

## **Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting on 20 January 2016**

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

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

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

#### **CC/16/01 Lord Mayor's Special Business – New Years Honours List**

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had written to the following Mancunians to congratulate them on the honours they received in the New Year's Honours list:

Julie Flaherty MBE  
Stephanie Jayne Houghton, MBE  
David Lenagan, MBE  
Terence Priest, MBE  
Tim Sigsworth, MBE  
Paul Chidgey, BEM  
Chaim Ferster, BEM  
Jody Louisa Green, BEM  
Marie Teresa Lomas, BEM  
David Robert Pike, BEM  
Alan James Roberts, BEM  
Alan Humphries, QPM  
Dr Denis Law, CBE  
Francis Henry Lee CBE  
Professor Paul O'Brien CBE  
Jean Davies Oglesby CBE  
Andrew Scallan CBE  
Councillor Sue Murphy CBE

#### **CC/16/02 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Peace Mala**

The Council welcomed children and teachers from Alma Park Primary School to perform songs to celebrate the school being the first school in Manchester to be awarded the Peace Mala.

**CC/16/03 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation on the Local Government Boundary Review**

The Council received a presentation from Sir Tony Redmond, Lead Commissioner for the Local Government Boundary Commission on the planned Local Government Boundary Review. Following the presentation, presenting officers answered questions from members.

**CC/16/04 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation on Homelessness and the Rough Sleepers Strategy**

The Council received a presentation on Homelessness and the Rough Sleepers Strategy by Hazel Summers, Strategic Director of Adult Services, Manchester City Council. Also contributing to the presentation were Amanda Croome (The Booth Centre), Jez Green (Mustard Tree) and Dave Kelly (Booth Centre Volunteer). The presenting officers answered questions from members after the presentation.

**CC/16/05 Urgent Business**

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had consented to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 20 January 2016 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

**CC/16/06 Minutes**

**Decision**

To agree the minutes of the Council meeting on 18 November 2015 as a correct record.

**CC/16/07 Proceedings of the Executive**

The proceedings of the Executive meetings on 2 December 2015 and 6 January 2016 were submitted. There were no specific recommendations for Council to consider.

**Decision**

To receive those minutes.

**CC/16/07 Scrutiny Committees**

The minutes of the following committees were submitted

Young People and Children – 24 November 2015 and 15 December 2015  
Neighbourhoods – 24 November 2015 and 15 December 2015  
Economy – 25 November 2015 and 16 December  
Communities – 25 November 2015 and 16 December  
Finance – 26 November 2015 and 17 December 2015

Health – 26 November 2015 and 17 December 2015

**Decision**

To receive those minutes.

**CC/16/08 Proceedings of Committees**

The minutes of the following committees were submitted:

**Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 20 January 2016**

The Committee made recommendations about changes to the membership of Council committees and the appointment of co-opted members to the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee.

**Decision**

1. To receive the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 20 January 2016.
2. To approve the recommendations in relation to membership of Council committees and joint committees.
3. To appoint Mr Liam Duffy as Teacher Representative for the Secondary Sector to serve on the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee for a period of two years with effect from 20 January 2016.

**Health and Wellbeing Board – 13 January 2016**

**Licensing and Appeals Committee – 11 January 2016**

**Licensing Committee – 11 January 2016**

**Personnel Committee – 2 December 2015 and 6 January 2016**

**Planning and Highways Committee – 10 December 2015 and 7 January 2016**

To note that the Audit Committee was not quorate on 19 November 2015.

**Decision**

To receive those minutes.

**CC/16/09 Key Decisions**

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

**CC/16/10 Manchester Strategy**

The Council considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Growth and Neighbourhoods), which presented the revised Manchester Strategy 2016-2025 for approval, following consultation with residents, businesses and partner organisations.

The Strategy replaced the existing Community Strategy and provided the overarching framework and priorities for action by the Council and partners from all sectors over the next 10 years. The draft Strategy was appended to the report. The Council was asked to adopt the Manchester Strategy as part of the formal Policy Framework as commended to the Council by the Executive.

### **Decision**

1. To adopt the Manchester Strategy as part of the Council's formal policy framework.
2. To authorise the Chief Executive to make any necessary minor amendments to the text of the Manchester Strategy ahead of its formal launch, provided that any such amendment does not change the substance or effect of the strategy.

### **CC/16/11 Motion – Remembering Srebrenica**

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

City of Manchester:

- Notes that 2015 is twentieth anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed by Serbian nationalist forces.
- Notes that in 2009 the European Parliament passed a resolution that 11 July should be recognised as the day of commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide all over the EU; and in 2015 urged the development of educational and cultural programmes that promote an understanding of the causes of such atrocities and raise awareness about the need to nurture peace and to promote human rights and interreligious tolerance.
- Applauds the work of those involved in the pursuit of justice for the victims and their surviving relatives, including the International Commission of Missing People (ICMP) and the Mothers of Srebrenica, whose courage and humility in the face of unthinkable horror is an inspiration to us all.
- Commends the work of the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, in raising awareness of this tragic and preventable genocide and working in communities across Britain to help them learn the lessons of Srebrenica.

The Council resolves to:

- Offer support to Remembering Srebrenica delegates from Manchester, who visited Bosnia on the 'Lessons from Srebrenica' education programme and have been working tirelessly in the community to raise awareness of the genocide and learn the lessons of Srebrenica.

- Support Srebrenica memorial events in July each year throughout Manchester as part of the UK-wide Remembering Srebrenica Memorial Week.
- Support the work of Remembering Srebrenica in communities across Manchester to learn the lessons from Srebrenica to tackle hatred and intolerance to help build a better, safer and more cohesive society for everyone.

## **Resolution**

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

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## **CC/16/12 Motion - Mutual Respect and Community Cohesion**

### **Motion Proposed and Seconded:**

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The Code of Conduct for members of Manchester City Council states that it expects of its members:-

*Respect for Others.*

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The Council should similarly promote mutual respect and equal treatment between the individuals and communities of Manchester. In Manchester, as elsewhere, people who believe in a particular faith, or in no faith, won't agree with all the views of people of a different faith, or denomination. However, it is vitally important for community cohesion in our city that there is mutual respect between people of different faiths, as well as people who don't identify with a faith.

Council declares that there is no place for hatred, fanaticism or intolerance in Manchester. In particular, society must protect children and vulnerable adults.

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The Council resolves to:

- Reaffirm its support for the many events held in Manchester Recognising and Celebrating the Diversity of our City (reported by the Equalities Team to the November 2015 meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee), and continue to support such events.

- Give consideration, when drawing up policies, to the impact on the promotion of mutual respect between Manchester's people and communities.
- Call on all its members to continue to promote community cohesion and mutual respect amongst the people of Manchester.
- Produce an Annual Report on the measures it has taken to promote mutual respect and community cohesion amongst the people of Manchester.

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### **CC/16/13 - Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service**

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

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In light of the above Manchester City Council calls on the Government to reconsider their announcement to cut further GMFRS budget at the level they propose, and consider offering similar protection to that rightly granted to the Police in the recent spending review, in recognition of the key role in local and national resilience provided by our superb fire & rescue service in Greater Manchester.

#### **Resolution**



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