

## **Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting on 18 November 2015**

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

Adams, Ahmed, Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, N. Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Appleby, Austin, Battle, Bridges, Chappell, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cookson, Cooley, Cox, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Farrell, Fender, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Gillard, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Igbon, S Judge, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Lanchbury, Leese, Longsdon, Loughman, Manco, Marshall, Midgley, Monaghan, Moore, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Noor, O'Neil, Paul, Peel, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Rowles, Russell, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Simcock, Shone, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Swannick, Teubler, Watson, Webb and Wilson

**Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester-**  
Keith Whitmore

#### **CC/15/78 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Paris Terror Attacks**

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he has written to the Mayor of Paris to offer Manchester's sympathy and support in the wake of the attack on Paris on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, where a number of people lost their lives. The Council welcomed representatives of the French community, faith groups and a representative of Manchester's Halle Orchestra to address the meeting to pay tribute to Paris and to affirm Manchester's solidarity with the city.

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

#### **CC/15/79 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Mayors for Peace**

The Council received a presentation from Sean Morris, Principal Policy Officer on Manchester's roles in the Mayors for Peace programme. At the end of the presentation, the Lord Mayor was presented with a certificate and a peace garland.

#### **CC/15/80 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation on diversity and community cohesion by pupils at Haveley Hey, the Willows and St Mary's Primary schools**

The Council received a presentation from teachers, parents and pupils from Haveley Hey, The Willows and St Mary's Primary schools on a recent project between the schools on diversity and community cohesion.

#### **CC/15/81 Urgent Business**

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had consented to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 18 November 2015 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

### **CC/15/82 Minutes**

#### **Decision**

To agree the minutes of the meeting on 23 September 2015 as a correct record.

### **CC/15/83 Proceedings of the Executive**

The proceedings of the Executive meetings on 7 October 2015 and 4 November 2015. The Council considered the following recommendations:

#### **Exe/15/112 The Development of the City Council's Digital Asset Base – Growth of the Space Project**

To recommend to Council to release from the Capital Fund £450,000 to develop a business case for Phase 2 to undertake more detailed design and costings works in relation to the expansion of the Space Project facility, with funding initially coming from the Capital Fund resources with the costs to be capitalised if the main project is approved.

#### **Exe/15/113 Capital Programme – Proposed Increases**

To recommend that the Council approve:

- (a) Highways Programme – Hyde Road Pinch Point Scheme. To increase the capital budget by £1.2m in 2015/16, funded by a virement of Growth Deal grant funding from the Inner Relief Route – Great Ancoats Street Improvement Scheme.
- (b) Public Sector Housing Programme - Willert Street Park Improvements. To increase the capital budget by £150k in 2015/16 funded by a £150k external contribution from the Big Lottery Fund, and to transfer £280k from the unallocated Housing Improvements capital budget to the scheme.
- (c) Corporate Property Programme - Asset Management Programme - Condition Surveys. To reduce the capital budget by £750k in 2015/16 and approve the transfer of £750k to revenue, funded by capital fund.

#### **Exe/15/120 Capital Programme Monitoring 2015/6**

To recommend that Council approves the in year budget transfers over £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the Council as set out in the minutes.

#### **Exe/15/122 The Redress Schemes for Lettings Agency Work and Property Management Work**

To recommend that Council approve the revision to the Corporate Enforcement Policy that was appended to the report to enable the Council to impose monetary penalties where powers exist to do so.

### **Decision**

1. To receive those minutes.
2. The Development of the City Council's Digital Asset Base – Growth of the Space Project

To release £450,000 from the Capital Fund to develop a business case for Phase 2 to undertake more detailed design and costings works in relation to the expansion of the Space Project facility, with funding initially coming from the Capital Fund resources with the costs to be capitalised if the main project is approved.

### 3. Capital Programme – Proposed Increases

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- c. To reduce the capital budget by £750k in 2015/16 for the Corporate Property Programme - Asset Management Programme - Condition Surveys and to approve the transfer of £750k to revenue, funded by capital fund.

### 4. Capital Programme Monitoring 2015/6

To approve the in year budget transfers over £0.5m between capital schemes (as detailed in the minutes to the Executive) to maximise use of funding resources available to the Council.

### 5. The Redress Schemes for Lettings Agency Work and Property Management Work

To approve the revision to the Corporate Enforcement Policy (that was appended to the report to the Executive) to enable the Council to impose monetary penalties where powers exist to do so.

### **CC/15/84 Scrutiny Committees**

The minutes of the following committees were submitted

Young People and Children – 29 September 2015 and 27 October 2015  
Neighbourhoods – 29 September 2015 and 27 October 2015  
Economy – 30 September 2015 and 28 October 2015  
Communities – 30 September 2015 and 28 October 2015  
Finance – 1 October 2015 and 29 October 2015  
Health – 1 October 2015 and 29 October 2015  
Manchester and Trafford Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 29 September 2015 and 10 November 2015.

## Decision

To receive those minutes.

## CC/15/85 Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following committees were submitted:

### Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 18 November 2015

The Committee made recommendations about changes to the membership of Council committees and the appointment of co-opted members to the Audit Committee, Standards Committees and the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee. The Committee also made recommendations about the appointment of Independent Persons.

At the Council meeting, the Chair made the following amendments to the recommendations for minute reference 'CN/15/011 Membership of Committees 2015/16, appointment of Chairs and members of Committees'.

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

Committee	Member removed	Member appointed
Trafford Borough Council and Manchester City Council Joint Health Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Teubler	Councillor Craig
Communities Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Cooley	Councillor Monaghan
Finance Scrutiny Committee	-	Councillor Cooley

To recommend that Council appoints Councillor Sarah Judge as Lead Member for Women

To recommend that the Council appoints the following members to the following non-executive bodies for the remainder of the municipal year.

<b>Body</b>	<b>Member removed</b>	<b>Member appointed</b>
Transport for Greater Manchester	Councillor Teubler	Councillor Azra Ali

### **Decision**

1. To receive the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 18 November 2015.
2. To approve the changes to membership of Council committees, including the changes listed above.
3. To extend Alan Eastwood's term of office as an Independent Person for four years commencing on 18 November 2015
4. To appoint Sarah Beswick to act as an Independent Person for a term of office of four years commencing on 18 November 2015
5. To appoint Nicole Jackson as an independent co-opted member and Chair of the Standards Committee for a term of office of four years commencing on 18 November 2015.
6. To appoint Geoff Linnell as independent co-opted member of the Standards Committee for a term of office of four years starting on 18 November 2015.
7. To appoint Ms June Gudgeon as Teacher Representative for the Primary Sector to serve on the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee for a period of two years with effect from 1 December 2015.
8. To appoint Dr David Barker as co-opted member of the Audit Committee.

### **Health and Wellbeing Board – 11 November 2015**

The Board recommended that the Council adopted the Age Friendly Manchester Board's Older People's Charter.

### **Decision**

To adopt the Manchester Age Friendly Older People's Charter as appended to the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 11 November 2015.

### **Licensing Policy Committee – 2 November 2015**

The Committee made recommendations about changes to the Gambling Act Policy and the Licensing Act Policy.

### **Decision**

1. To adopt the revised Licensing Act Policy 2015-2021 (as appended to the report

to the Licensing Policy Committee) with effect from 4 January 2016.

2. To adopt the revised Gambling Act Policy 2015-2021 (as appended to the report to the Licensing Policy Committee) with effect from 4 January 2016.

The proceedings of the following other committees were also submitted:

Audit Committee – 24 September 2015

Licensing and Appeals Committee – 19 October 2015

Personnel Committee – 4 November 2015

Planning and Highways Committee – 15 October 2015 and 12 November 2015

Standards Committee – 22 October 2015

Wythenshawe Area Committee – 24 September 2015 and 22 October 2015

## **Decision**

To receive those minutes.

### **CC/15/86 Key Decisions**

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

### **CC/15/87 Age Friendly Manchester**

#### **Motion proposed and seconded:**

Council welcomes the international recognition that Manchester has by being the first City to be recognised as an Age Friendly City by the World Health Organisation. The Age Friendly Manchester Older People's Board has been in existence for over 10 years, represents older people across the City and launched the Older People's Charter on International Older person's Day on 1<sup>st</sup> October this year.

Today, the Lord Mayor has adopted the Older People's Charter on behalf of the City Council.

Council recognises that the Older People's Charter needs to be embedded through action and resolves to recommend that:

1. The Manchester Strategy 2015 - 2025 (Manchester wants to be wonderful) should demonstrably recognise that an Age-Friendly Manchester will enhance the City as a whole. Older people have much to contribute and the Manchester Strategy should recognise this.
2. The contribution of the Age Friendly Manchester Older People's Board should be recognised either through regular receipt and consideration of the minutes of Board meetings at the Communities Scrutiny Committee or by regular reports to that Scrutiny Committee.

3. Further development of the community asset approach within the Transforming Adult Social Care programme should recognise that the Age-Friendly Manchester Locality approach provides a template for the integration of health and social care within Manchester at the level which matters – the local community level.
4. As an Age-Friendly City, Manchester should live up to its international reputation, celebrate what has been achieved so far and commit to embedding the Older People's Charter through clear action.

### **Resolution**

The motion was put to Council and voted on, and the Lord Mayor declared that it was carried.

### **Decision**

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## **CC/15/88 - Housing Crisis and the Private Rented Sector**

### **Motion proposed and seconded:**

The Conservative Government are overseeing a housing crisis in this country which affects the health and life chances of Manchester residents. Home Ownership is falling. The Government is forcing Housing Associations to sell homes at a reduced rate with no proper plan for replacing them. The private rented sector has grown rapidly and is becoming the tenure of necessity for families. The sector is marked by wildly variable standards and we can all see the consequences in our areas. There are limits to what we as a Council can do to address the national crisis but we should be rigorous in looking at how we can improve the sector using the powers we do have as well as looking at best practice from other authorities and where we can create more instruments to effect change at no cost to the Council and where we should lobby government to introduce the change we need to regulate the sector properly.

This motion calls on the Council

1. To ask the government for a binding guarantee that houses which housing associations will be forced to sell off will be replaced by at least an equal number of social homes.
2. To investigate ways in which our current powers can be better used to enforce standards in the private rented sector across the city.
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4. To approach Councils in other areas of the country to investigate the successes and failures of other schemes (including selective landlord licensing).
5. To seriously consider whether any successful additional measures can be introduced to regulate the rental sector without any additional cost to the Council.
6. To contact the Secretary of State to make the case for the power to regulate the sector properly.

### **Resolution**

The motion was put to Council and voted on, and the Lord Mayor declared that it was carried.

### **Decision**

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*(Councillor Curley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item and withdrew the meeting.)*

*(Councillor Collins declared a personal interest as a member of Northwards Housing Board)*

*(Councillor Stogia declared a personal interest as an employee of One Manchester)*

### **CC/15/89 - The Trade Union Bill**

Motion proposed and seconded:

This Council recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces. This Council values the constructive relationship that we have with our trade unions and we recognise their commitment, and the commitment of all our staff, to the delivery of good quality public services.

This Council notes with concern the Trade Union Bill which is currently being proposed by the Government and which would affect this Council's relationship with our trade unions and our workforce as a whole. This Council rejects this Bill's attack on local democracy and the attack on our right to manage our own affairs.

This Council is clear that facility time, negotiated and agreed by us and our trade unions to suit our own specific needs, has a valuable role to play in the creation of good quality and responsive local services. Facility time should not be determined or controlled by Government in London.

This Council is happy with the arrangements we currently have in place for deducting trade union membership subscriptions through our payroll. We see this as an important part of our positive industrial relations and a cheap and easy way to administer a system that supports our staff. This system is an administrative matter for the Council and should not be interfered with by the UK Government.

This Council resolves to support the campaign against the unnecessary, anti-democratic and bureaucratic Trade Union Bill.

This Council further resolves to seek to continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy and will take every measure possible to maintain its autonomy with regard to facility time and the continuing use of check-off.

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*(The following councillors declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item: Councillors Bridges, Craig, Hitchen, Paul, Peel, Pritchard, Rowles, Shone and Webb)*

*(The following councillors declared a personal interest as a member of a trade union: Councillors Andrews, Appleby, Battle, Chohan, Chappell, Cookson, Collins, Farrell, Flanagan, Hacking, Hassan, T Judge, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Loughman, Marshall, Midgeley, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Reid, Richards, Russell, Stogia, Stone, Teubler and Wilson)*