Green Places Reserve.

4. Capital Budget Monitoring

To approve the in year budget transfers over £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise the use of funding resources available to City Council.

CC/14/58 Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Young People and Children – 10 June and 8 July 2014
Communities – 11 June and 8 July 2014
Neighbourhoods – 10 June and 8 July 2014
Economy – 11 June and 8 July 2014
Health – 12 June and 14 July 2014
Finance – 12 June and 14 July 2014

Decision

To receive the minutes.

CC/14/59 Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meeting were submitted:

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 30 July 2014

The Committee made recommendations about membership of Council committees, representation on joint board and joint committees,

Decision

1. To receive the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee 30 July 2014.
2. To approve the recommendations in relation to membership of Council committees and joint committees.

Licensing and Appeals Committee - 21 July 2014

The proceedings of the Committee's meeting on 21 July 2014 were submitted. The Council was asked to approve the amendments to the Hackney Carriage Byelaws that were appended to the minutes.

Decision

1. To received the minutes of the Licensing and Appeals Committee, 21 July 2014.
2. To approve the amendments to the Hackney Carriage Byelaws that were attached as an appendix to the minutes of the Licensing and Appeals Committee on 21 July 2014.

(Councillor Shaukat Ali declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and did not participate in this item).

Audit Committee – 17 July 2014

The proceedings of the meeting on 17 July 2014 were submitted. The Committee had made recommendations about changes to the Council's borrowing and investment strategies.

Decision

1. To approve a change to the investment strategy for 2014-15, which involves setting the minimum short-term rating that the Council will accept for a counterparty at F2 (Fitch) or equivalent as highlighted in section 8 of the Treasury Management Outturn Report to the Audit Committee on 17 July 2014.
2. To approve a change to the borrowing strategy for 2014-15, which involves the possible use of the Homes & Communities Agency / Communities & Local Government loan facility, as highlighted in section 9 of the Treasury Management Outturn Report to the Audit Committee on 17 July 2014.

The Council noted the proceedings of the following meetings that had acted under delegated powers.

Audit Committee – 12 June 2014
Health and Wellbeing Board – 2 July 2014
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 16 June 2014
Licensing Committee – 16 June and 21 July 2014
Personnel Committee – 18 June, 16 July and 30 July 2014
Planning and Highways Committee – 26 June and 24 July 2014
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 26 June and 24 July 2014
Standards Committee – 19 June 2014

Decision

To receive the minutes of those meetings.

CC/14/60 Key Decisions

The report of the City Solicitor on key decisions exempted from call in was noted by the Council.

CC/14/61 Contribution of Women to the City of Manchester

Motion made and seconded

Council notes the enormous contribution of women to the City of Manchester.

Council also notes that the number of women councillors in the city is now at its highest level to date with 41 out of a total of 96 elected members.

However, despite this, Council also notes that although there are a number of statues of men in public places across the City Centre the only woman represented is Queen Victoria.

Council believes it is now time to make a small start towards correcting that situation.

Council therefore resolves to explore the feasibility of erecting a statue in central Manchester that celebrates the life of one of the women with strong associations with the city.

With that in mind, Council resolves to set up a small working party chaired by the Executive member for Culture and Leisure with the following assumptions in mind:

1. This statue will be erected at no cost to the public purse in Manchester.
2. The expected cost will be in the region of £500,000. The bulk of this will be raised by public subscription and matched funding will be sought from appropriate external bodies.
3. In order to maximise the fundraising potential the organisation that leads this project will be a Registered Charity.
4. The expected location of the statue will be one of the city's great open spaces: Albert Square, St Ann's Square, St Peter's Square, Piccadilly Gardens, Exchange Square or Lincoln Square.
5. The anticipated unveiling of the statue will be on International Women's Day in 2019 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the date of the first woman to sit in the House of Commons on 1st December 1919.
6. The identity of the woman to be commemorated will be considered by the working party, and when they have drawn up a shortlist of candidates this will be subjected to a public vote.
7. A competition will be held to identify the sculptor.
8. The membership of the working party will consist of five elected members plus the Chair and appropriate external advisers.
9. The following approximate timetable will apply:
 - Funding in place by 31st July 2016

- Voting to identify who the statue will commemorate completed by January 2017
- Competition to identify sculptor completed by March 2017
- Statue unveiled March 2019

Resolution

The motion was put and voted upon and the Lord Mayor declared that it was **CARRIED**.

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CC/14/62 Domestic Abuse

Motion made and seconded

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Council supports the work going on in Manchester to address Domestic Abuse, with joint working of the statutory and voluntary sector. This is both preventative work on domestic abuse and multi-agency risk assessments for high risk cases, however in too many cases interventions come too late.

Council also notes that thousands of children each year witness domestic abuse. All children and young people should be educated in knowing that domestic abuse is a crime and support is available to protect and safeguard them.

Council welcomes the introduction in many Manchester primary and secondary schools of age appropriate domestic abuse education packs. This is alongside staff training, raising awareness on domestic abuse, forced marriage and family genital mutilation. This approach would be beneficial in all schools.

Therefore, Council should draw up plans to:

1. Work with the Manchester Domestic Abuse Service Providers Forum to encourage all schools to raise awareness on domestic abuse and safeguarding
2. Look at ways of including this agenda on Manchester's new initiative on *Delivery Domestic Abuse Differently project and The Crime Reduction Partnership, particularly early intervention.*
3. Ensure that all schools sign up to delivering awareness sessions to children
4. Explore ways in which Domestic Abuse Service Providers can link up to give the same, structured message to all children in all schools in Manchester: "*Children and young people do not have to suffer in silence, help is available*".
5. Calls upon Scrutiny Committees to consider within the next six months the progress of the actions above and future recommendations

6. Call on the Government to adequately fund services that support and save the lives of people experiencing domestic abuse.

Resolution

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CC/14/63 Back our bid – Manchester City of Football

Motion made and seconded

Football runs through Manchester's DNA. We have thriving amateur and youth clubs, are home to two of the biggest football clubs, and have a global reputation for being the world's footballing capital.

Manchester has been successful in getting to the final three to be the first City of Football, at £1.6million Sports England funded pilot with the winner announced in September.

Through the Manchester Football Consortium, which brings together partners and organisations from sport, media, health, education, business and local community groups, Manchester's bid will seek to transform the grassroots game as well as enticing new participants to the game through music, fashion and digital media.

The Council notes Manchester's success in getting to the final 3 in Sport England's "City of Football".

We ask all Manchester residents, businesses and community groups to get involved with the campaign to make Manchester the first City of Football and 'Back our Bid' by joining our Facebook page Manchester or via Twitter@Manchester_cof.

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