

Council

Minutes of the meeting on 10 December 2014

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

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

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester-
William Egerton JP.

CC/14/76 Urgent Business:

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that she had consented to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 10 December 2014 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

CC/14/77 Former Councillor Dorothy Rathbone

The Lord Mayor reported the death of former councillor, Dorothy Rathbone who was a councillor for Newton Heath from 1991 to 1995 and for Whalley Range from 1995 to 1999. Dorothy was chair of the Art Galleries committee in 1992 and she also served on the Galleries, Museums and the Arts and Leisure Committees during her time on the council.

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

CC/14/78 Food banks

The Lord Mayor made a statement advising members that this was the last day that they could donate to the collection that has been arranged for councillors to donate to a local food bank. She also appealed to any Manchester residents to donate to food banks to support people in need.

CC/14/79 Presentation – Hate Crime

The Council received a presentation from Fiona Worrall, Head of Neighbourhood Delivery and Rebecca Bryant, Crime and Disorder Lead on Hate Crime. The presentation provided details of the national approach and local approach to tackling hate crime, and details of Manchester's Hate Crime Awareness Week on 26 January

2015. Following the presentation, officers answered questions from members of the Council.

(Councillor Knowles declared a personal interest in this item as a board member of the People's History Museum, Castlefield Art Gallery and the Millennium Quarter Trust)

(Councillor Reeves declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the Contact Board)

(Councillor Hyde declared as personal interest in this item as an employee of the Contact Board).

CC/14/80 Presentation – Economic Impact of Manchester's Cultural Organisations

The Council received a presentation from Maria Balshaw, Director of Manchester City Art Galleries on the economic impact of cultural organisations. The presentation outlined the social and regeneration benefits of Manchester's investment into arts and culture. After the presentation, Ms Balshaw answered questions from members of the Council.

CC/14/81 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive for 29 October and 26 November were submitted. The Council considered the following recommendations

Exe/14/111 Capital programme monitoring 2014/15

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

Exe/14/122 2015/17 Budget: Initial Workforce Implications

To recommend that the Council release the required sum from the Council's reserves in 2014/15 and 2015/16 to fund the proposed schemes.

Exe/14/123 Eastlands Community Plan: update

To recommend to Council that approval be given for the Beswick Community Hub project budget increase of £544,000, with the MCC contribution increased by £871,000, funded as £621,000 from the Capital Fund and £250,000 from the English Partnerships reserve, as the Manchester City Football Club (MCFC) contributions to the Manchester Institute for Health and Performance had been reduced by £327,000.

Exe/14/126 Capital Programme - Proposed Increases

To recommend that the Council approves the following:

- Adult Services - Capitalisation of Community Equipment: To increase the capital budget by £350k in 2014/15, funded by a revenue contribution to capital.
- Private Sector Housing - Collyhurst Regeneration: To increase the capital budget by £300k (£124k in 2014/15, £142k in 2015/16 and £34k in 2015/16), funded by Capital Receipts.

Exe/14/127 Delegation for Business Rates Pooling

To recommend to Council that authority be delegate to the City Treasurer, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources, to determine whether the Council should be part of a business rate pooling arrangement with other local authorities in Greater Manchester and adjoining authorities.

Decision

1. To receive those minutes.
2. Capital programme monitoring 2014/15

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

3. 2015/17 Budget: Initial Workforce Implications

To release the required sum from the Council's reserves in 2014/15 and 2015/16 to fund the proposed schemes.

4. Eastlands Community Plan: update

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CC/14/82 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 22

Councillor Smith responded to a question from Councillor Peel about the progress of recommendations made by the Role of Managing Agents and Letting Agents in the Private Rented Sector Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

CC/14/83 Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

To note the minutes of the following committees:

Young People and Children – 21 October and 18 November 2014
Neighbourhoods – 21 October and 18 November 2014
Economy – 22 October and 19 November 2014
Communities – 22 October and 19 November 2014
Finance – 23 October and 20 November 2014
Health – 23 October and 20 November 2014
Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 2 September 2014

Decision

To receive the minutes.

CC/14/84 Proceedings of Committees

Constitution and Nomination Committee – 10 December 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 to make changes to the membership of Council committees and joint committees.

Personnel Committee - 29 October and 26 November 2014

The Committee made recommendations about delegating authority to the City Treasurer to release staff applying for voluntary severance or early retirement.

Decision

1. To receive the minutes of the Personnel Committee on 29 October and 26 November 2014
2. To delegate authority to the City Treasurer, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources to release staff who apply for voluntary severance or voluntary early retirement subject to the criteria set out in the Personnel Committee report.

(Councillor Andrews declared a prejudicial interest in the minutes of the Personal Committee and did not participate in this part of the meeting)

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

Audit Committee – 3 December 2014
Health and Wellbeing Board – 5 November 2014
Licensing Committee – 10 November 2014
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 10 November 2014
Planning and Highways Committee – 16 October and 11 November 2014
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 23 October 2014 and 27 November 2014

Decision

To receive the minutes of those meetings.

(Councillor Ellison declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Committee minute PH/14/114 and did not participate in this part of the meeting.)

CC/14/85 2015/17 Budget: Initial Workforce Implications

The recommendations contained within the report were approved by the Council earlier in the meeting under the proceedings of the Executive (minute CC/14/81) and the proceedings of Council committees (minute CC/14/84)

CC/14/86 Key Decisions

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

CC/14/87 Motion – Improving Mental Health

Motion made and seconded:

Council notes:

This year 1 in 4 people in the UK will experience a mental health problem.

Mental health costs £105 billion a year in England alone.

The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health problem by 2020.

Mental health problems make up 23% of the "burden of disease" in the UK.

People with severe mental health problems die up to 20 years younger.

Mental Health Trusts have experienced real term cuts in funding. Alongside the government's drastic and unfair austerity cuts to other public and social services, this is having a detrimental effect on services to improve mental health.

There is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems, debt and poor physical health.

Improving mental well being brings both social and economic benefits and enables communities to prosper.

This council resolves to step up to the Mental Health Challenge supported by leading mental health organisations which aims to encourage local authorities to take a proactive approach to mental health. We will continue to develop and build on some of the excellent initiatives in place and ensure that mental health and well being is at the heart of what we do.

We need to spread the message that mental health is everybody's business.

Council calls on the Chief Executive to commit to:

- Appoint a Mental Health Champion for Manchester City Council.
- Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our communities.
- Tackle discrimination and stigma.
- Promote and encourage positive mental health in our schools, workplaces and communities.
- Encourage all our citizens to support the Time to Change and Time to Talk Campaigns
- Call on central government to ensure adequate funding to promote mental health and to treat and support people with mental health problems. More resources are needed, not fewer.

Resolution

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

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(Councillor Cox declared a personal interest in this item as a founder member of 42nd Street)

CC/14/88 Motion – Action on Climate Change

Council notes: -

1. The report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published on 3rd November 2014, which issued a stark warning that the pace of change in reducing carbon emissions must stepped up sharply, if the world is to avoid severe, widespread and irreversible impact

2. That this Council was informed on October 15th 2014 of a reversal of its progress towards its 2020 41% reduction in CO2 emissions target. The forecast reduction has now been scaled back to 27%
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4. The progress of other major European cities, including the British cities of Nottingham and Bristol towards the establishment of energy companies which will invest in more carbon- efficient local energy generation, in improving the energy efficiency of homes and public buildings, and offer lower cost energy to their residents;
5. The terms of the Devolution deal for Greater Manchester also announced on 3rd November include powers to invest in infrastructure through the “earnback” deal, renewed commitment to the 2020 48% carbon reduction targets, and new planning powers.

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This Council calls on the Chief Executive

To establish a task and finish group with a brief to:

- Scope the most appropriate business model for a Manchester Energy Services Company (ESCO)
- Consider the appropriate level of governance for a Manchester ESCO (city, GMCA or core cities)
- Identify the key major partners for such a venture, both for infrastructure development and investment
- Identify and address the barriers to rapid implementation of such a venture
- Make recommendations to the Executive for the most advantageous way forward for this city for the long term for the benefit of Manchester residents

Resolution

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Decision

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