

Council

Minutes of the meeting on 4 February 2015

Present

Adams, Ahmed, Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, N. Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Austin, Barrett, R. Battle, Chappell, Chohan, Collins, Cookson, Cooper, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Fender, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Gillard, Green, Hackett, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Hyde, Judge, Kamal, Karney, Khan, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Lanchbury, Leese, Lone, Longsdon, Loughman, Ludford, Lyons, Manco, Midgley, Monaghan, Moore, M. Murphy, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, Barbara O'Neil, Brian O'Neil, Paul, Peel, Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, 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

Peter Morrison

CC/15/01 Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that she had consented to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 4 February 2015 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

CC/15/02 Withdrawn Business, Motion – Support for Trade Unions and Union Members

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that this motion had been withdrawn from the agenda.

CC/15/03 Anniversary of M62 bombing and Paris Murders

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that it was the 41st anniversary of the loss of 12 lives of army and airforce personnel, who died as a result of an IRA bombing whilst traveling back from Manchester to Catterick camp in North Yorkshire.

The Lord Mayor also reported that she had written to the Mayor of Paris to offer Manchester's sympathy and support, in light of recent murders in the city.

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

CC/15/04 New Years Honours

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that she had written to the following Mancunians who had been honoured by Her Majesty The Queen in the New Year's Honours list.

Dame Carol Ann Duffy DBE
Mrs Michele Sutton CBE
Ms Arlene McCarthy OBE
Ms Jennifer-Ann Christine Bishop OBE
Mrs Margaret Ann Tullett MBE
Ms Shabana Iltaf Abasi MBE
Mr Arthur John Biggs BEM
Miss Barbara Elizabeth Roberts BEM
Mr James Anthony Owen QFSM
Mr Derek Cartwright QAM
Ms Rebecca Bryant OBE

CC/15/05 World Cancer Day

The Lord Mayor informed members that it was World Cancer Day. She expressed the importance of all people checking for signs of cancer, particularly those over the age of 50.

CC/15/06 Presentation – The NHS – A View from the Frontline

The Council received a presentation from Amy Barringer, Unison's Lead Officer for Health and Jane O'Donnell, a nurse from Pennine Acute Hospital Trust on their assessment of the challenges facing the NHS. Following the presentation, they answered questions from members of the Council.

CC/15/07 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the meeting on 10 December 2014 as a correct record.

CC/15/08 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive for 22 December 2014 and 21 January 2015 were submitted. The Council considered the following recommendations:

Exe/14/136 Development and Future Organisation of the City Council's Digital Asset Base

To recommend Council to approve a revenue budget increase of £125,000 to undertake feasibility work in relation to One Central Park, with funding coming from the Capital Fund resources released from the underspend on the One Central Park acquisition.

Exe/14/139 Capital Programme - Proposed Increases

To recommend that the City Council approve:

- a. Growth & Neighbourhoods (Highways) - Gully Cleaning vehicle: To increase the capital budget by £90k in 2014/15 funded by Clean City funding from the Clean and Green Places Reserve.
- b. Public Sector Housing - Moxley Road Acquisitions: To increase the capital budget by £477k in 2014/15 funded by a Revenue Contribution to Capital.
- c. Private Sector Housing - Collyhurst Acquisition and Demolition: To increase the capital budget by £2,333k funded by Capital Receipts (£150k in 2014/15, £1,200k in 2015/16, £708k in 2016/17 and £275k in future years).

Exe/14/141: Development and future organisation of the City Council's Digital Asset Base

To recommend the Council to approve the addition of 11 Vaughan Street to the capital programme and provide a capital budget of £1.2m, with the resources being from the capital fund monies previously approved for the acquisition of One Central Park.

Exe/15/004: Capital Programme – Proposed Increases

To recommend that the City Council approve:

- a. Growth & Neighbourhoods (Highways) - Levenshulme Parking Signage: To increase the capital budget by £20k in 2014/15 funded by a revenue contribution to capital.
- b. Growth & Neighbourhoods (Leisure) - Levenshulme Leisure Centre: To increase the capital budget by £100k in 2015/16 funded by Capital Fund.
- c. Growth & Neighbourhoods (Property) - Platt Lane: To increase the capital budget by £125k in 2014/15 funded by a £95k contribution from the Platt Lane Reserve and a £30k Leisure revenue contribution to capital.

Decision

1. To receive those minutes
2. Development and Future Organisation of the City Council's Digital Asset Base

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(Councillor E Newman declared a personal interest in minute reference Exe/15/006 Manchester Market Rental Strategy as a board member of Wythenshawe Community Housing Trust)

CC/15/09 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Battle responded to a question from Councillor N Murphy about the opening date for the new Hulme Library.

CC/15/10 Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Young People and Children – 16 December 2014 and 13 January 2015
Neighbourhoods – 16 December 2014 and 13 January 2015
Economy – 17 December 2014 and 14 January 2015
Communities – 17 December 2014 and 14 January 2015
Finance – 18 December 2014 and 15 January 2015

Health – 18 December 2015 and 15 January 2015
Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 27 January 2015

Decision

To receive the minutes.

CC/15/11 Proceedings of Committees

Constitution and Nomination Committee – 4 February 2015

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 4 February 2015.
2. To approve the recommendations to make changes to the membership of Council committees and joint committees.

Audit Committee – 29 January 2015

Health and Wellbeing Board – 28 January 2015

Licensing and Appeals Committee – 15 December 2014

Personnel Committee – 21 January 2015

Planning and Highways Committee – 11 December 2014 and 22 January 2015

Wythenshawe Area Committee – 18 December and 22 January 2015

Decision

To receive the minutes of those meetings.

CC/15/12 Key Decisions

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

CC/15/13 Motion – HIV Testing

Motion made and seconded:

Manchester City Council:

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2. Recognises that Manchester has a high prevalence of HIV and commits to working with our partners and providers to improve the provision and uptake of HIV testing.

3. Recognises that late HIV diagnosis is an indicator in the Public Health Outcomes Framework.
4. Recognises the volume and quality of public health and local government guidelines and performance indicators designed to support local authority implementation and monitoring of appropriate and effective testing guidelines.

Council further notes,

1. That an estimated 107,800 people were living in England with HIV in 2013; 24% (one in four) were unaware of their status.
2. That 2,113 people were living with diagnosed HIV in Manchester in 2013.
3. That there is an impact of late diagnosis on individual health, public health and health budgets. Late diagnosis increases the likelihood of the need for complex and expensive treatment and the risk of onward transmission to others. 47% of people diagnosed with HIV in 2013 were diagnosed late (51% for Manchester).
4. That if diagnosed early, put on a clear treatment pathway and guaranteed access to antiretroviral therapy (ART), people living with HIV can expect to have a near-normal life expectancy and live healthy and active lives.

Recognising the importance of improving the uptake of HIV testing, Manchester City Council resolves to work with our partners and providers to:

1. Act to halve the proportion of people diagnosed late with HIV in Manchester by 2020
2. Act to halve the proportion of people living with undiagnosed HIV in Manchester by 2020.

Further resolves to:

1. Ask the Director of Public Health to provide a report outlining what needs to be done locally in commissioning and provision of services in order to halve late diagnosed and undiagnosed HIV by 2020
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Resolution

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CC/15/14 Motion – Manchester City Council against tax dodging

Motion made and seconded:

Background:

ActionAid's *Towns Against Tax Dodging* campaign has been established to raise the profile of corporate tax avoidance within the UK and Internationally. The broad stated aim of the campaign is for the UK government to play a lead role in creating a fairer tax system.

Following lobbying from Manchester residents in various wards across the city, a report on tax avoidance was commissioned. The report by Eddie Smith, Strategic Director- was taken to the Economy Scrutiny Committee on 14 January 2015.

While committee members followed recommendations- to note the content of the report and discuss the merits of this initiative within a Manchester context- it was generally felt that Manchester City Council could, and should go further. The committee believe that we should not only seek to formally support ActionAid's campaign, but also implement some practical measures to tackle tax avoidance- and

use our influence to lobby other Greater Manchester councils, partnership organisations, national Government and the European Union on the issue.

Manchester City Council notes:

- It has been estimated that the UK Treasury loses as much as £12 billion to tax dodging by multinational companies every year. Developing countries lose three times more to tax dodging than they receive in aid each year – enough to give a basic education to the 57 million children currently missing out.
- The UK has a particular responsibility to end tax dodging, as it is responsible for 1 in 5 of the world's tax havens in the British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.
- The use of tax havens by UK companies is rife, with 98 of the FTSE 100 companies routinely using tax havens.
- Large multinational companies pay as little as 5% in corporate taxes globally, while smaller businesses pay up to 30%.
- As the tax collection system is nationally administered, local authorities have limited opportunities to directly influence the behaviour of multinational companies. As a result, some authorities have decided to pass a Full Council Motion which offers their support to the *Towns Against Tax Dodging* campaign in the hope that this will help to influence future government policy.
- Manchester City Council's procurement policy already precludes companies that evade tax from entering into contract with the council.

Manchester City Council believes:

- As a local authority, we have a duty to provide the best possible public services for residents across Manchester.
- Our ability to provide quality local services would be significantly enhanced by a fairer Local Government spending deal. Increased revenues from the government tackling tax dodging could contribute to this.
- All who benefit from public spending should contribute their fair share.
- The UK must take a lead role in creating a fairer tax system and combatting tax dodging.

Manchester City Council resolves:

- To support ActionAid's campaign.
- To invite all interested political and campaigning groups to lobby their respective local Members of Parliament and regional Members of the European Parliament to continue this focus on tackling tax avoidance and evasion and to support such measures in the future.
- To request that the Chief Executive report back on the issue of tax avoidance in a Manchester context. Following this, we seek to form a Task and Finish group under the remit of the Economy Scrutiny Committee, to explore what practical measures Manchester City Council can implement to tackle tax avoidance. This would include reviewing our procurement policies.
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