

Council

Minutes of the meeting on 29 November 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, Bridges, Collins, Connolly, Cookson, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Igbon, Ilyas, T Judge, S Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, Lone, Longsdon, Ludford, Manco, Marshall, Midgley, N. Murphy, S. Murphy, S. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, O'Neil, Paul, B Priest, H Priest, Rahman, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Rowles, Sadler, Sameen Ali, Shaukat Ali, Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, A Simcock, K Simcock, Smitheman, Stogia, Taylor, Watson, Webb, Wills and Wilson

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester –

Keith Whitmore

CC/17/78 Lord Mayor's Special Business – One Minute Silence

- **Incident in New York City**
- **Death of former Councillor Jack Flanagan**

The Lord Mayor invited those present to observe a minute's silence in memory of the eight lives lost and those injured following the terrorist incident that took place in New York City on 6 November 2017. The Lord Mayor also invited those present to stand in memory of former Councillor Jack Flanagan who had served on the Council between 1976 and 1996 and had held the office of Deputy Lord Mayor.

CC/17/79 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Installation of Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that Miss Naomi Newman would be standing-down from the role of Lady Mayoress. The Lord Mayor thanked Miss Newman for her invaluable help and support during her time as Lady Mayoress.

The Lord Mayor announced that Councillor Sheila Newman would be installed as Lady Mayoress for the remainder of the Lord Mayor's time in office and invited Councillor Newman to the front of the chamber. The Deputy City Solicitor placed the Lady Mayoress' chain on Councillor Newman.

CC/17/80 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Yorkshire Society Special Award

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that a special award had been given to the City Council by the Yorkshire Society at its annual awards event held on 13 October 2017. The special award had been made in recognition of the City Council's

response to the bomb attack at the Manchester Arena on 22 May 2017, in particular the swift set up of an emergency centre at the Etihad Stadium and the launch of the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund to help support victims and families.

The Leader of the Council had attended the ceremony to receive the award on behalf of the City Council and presented it to Lord Mayor.

CC/17/81 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation on Universal Credit

The Council received a presentation on the impact of Universal Credit on Manchester residents from Carol Culley (City Treasurer), Julie Price (Head of Revenues and Benefits and Shared Services) and Angela Harrington (Head of Work and Skills). At the end of the presentation the Lord Mayor invited members to ask questions or make comment.

CC/17/82 Motion without notice – Change of Order of Business

The Leader of the Council moved a motion without notice to change the order of the Council business (Council Procedure Rule 19.1(c)), to allow the Notice of Motion on Universal Credit to be brought forward as the next item.

Resolution

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

Decision

That the order of business be changed and the Notice of Motion – Universal Credit be brought forward as the next item of business.

CC/17/83 Motion – Universal Credit

Motion proposed and seconded:

We call on the Prime Minister, Theresa May, to intervene and stop the roll out of the government's Universal Credit programme.

We believe that this disastrous policy is driving millions of people in our country into misery and poverty.

Universal Credit forces people to make a choice between buying food and paying rent and causes them further debt problems. If they fail to pay their rent, this will inevitably lead to eviction from their property and homelessness.

It's time for the government to stop the roll out of Universal Credit, re-evaluate their policy and stop driving millions of people into further poverty.

Resolution

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

(In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 22.2, the Lord Mayor received a request from ten members of the Council that the names of those voting be recorded in the minutes.)

Voting in favour of the motion:

Councillors: Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, N. Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Austin-Behan, Bridges, Collins, Connolly, Cookson, Craig, Curley, Dar, Davies, Ellison, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hewitson, Hitchen, Hughes, Igbon, Ilyas, T Judge, S Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Knowles, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, Lone, Longsdon, Ludford, Manco, Marshall, Midgley, N. Murphy, S. Murphy, S. Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, O'Neil, Paul, B Priest, H Priest, Rahman, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Rowles, Sadler, Sameen Ali, Shaukut Ali, Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Siddiqi, A Simcock, K Simcock, Smitheman, Stogia, Taylor, Watson, Webb, Wills and Wilson

Voting against the motion: -

Abstaining: -

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CC/17/84 Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had consented to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 29 November 2017 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

CC/17/85 Minutes

Decision

To agree the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 4 October 2017 as a correct record.

(Councillor Midgley declared a personal interest in respect of Minute number CC/17/69 for the reason that her partner is employed by Northwards Housing.)

CC/17/86 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 18 October and 15 November 2017 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/17/137 Strategic Investment (Part B)

To recommend that Council approves an increase in capital expenditure supported by prudential borrowing, to the amount as shown in the confidential annexe to the minutes.

Exe/17/144 Capital Programme Monitoring

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

Exe/17/145 Capital Programme Increases

To recommend that the City Council approves:

- a) Growth and Neighbourhoods Programme – Wythenshawe Hall. An increase to the capital budget by £2,295k in 2017/18, funded by Revenue Contributions to Capital (RCCO) from anticipated future Insurance Claims.
- b) ICT Capital Programme – Data Centre Facility. A decrease to the capital budget of £881k and approve the transfer of £881k to the revenue budget in 2017/18, funded by Capital Fund.
- c) ICT Capital Programme – Enterprise Identity. A decrease to the capital budget of £160k and approve the transfer of £160k to the revenue budget in 2017/18, funded by Capital Fund.
- d) Corporate Property Programme - Heron House Scheme. To increase the capital budget by £2,300k, £1,000k in 2017/18 and £1,300k in 2018/19, funded by a virement from the city's Sustaining Key Initiatives Programme budget, funded by borrowing.

- e) Corporate Property Programme – Registrar’s Office Scheme. To increase the capital budget by £1,000k in 2017/18, funded by a virement from the city’s Sustaining Key Initiatives Programme budget, funded by borrowing.

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive on 18 October and 15 November 2017.
2. To approve an increase in capital expenditure supported by prudential borrowing, to the amount as shown in the confidential annexe to the minutes of the Executive held on 18 October 2017.
3. To approve the in-year budget transfers over £0.5M between capital schemes to maximise the use of funding resources available to the City Council, as set out the appendix to the minutes of the Executive held on 15 November 2017.
4. To approve:
 - a) Growth and Neighbourhoods Programme – Wythenshawe Hall. An increase to the capital budget by £2,295k in 2017/18, funded by Revenue Contributions to Capital (RCCO) from anticipated future Insurance Claims.
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(Councillor Leese declared a personal interest in respect of Minutes numbers Exe/17/135 and Exe/17/137 for the reason that he is a Council appoint Non-Executive Director of the Manchester Airports Group plc.)

(Councillors Curley and S Murphy declared a prejudicial interest in respect of Minute number Exe/17/140 for the reason that they are Governors of the LTE Group – Manchester College and left the meeting room during consideration of the item.)

CC/17/87 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Igbon regarding a parking scheme for St George's Hulme residents.

Councillor Flanagan responded to a question from Councillor Ollerhead relating to the Manchester Arena bomb attack and a statement from the Prime Minister in response to a question from Lucy Powell MP on the provision of a full report by 24 November 2017 and the majority of the funding promised being sent to Manchester.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Leech relating to the number of complaints received by the Council in each of the last 20 years as a result of parking problems being created on residential streets caused by new developments.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Leech in respect of discussions that have taken place on the traffic and road safety implications of the proposed split site extension to Beaver Road School on Wilmslow Road in Didsbury.

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Leech on the progress has been made to improve recycling rates in blocks of flats.

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the use of glyphosate spray in open green spaces following the death of an animal.

Councillor B Priest responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the number of new houses sold in Manchester in the last 5 years that had been sold on a leasehold basis.

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding what consideration had been given to extend the range of plastics that are able to be recycled that are collected from brown bins.

Councillor Rahman responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the number of requests made in each of the last 5 years by parents or carers of summerborn children to start school in reception at age 5. In particular, how many of the requests were refused by the Admissions authority, how many reviews were requested and how many reviews were successful.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Leech relating to checks carried out to ensure the quality of work being carried out in the highways planned maintenance programme.

Councillor B Priest responded to a question from Councillor Fletcher-Hackwood regarding measures the council and the Manchester Homelessness Partnership have in place to ensure homeless people are kept safe and warm as the seasonal temperature drops.

Councillor B Priest responded to a question from Councillor Fletcher Hackwood regarding the progress of selective licensing pilot schemes and plans the Council has

to extend licensing pilot schemes for the benefit of students, other vulnerable tenants, and their neighbours in south Manchester.

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Fletcher-Hackwood relating to discussions with Greater Manchester Police, local members and community groups regarding crime and safety in south Manchester since the last meeting of the council.

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Ellison regarding the impact of the recent budget proposals on policing in Manchester.

CC/17/88 Scrutiny Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Children and Young People – 10 October and 7 November 2017
Health – 10 October and 7 November 2017
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 11 October and 8 November 2017
Economy – 11 October and 8 November 2017
Communities and Equalities – 12 October and 9 November 2017
Resources and Governance – 12 October and 9 November 2017

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes.
2. To include Councillor Green in the list of those present at the meeting of the Economy Scrutiny Committee held on 8 November 2017.

CC/17/89 Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Audit Committee – 5 October 2017
Health and Wellbeing Board - 1 November 2017
Licensing Committee – 23 October 2017
Licensing and Appeals Committee 23 October and 6 November 2017
Licensing Policy Committee – 3 October 2017
Planning and Highways Committee – 19 October and 16 November 2017
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 26 October and 23 November 2017
Personnel Committee – 15 November 2017
Standards Committee - 2 November 2017
Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 29 November 2017

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/17/90 Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees

The Lord Mayor reported that a question had been submitted by Councillor Leech in relation to Metrolink fares.

The Leader of the Council reported that the question submitted had been directed to Councillor Fender (Council spokesperson for Transport for Greater Manchester Committee) who was not present at the meeting to respond but had offered to provide a written response to Councillor Leech. The question related to Metrolink fares and should have been directed to the Council's spokesperson for the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Councillor Leese), which is the authority responsible for Metrolink fares. The Council's attention was drawn to Council Procedure Rule 24.2 of the Council Constitution that states "The nominated spokesperson must receive the question (and a copy must also be given to the Chief Executive) no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting". The Leader reported that he had not received the question until the morning of the Council meeting and not 48 hours as stated in Rule 24.2.

The Lord Mayor ruled that, in view of the circumstances that Councillor Leech had directed his question to Councillor Fender who was not present to respond and the point raised by the Leader of the Council regarding Rule 24.2, Councillor Fender be requested to provide a written response to Councillor Leech.

CC/17/91 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/17/92 Motion – Ending indefinite immigration detention

Motion proposed and seconded.

This Council notes that the UK remains the only country in Europe with no time on immigration detention. Each year over 30,000 people enter detention centres in the UK. Nearly 50% of those entering detention centres have sought asylum in the UK and many are fleeing from conflict and persecution.

This Council further notes that at any time, 3000 people are detained indefinitely. Although detention is not a criminal process, detention centres are just like prisons. Detention negatively impacts individual's physical and mental health wellbeing.

This Council believes that indefinite detention of refugees and asylum seekers is inhumane. Manchester Council has a long and proud history of supporting refugees

and asylum seekers, and has raised concerns about the current system being unfit for purpose.

This Council believes that the UK's immigration detention system is still not fit for purpose and the Government must end indefinite detention.

Therefore, this Council:

- Endorses The These Walls Must Fall Campaign and the declaration.
- Calls on the Government to implement the recommendations of the All Party Parliamentary Inquiry into detention.
- Asks our local MPs to support the spirit of the motion, to raise the matter in the House of Commons, and to support changes in current laws and procedures to introduce alternatives to detention.
- Seeks further support for the motion via the Local Government Association, and by encouraging other Councils in the UK to show their support on this issue.

Resolution

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