

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 27 March 2019

Present:

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

Councillors:

Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, Nasrin Ali, Shaukat Ali, Andrews, Barrett, Bridges, Chohan, Clay, Collins, Connolly, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Dar, Davies, Douglas, Ellison, Evans, Flanagan, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Harland, Hassan, Hewitson, Holt, Hughes, Igbon, Ilyas, Jeavons, Johns, S Judge, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, J Lovecy, Ludford, Lynch, Lyons, McHale, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Mary Monaghan, Moore, N Murphy, S Murphy, Newman, Noor, O'Neil, Paul, B Priest, H Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, Russell, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, A Simcock, K Simcock, Stogia, Stone, Strong, Taylor, Watson, Wheeler, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

CC/19/19. The Lord Mayor's Special Business - Minute Silence - Killings in Christchurch, New Zealand

The Lord Mayor invited Mr Anthony Greystone to address the Council regarding events following the killing of 49 innocent people in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The Lord Mayor then invited those present to stand for a minute silence in memory of the lives lost.

CC/19/20. Lord Mayor's Special Business - Retiring Members

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that four Councillors would not be seeking re-election in May 2019 and thanked them for their contribution to the Council and the residents they represent. The Councillors not seeking re-election were:

Councillor Hugh Barrett
Councillor Julie Connolly
Councillor Chris Paul
Councillor Mavis Smitheman

The Lord Mayor made reference to the length service of Councillor Smitheman and her term as Lord Mayor in 2008/2009.

The Lord Mayor also informed the Council that Councillor Hugh Barratt had served as a Manchester Councillor for 50 years, having been elected in 1968. In recognition of this achievement and his long service to the residents of Manchester, the Lord Mayor presented Councillor Barratt with a gift and invited him to address the Council.

CC/19/21. Lord Mayor's Special Business - Member Resignation

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that Grace Fletcher-Hackwood had resigned her position as Councillor for Fallowfield Ward. The Lord Mayor thanked Ms Fletcher-Hackwood for her service as a Councillor and wished her well for her future.

CC/19/22. Lord Mayor's Special Business - Our Manchester Presentation

The Lord Mayor introduced the Manchester residents who had attended the meeting to address the Council. The Council was addressed by:

Karen Harrison from Bridging the Gap (Manchester – South Central Foodbank);
Patricia Wells and Wendy Steele from Gateway Debt Advice (Collyhurst);
Jamie Richardson (Didsbury Park Homewatch Scheme); and
Jo Walby (Chief Executive - Mustard Tree).

The Lord Mayor thanked the residents for their attendance.

The Lord Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11.10am

The meeting resumed at 11:30am)

CC/19/23. Minutes

Decision

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 March 2019 as a correct record.

CC/19/24. 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: “Public Health Funding”; and “Intentional Homelessness” 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: “Public Health Funding”; and “Intentional Homelessness” be brought forward for consideration before the proceedings of the Executive.

CC/19/25. Notice of Motion - Public Health Funding

Motion proposed and seconded:

The public health grant funds vital services and functions that prevent ill health and contribute to the future sustainability of the NHS. Local authorities are responsible for delivering most of these services, but their ability to do so is compromised by public health grant reductions and the broader funding climate.

In 2018/19 and 2019/20 every local authority will have less to spend on public health than the year before. Taking funds away from prevention is a false economy. Without proper investment in public health people suffer, demand on local health services increases and the economy suffers. Poor public health costs local businesses heavily through sick days and lost productivity. Unless we restore public health funding, our health and care system will remain locked in a 'treatment' approach, which is neither economically viable nor protects the health of residents.

The Government is looking to phase out the Public Health Grant by 2020/21. Thereafter, they plan to fund public health via 75% business rates retention. Whatever the model, it is vital that local authorities have enough funding to deliver the functions and services they need to provide. Deprived areas often suffer the worst health outcomes, so it is also vital that areas with the greatest need receive sufficient funding to meet their local challenges.

This Council notes that around four in ten cancers are preventable, largely through avoidable risk factors, such as stopping smoking, keeping a healthy weight and cutting back on alcohol. Smoking accounts for 80,000 early deaths every year and remains the largest preventable cause of cancer in the world. Smoking-related ill health costs local authorities £760 million every year in social care costs. Additionally, obesity and alcohol account for 30,000 and 7,000 early deaths each year respectively. All three increase the risk of: cancer, diabetes, lung and heart conditions, poor mental health and create a subsequent burden on health and social care.

This Council believes that the impact of cuts to public health on our communities is becoming difficult to ignore. This case becomes more pressing given the Government's consideration of a 10-year plan for the NHS. For this reason, we support Cancer Research UK's call for increased and sustainable public health funding.

This Council calls on the Government to deliver increased investment in public health and to support a sustainable health and social care system by taking a 'prevention first' approach. In turn, Manchester City Council will continue to support and fund public health initiatives to the best of our abilities to prevent ill-health, reduce inequalities and support a health and social care system that is fit for the future.

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(Councillor Moore declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item for the reason that she is employed by an organisation that had promoted public health funding and left the chamber prior to its consideration.)

CC/19/26. Notice of Motion - Intentional Homelessness

Motion proposed and seconded:

As a Council we have a responsibility to look after children and young people who come into our care. This responsibility does not stop when these young people leave care it continues through until they turn 25.

Currently if a care leaver presents as homeless to this council they can still be deemed intentionally homeless. We know our young people often face extensive challenges for a variety of reasons and sometimes need extra support to assist them to transition to adulthood.

These are Our Young people and we have a duty to support them as their corporate parents. This involves supporting them through their mistakes and providing guidance to help them make more positive choices in the future. This task is made more difficult if the young person is deemed intentionally homeless as this can lead to them losing touch with services.

In Manchester we are developing the homelessness pathway for all young people across the city. This is designed to support young people and prevent homelessness in the first place. We are however aware that sometimes people slip through the net.

This Council will

- 1) Ensure effective and appropriate support is available through personal advisors to our young people and that this support is effectively communicated to the young people.
- 2) Take a clear stance and change policy to ensure that no care leavers are classed as intentionally homeless, and are always supported back into accommodation.

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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- 1) Ensure effective and appropriate support is available through personal advisors to our young people and that this support is effectively communicated to the young people.
- 2) Make a clear stance and change policy to ensure that no care leavers are classed as intentionally homeless, and are always supported back into accommodation.

CC/19/27. Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 13 February and 13 March 2019 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/19/10 Capital Programme - Council to approve the virements over £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the City Council set out in the appendix to these minutes.

Exe/19/31 Capital Programme Update - Council to approve the following changes to the Council's capital programme:

- (a) ICT – End User Experience. A capital budget allocation and transfer of £4.193m from the ICT Investment Plan budget is requested, funded by borrowing.
- (b) ICT – Wi-Fi Business Case. A capital budget allocation and transfer of £1.468m from the ICT Investment Plan budget, funded by borrowing.

Exe/19/32 Relocation of Leaving Care Services to Seymour Road

Council to approve a capital allocation of up to £1.2m to cover any unforeseen costs, funded by prudential borrowing.

Council to delegate authority to Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, in consultation with Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources, to set the final budget for the project, the capital allocation and the borrowing.

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 13 February and 13 March 2019.
2. To approve the virements over £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the City Council set out in the appendix to these minutes.

3. To approve the following changes to the Council's capital programme:
 - ICT – End User Experience. A capital budget allocation and transfer of £4.193m from the ICT Investment Plan budget is requested, funded by borrowing.
 - ICT – Wi-Fi Business Case. A capital budget allocation and transfer of £1.468m from the ICT Investment Plan budget, funded by borrowing.
4. To approve a capital allocation of up to £1.2m to cover any unforeseen costs, funded by prudential borrowing.
5. To delegate authority to Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, in consultation with Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources, to set the final budget for the project, the capital allocation and the borrowing.

CC/19/28. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Wills regarding the tackling of anti-social behaviour in the areas of Withington, Ladybarn and South East Fallowfield.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Ellison regarding the spend on projects as part of the Council's £100 million highways investment programme.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding support for a People's Vote.

Councillor Stogia provided a response to a question from Councillor Leech regarding arrangements to complete works to the Manchester and Salford Inner Relief Route.

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

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding Freedom of Information requests to the Council.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the use of CCTV to gather evidence of fly-tipping.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding prosecutions resulting from the cutting down of protected trees.

Councillor Richards replied to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding the building of affordable housing in the city.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding an update on the Christie Parking Zone extension.

Councillor Richards responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding an update on Aluminium Composite Material cladding on residential buildings.

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order.

CC/19/29. Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

Health – 5 February and 5 March 2019
Children and Young People – 5 February and 5 March 2019
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 6 February and 6 March 2019
Economy – 6 February and 6 March 2019
Communities and Equalities – 7 February and 7 March 2019
Resources and Governance – 7 February and 7 March 2019

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/19/30. Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Audit Committee – 11 February and 11 March 2019
Health and Wellbeing Board – 20 March 2019
Licensing Committee – 4 March 2019
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 4 March 2019
Planning and Highways Committee – 14 February and 14 March 2019
Standards Committee – 21 March 2019
Personnel Committee – 13 February and 13 March 2019
Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 27 March 2019

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

Personnel Committee 13 February 2019

PE/19/08 Senior Management Arrangements for the Homelessness Service

Council to approve that the Director of Homelessness Services post is remunerated at Grade SS4 (£94,072 - £103,863).

Personnel Committee 13 March 2019

PE/19/011 Pay Policy Statement 2019/20

Council to approve the organisation's Pay and Grading Structure for the financial year 2019/20, as appended to the Pay Policy Statement.

PE/19/12 Director of ICT

Council to approve the post of Director of ICT be recruited to at Grade SS4 (£94,072 - £103,863) increasing to £95,953 - £105,940 from 1 April 2019 with an additional market rate supplement of up to £30,000, subject to the stipulated review processes after 18 months.

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes.
2. To approve the Director of Homelessness Services post is remunerated at Grade SS4 (£94,072 - £103,863).
3. Council to approve the organisation's Pay and Grading Structure for the financial year 2019/20, as appended to the Pay Policy Statement.
4. to approve the post of Director of ICT be recruited to at Grade SS4 (£94,072 - £103,863) increasing to £95,953 - £105,940 from 1 April 2019 with an additional market rate supplement of up to £30,000, subject to the stipulated review processes after 18 months.
5. To note that minute ST/19/02 from the Standards Committee (21 March 2019) will be directed for consideration to the next meeting of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 15 May 2019.

(Councillor Shaukat Ali declared a personal interest under minute LAP/19/32 (Taxi Compliance Update Report) Licensing and Appeals Committee 4 March 2019, for the reason that he has a Hackney Carriage Licence.)

CC/19/31. Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees

The Lord Mayor reported that no questions had been received regarding business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees.

CC/19/32. 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.

Appendix to Minute CC/19/27 (Exe/19/10 – Proposed Capital Virements)

Proposed Capital Virements £m	2018/19 Virement	2019/20 Virement	2020/21 Virement	2021/22 Virement
Highways				
Highways Stand Alone Projects				
Public Realm	175	557		
Hostile Vehicles Mitigation Measures	-175	-89		
Automatic Bollard Replacement		-468		
Drainage		184		
Other Improvement works		-184		
Total Highways	0	0	0	0
Private Sector Housing				
Collyhurst Regeneration			-505	-565
Collyhurst Acquisition & Demolition (Overbrook & Needwood Close)			505	565
Total Private Sector	0	0	0	0
Public Sector Housing				
01.00 Northwards - External Work				
Environmental improvements Moston corolites	87			
Charlestown - Victoria Ave multi-storey replacement door entry systems	-19	-182	3,480	
Electricity North West distribution network phase 4 (various)	-122	-163		
External cyclical works phase 3a		-10		
External cyclical works phase 3b Ancoats Smithfields estate		10		
Delivery Costs		220	-125	
Replacement door entry Clifford Lamb Ct and Monsall multi storey blocks		-95		
02.00 Northwards - Internal Work				
Decent Homes mop ups phase 9 and decent homes work required to voids	27		-27	
Collyhurst - Rainwater pipes/guttering rectification work	-141	-85		
Boiler replacement programme	-75	-246	261	
Kitchen and Bathrooms programme	-2,107	-1,224	34	
Aldbourne Court/George Halstead Court/Duncan Edwards Court works		81		
Harpurhey - Monsall Multi Internal Works		2,385	85	
Fire precautions multi storey blocks	-676	-746	-500	

Proposed Capital Virements £m	2018/19 Virement	2019/20 Virement	2020/21 Virement	2021/22 Virement
Installations of sprinkler systems - multi storey blocks	-2,000	-2,779		
Various - Bradford/Clifford Lamb/Kingsbridge/Sandyhill Court Internal Works		2,471	108	
Collyhurst - Mossbrook/Roach/Vauxhall/Humphries Court Internal Works		2,791	106	
Replacement of Prepayment Meters in High Rise Blocks	-58	-694	20	
Delivery Costs		265	23	
05.00 Northwards - Off Debits/Conversions				
Bringing Studio Apartments back in use	-57	-78		
Delivery Costs		-12		
06.00 Homeless Accommodation				
Delivery Costs		19	19	
12.00 Northwards - Acquisitions				
Northwards Acquisitions	32			
Stock Acquisitions	-32			
14.00 Northwards - Adaptations				
Northwards Housing Programme	5,141	-1,928	-3,484	
Total Public Sector Housing (HRA)	0	0	0	0
Children's Services				
Basic Need				
Cheetham Academy	-14			
Cavendish Community - Increase capacity	-266			
Ashbury Meadow - Increase capacity	-71			
E-Act Academy - increase capacity	-11			
Claremont - Increase capacity	-71			
Briscoe Lane Academy	-23			
Manchester Communication Primary Academy	-224			
Dean Trust Ardwick	4			
United Learning Trust - William Hulme	47			
Lytham Rd	-143			
Co-op Academy expansion	270			
St Matthews RC	-172			
Beaver Rd Primary Expansion	-14			
Lily Lane Primary	-305			
St. James Primary Academy	-57			

Proposed Capital Virements £m	2018/19 Virement	2019/20 Virement	2020/21 Virement	2021/22 Virement
Crossacres Primary School	-17			
Ringway Primary School	-166			
Webster Primary School	-49			
St. Chrysostom's Primary School	160			
Camberwell Park Specialist School	65			
Piper Hill Special School	224			
SEND Programme		8,365	15,150	
Basic need - unallocated funds	833	-8,365	-15,150	
Schools Maintenance				
Abraham Moss - Hall Heating	-4			
Moston Lane - re-roof	-338			
Chorlton CofE Primary Rewire	1			
Wilbraham Primary Roof	19			
Abbott Primary School Fencing	-15			
Pike Fold Community Primary - Ground Stabilisation - Survey artificial play area	1			
Charlestown Primary Defects	-14			
All Saints Primary School	-1			
Collyhurst Nursery School	2			
Armitage CE Primary	3			
Higher Openshaw Community School - Renew Boiler	-25			
Crowcroft Park Primary School - Roof Repairs	-9			
Abbot Community Primary - Ext Joinery Repair	-14			
St Mary's - Joinery Repairs	-21			
Sandilands - Joinery Repairs	12			
Cheetwood - Rewire	112			
Pike Fold Community School - Repairs to air handling units	-11			
Button Lane Primary - Boiler Installation	-24			
Schools Capital Maintenance - unallocated	326			
Education Standalone Projects				
Tiny Tigers Ltd-Cheetham Children Centre	79			
Early Education for Two Year Olds - Unallocated	-79			
Total Children's Services	0	0	0	0
ICT Capital				
ICT Infrastructure & Mobile Working				
Citrix 7.6 Migration	2			

Proposed Capital Virements £m	2018/19 Virement	2019/20 Virement	2020/21 Virement	2021/22 Virement
Mobile Device Refresh	3			
PSN Windows 2003	-26			
Data Centre UPS Installation	-10			
Core Switch Firmware	-30			
Income Management	-32			
Customer & Bus. Relationship Management System	-32			
Corporate Reporting Tool (Business Objects)	3			
Communications Room Replacement Phase 2	5			
New Rent Collection System		9		
ICT Investment Plan	117	-9		
Total ICT	0	0	0	0
Total CAPITAL PROGRAMME	0	0	0	0