

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 14 July 2021

Present:

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

Councillors:

Abdullatif, Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Appleby, Baker-Smith, Bano, Bayunu, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Clay, Collins, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Y Dar, Davies, Doswell, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Foley, Green, Grimshaw, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Holt, Hughes, Hussain, Hutchinson, Igbon, Ilyas, Jeavons, S Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, J Lovecy, Ludford, Lynch, Lyons, McHale, Midgley, Moore, Newman, Noor, Nunney, H Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, Robinson, Rowles, Russell, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Stanton, Stogia, Taylor, Wheeler, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

CC/20/41. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business - Marcus Rashford Mural, Withington

The Lord Mayor made a statement following the vandalism of a Marcus Rashford Mural in Withington and made reference to the swift and overwhelming positive responses of support from the local community, across the country and around the world in a stand against racism in all of its forms.

CC/20/42. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business - Queen's Birthday Honours List and award of the Queens award for Voluntary Service

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had written to the following award recipients, who are either Mancunians or live or work in the city to congratulate them on the honour they have received:

Queen's Birthday Honours awarded to:

Tony Lloyd MP	Knights Bachelor
Lemn Sissay	OBE
Myles Stacey	OBE
Claudette Fraser	MBE
Dr Lisa Graham Spencer	MBE
Raheem Stirling	MBE
Catherine Kilday	BEM
Wasim Chaudhry	QPM

Queen's award for Voluntary Service:

- Coffee4Craig
- Gorton Imagination Library
- MACFEST- UK
- Manchester Transport Museum Society Ltd
- Moss Side Allotment Group
- Myriad Foundation
- The Proud Trust
- Walking With The Wounded

CC/20/43. Lord Mayor's Special Business - One Minute Silence

The Lord Mayor invited those present at the meeting to observe a minute's silence in memory of the lives lost in the Srebrenica genocide which took place in July 1995.

CC/20/44. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had agreed to the submission of the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 12 July 2021.

CC/20/45. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business - Presentation - Covid Cases within Manchester

The Lord Mayor invited the Director of Public Health to address the Council on the current level of Covid related cases within Manchester and the roll out of the vaccination programme.

The Lord Mayor then invited questions from Council members.

The Lord Mayor thanked Director of Public Health for the update.

CC/20/46. Minutes

Decision

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CC/20/47. Notice of Motion - Pay Day Loans

Motion proposed and seconded:

This Council notes:-

The rising cost of living and falling incomes is causing genuine problems to people with their finances. This has become much worse in the last eighteen months, due to the pandemic. More and more people are falling into debt due to zero hours contracts, and then going to the likes of payday loans etc. Those who borrow from high-cost credit companies, on average borrow £326 per month. The interest paid on this money is punishing rates of up to 5,800% APR. Many are unable to make the repayments and are pushed into a spiral of debt. We all know that the long-term

solution to the problem of pay day loans, must be to increase wages and control the cost of living, so that people are not forced into their arms. In the short term more needs to be done to give our residents more information about other ways to access credit unions and debt agencies. Credit Unions offer a sustainable alternative to high-cost short term credit and should be supported by this council. As someone who used to sit on the board of a credit union, I have seen at first-hand how much they can help people who might be struggling with their finances. South Manchester Credit Union and Voyager Alliance Credit Union are just two in Manchester. Credit unions are open to all and are beneficial to all.

This Council resolves:-

- (1) To block access to payday loan websites through any council-controlled IT systems, including libraries and staff computers.
- (2) Where access has been blocked, to display information about pay plan (www.payplan.com) and other free local debt counselling services, and contacts for local credit unions, such as South Manchester CU.
- (3) To promote local credit unions by working with council and external organizations to, for example give cheaper bus tickets to local CU members.
- (4) To recommend to the Executive to restrict the growth of payday loans companies on high streets, using an article 4 direction to take back control of planning permission for conversions of general shops and offices into payday loan shops.

Resolution

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

Decision

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CC/20/48. Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 3 June 2021 and 30 June 2021 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/21/57 Capital Programme Update

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

- Resident and Business Digital Experience (RBDxP). A capital budget decrease of £5.228m funded from borrowing along with a corresponding revenue budget increase of £5.228m funded from Capital Fund.
- Riverdale Maisonettes. A capital budget increase of £2.856m, funded by an RCCO from the HRA.

Exe/21/64 Capital Programme Outturn 2020/21

To recommend that the Council approve the virements over £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources 13 - 32 Council available to the City Council (as set out in the appendix to the 30 June 2021 minutes).

Exe/21/65 Capital Programme Update

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

- Highways Services – Patching Defect Repairs Programme 2021/22. A capital budget increase of £4.244 is requested, funded by £0.500m RCCO and £3.744m Grant. A capital budget virement of £1m is also requested, from the Highways Project Delivery Fund budget.
- Neighbourhoods – Library Refurbishment. A capital budget increase of £0.500m is requested, funded by Borrowing.
- Neighbourhoods - New Islington Marina Bridge Works. A capital budget increase of £0.156m is requested, funded by Borrowing.

- Public Sector Housing - Newton Heath High Rise Blocks Improvements. A capital budget increase of £14.113m is requested, funded by an RCCO from the Housing Revenue Account.

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 3 June 2021 and 30 June 2021.
2. To approve the following changes to the Council's capital programme:
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CC/20/49. Questions to Executive Members and Others under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Wright regarding green screening of the Bentley House estate and St Phillips school in Hulme.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Igbon regarding arrangements in place with partners for job opportunities, training, apprenticeship for Manchester residents, especially under 25's & over 50s.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Nunney regarding net zero emissions.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Nunney regarding the inclusion of climate change in scrutiny work programmes.

Councillor Rahman responded to a question from Councillor Hutchinson regarding measures to recruit retain and support a more diverse workforce in Manchester.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Shaukat Ali regarding the Council's support for removal and remediation of dangerous cladding, and other identified fire safety concerns within the Green Quarter.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding a covenant on Houghend Fields.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding pothole repairs.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding enquiries about tree protection.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding affordable housing in West Didsbury.

Councillor Midgley responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the lead commissioner for dental services.

Councillor Rahman responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the Peterloo Memorial.

CC/20/50. Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

Resources and Governance – 25 May and 22 June 2021
Health – 26 May and 23 June 2021
Children and Young People – 26 May and 23 June 2021
Environment and Climate Change – 27 May and 24 June 2021
Economy – 27 May and 24 June 2021
Communities and Equalities – 25 May and 22 June 2021

Decision

To note the minutes submitted.

CC/20/51. Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Audit Committee – 15 June 2021

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 13 July 2021

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

CN/20/15 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
Economy Scrutiny	Councillor Shilton-Godwin	
Resources and Governance Scrutiny	Councillor Andrews Councillor Hacking Councillor Wright	
Health Scrutiny	Councillor Douglas	Councillor Hassan
Children and Young People Scrutiny	Councillor Cooley Councillor Foley Councillor Sadler	
Audit	Councillor Hitchen	
Employee Appeals Committee	Councillor Cooley Councillor Shilton-Godwin Councillor Wheeler	
Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny		*Councillor Appleby
Health Scrutiny	*Councillor Appleby	

To recommend the Council make appointments in accordance with the revised membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board, as follows:

- Leader of the Council (Chair) – Councillor Leese
- Executive Member Health and Care (Deputy Chair) – Councillor Midgley
- Deputy Leader of the Council – Councillor Craig
- Executive Member for Children’s Services - Councillor Bridges
- Chair, Manchester Health and Care Commissioning (MHCC) – Dr Ruth Bromley
- Chair, Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) – Kathy Cowell
- Chair, Greater Manchester Mental Health Foundation Trust (GMMHT) – Rupert Nichols
- Chair, Healthwatch – Vicky Szulist
- VCS nominated representative – Mike Wild
- Director of Public Health – David Regan
- Director of Adult Social Services – Bernadette Enright
- Director of Children’s Services – Paul Marshall
- The Local Care Organisation – Katy Calvin Thomas
- Primary Care representative – Local Primary Care Committee - Dr Tracey Vell
- The Manchester GP Forum
 - Dr Murugesan Raja*
 - Dr Geeta Wadhwa*
 - Dr Doug Jeffrey*
 (*Dr Denis Colligan and Dr Shabbir Ahmad to act as deputy, as required)

To recommend Council to appoint Councillor Butt as an Assistant Executive Member.

CN/21/16 Appointments to Joint Authorities and Joint Committees

To recommend the Council to make the following changes in appointments to the membership of GM bodies and committees and other external bodies.

COMMITTEE	MEMBER APPOINTED	MEMBER REMOVED
Manchester Port Authority	Councillor Evans	
GM Transport Committee (substitute for Councillor Taylor)	Councillor Noor	Councillor Connolly
GM Culture and Social Impact Fund Committee	Councillor Whiston	
Manchester Airport Consultative Committee	Councillors Baker-Smith Councillor Whiston	Councillor Rawlins Alderman Keith Whitmore
GM Pension Fund Management Panel	Councillor Andrews	

CN/21/17 Co-opted Membership of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

To recommend the Council to make changes to the co-opted membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee as follows:

1. To remove the following individuals as co-opted members as they are no longer representatives of the associated bodies:
 - Parent Governor Representative – Ms Zaneta Stepan
 - Parent Governor Representative – Mr Ade Arogundade
 - Primary Sector Teacher Representative – Mr Russell Lammas
2. To re-appoint Ms Zainab Derraz as a Parent Governor Representative and to note that the term of office of Ms Derraz is for two years which commenced 29 November 2019 and expires on 28 November 2021.
3. To re-appoint Mr Liam Duffy as Teacher Representative and to note that the term of office of Mr Duffy will expire on 30 November 2021.
4. To re-appoint Mr Walid Omara as Parent Governor Representative and note that the term of office for Mr Walid Omara will expire on 2 February 2023.
5. To agree the appointment of Ms Julie Miles as Faith Representative for the Diocese of Salford.

CN/21/17 Terms of Office of the Independent Members of the Standards Committee and the Independent Persons

To recommend that Council extend the terms of office of Nicolē Jackson & Geoff Linnell (the two independent co-opted members of the Standards Committee) and Alan Eastwood & Sarah Beswick (the Council's two Independent Persons) for one year commencing on 18 November 2021. (A copy of report was also submitted to request the Council to determine. Minute number CC/21/47 - see below)

Health and Wellbeing Board – 9 June and 7 July 2021
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 7 June 2021
Planning and Highways Committee – 3 June and 1 July 2021
Standards Committee – 17 June 2021

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes submitted.
2. To approve the changes in appointments to Committees of the Council, as detailed above.
3. To approve the changes in appointments to Appointments to Joint Authorities and Joint Committees, as detailed above.
4. To approve the changes to the co-opted membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee as detailed above.
5. To approve the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board, as detailed above.
6. To note the recommendation of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee regarding the extending the Terms of Office of the Independent Members of the Standards Committee and the Independent Persons.

CC/20/52. Terms of Office of the Independent Members of the Standards Committee and the Independent Persons

The Council considered the report of the City Solicitor on extending the terms of office of the two independent co-opted members of the Standards Committee and the Council's two Independent Persons.

Decision

To approve the extending of the terms of office of Nicolē Jackson & Geoff Linnell (the two independent co-opted members of the Standards Committee) and Alan Eastwood & Sarah Beswick (the Council's two Independent Persons) for one year commencing on 18 November 2021.

CC/20/53. 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.