

Council

Minutes of the meeting on 22 March 2017

Present: The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Councillor Austin-Behan – in the Chair

Councillors –

Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, N. Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Amesbury, Andrews, Appleby, Barrett, Battle, Bridges, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cookson, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Farrell, Fender, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Green, Grimshaw, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Igbon, S Judge, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, Longsdon, Ludford, Manco, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Mary Monaghan, Moore, N. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, O'Neil, Paul, Peel, B Priest, H Priest, Pritchard, Raikes, Rawson, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Russell, Sadler, Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, A Simcock, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Taylor, Watson, Webb, Wills and Wilson

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester –

William Egerton JP, Paul Murphy OBE

CC/17/22 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Howard Bernstein

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Leese to make a statement about the retiring Chief Executive, Sir Howard Bernstein.

CC/17/23 Lord Mayor's Special Business: Presentation – Troubled Families evaluation

The Council received a presentation on the findings of a recent Troubled Families evaluation from Geoff Little (Deputy Chief Executive (People, Policy and Reform) James Binks (Head of Reform & Innovation) and Paul Holme (Performance, Research and Intelligence). At the end of the presentation, the presenters answered questions from members.

CC/17/24 Minutes

Decision

To agree the minutes of the budget meeting on 3 March 2017 as a correct record.

CC/17/25 Proceedings of the Executive

The part proceedings of the Executive on 8 February 2017 and proceedings of 8 March 2017 were submitted. The Council considered the following recommendations:

Exe/17/043 Capital Programme Monitoring 2016/17

To recommend that the Council approve the in-year budget transfers over £0.5m between capital schemes as set out below.

Table 1 - Capital transfers over £5000,000 recommended to Council	(£'000)
Northwards Housing Programme	1,089
ICT Infrastructure & Mobile Working Programme	
Infrastructure & Mobile Working	1,502
Mosaic	-519
Windows 7 Migration	-983
Corporate Digital Telephony	-529
Infrastructure Funding Unallocated	835

Exe/17/052 Grant of a new lease at Sycamore Court, 144 Sandal Street

To recommend that Council authorises the City Solicitor to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State to dispose of the Property at less than best consideration.

Exe/17055 Capital Programme – Proposed Increases

To recommend that the City Council approves:

- a) Growth and Neighbourhoods – Princess Road Safety Review - Phase 1. This first phase of works is for a speed limit reduction along the entire length of Princess Road / Parkway and associated safety measures. To increase the capital budget by £375,000 (£46,000 in 2016/17; £317,000 in 2017/18; and £12,000 in 2018/19), funded by borrowing.
- b) Growth and Neighbourhoods – Acquisition of Gala Bingo site. To increase the capital budget by £1,951,000 in 2016/17, funded by borrowing on an invest to save basis.
- c) Projects undertaken on behalf of Greater Manchester – Greater Manchester Housing Fund. This project will provide loans for delivery of residential property developments across Greater Manchester. To increase the capital budget by £13,922,000 (£250,000 in 2016/17; £4,750,000 in 2017/18; £5,000,000 in 2018/19 and £3,922,000 in 2019/20), funded by borrowing from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

Decisions

1. To receive the part proceedings of the Executive on 8 February 2017 and the minutes of the meeting on 8 March 2017
2. Capital Programme Monitoring 2016/17: To approve the in-year budget transfers over £500,000 between capital schemes as set out below.

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3. Grant a new lease at Sycamore Court, 144 Sandal Street: To authorise the City Solicitor to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State to dispose of the Property at less than best consideration.
4. Growth and Neighbourhoods: To approve an increase in the capital budget of by £375,000 (£46,000 in 2016/17; £317,000 in 2017/18; and £12,000 in 2018/19), funded by borrowing for the first phase of works for a speed limit reduction along the entire length of Princess Road / Parkway and associated safety measures.
5. Growth and Neighbourhoods – Acquisition of Gala Bingo site: To approve an increase in the capital budget by £1,951,000 in 2016/17, funded by borrowing on an invest-to-save basis.
6. Greater Manchester Housing Fund: To approve an increase in the capital budget by £13,922,000 (£250, 000 in 2016/17; £4,750,000 in 2017/18; £5,000,000 in 2018/19 and £3,922,000 in 2019/20), funded by borrowing from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

CC/17/26 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Andrews responded to a question from Councillor Igbon about actions taken by the Council to address the use of the psychoactive substance known as 'spice' in the city.

Councillor Sheila Newman responded to a question from Councillor Watson about the anticipated impact of the proposed changes to National Funding Formula on Manchester schools.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Leech about the cost of fixtures and fittings during the refurbishment of Moss Side library.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Leech about the proposed demolition of building on land owned by Leisure Services.

Councillor Flanagan responded to a question from Councillor Leech about people in receipt of maximum Council Tax support who are in arrears.

Councillor Nigel Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Leech about sexual attacks carried out on people who have met through social media platforms.

CC/17/27 Scrutiny Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Children and Young People – 31 January 2017 and 28 February 2017
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 31 January 2017 and 28 February 2017
Economy – 1 February 2017 and 1 March 2017
Communities and Equalities – 1 February 2017 and 1 March 2017
Resources and Governance – 2 February 2017 and 2 March 2017
Health – 2 February 2017 and 2 March 2017

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/17/28 Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Audit Committee – 26 January 2017 and 6 March 2017
Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 3 March 2017
Health and Wellbeing Board – 15 March 2017
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 27 February 2017
Licensing Committee – 27 February 2017
Planning and Highways Committee – 9 February 2017 and 9 March 2017
Standards Committee – 16 March 2017
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 26 January 2017 and 23 February 2017

Decision

To receive those minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were also submitted:

Personnel Committee – 21 February 2017 and 8 March 2017

The Committee had made recommendations regarding the approval of the Council's Pay Policy Statement and the grading of posts in the top bands of Senior Pay and Grading Structure, and the grading of the posts of Director of Housing and Residential Growth and Director of Development.

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the meetings of Personnel Committee on 21 February 2017 and 8 March 2017.
2. To approve the grading of posts in the top bands of the Senior Pay and Grading Structure as set out in paragraphs 3.3 – 3.6 of the Pay Policy Statement report with these salaries effective from 1 April 2017.

3. To approve the grading of both the Director of Housing and Residential Growth and the Director of Development and Corporate Estate as SS4 given that the salary bands exceeds £100,000.

CC/17/29 Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint committees

Councillor Fender (Spokesperson for Transport for Greater Manchester Committee) responded to a question from Councillor Leech about political oversight of operational decisions that affect animal welfare.

Councillor Nigel Murphy (Spokesperson for Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority) responded to a question from Councillor Leech about the level of waste being brought to 'bring sites' across Greater Manchester.

CC/17/30 Urgent Key Decision

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

Decision

To note the report.

CC/17/31 Motion – Vision Zero for Manchester

Motion proposed and seconded.

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This Council notes that Greater Manchester has performed strongly in road safety and commends our Casualty Reduction Partnership on the progress made.

But this Council believes that even the low target for year 2020, to reduce to 461 of our people being killed or seriously injured on Greater Manchester roads by that year, is too high.

This Council notes that "Vision Zero" has been successful in many cities, regions and states world wide. Vision Zero achieves change by combining strong enforcement of traffic law and better roadway engineering with campaigns to encourage careful life saving behaviour and to end dangerous anti social behaviour by everyone on the roads.

This Council notes that Vision Zero not only improves road safety but can also help to provide cleaner air, help to reduce congestion, help to reduce greenhouse gases, help to increase health giving activity, and help to reduce nuisance noise. Each of these six great road issues is estimated to cost Manchester millions of pounds each year.

Road deaths and injuries now cost Greater Manchester around £277 million per year (2013-15 average).

This Council calls on the responsible authorities to work with partners, including Our Manchester's greatest resource - Manchester people, to build on our leading position by adopting plans and actions based on the Vision Zero approach to road danger.

Adopting Vision Zero principles for Manchester will challenge the idea that road danger is an inevitable part of modern city life. It will remind people that death and injury on our roads can be avoided if a serious effort is made to tackle the causes of the problem. It will save lives and it will reduce serious injuries.

Finally, this Council agrees to back the #walkingcities call of Living Streets, and the #space4cycling call of Cycling UK, which many councillors have already backed individually, now on a full council basis.

Resolution

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

Decision

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EXTRACT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2017/18

3.3 As noted by this Committee on 12th December, the approach to incremental progression through the scheme will be subject to consultation with the Trade Unions during 2017 and will be referred back to this Committee for approval once consultation is completed.

3.4 The following posts require approval by Council as they have been evaluated at Band SS4, the top of which exceeds £100,000.

- Assistant Chief Executive
- Deputy City Treasurer
- Deputy City Solicitor
- Director of Neighbourhoods
- Director of Highways
- Director of HR & OD
- Deputy Director of Children's Services
- Deputy Director of Adult Social Services
- Director of Capital Programmes & Procurement

3.5 The following posts have been evaluated within Band SS5, the whole of which exceeds £100,000. In some instances this reflects a change in remuneration which requires the approval of Council:

- **SS5 Point 51** – Chief Information Officer* & Director of Education and Skills
- **SS5 Point 53** – Strategic Director (Development)
- **SS5 Point 54** – Joint Director of Health and Social Care, Strategic Director of Children's Services, Strategic Director of Adult Social Services, City Solicitor & Deputy Chief Executive (Growth & Neighbourhoods)
- **SS5 Point 55** – City Treasurer, Deputy Chief Executive (People, Policy and reform) & Town Hall Programme Director
- **CEX Rate** – Chief Executive

* An additional market rate supplement of £58,686 is paid in relation to the post of Chief Information Officer.