

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 30 January 2019

Present:

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Councillor Hitchen – in the Chair

Councillors:

Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, Nasrin Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Andrews, Barrett, Bridges, Chohan, Clay, Collins, Connolly, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Dar, Davies, Douglas, Ellison, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Harland, Hassan, Hewitson, Holt, Hughes, Igbon, Ilyas, Jeavons, Johns, Kamal, Karney, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, J Lovecy, Ludford, Lyons, McHale, Midgley, Mary Monaghan, R Moore, N Murphy, S Murphy, Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, Paul, B Priest, H Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, Russell, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Shilton Godwin, A Simcock, K Simcock, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Watson, Wheeler, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

CC/19/1. 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 Notices of Motion on: “Making HIV History”; and “Transport Poverty” to be brought forward on the agenda to be considered as the items before the Proceedings of the Executive.

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 two Notices of Motion: Making HIV History; and Transport Poverty be brought forward for consideration before the proceedings of the Executive.

CC/19/2. Motion without notice - Withdrawal of Item of Business

The Leader of the Council moved a motion without notice (Council Procedure Rule 19.1(e)) to withdraw the Notice of Motion – “Unite Construction Charter” from the order of business. The Council was informed that an Executive decision had been made that the Unite Construction Charter will be signed and the City Solicitor had been advised accordingly.

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That the order of business be changed and the Notices of Motion: Unite Construction Charter be withdrawn from the order of business.

CC/19/3. The Lord Mayor's Special Business - Death of Former Councillors

The Lord Mayor invited those present to stand for a minute silence in memory of former Councillors Joseph Holly and Gary Betney who had served on the Council in 1982 and 1993 respectively.

CC/19/4 Lord Mayor's Special Business - Indonesian Tsunami and Brazil dam collapse

The Lord Mayor invited those present to stand for a minute silence in memory of the lives lost as result of the recent tragedies in Indonesia and Brazil.

CC/19/5. Lord Mayor's Special Business - EU China Partnership Award

The Lord Mayor accepted the EU China Partnership award from the Chief Executive on behalf of the City. The Lord Mayor reported that the European Union had selected Manchester and Wuhun as the best example of a European city working in partnership with a Chinese city. This award demonstrates how two cities can work together on projects relating to education, sport, trade and investment, culture, climate change and environmental protection, innovation healthcare and smart cities.

CC/19/6. Lord Mayor's Special Business - New Year's Honours List

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had written to the following who are either Mancunians or live or work in the city to congratulate them on the honour they have received in the New Year's Honours list:

Professor Fiona Devine CBE
Andrew Fender CBE
Dr Claire Stevens CBE
Mary Isherwood OBE
Colin Kelsey OBE
Superintendent Umer Khan OBE
Neil MacInnes OBE
Nasar Mahmood OBE
Aamer Naeem OBE
David Watson OBE
Paula Dunn MBE

Rabbi Warren Elf MBE
Robert Gallagher MBE
The Very Reverend Rogers Morgan Govender MBE
Mohammed Muazz Khan MBE
Jamilla Kossar MBE
Rachel Pilling MBE
Yusuf Tai MBE
Kate Brown BEM
Lewis Brown BEM
Teresa Lam BEM
Jon Morrey BEM
Jared Simpson BEM
Tracey Walsh BEM
Constable Michael Buckley QPM
Terence Finn QPM
Chief Inspector Dale Sexton QPM

CC/19/7. Presentations

The Lord Mayor reported that the presentation on Cuts to Education/ Schools Funding would not be taking place.

The Lord Mayor introduced the presentation on Children's Social Care and invited Councillor Bridges (Executive Member for Children's Services) and the Director of Children's Services to address the Council. The presentation was supported by: Paul Allen (Service Lead), Maria Simpkin, (Early Help Area Coordinator), Susan Butlin (Service Lead) and Carol Longsdon (Early Help Area Coordinator).

CC/19/8. Minutes

Decision

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 November 2019 as a correct record.

CC/19/9. Notice of Motion: Making HIV history

Motion proposed and seconded:

Greater Manchester has committed to becoming an 'HIV Fast Track City region', a bold ambition to end new transmissions of HIV by 2025 and to eradicate stigma and discrimination by 2020. Manchester City Council has a long history of fighting against HIV/AIDS discrimination and for access to well-funded services for people living with HIV/AIDS. There have been significant advances in treatment and science, meaning that if detected early HIV is no longer a death sentence but a manageable chronic condition. In Manchester we have the third highest rate of HIV in the country with over 5,000 people living with HIV in GM, and with new infections reported each year.

If we are serious about beating HIV/AIDs we need a comprehensive approach that allows all people to access quality life-saving and life-enhancing prevention (such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis - PrEP), treatment, care and support services.

Despite this, since 2010 we have seen spending on Public Health Budgets for commissioning sexual health services decimated. Public Health Budgets have been cut by a third since 2010, with an extra £85m to be cut in 2019/20, and it is estimated that £3.2 Billion is needed each year to reverse these cuts.

Advances in drug treatment enable people with HIV to live long and healthy lives, whilst also significantly reducing the risk of HIV being passed on to others. There is now a drug that is clinically proven to prevent contracting HIV (PrEP) but while this drug is available on the NHS in Scotland, it is still restricted to a heavily oversubscribed 'trial' in England. This means that there are people at risk of contracting HIV in Manchester that could be prevented. The Terrence Higgins Trust estimate that every day the NHS delays access to PrEP, 17 people are diagnosed with HIV – and the lifetime cost to the NHS for each diagnosis of HIV is £360,000. Manchester City Council and Manchester Health Care Commissioning have repeatedly lobbied NHS England for a fully funded roll out of PrEP.

Therefore, this Council:

- 1) Demands that this Government reverses it's cuts to Public Health Services, including sexual health services, and allocates funds fairly according to need
- 2) Calls on the Secretary of State for Health and NHS England to take action to prevent new HIV infections by ending the trial, guaranteeing future treatment for those on the trial and fully funding and rolling out PrEP on the NHS in England;
- 3) Calls on Manchester MPs, the GM Mayor and the GM Health and Social Care Partnership to push for a fully funded rollout of PrEP on the NHS.

Resolution

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

Decisions

This Council:

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2. Calls on the Secretary of State for Health and NHS England to take action to prevent new HIV infections by ending the trial, guaranteeing future treatment for those on the trial and fully funding and rolling out PrEP on the NHS in England.

3. Calls on Manchester MPs, the GM Mayor and the GM Health and Social Care Partnership to push for a fully funded rollout of PrEP on the NHS.

CC/19/10. Notice of Motion: Transport Poverty

Motion proposed and seconded:

- That Transport Poverty is an issue which is currently affecting economic growth within our city by by-passing residents who are unable to access employment opportunities due to this
- That TfGM gives consideration to help residents on low incomes to better access public transport such as the partnership between TfGM, System One and Jobcentre Plus to provide free day bus tickets to attend job interviews in Greater Manchester, and free and subsidised bus travel for residents returning to work, and reduced travel costs for 16-18 year olds promised by the Mayor of Greater Manchester;
- That Manchester City Council fully supports the re-regulation of bus services, noting that in 2016/17, 76% of public transport trips were taken by bus;
- That while active travel options such as walking and cycling are helpful in terms of reducing car dependency, and supporting health, far more attention should be given to residents for whom these simply aren't viable, nor desirable.
- That Manchester City Council gives greater consideration to how all Manchester residents can access job opportunities, particularly North Manchester residents being able to access jobs at the Airport, and where we own a significant stake in partners such as Manchester Airport Group, we ensure job opportunities are available to residents without access to cars: and
- That Manchester City Council's view of public transport provision and that of TfGM, and non-car led transport should be prioritised on poverty and lack of access going forward, and ensuring Manchester residents have access to jobs, or are not isolated for reasons beyond their control and that the priority is not on providing additional transport options to those already well-served simply as they are most vocal.

Resolution

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

Decisions

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employment opportunities due to this.

2. That TfGM gives consideration to help residents on low incomes to better access public transport such as the partnership between TfGM, System One and Jobcentre Plus to provide free day bus tickets to attend job interviews in Greater Manchester, and free and subsidised bus travel for residents returning to work, and reduced travel costs for 16-18 year olds promised by the Mayor of Greater Manchester.
3. That Manchester City Council fully supports the re-regulation of bus services, noting that in 2016/17, 76% of public transport trips were taken by bus.
4. That while active travel options such as walking and cycling are helpful in terms of reducing car dependency, and supporting health, far more attention should be given to residents for whom these simply aren't viable, nor desirable.
5. That Manchester City Council gives greater consideration to how all Manchester residents can access job opportunities, particularly North Manchester residents being able to access jobs at the Airport, and where we own a significant stake in partners such as Manchester Airport Group, we ensure job opportunities are available to residents without access to cars.
6. That Manchester City Council's view of public transport provision and that of TfGM, and non-car led transport should be prioritised on poverty and lack of access going forward, and ensuring Manchester residents have access to jobs, or are not isolated for reasons beyond their control and that the priority is not on providing additional transport options to those already well-served simply as they are most vocal.

(Councillor Hughes declared a prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interest in the item for the reason that he is employed as a public service vehicle driver and left the chamber prior to its consideration.)

(Councillor Shaukat Ali declared a personal interest in the item.)

CC/19/11. Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 12 December 2018 and 16 January 2019 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/18/115 Global Monitoring - Council to approve the following:

The use of £6.292m in total from the City Centre Review, Better Care Funding, Adult Social Care and Parking reserves as follows:

- £40K from the City Centre Review – for the Compliance and Enforcement and Homelessness teams to improve data and performance indicators;
- £2.6m from the Better Care Fund Reserve - as part of an overall funding strategy for 2019/20 to provide ongoing contributions for social care and to enable the CCG to access its historic surplus in 2019/20;
- £1.4m from the Adult Social Care Reserve – also as part of an overall funding strategy for 2019/20 to provide ongoing contributions for social care and to enable the CCG to access its historic surplus in 2019/20;
- £1.595m from the Adult Social Care Reserve - for reform staffing, mental health related strength based assessment and supporting the shared lives scheme;
- £175k from the Parking Reserve - to fund hostile vehicle mitigation measures;
- £482k from the Asylum Seekers Reserve – to fund the Local Authority Asylum Support Officer (LAASLO) project, subject to agreement from the contributing authorities.

Exe/18/116 Capital Programme Update - Council to approve the following changes to the Council's capital programme:

- Highways – Residents Parking Schemes. A capital budget increase of £0.553m is requested, funded by £0.396m of applicable Section 106 funding and £0.157m from the Parking Reserve.
- (b) Highways – Automatic Bollards. A capital budget increase of £0.468m is requested, funded from the Parking Reserve, to replace the existing £0.200m borrowing approval.
- (c) Highways – Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Measures. A capital budget increase of £0.264m is requested, funded from the Parking Reserve.

Exe/18/119 The Manchester College – City Centre Campus (Part B) – Council to approve a capital budget increase of £27.6m (£17.6m in 2018/19 and £10m in 2019/20) funded by borrowing.

(Councillor Hacking and Councillor S Murphy each a Disclosable Pecuniary interest in the item, as a board member of the LTE Group. Both left the meeting prior to its consideration.)

Exe/19/03 Capital Programme Update – Council to approve the following changes to the Council's capital programme:

- Highways – Exchange Square water feature refurbishment. A capital budget increase of £0.440m is requested, funded by borrowing.
- Neighbourhoods – relocation of Manchester Visitor Information Centre. A capital budget increase of £0.059m is requested, funded by borrowing.
- Private Sector Housing – transfer of projects from Strategic Acquisitions. A capital budget virement of £1.592m is requested.

- Children's & Families / ICT – Liquid Logic/ContrOCC. A virement of £0.139m from the Early Help project, which this project supersedes, and £0.370m from the ICT Investment Plan is requested.

Exe/19/06 Manchester Airport Car Park Investment – Council to approve a capital budget increase of £5.6. (£3.7m in 2019/20 and £1.9m in 2020/21) funded through prudential borrowing.

(Councillor Leese declared a prejudicial interest in item Exe/19/06, as a Board Member of the Manchester Airport Holdings. He left the meeting prior to its consideration).

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 12 December and 16 January 2019.
2. The use of £6.292m in total from the City Centre Review, Better Care Funding, Adult Social Care and Parking reserves.
3. To approve the following changes to the Council's capital programme:
 - Highways – Residents Parking Schemes. A capital budget increase of £0.553m, funded by £0.396m of applicable Section 106 funding and £0.157m from the Parking Reserve.
 - Highways – Automatic Bollards. A capital budget increase of £0.468m, funded from the Parking Reserve, to replace the existing £0.200m borrowing approval.
 - Highways – Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Measures. A capital budget increase of £0.264m, funded from the Parking Reserve.
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 - Neighbourhoods – relocation of Manchester Visitor Information Centre. A capital budget increase of £0.059m, funded by borrowing.
 - Private Sector Housing – transfer of projects from Strategic Acquisitions funded from a capital budget virement of £1.592m.
 - Children's & Families / ICT – Liquid Logic/ContrOCC. A virement of £0.139m from the Early Help project, which this project supersedes, and £0.370m from the ICT Investment Plan.
4. To approve a capital budget increase of £27.6m (£17.6m in 2018/19 and £10m in 2019/20), funded by borrowing in respect of The Manchester College – City Centre Campus.
5. To approve a capital budget increase of £5.6. (£3.7m in 2019/20 and £1.9m in 2020/21) funded through prudential borrowing in respect of Manchester Airport Car Park Investment.

CC/19/12. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Connolly regarding the management contractor appointed to undertake the refurbishment of the Town Hall and the tendering process used.

Councillor Richards responded to a question from Councillor Connolly regarding the Council's support for residents affected by the replacement cladding dispute with Lendlease.

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor M Dar regarding traffic control measures on Albert Street in Beswick.

Councillor Rahman provided a response to a question from Councillor Leech regarding data on school place vacancies.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding safeguarding to ensure legitimacy of major developments in the city.

Councillor Leese (in the absence of Councillor Stogia) responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the reinstatement of a budget for traffic calming projects around schools.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding a development plan and strategy for the Gay Village.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding risk assessments in preparation for Brexit.

Councillor Akbar replied to a question from Councillor Igbon regarding plans to support the Keep Britain tidy campaign and to raise awareness.

CC/19/13. Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

Health – 4 December 2018 and 8 January 2019
Children and Young People – 4 December 2018 and 8 January 2019
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 5 December 2018 and 9 January 2019
Economy – 5 December 2018 and 9 January 2019
Communities and Equalities – 6 December 2018 and 10 January 2019
Resources and Governance – 6 December and 10 January 2019

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/19/14. Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Audit Committee – 10 December 2018
Health and Wellbeing Board – 23 January 2019
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 3 December 2018
Planning and Highways Committee – 13 December and 17 January 2019
Personnel Committee – 12 December 2018 and 29 January 2019
Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 30 January 2019

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

Personnel Committee 12 December 2018

PE/18/29 Proposed New Pay Structure – Council to approve the new pay line, with the intention that the new grade structure be formally endorsed as part of the Pay Policy Statement.

Personnel Committee 29 January 2019

PE/19/02 Senior Management Capacity Review -

Council to approve that the role profile and duties of the existing Deputy Chief Executive post are varied as set out in the report and to include the duties of the Council's statutory Section 151 Officer. The post will become Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer.

Council to approve that the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer is remunerated at a salary of £150,000 to reflect the increased portfolio and in line with the proposed changes to the Council's Pay Policy Statement detailed elsewhere on this meeting's agenda.

Council to approve the creation of a new post of Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods) at Grade SS5 on the Council's pay and grading structure. This post will take on strategic responsibility for the Neighbourhoods and Highways services. Establishment of this post will enable the disestablishment of the current Chief Operating Officer (Neighbourhoods) post and, in line with ***m people*** principles, this post holder will be ring fenced for assessment to the Strategic Director role.

Council to approve the creation of a new post of Director Policy, Performance and Reform at Grade SS4 on the Council's pay and grading structure. This post will take on strategic responsibility for the Performance, Research & Intelligence; Policy, Partnerships and Research and Reform & Innovation teams and will be funded through equivalent reductions at the tier below.

PE/19/03 Senior Pay and Grading Update -

Council to approve that the changes are implemented with immediate effect.

Council to approve that the Council's Pay Policy Statement in March 2019 is amended to reflect the changes in the senior pay and grading structure.

PE/19/04 Local Government Pension Scheme – Updated Discretions Policy Statement -

Council to adopt the discretionary framework set out in the revised Pension Scheme Policy Statement.

Constitutional and Nomination Committee 30 January 2019

CN/19/3 Membership of Council committees and representation on joint boards and joint committees

To request the Council to suspend Procedural Rule 25.1 to allow the following decision which involve reconsideration of a decision taken by the Council within the previous six months.

To recommend to Council the following changes in appointments to Committees and Joint Committees of the Council:

Committee	Member removed	Member appointed
Greater Manchester Housing, Planning and Environmental Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Wilson	Councillor Clay

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes.
2. To approve the new pay line, with the intention that the new grade structure be formally endorsed as part of the Pay Policy Statement.
3. Council to approve that the role profile and duties of the existing Deputy Chief Executive post are varied as set out in the report and to include the duties of the Council's statutory Section 151 Officer. The post will become Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer.
4. Council to approve that the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer is remunerated at a salary of £150,000 to reflect the increased portfolio and in line with the proposed changes to the Council's Pay Policy Statement detailed elsewhere on this meeting's agenda.
5. Council to approve the creation of a new post of Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods) at Grade SS5 on the Council's pay and grading structure. This post will take on strategic responsibility for the Neighbourhoods and Highways services. Establishment of this post will enable the disestablishment of the current Chief Operating Officer (Neighbourhoods) post and, in line with

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6. Council to approve the creation of a new post of Director Policy, Performance and Reform at Grade SS4 on the Council's pay and grading structure. This post will take on strategic responsibility for the Performance, Research & Intelligence; Policy, Partnerships and Research and Reform & Innovation teams and will be funded through equivalent reductions at the tier below.
7. To approve that the changes to the senior pay and grading structure are implemented with immediate effect.
8. To approve that the Council's Pay Policy Statement in March 2019 is amended to reflect the changes in the senior pay and grading structure.
9. To adopt the discretionary framework set out in the revised Pension Scheme Policy Statement.
10. To agree to suspend Procedural Rule 25.1 to allow the following decision which involve reconsideration of a decision taken by the Council within the previous six months.
11. To approve the changes to the membership of Committees and joint boards and joint committees, as detailed below:

Committee	Member removed	Member appointed
Greater Manchester Housing, Planning and Environmental Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Wilson	Councillor Clay

Health and Wellbeing Board

Appointment – Dr Clare Lake (South MHCC GP Board Member)

(Councillor Ellison declared a prejudicial interest in a planning application under item PH/19/11 Planning and Highways Committee minutes 17 January 2019 for the reason that he had previously expressed a view.)

CC/19/15 Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees

The Lord Mayor reported that a question had been received regarding business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees.

The Leader of the Council responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding occupancy rates on Metrolink.

The Leader of the Council responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding bus services in Greater Manchester.

The Leader of the Council responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding Metrolink ticket pricing.

The Leader of the Council responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding provisions for homelessness in Manchester.

CC/19/16. Urgent Key Decisions Report

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

Decision

To note the report.

CC/19/17. Draft Code of Corporate Governance

The Council considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive which proposed a revised Code of Corporate Governance in accordance with published guidance. The Code will be monitored on an annual basis through the Council's Annual Governance Statement.

Decision

To approve the revised Code of Corporate Governance for incorporation within the Council Constitution.