

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 25 November 2020

Present:

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Councillor T Judge – in the Chair

Councillors:

Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Nasrin Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Appleby, Battle, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Clay, Collins, Cooley, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Y Dar, Davies, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Holt, Hughes, Igbon, Ilyas, Jeavons, Johns, S Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, J Lovecy, Ludford, Lynch, Lyons, McHale, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Mary Monaghan, Moore, N Murphy, Newman, Noor, O'Neil, Ollerhead, B Priest, H Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, Rowles, Russell, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, A Simcock, K Simcock, Stanton, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Taylor, Watson, Wheeler, Whiston, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

CC/20/50. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

The Lord Mayor announced that he had agreed to the submission of the minutes of the meeting of the Constitutional and Nominations Committee held on 24 November 2020. The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

CC/20/51. Minutes

The Minutes of the two extraordinary meetings held on 28 October 2020 were approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

CC/20/52. Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 11 November 2020 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/20/116 Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

To recommend that Council approves the GMSF:

To agree that the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF): Publication Draft 2020 and supporting background documents are submitted to the Secretary of State for examination pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 following the period for representations between 1 December 2020 and 26 January 2021.

(See Minute number CC/20/56).

Exe/20/124 Capital Programme Update

To recommend that the Council approve the following

changes to Manchester City Council's capital programme:

a) Children's Services – Co-op Academy Belle Vue Permanent. A capital budget virement of £2.146m is requested, funded by Unallocated Education Basic Need budget.

b) Children's Services – Co-op Academy Belle Vue Early Opening. A capital budget virement of £2.140m is requested, funded by Unallocated Education Basic Need budget

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 11 November 2020.
3. To approve the following changes to the Manchester City Council's Capital Programme:

a) Children's Services – Co-op Academy Belle Vue Permanent. A capital budget virement of £2.146m is requested, funded by Unallocated Education Basic Need budget.

b) Children's Services – Co-op Academy Belle Vue Early Opening. A capital budget virement of £2.140m is requested, funded by Unallocated Education Basic Need budget.

CC/20/53. Questions to Executive Members and Others under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Hitchen regarding the provision of school meals.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Wilson regarding representations made to the Government on support for businesses required to close during lockdown.

Councillor Murphy responded to question from Councillor Stanton regarding additional powers available to Council for the closure of business not complying with the spirit of lockdown.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding Macmillan Solutions.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding temporary cycle lanes on commuter routes into the city to encourage active travel.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding planning applications approved under the emergency power arrangements as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown.

Councillor Bridges responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding childcare places.

Councillor Akber responded to a question from Councillor Leech seeing the number of requests received to empty refuse bins.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding Tree Preservation Order requests.

Councillor Richards responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding assessment of the Law Commission's report on Leasehold Reform Changes to the Council's policy on leasehold homes.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Midgley regarding a request for the Council to mark and commemorate the deaths of Manchester residents from Covid-19 and recognise the work of key workers.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Wills regarding missed bin collections.

CC/20/54. Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

Resources and Governance - 3 November 2020

Health - 3 November 2020

Children and Young People - 4 November 2020

Neighbourhoods and Environment - 4 November 2020

Economy - 5 November 2020

Communities and Equalities - 5 November 2020

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/20/55. Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings had been submitted:

Licensing Committee 27 October 2020

Licensing and Appeals Committee 27 October 2020

Licensing Policy Committee 16 November 2020, and in particular, to consider:

LPC/20/02 Licensing Policy Temporary Revision 2021-26

To agree that the Licensing Policy is submitted to Council on 25 November 2020 with a recommendation that the Licensing Policy is approved and adopted with effect from 4 January 2021, subject to a full review being conducted in 2021 when feasible in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Personnel Committee 11 November 2020 and in particular, to consider:

PE/20/20 Efficiency Early Release Scheme (comprising Efficiency Severance and Early Retirement)

To recommend that November 2020 Council formally confirm release of funds from reserves where appropriate to fund agreed releases.

Planning and Highways Committee 22 October 2020

Constitutional and Nomination Committee 24 November 2020

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

CN/20/08 Membership of Council committees and representation on joint boards and joint committees

To recommend the Council to make the following changes in appointments to Committees of the Council.

COMMITTEE	MEMBER APPOINTED	MEMBER REMOVED
Licensing Committee	Councillor Chohan	Councillor T Judge
Licensing and Appeals Committee	Councillor Chohan	Councillor T Judge
Audit Committee	-	Councillor Stanton
Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Chohan	Councillor T Judge

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes submitted.
2. To approve and adopt the Licensing Policy Temporary Revision 2021-26, with effect from 4 January 2021, subject to a full review being conducted in 2021, when feasible in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.
3. To approve the changes in appointments to Committees of the Council, as detailed above.
4. To confirm the release of funds from reserves where appropriate to fund agreed releases as detailed in the Efficiency Early Release Scheme (comprising Efficiency Severance and Early Retirement).

CC/20/56. Submission of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework Publication Draft 2020

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) which sought approval for the submission of the Greater Manchester Spatial

Framework (GMSF) pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Consultation on the plan will commence on 1 December 2020 running until 26 January 2021. Once the consultation concludes, the next step is to submit the plan for examination. It is intended that the submission of the plan will take place in mid-2021.

Decision

1. To approve the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF): Publication Draft 2020 and supporting background documents are submitted to the Secretary of State for examination pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 following the period for representations between 1 December 2020 and 26 January 2021.
2. To delegate authority to the Lead Chief Executive, Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure to approve any minor or non-material changes to the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020 and background documents following the period for representations and prior to their submission to the Secretary of State for examination.

CC/20/57. Key Decisions Report

The Council considered the report of the City Solicitor on key decisions that have been taken in accordance with the urgency provisions in the Council's Constitution.

Decision

To note the report.