

Council

Minutes of the meeting on 16 March 2016

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, Barrett, Battle, Bridges, Chappell, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cookson, Cooley, Cox, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Farrell, Fender, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Gillard, Green, Grimshaw, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Igbon, S Judge, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Lanchbury, Leese, Longsdon, Loughman, Ludford, Manco, Midgley, Monaghan, N. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, O'Neil, Paul, Peel, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Russell, Sadler, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, Simcock, Shone, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Swannick, Teubler, Watson, Webb and Wilson

CC/16/18 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Retiring Councillors

The Lord Mayor informed members that this would be the last council meeting for the following councillors who would not be standing again at the local election:

Councillor Bridie Adams
Councillor Alistair Cox
Councillor Daniel Gillard
Councillor David Royle
Councillor Fran Shone
Councillor Neil Swannick

The Lord Mayor also announced that he would not be standing for re-election in May. The Council thanked these councillors for their contribution and wished them well for the future.

CC/16/19 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Statement on Wythenshawe Hall

Councillors S Murphy, Cooley, T Judge and Webb made statements to Council on the recent arson attack on Wythenshawe Hall.

CC/16/20 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation on Affording a House in Manchester

The Council received a presentation from Mr Paul Beardmore, Manchester City Council Director of Housing, Ms Charlie Norman, St Vincent's Housing trust and Ms Karen Mitchell, Southway Housing Trust on affordable housing in the city. Following the presentation, presenting officers answered questions from members.

(Councillors E Newman and Shone declared a personal interest in this item as members of Wythenshawe Community Housing Trust)

CC/16/21 Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had consented to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 16 March being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

CC/16/22 Minutes

Decision

To agree the minutes of the Council meeting on 4 March 2016 as a correct record.

CC/16/23 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 3 February 2016, the part proceedings on 17 February 2016 and the proceedings of 2 March 2016 were submitted. The Council considered the following recommendations:

Exe/16/035 Capital Programme Monitoring 2015/16

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

Exe/16/044 Expansion of the SPACE Project

To recommend that the Council approve an increase to the Capital Budget of £14m, including a Capital Investment of circa £8m funded from prudential borrowing, and circa £6m from the Capital Fund.

**Exe/16/050 Acquisition of Land at New Elm Road, Manchester
(Public Excluded)**

To recommend that the Council increase the budget in the sum of the funding agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency to cover the land acquisition costs to a maximum of £8.5m.

Decision

1. To receive those minutes.
2. Capital Programme Monitoring 2015/16

To approve the in year budget transfers over £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the City Council as set out in the report to the Executive on 17 February 2016.

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CC/16/24 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Chappell responded to a question from Councillor Simcock about cycle lanes on Wilmslow Road.

CC/16/25 Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following committees were submitted:

Young People and Children – 26 January 2016 and 23 February 2016
Neighbourhoods – 26 January 2016 and 23 February 2016
Economy – 27 January 2016 and 24 February 2016
Communities – 27 January 2016 and 24 February 2016
Finance – 28 January 2016 and 15 February 2016
Health – 28 January 2016 and 25 February 2016

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/16/26 Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following committees were submitted:

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 16 March 2016

The Committee made recommendations about changes to the membership of Council committees.

Decision

1. To receive the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 16 March 2016.
2. To approve the recommendations in relation to membership of Council committees and joint committees.

Personnel Committee - 2 March 2016

Councillor Flanagan informed the Council that there was an amendment to the third decision under item PE/16/09 Project Director: Factory Manchester and structural

changes in Strategic Development. The decision was amended to appoint Councillors Battle, S Murphy, Leese and Councillor Flanagan to the sub committee with Councillor Battle as the Chair.

The Council also considered the following recommendation.

PE/16/09 Project Director: Factory Manchester and structural changes in Strategic Development

To recommend that Council, in line with the Council's Pay Policy, approves the salary of up to £140,000 for the post of Project Director for Factory Manchester for a period of up to 4 years.

Decision

1. To receive those minutes.
2. To note the amendment to the Personnel minutes on 2 March to appoint Councillors Battle, S Murphy, Leese and Councillor Flanagan to the Personnel sub committee with Councillor Battle as the Chair.
3. To approve the salary of up to £140,000 for the post of Project Director for Factory Manchester for a period of up to 4 years in line with the Council's Pay Policy

The following minutes were also submitted to the Council

Audit Committee – 21 January 2016

Health and Wellbeing Board – 9 March 2016

Licensing and Appeals Committee – 22 February 2016

Licensing Committee – 22 February 2016

Planning and Highways Committee – 4 February 2016 and 3 March 2016

Personnel Committee – 3 February 2016

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/16/27 Key Decisions

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

CC/16/28 Pay Policy Statement

A report of the Chief Executive sought approval from the council to adopt the pay Policy Statement for 2016/17. The Statement described the intention for pay for Manchester's officers and how it will support the delivery of the Council's objectives. The Statement was appended to the report and was developed to comply with the legal requirement under section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2015.

Decision

To approve the content of the Pay Policy Statement 2016/17.

CC/16/29 Motion – Piccadilly Gardens

Motion proposed and seconded:

Council welcomes the campaign launched by the Manchester Evening News to create a Piccadilly Gardens that Mancunians & visitors can be proud of.

Council notes the specific concerns outlined by residents, businesses, & city centre councillors in relation to anti-social behaviour, crime, grime and the Wall.

We thank the many thousands of residents who have signed the M.E.N petition urging the owners of the site (Legal&General) to draw up a bold plan to regenerate Piccadilly Gardens.

This Council has a strong track record of listening and responding to residents' concerns. Today's people's debate demonstrates this.

Council further notes the call to organise a public consultation on the future shape of the gardens with the specific call for the Wall to be removed.

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CC/16/30 Motion – Healthy Cities

Motion Proposed and Seconded:

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In order to alleviate the differences in life expectancy there is a consensus in all recent research that Health policies must address all the causes of ill health. Strategic action is required nationally and locally to reduce risk exposures, support health behaviours, alleviate chronic disability disorders and mitigate the effects of deprivation.

The NHS recently announced that ten areas across the country have been picked to become 'healthy towns'. The NHS will have a role in planning the new towns with more than 76,000 homes across England, bringing clinicians and designers together to re-imagine how health and care can be delivered across these new towns.

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