

## **Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 25 March 2020**

#### **Present:**

#### **Councillors:**

Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Nasrin Ali, Andrews, Bridges, Craig, Curley, Dobson, Farrell, Flanagan, Green, Grimshaw, Ilyas, S Judge, Kirkpatrick, Leech, Leese, J Lovecy, Ludford, Lyons, Mary Monaghan, N Murphy, Newman, Ollerhead, H Priest, Rawlins, Razaq, Richards, Stanton, Stogia, Strong, Taylor, Wheeler, White and Wright

#### **CC/20/18. Appointment of a Chair for the meeting**

In the absence of both the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor nominations were sought for a councillor to take the chair and preside over this meeting. Having been properly nominated, and with their being no other nominations, Councillor Newman was appointed to preside over the meeting.

#### **In the Chair – Councillor E Newman**

#### **CC/20/19. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business**

The Chair announced that he had agreed to the submission of the minutes of the meetings of the Executive and of the Personnel Committee which had both met earlier that morning. The meeting of the Constitutional and Nominations Committee had not gone ahead at 9.30am.

#### **CC/20/20. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **CC/20/21. Notion moved without notice - procedural motion to combine the debate on the remaining business**

It was moved by Councillor Leese, and seconded by Councillor Nigel Murphy, that the debate on all the remaining items of business be combined. The Chair put that motion to the Council and it was agreed.

#### **Decision**

To combine the debate on all the remaining items of business.

The Council then debated all of the remaining business. At the end of that debate the Chair asked the Council to consider, in turn, the recommendations that were contained in the minutes of the meetings that were before the meeting.

### **CC/20/22. Proceedings of the Executive**

The proceedings of the Executive on 12 February, 11 March and 25 March 2020 had been submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:-

### **Exe/20/43 Capital Programme Update**

To recommend that the Council approve the following changes to the Council's capital programme:

- (a) Growth and Development – Piccadilly Gardens Phase 1. A capital budget virement of £1.811m is requested, funded by Sustaining Key Initiatives budget.
- (b) Growth and Development – HOME Arches Phase 1. A capital budget increase of £0.215m is requested, funded by Borrowing.
- (c) Neighbourhoods - Purchase of Electric RCV's. A capital budget increase of £9.4m is requested, funded by £5.7m Borrowing and £3.7m Invest to save.
- (d) Public Sector Housing - Northwards Housing 2020/21 Capital Programme. A capital virement of £10.406m is requested from Northwards Housing Unallocated, funded by HRA (RCCO).
- (e) Growth and Development – Carbon Reduction Programme Phase 2. A capital budget increase of £15m is requested, funded by Borrowing.
- (f) Growth and Development – Carbon Reduction Action Plan Delivery. A revenue budget increase of £1m is requested, funded by Capital Fund.
- (g) Growth and Development – Greening of the City. A capital budget increase of £1m is requested, funded by Capital Fund.

### **Decisions**

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 12 February, 11 March and 25 March 2020.
2. To approve the following changes to the Manchester City Council's Capital Programme
  - Growth and Development – Piccadilly Gardens Phase 1. A capital budget virement of £1.811m , funded by Sustaining Key Initiatives budget.
  - Growth and Development – HOME Arches Phase 1. A capital budget increase of £0.215m, funded by Borrowing.

- Neighbourhoods - Purchase of Electric RCV's. A capital budget increase of £9.4m, funded by £5.7m Borrowing and £3.7m Invest to save.
- Public Sector Housing - Northwards Housing 2020/21 Capital Programme. A capital virement of £10.406m from Northwards Housing Unallocated, funded by HRA (RCCO).
- Growth and Development – Carbon Reduction Programme Phase 2. A capital budget increase of £15m, funded by Borrowing.
- Growth and Development – Carbon Reduction Action Plan Delivery. A revenue budget increase of £1m, funded by Capital Fund.
- Growth and Development – Greening of the City. A capital budget increase of £1m, funded by Capital Fund.

**CC/20/23. Questions to Executive Members and Others under Procedural Rule 23**

No questions had been submitted.

**CC/20/24. Scrutiny Committees**

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

Resources and Governance – 4 February 2020 and 3 March 2020  
Health – 4 February 2020 and 3 March 2020  
Children and Young People – 5 February 2020 and 4 March 2020  
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 5 February 2020 and 4 March 2020  
Economy – 6 February 2020 and 5 March 2020  
Communities and Equalities – 6 February 2020, 5 March 2020 and 11 March 2020

**Decision**

To receive those minutes.

**CC/20/25. Proceedings of Committees**

The minutes of the following meetings had been submitted:-

Audit Committee on 11 February 2020 and 10 March 2020

Personnel Committee on 11 March 2020 (which had been adjourned to 25 March) -  
The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:-

**PC/20/12 Children's Services Leadership Arrangements**

To recommend that Council approve a market rate retention supplement of £10,000 be made to the Deputy Strategic Director of Children's Services to ensure the retention of the current post holder in light of local market forces.

#### **PC/20/14 Growth and Development Directorate**

To recommend that Council approve the redesignation of the post of Head of Work and Skills as Director of Inclusive Economy and recommend that Council approves a regrade from SS3 (£78,715 - £87,217) to SS4 (£95,953 - £105,940)

To recommend that Council approve the redesignation of the post of Head of City Centre Growth and Regeneration as Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure and recommend that Council approves the grade as SS4 (£95,953 - £105,940).

Planning and Highways on 16 January 2020, 13 February 2020 and 12 March 2020  
Standards Committee on 19 March 2020  
Health and Wellbeing Board on 18 March 2020

#### **Decisions**

1. To receive those minutes.
2. To approve a market rate retention supplement of £10,000 be made to the Deputy Strategic Director of Children's Services to ensure the retention of the current post holder in light of local market forces.
3. To approve the redesignation of the post of Head of Work and Skills as Director of Inclusive Economy and recommend that Council approves a regrade from SS3 (£78,715 - £87,217) to SS4 (£95,953 - £105,940)
4. To approve the redesignation of the post of Head of City Centre Growth and Regeneration as Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure and recommend that Council approves the grade as SS4 (£95,953 - £105,940).

#### **CC/20/26. Constitutional Amendments and Other Matters for Council Business Continuity**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive & City Treasurer and the City Solicitor which set out proposals for the making of arrangements to ensure continuity of the Council's decision-making functions during the COVID-19 outbreak, with the risks that might arise from Members and Officers being unable to participate in council business.

#### **Decisions**

The Council agrees:-

1. That from 25 March 2020 until 26 November 2020, under the provisions of Sections 85(1) and Section 85(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the protection of the health of the residents of the city or the health of the individual member shall be an approved reason for the non-attendance of a Member at any meeting (including, in the case of members of the Executive, non-attendance at meetings of the Executive); and that for this approval Rule 25 of the Council Procedure Rules be suspended so that this may be rescinded or extended by the Council at any time before then.
2. That the set of delegations set out in section 4 of the report be approved until 26 November 2020, and that for each of these, Rule 25 of the Council Procedure Rules be suspended so that it may be rescinded or extended by the Council at any time before then.
3. That should an Officer declare an interest in any decision to be made under (2) above, then the delegated authority transfers as follows:
  - from Chief Executive to the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer,
  - from the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer to the City Solicitor.
4. That in relation to scrutiny committee “call-in” the constitutional amendment proposed in section 6.3 of the report be approved until 26 November 2020, and that Rule 25 of the Council Procedure Rules be suspended so that this may be rescinded or extended by the Council at any time before then.
5. That for urgent financial decisions the Council agree that until 26 November 2020 the provisions of Rule 6 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules be amended to include urgent decisions outside of the budget, including the use of the Council’s reserves, and that for this constitutional change, Rule 25 of the Council Procedure Rules be suspended so that it may be rescinded or extended by the Council at any time before then.
6. That for urgent financial decisions the Council agree that until 26 November 2020, where this amended provision of Rule 6 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules is to be used to make an urgent change to the revenue or capital budget, that Rule 7 of the same rules be suspended, and that for this constitutional change Rule 25 of the Council Procedure Rules be suspended so that it may be rescinded or extended by the Council at any time before then.
7. That all Chief Officers and Officers set out in Chapters 3A and 3B of Part 3, Section F of the Constitution that are already able to exercise delegated authority under the Constitution be required to nominate another officer or officers who are able to act on their behalf in their absence, and provide a copy of those nominations to the City Solicitor.

**CC/20/27. Findings of the Standards Committee into complaints against a Councillor**

The Council had received the report of the Monitoring Officer which set out the findings of the Standards (Hearing) Sub Committee in respect of complaints concerning a breach of the Code of Conduct for Members.

**Decision**

To receive and note the findings of the Standards (Hearing) Subcommittee.