

## **Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting on 4 October 2017**

#### **Present-**

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Councillor Eddy Newman – in the Chair

#### **Councillors –**

Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, N. Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Austin-Behan, Barrett, Bridges, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Cookson, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Green, Grimshaw, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Igbon, Ilyas, T Judge, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, Lone, Longsdon, Lovecy, Ludford, Manco, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Mary Monaghan, Moore, N. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, O'Neil, B Priest, H Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Rowles, Sadler, Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, A Simcock, K Simcock, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Teubler, Watson, Webb, Wills and Wilson

#### **CC/17/65 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Incidents in Barcelona and Las Vegas**

The Lord Mayor invited those present at the meeting to observe a minute's silence in memory of the lives lost and those injured following the terrorist incidents that took place in and around Barcelona on 12 August and the shooting in Las Vegas on 3 October. The Council noted that the Lord Mayor had written to the Mayors of Barcelona and Las Vegas to offer condolences of the City of Manchester.

#### **CC/17/66 Lord Mayors Special Business – Age Friendly Manchester**

The Lord Mayor welcomed members of the Age Friendly Manchester Board to the meeting of the Council. The Lord Mayor presented lifetime membership of the Age Friendly Manchester Board awards to Val Stevens and Kate Torkington (the award was received by Mark Torkington on behalf of his mother who was unable to be present). The Lord Mayor also invited Elaine Unegbu (Chair of the Age Friendly Manchester Board) to address the Council on the work of the Board.

#### **CC/17/67 Urgent Business**

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had consented to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 4 October 2017 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

#### **CC/17/68 Minutes**

#### **Decision**

To agree the minutes of the special meeting and the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2017 as a correct records.

## CC/17/69 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 26 July and 13 September 2017 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

### Exe/17/102 Factory Manchester

1. That the Council approve an increase to the capital budget of £1.65m to support additional works to improve the appearance of the façade and to deliver an appropriately scaled orchestra pit, £1.6m will be underwritten from City Council resources (unsupported borrowing) with the balance being met from the additional £50k HMT grant. This will increase the total capital budget from £110m to £111.650m.
2. That the Council approve an increase to the capital budget of £1.6M to be met from unsupported borrowing.

### Exe/17/105 Capital Programme Monitoring 2017/18

1. To recommend that Council approve the following in-year budget transfers between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the City Council:

## Capital Programme Monitoring 2017/18

### Capital Budget Transfers Between Schemes

£ 000

#### Highway Programme

Planned Highways Maintenance Programme 17/18	-13,900
Highway Asset Surveys	150
Drainage	1,000
Large Patching repairs	500
Disabled Bays/ line markings	50
Network Maintenance	50
Carriageway Resurfacing	4,000
Footway schemes	2,000
Carriageway Preventative	6,000
Project Delivery Procurement	150
Bus Priority Package - Oxford Road	-738
Bus Priority - Unallocated	738

#### Public Sector Housing

Northwards - Unallocated	-8,407
Charlestown, Clifford Lamb Court - External wall insulation and window replacement	-10
Cheetham Halliwell Lane external cyclical works phase 3b	61
Harpurhey Lathbury & 200 Estates external cyclical works phase 3b	-5
Moston Miners Low Rise externals	-29
Cheetham Smedley Rd externals	-9
Moston Bannatyne/Lightbowne Rd/St Georges Drive externals	-18

## Capital Programme Monitoring 2017/18

### Capital Budget Transfers Between Schemes

£ 000

Upgrade external lighting to retirement blocks	140
Renewal of 4 automatic pedestrian gates at Victoria Square	43
Replacement door entry Clifford Lamb Ct and Monsall multi-storey blocks	170
Bin chute replacement at Mossbrook Ct	98
Updating of Electricity Northwest distribution network phase 3	5
External cyclical works phase 3b Harpurhey - Jolly Miller Estate phase 3b	548
External cyclical works phase 3b Moston Estates (Chauncy/Edith Cliff/Kenyon/Thorveton Square)	224
External cyclical works phase 3b Ancoats Smithfields estate	5
External cyclical works phase 4b Charlestown Chain Bar low rise	508
External cyclical works phase 4b Charlestown Chain Bar Hillingdon Drive maisonettes	253
External cyclical works phase 4b Cheetham Appleford estate	5
External cyclical works phase 4b Crumpsall Blackley Village	5
External cyclical works phase 4b Higher Blackley South	595
External cyclical works phase 4b Newton Heath Assheton estate	274
External cyclical works Phase 4b Newton Heath Troydale Estate	1,017
External cyclical works Phase 5 New Moston (excluding corrolites)	368
Environmental improvements Moston corrolites	172
Public Sector Housing Delivery Costs	580
Digital Upgrade to CCTV Systems	1
Boiler replacements	-25
Charlestown Whitebeck Court communal areas	25
Lift replacement / refurbishment programme	356
Replacement warden call to Edward Grant Court	33
Fire precaution works - installation of fire seal box to electric cupboards on communal corridors in retirement blocks	75
Community Room emergency lighting at Victoria Square	17
Electrical surge protection	21
Communal area upgrade Clifford Lamb Court	55
Decent Homes mop ups phase 9 and decent homes work required to voids	500
One offs such as rewires, boilers, doors, insulation	200
Whitemoss Road and Cheetham Hill Road Local Offices - Improvements	500
Northwards - Internal Work Delivery Costs	184
Bringing Studio Apartments back in use	125
Northwards - Off Debits/Conversions Delivery Costs	12
Improvements to Homeless Accommodation Phase 2	529
Homeless Accommodation Delivery Costs	45
Stock Acquisitions	100
Northwards - Acquisitions Delivery Costs	9
Disabled Adaptations	-105
Adaptations - Northwards	750
<b>Education Basic Need Programme</b>	
Basic need - Estimated 2016/17 allocation	-6,312
Crab Lane - Increase capacity	-2

**Capital Programme Monitoring 2017/18  
Capital Budget Transfers Between Schemes**

**£ 000**

Cavendish Community - Increase capacity	-20
E-Act Academy - increase capacity	-12
Crosslee - Increase capacity	21
Claremont - Increase capacity	-69
Wilbraham Primary School	-5
Mauldeth Road - Increase capacity	54
Briscoe Land Academy	1
Holy Trinity VC Primary	-24
Dean Trust Ardwick	15
Ardwick PRU	40
ULT Manchester Academy	-35
Rodney House conversion	-10
Sacred Heart Expansion	-50
St Anne's RC VA - Increase capacity	-50
Abraham Moss - Additional Classrooms	-2
Abraham Moss Dining Hall	-6
St Margaret's C of E	72
St Matthews RC	19
Matthews Lane	5,793
Basic need - unallocated funds	582

Exe/17/119 Capital Programme – Proposed Increases

1. That the Council approve Growth and Neighbourhoods Programme – City Labs 2. An increase to the capital budget by £3,675k in 2017/18 funded by borrowing which is to be repaid from an increase in Business Rates income generated from the Enterprise Zone as a result of the investment.

**Decisions**

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive on 26 July and 13 September 2017.
2. To approve an increase to the capital budget of £1.65m to support additional works to improve the appearance of the façade and to deliver an appropriately scaled orchestra pit, £1.6m will be underwritten from City Council resources (unsupported borrowing) with the balance being met from the additional £50k HMT grant. This will increase the total capital budget from £110m to £111.650m.
3. That the Council approve an increase to the capital budget of £1.6M to be met from unsupported borrowing.
4. To approve the in-year budget transfers between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the City Council as detailed above.

5. To approve Growth and Neighbourhoods Programme – City Labs 2. An increase to the capital budget by £3,675k in 2017/18 funded by borrowing which is to be repaid from an increase in Business Rates income generated from the Enterprise Zone as a result of the investment.

(Councillor Evans declared an interest in respect on minute number Exe/17/99 Sport and Leisure Arrangements – 2018 onwards for the reason that he is a board member of the Wythenshawe Forum Trust).

### **Adjournment of Meeting at 10:50am**

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that the meeting would be adjourned until 11:30am.

### **Meeting resumed at 11:30am**

The Lord Mayor resumed the meeting.

### **Present -**

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Councillor Eddy Newman – in the Chair

### **Councillors –**

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

### **CC/17/70 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23**

Councillor Nigel Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Connolly about the implications for Manchester as a result of the announcement by Transport for London not to renew Uber's licence.

Councillor Nigel Murphy responded to a question put by Councillor Wilson regarding a sharp increase in the crime rate in Manchester over the last 12 months and what was being done to combat this?

The Leader of the Council responded to a question from Councillor Karney about new security procedures at Manchester Airport to ensure 'crude, improvised devices' are detected during security checks.

The Statutory Deputy Leader responded to a question from Councillor K Simcock about community cohesion following the horrific events at the Manchester Arena on

22 May 2017. Councillor A Simcock received the response on Councillor K Simcock's behalf.

Councillor Rahman undertook to respond in writing to a question from Councillor Leech, who was not present to receive the response, about discussions held with schools about homophobic bullying in Manchester secondary schools.

Councillor Rahman undertook to respond in writing to a question from Councillor Leech, who was not present to receive the response, about the admission of a child to Reception at age 5.

### **CC/17/71 Scrutiny Minutes**

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Children and Young People – 18 July and 5 September 2017  
Health – 18 July and 5 September 2017  
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 19 July and 6 September 2017  
Economy – 19 July and 6 September 2017  
Communities and Equalities – 20 July and 7 September 2017  
Resources and Governance – 20 July and 7 September 2017

### **Decision**

To receive those minutes.

### **CC/17/72 Proceedings of Committees**

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Audit Committee – 31 August 2017  
Health and Wellbeing Board 20 August 2017  
Licensing Committee 17 July 2017  
Licensing and Appeals Committee 17 July and 11 September 2017  
Planning and Highways Committee – 27 July, 24 August and 21 September 2017  
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 27 July and 21 September 2017  
Personnel Committee – 26 July and 13 September 2017  
Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 4 October 2017

The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendation:

**PE/17/25 Senior Management Arrangements: Growth and Neighbourhoods and the Corporate Core**

To recommend to Council the payment of a market rate supplement of up to £25k for the post of Director of Capital Programmes.

**CN/1716**      Membership of Committees 2017/18, Appointment of Chairs and Members of Committees

Councillor Karney proposed an amendment in respect of CN/1716 that Councillor Siddiqi be removed from the membership of the Resource and Governance Scrutiny Committee and added to the membership of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

**Decision**

1. To receive those minutes.
2. To approve the payment of a market rate supplement of up to £25k for the post of Director of Capital Programmes.
3. To accept the amendment made to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 4 October 2017

**CC/17/73**      **Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees**

The Lord Mayor reported that no questions had been submitted in relation to the business of the Combined Authority or Joint Committees.

**CC/17/74**      **Urgent Key Decisions**

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/17/75**      **Recognising Outstanding and Exceptional Contributions to Manchester**

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive which proposed a new honours system to recognise outstanding and exceptional contributions to Manchester and for this to include honorary citizenship for those who live and work outside Greater Manchester.

The report included the following amendments required to be made to the Council Constitution:

At the end of Part 4, Section A of Manchester City Council's Constitution insert:

31. Honorary Titles and Awards
- 31.1 The Council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object given, confer the title of honorary

aldermen or alderwomen on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past members of the Council, but who are not then members of the Council.

- 31.2 The Council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object given, admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of the city, persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the city.
- 31.3 The Council may, by resolution at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object given, formally recognise the outstanding contributions and achievements of individuals and organisations whatever their field or expertise under either of the categories described in Rules 31.4 and 31.5 below (the making of such a resolution to be known as “The City of Manchester Award”).
- 31.4 The first category referred to in Rule 31.3 (to be known as “Outstanding Contribution to Manchester”) shall relate to an individual or organisation who lives, works or studies in the city and who has, in the opinion of the Council, made such an exceptional contribution to Manchester that it should be formally recognised and recorded in the city’s history. Outstanding Contributions may arise from a one off event or specific achievement, or consistent excellence, which has had a positive impact on Manchester, its people or the city’s reputation nationally or internationally.
- 31.5 The second category referred to in Rule 31.3 (to be known as “Honorary Mancunian”) shall relate to an individual who does not live or work in the city but who by their actions has, in the opinion of the Council, made an exceptional contribution to the city, its people or the city’s reputation nationally or internationally.

#### Amendment to the Constitutional and Nomination Committee Terms of Reference

At the end of the entry for the Constitutional and Nomination Committee in Part 3, Section C of Manchester City Council’s Constitution insert:

- 4.16 the formal recognition of the outstanding contributions and achievements of individuals and organisations under Rule 31.3 of the Council Procedures Rules (“The City of Manchester Award”).

#### Decision

1. To agree to the proposals for the City of Manchester Award scheme and the associated constitutional amendments as detailed above.

#### **CC/17/76 Motion – Public Pay Sector Gap**

Motion proposed and seconded.



## **The Public Sector Pay Cap**

This council notes that:

Pay freezes and pay caps for public sector workers have now been in place since 2010, with the real terms impact on workers running into thousands of pounds.

The squeeze on pay has had a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up two thirds of the public sector workforce.

The public supports an end to the pay squeeze. Recent independent polling carried out by Survation found that 75% of all voters support above inflation increases in public sector pay.

In particular, local government and school support staff receive the lowest pay in the public sector and Local terms and conditions of many NJC employees have been cut, impacting on their overall earnings.

This council believes that:

Public services and the people who deliver them are important.

Pay for public sector workers should not be set by arbitrary government pay caps, but by collective bargaining and Pay Review bodies.

The government needs to take responsibility and fully fund increases in pay; it should not put the burden on public sector employers such as local authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone.

This Council therefore resolves to:

Call on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to the government to fund the NJC claim and pay spine review and to notify us of their action in this regard.

Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC claim and seeking additional funding to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review.

Meet with the local NJC union representatives (UNISON, GMB and Unite) to convey support for the pay claim and pay spine review.

## **Resolution**

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

## **Decision**

The Local Government Association be called upon to make urgent representations to the government to fund the NJC claim and pay spine review and to notify the Council of their action in this regard.

A letter be sent to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC claim and seeking additional funding to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review.

A meeting take place with the local NJC union representatives (UNISON, GMB and Unite) to convey support for the pay claim and pay spine review.

### **CC/17/77 Motion – Policing Cuts – The Impact on Manchester**

This Council recognises and greatly respects the hard work of Greater Manchester Police (GMP) in seeking to keep Manchester residents safe. This was especially evident in the aftermath of the Manchester Arena attack in May 2017, when GMP were not only involved in operations to bring to justice those involved in the attack, but also played a central role in the city's recovery efforts.

This Council notes that:

- the Chief Constable of GMP highlighted how GMP had 8,148 officers in March 2010, but that by March 2016 this had dropped to 6,297 officers;
- over the same period, Police Officers saw a fall in their median real earnings from £20 per hour to £18 per hour;
- the Government's recent announcement of an end to the public sector pay cap would mean a 1% pay increase and 1% "bonus" for police officers, which would still fall well short of the 2.9% rate of inflation;
- GMP have seen the number of crimes reported in the last 12 months increase by nearly a quarter on the previous 12 months;
- Greater Manchester Police Authority have been affected by cuts to funding, facing a cut in cash terms of approximately 1.4% for 2017/18, and that coupled with increasing costs this is a cuts budget with an estimated savings requirement of £21m;
- as with local authorities, police forces in cities such as Manchester have been disproportionately hit by funding cuts.

This Council fears that, in the words of PC Joseph Torkington, whose heart-breaking resignation letter was published in the Manchester Evening News, the police service is in danger of being "at breaking point".

This Council is further concerned that GMP, hampered by these cuts, leading in particular to a lack of "bobbies on the beat", are not always able to be as responsive as required. The need to prioritise the most serious crimes, means that an overstretched force cannot respond as quickly as they would like to crimes which may be deemed less serious, or to antisocial behaviour such as street drinking. But these are problems that impact greatly on local communities, and residents and business owners in those communities can be left feeling frustrated and undervalued.

This Council therefore resolves to:

Call for an urgent meeting with the Home Secretary to ask for fairer funding, and more staffing, for Greater Manchester Police.

Call on the Greater Manchester Mayor to use their position to call for fairer funding and more police officers, so that crime and community safety can be tackled more effectively.

### **Resolution**

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

### **Decision**

Call for an urgent meeting with the Home Secretary to ask for fairer funding, and more staffing, for Greater Manchester Police.

Call on the Greater Manchester Mayor to use their position to call for fairer funding and more police officers, so that crime and community safety can be tackled more effectively.