

## **Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting on 15 October 2014**

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

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

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester-  
William Egerton JP, Peter Morrison and Keith Whitmore

#### **CC/14/64 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 15 October 2014 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

#### **CC/14/65 Former Councillor Joyce Keller and Honorary Alderman, Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw**

The Lord Mayor reported the deaths of former Councillor Joyce Keller and Honorary Alderman Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw.

Joyce Keller served as member for Sharston ward for 23 years and was Lord Mayor during 1995 and 1996. A retired headteacher, she made valuable contributions to the Education Committee and the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee. She was a strong advocate of ensuring that pupils enjoyed the school experience.

Honorary Alderman, Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, served as a Manchester councillor for many years and was Lord Mayor between 1975 and 1976. She was an eminent mathematician, was passionate about education and contributed to this at a city, national and international level.

The Council and those present at its meeting then observed a period of silence in their memory.

#### **CC/14/66 Presentation – Age Friendly Manchester**

The Council received a presentation from Senior Strategy Officer, Paul McGarry on Age Friendly Manchester. The presentation described some of the work being done

to make Manchester an age friendly city. After the presentation, Mr McGarry answered questions from members of the Council.

### **CC/14/67 Presentation – State of the City**

The Council received a presentation from Linda Frost, Intelligence Advisor and Nigel Waddington, Senior Research Officer on the “State of the City” publication which summarised a variety of research into Manchester. Officers answered questions from members after the presentation.

### **CC/14/68 Address from Manchester Youth Council**

Yazmeena Lee, a representative from Manchester Youth Council addressed the Council about the topic of allowing young people of 16 and 17 years old to vote in elections. The Council thanked Yazmeena for her contribution.

### **CC/14/69 Motion to Change the Order of Business**

A motion was proposed and seconded, to change the order of business on the agenda under rule 19.1c of the Council’s procedural rules, to consider item 10, the motion on votes for 16 and 17 year olds.

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

### **Decision**

To change the order of business on the agenda to consider the motion on votes for 16 and 17 year olds next.

### **CC/14/70 Motion – Votes for 16 and 17 year olds**

A motion was proposed and seconded:

We call on the City Council to:

1. Support the recent proposals by Manchester Youth Council to extend the franchise in all elections to 16 and 17 year olds.
2. Ask the government to back the policy announced by the Labour Party, in the spirit of their actions in the Scottish Referendum and extend the franchise in all elections to 16 and 17 year olds.
3. Work with Manchester Youth Council and Manchester Schools and Colleges to enhance citizenship education for all young people in Manchester.

### **Resolution**

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

### **Decision**

We call on the City Council to:

1. Support the recent proposals by Manchester Youth Council to extend the franchise in all elections to 16 and 17 year olds.
2. Ask the government to back the policy announced by the Labour Party, in the spirit of their actions in the Scottish Referendum and extend the franchise in all elections to 16 and 17 year olds.
3. Work with Manchester Youth Council and Manchester Schools and Colleges to enhance citizenship education for all young people in Manchester.

#### **CC/14/70- Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held of 30 July 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

#### **CC/14/71 Proceedings of the Executive**

The proceedings of the Executive for 3 September 2014 and 1 October 2014 were submitted. The Council considered the following recommendations:

#### **Exe/14/092 Bootle Street Acquisition**

To recommend that Council approve an increase to the capital budget of £2.675m to be funded from the future capital receipt.

#### **Exe/14/105 London Road Fire Station**

To approve the following:

1. an increase to the capital budget of £60m for the redevelopment of the London Road Fire Station to be funded by prudential borrowing, in the event of a CPO being made and it being confirmed;
2. an increase to the capital budget of £2.250m to cover the costs associated with the preparation and execution of a CPO (if made), however, should the CPO be unsuccessful this will only require an increase of £1.75m;
3. an increase to the revenue budget of £0.5m to cover the associated holding costs, in the event of a CPO being made and it being confirmed; and
4. to delegate authority to the City Treasurer to drawdown the required level of Reserves (as detailed above) from the Capital Fund and authorise the City Treasurer to determine the revenue and capital split.

#### **Decision**

1. To receive those minutes.
2. Bootle Street Acquisition

To approve an increase to the capital budget of £2.675m to be funded from the future capital receipt.

3. London Road Fire Station

To approve an increase to the capital budget of £60m for the redevelopment of the London Road Fire Station to be funded by prudential borrowing, in the event of a CPO being made and it being confirmed;

To approve an increase to the capital budget of £2.250m to cover the costs associated with the preparation and execution of a CPO (if made), however, should the CPO be unsuccessful this will only require an increase of £1.75m;

To approve an increase to the revenue budget of £0.5m to cover the associated holding costs, in the event of a CPO being made and it being confirmed; and

To delegate authority to the City Treasurer to drawdown the required level of Reserves (as detailed above) from the Capital Fund and authorise the City Treasurer to determine the revenue and capital split.

**CC/14/72 Scrutiny Committees**

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Young People and Children – 26 August and 16 September 2014  
Neighbourhoods – 26 August and 23 September 2014  
Economy – 27 August, and 24 September 2014  
Communities – 27 August, and 24 September 2014  
Finance – 28 August and 25 September 2014  
Health – 28 August and 25 September 2014

**Decision**

To receive the minutes.

**CC/14/73 Proceedings of Committees**

The minutes of the following meeting were submitted:

**Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 15 October 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 on 15 October 2014.

2. To approve the recommendations in relation to membership of Council committees and joint committees.

### **Personnel Committee – 3 September 2014 and 16 September 2014**

The proceedings of the Personnel Committee meetings on 3 September and 16 September 2014 were submitted. The Council considered recommendations about making changes to the management structure in the constitution as a result of staff changes; and the appointment of a Deputy Director for Children's Services.

#### **Decision**

1. To receive the minutes of the Personnel Committee on 3 September and 16 September 2014
2. To authorise the City Solicitor (in consultation with the Chief Executive) to make consequential changes to the Management Structure in part 8 of the Constitution.
3. To approve the remuneration in the region of £100k - £110k for the position of Deputy Strategic Director of Children's Services.

### **Audit Committee – 22 September 2014**

The proceedings of the meeting on 22 September 2014 were submitted. The Committee had made recommendations about changes to the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2014/15

#### **Decision**

1. To receive those minutes.
2. To approve the changes to the Treasury Management Strategy for 2014-15, being:
  - to approve the inclusion of the proposed HCA funding within the Borrowing Strategy for 2014-15; and
  - to allow no MRP to be charged in relation to capital expenditure funded by the proposed HCA loan, or in relation to any capital expenditure where the Council has received financial guarantees protecting against loss.

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

- Health and Wellbeing Board – 10 September 2014
- Licensing and Appeals Committee – 29 September 2014
- Planning and Highways Committee – 14 August and 11 September 2014

#### **Decision**

To receive the minutes of those meetings.

## **CC/14/74 Key Decisions**

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

## **CC/14/75 Motion – Legal Highs**

### **Motion made and seconded:**

Council notes the increase in use as a popular recreational drug of nitrous oxide commonly known as “Laughing Gas”, the taking of which is not illegal.

The recreational use of “Laughing Gas” does have a detrimental effect on users health and can lead to oxygen deprivation, causing loss of blood pressure, fainting and heart attacks and prolonged use can cause anaemia, bone marrow suppression and poisoning of the nervous system.

The misuse of “laughing gas” coincides with an increasing use of legal highs which has seen deaths more than double in the last four years, recent figures reveal they killed more people in 2013 than ecstasy.

This council calls on the Chief Executive

- To initiate a public awareness campaign on the harmful effects of ‘Laughing Gas’ and other legal highs, funded from the public health budget.
- To lobby Government to introduce legislation that bans the sale of all ‘psychoactive’ (brain altering) drugs and then exempts some, such as alcohol and tobacco.

### **Amendment made and seconded:**

Leave in all up to second bullet point then replace second bullet point with the following –

“The Council will enforce all existing legislation that deals with nitrous oxide and set out clear policies that all licensed premises will restrict the sale of nitrous oxide. This will help licensed premises staff and licensees to promote the licensing objective of “Public Safety”.

It is illegal to sell nitrous oxide for recreational purposes. Furthermore, that we will lobby the government to restrict the wording “Legal High” as any combination or concoction of substances that alter the physical and mental state are in fact “illegal” and we must attempt to stop the apathetic acceptance of the phrase “legal highs” which lends weight to the credibility of these dangerous mixes of substances.”

### **Resolution**

The amendment was put and voted upon, and the Lord Mayor declared that it was **carried**.

The substantive motion was put and voted upon, and the Lord Mayor declared that it was **carried**.

### **Decision**

Council notes the increase in use as a popular recreational drug of nitrous oxide commonly known as “Laughing Gas”, the taking of which is not illegal.

The recreational use of “Laughing Gas” does have a detrimental effect on users health and can lead to oxygen deprivation, causing loss of blood pressure, fainting and heart attacks and prolonged use can cause anaemia, bone marrow suppression and poisoning of the nervous system.

The misuse of “laughing gas” coincides with an increasing use of legal highs which has seen deaths more than double in the last four years, recent figures reveal they killed more people in 2013 than ecstasy.

This council calls on the Chief Executive

- To initiate a public awareness campaign on the harmful effects of ‘Laughing Gas’ and other legal highs, funded from the public health budget.

The Council will enforce all existing legislation that deals with nitrous oxide and set out clear policies that all licensed premises will restrict the sale of nitrous oxide. This will help licensed premises staff and licensees to promote the licensing objective of “Public Safety”.

It is illegal to sell nitrous oxide for recreational purposes. Furthermore, that we will lobby the government to restrict the wording “Legal High” as any combination or concoction of substances that alter the physical and mental state are in fact “illegal” and we must attempt to stop the apathetic acceptance of the phrase “legal highs” which lends weight to the credibility of these dangerous mixes of substances.”