

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 13 July 2022

Present:

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

Councillors:

Y Dar, Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Nasrin Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Appleby, Baker-Smith, Bano, Bayunu, Bell, Benham, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Collins, Connolly, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Davies, Doswell, Evans, Flanagan, Foley, Gartside, Good, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Hitchen, Hughes, Hussain, Igbon, Ilyas, Iqbal, Johns, Johnson, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, J Lovecy, Lynch, Lyons, McHale, Midgley, Moran, Newman, Noor, Nunney, Ogunbambo, B Priest, H Priest, Rahman, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, I Robinson, T Robinson, Rowles, Russell, Sadler, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Simcock, Stanton, Stogia, Taylor, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

CC/20/50. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business - Anniversary of Srebrenica genocide

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/20/51. 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:-

Officer of the Order of the British Empire

- Lora Fachie
- Neil Fachie
- Corinne Hall
- Dave Moutrey
- Mike Summerbee
- Dr Rupert Whitaker

Member of the Order of the British Empire

- Rebecca Friel
- Gary Hall
- Elizabeth Owolabi, and;
- Angela Usher

British Empire Medal

- Michelle McHale

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

- Dimobi Children Disability Trust

CC/20/52. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business - Flooding in Bangladesh

The Lord Mayor reported on the recent flooding in Bangladesh caused by the monsoon and heavy downpours resulting in massive devastation in the entire country. On behalf of Council, the Lord Mayor offered her sympathy, thoughts and prayers to the families here in UK and in Bangladesh who had been directly affected by the flood

CC/20/53. The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that she had agreed to the submission of the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 13 July 2022.

CC/20/54. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

CC/20/55. Appointment of Executive Members and their Portfolios

Decision

The Council note the appointments of Deputy Leaders and Executive Members.

CC/20/56. Notice of Motion - Active Travel to School

Councillor Benham submitted the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Stogia:-

Walking and wheeling to school can help children and parents have a healthy and active lifestyle, as well as supporting their independence, development and essential road safety awareness. Each morning and afternoon the streets around our schools are dangerous, congested places where many parents and carers – fearful of the dangers of traffic – drop off their kids by car.

Over the last 10 years, the percentage of trips to school by car in the North west increased from 35% in 2012 to 56% in 2020, and walking decreased from 47% to 30%. Almost a quarter (23%) of cars on the road at peak times (08:35hrs) are taking children to school. 250 million car journeys in Greater Manchester are less than 1KM,

the equivalent of a fifteen-twenty minute walk or five-ten minute cycle ride. Many of these journeys are for the school run. Department for Transport - National Survey.

Reducing traffic immediately outside the school gates will improve air quality, reducing the harmful effects of PM2.5 and NOx on the health of children and adults.

This council notes our existing commitment to improve air quality across the city and to work with schools to improve walking, cycling and wheeling and anti-idling initiatives. To further encourage more active travel to school. We will:

- Require every ward to make two commitments within their Climate Change Plan to improve and support active, sustainable travel to school.
- Increase participation in every ward in the 'Living Streets WOW' walking to school scheme, ModeshiftSTARS and Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.
- Develop a good practice school streets toolkit that enables schools to facilitate a safer school streets project.
- Actively promote World Car Free Day on 22 September 2022 and to encourage active travel to school initiatives on this day, to include all forms of walking, cycling, scooting and wheeling.
- Call on the government to recognise the importance of behaviour change interventions to reduce air pollution around schools and, to invest in enabling communities and residents to understand the impacts of their actions on air quality and what they can do to reduce it.

Councillor Bayunu submitted the following amendment to the motion which was seconded by Councillor Johnson:-

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- Carry out a full review of the existing infrastructure that supports parents and schools' ability to engage in active travel to school measures.

- Conduct an audit of current provision from both Manchester and Greater Manchester, to check that our residents are accessing these and uncover any barriers.
- Ensure that this motion is actioned alongside other motions passed by this council in the last 18 months, including 'Road Safety and Children' which was passed in March of this year.
- Use the findings from the audit of provision, the review of infrastructure and the implementation of motions as above to ensure that we are improving in line with our ambitions for a safer and greener city.
- Raise the profile of active travel to school on the council's website. Making it more prominent and easy to find - Front page One click access.
- Review and increase access to resources for families to get help to fund active travel.
- Make some immediate adjustment to current provision.
- For example, In the face of the cost of living crisis, widen the eligibility criteria for funding for families for bicycles.
https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/100005/schools_and_education/7050/apply_for_a_secondary_school_cycle_voucher
- Ensure all actions identified are linked to the provision for safe walking and cycling routes around and to schools.
- Encourage greater cross ward collaboration on initiatives and sharing of knowledge and experience between councillors and political parties.
- Set up an Active Travel to School Councillors Forum that could lead on the review of current resources, how well they are being accessed by our resident's city wide, and advocate for the actions in this motion to be implemented. The Forum will include representation from all Scrutiny Committees and be city wide and cross party.

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On the amendment being put to the vote, the Lord mayor declared it carried and subsequently, the amendment became the substantive motion.

On the substantive motion being put to the vote, the Lord Mayor declared it carried unanimously.

Decision

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CC/20/57. Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 1 June 2022 and 29 June 2022 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/22/45 Capital Programme Update

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

- Neighbourhoods - Hough End Masterplan. A capital budget increase of £11.905m, funded by £4m Grant, £5.499m by borrowing on an invest to save basis funded by joint funds held by Manchester City Council and Sport England, £1.832m by borrowing on an invest to save basis and £0.574m borrowing.

Exe/22/50 Capital Programme Outturn 2021/22

To recommend that Council approve:

- The proposed virements over £0.5m within the capital programme (Appendix C of the report considered).
- The following changes to Manchester City Council's capital programme
 - Public Sector Housing – Northwards Housing Capital Programme 2022/23. A capital budget increase of £2.475m in 2022/23, £21.047m in 2023/24 and £7.599m in 2024/25 is requested, funded by an RCCO from the HRA.
 - Corporate Programme – Elizabeth Tower GP surgery. A capital budget increase of £2.6m in 2022/23, funded by RCCO from Integration Reserve.

In relation to Exe/22/45, Councillor Nunney objected to the proposed capital budget increase, stating that whilst he and his fellow Green Party members did not object to the proposed extension of existing buildings, with the provision of much needed new changing facilities, but they did not support the development of new 3g pitches with associated floodlights and fencing and believed that overall, the proposal would not contribute to a zero carbon city. Councillor Leech also objected to the proposed capital budget increase, for associated reasons around achieving a zero carbon city and the development of additional 3g pitches.

Decisions

(1) To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 1 June 2022 and 29 June 2022.

(2) To approve the following changes to the Council's capital programme:

- Hough End Masterplan. A capital budget increase of £11.905m, funded by £4m Grant, £5.499m by borrowing on an invest to save basis funded by joint funds held by Manchester City Council and Sport England,

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- Corporate Programme – Elizabeth Tower GP surgery. A capital budget increase of £2.6m in 2022/23, funded by RCCO from Integration Reserve.

- (3) To approve the virements over £0.5m between capital schemes to maximise use of funding resources available to the City Council (as set out in the appendix to the 29 June 2022 minutes).

(The Lord Mayor adjourned the meeting for five minutes following consideration of this item due to a disturbance in the public gallery)

CC/20/58. Questions to Executive Members and Others under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Igbon responded to a question from Councillor Wright regarding the to balance the need to cut grass in parks, children's play areas and sports fields, with the need to maintain and increase Biodiversity and cease the use of glyphosphates.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the what percentage of the £150 Council Tax energy rebate payments had been collected at post offices, and how many telephone enquiries have been made by residents raising concerns about accessing the payments.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding how many of affordable and social homes did he expect to be built by developers as part of their affordable housing obligations and the Council's ambition to deliver 10,000 affordable home I the next decade.

Councillor Rahman responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the due diligence carried out when companies or organisations leased Council land or office space, to ensure that its use was in line with the values of the Council.

Councillor Igbon responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding what action was being taking to ensure that residents in flats with communal bins, were not incurring additional costs for waste and recycling.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding how many times had she advised her Executive Member colleagues to reject approval to an increase in capital spending because of its failure to make a contribution towards Manchester being a zero-carbon city.

Councillor Igbon responded to a question from Councillor Good regarding when the people of Ancoats and New Islington would have access to a new park or open green space on the former Central Retail Park site.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Good regarding alternative funding sources that had been considered for the Grey Mare Lane regeneration.

Councillor Igbon responded to a question from Councillor Good regarding what proportion of total street cleaning in any given week, month and year that Manchester City Council inspected was done.

Councillor Rahman responded to a question from Councillor Good regarding the number of CCTV cameras operated by Manchester City Council, that were non-functional or in a state of disrepair.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Good regarding the Council's policy on issuing of parking tickets on unadopted roads that fell within Council parking zone boundaries

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Good regarding the Council's minimum requirement for considering installing road safety measures on any given residential street.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Good regarding why so many local members objected to planning applications in their own ward

Councillor Igbon responded to a question from Councillor Good regarding What the Council's progress on creating 6 new parks for Beswick had been following the promise in May 2021 of more parks for Beswick.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Johnson regarding how many of the 200 new bins across Manchester would be allocated to Woodhouse Park.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Johnson regarding the disparity in funding made available for different Resident Parking Zones.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Johnson regarding the ability to access the Council's policy on consultations via Council's website.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Stogia regarding the Council's commitment to deliver the UK's first LGBTQ+ Extra Care facility.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Sheikh regarding how was the council tackling irresponsible pavement parking across the city.

Councillor T Robinson responded to a question from Councillor Hussian regarding the efforts to reduce inequalities in Ethnic minority communities who were hardest hit by the pandemic and where health inequalities continued to persist.

CC/20/59. Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

Communities and Equalities – 24 May and 21 June 2022
Resources and Governance – 24 May and 21 June 2022
Health – 25 May and 22 June 2022
Children and Young People – 25 May and 22 June 2022
Environment and Climate Change – 26 May and 23 June 2022
Economy – 26 May and 23 June 2022

Decision

To receive those minutes submitted.

CC/20/60. Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

- Audit Committee – 12 April & 14 June 2022
- Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 13 July 2022
The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations from the minutes:

CN/22/13 Appointments to Council Committee's and GMCA Outside Bodies

- (1) To recommend the Council to make the following changes in appointments to Committees of the Council.

Committee	Member to be added	Member to be removed
Economy Scrutiny	Cllr Shilton Godwin	
Planning Committee	Cllr Hewitson	Cllr Hitchen
Health Scrutiny	Cllr Bayunu	Cllr Johnson Cllr Wheeler
Children & Young People Scrutiny	Cllr Johnson	Cllr Good
Constitution & Nomination Committee	Cllr Johnson	Cllr Leech
Health and Wellbeing Board		Dr Tracey Vell Dr Ruth Bromley

- (2) To recommend the Council approve the appointment of Councillor Lanchbury as Chair of the Audit Committee.
- (3) To recommend the Council approve amendments to the GMCA Bodies as follows:

GMCA Body	Current Appointed Rep	Proposed Appointed Rep
GMCA Executive	Cllr Rahman	Cllr Midgley (Substitute)

Board	(Substitute)	
GM Waste & Recycling Committee	Cllr Rawlins	Cllr Igbon
GM Works and Skills Executive	Cllr White	Cllr Hacking

(4) To approve the appointment of substitutes to GMCA Bodies as follows:

GMCA Body	Current Appointed Rep	Proposed Substitute Rep
Integrated Care Partnership (formerly Health & Social Care Partnership Board)	Cllr Craig	Cllr T Robinson (Substitute)
GM Culture and Social Impact Fund Cttee	Cllr Whiston	Cllr Flanagan (Substitute)
GM Health Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Butt	Cllr Green (Substitute)

CN/22/14 Terms of Office of the Independent Members of the Standards Committee and the Independent Persons

To recommend that Council agree to extend the terms of office of Nicolé Jackson and Geoff Linnell (the two independent co-opted members of the Standards Committee) and Alan Eastwood and Sarah Beswick (the Council's two Independent Persons) for a further four-year term.

- Health & Wellbeing Board – 23 March and 6 July 2022
- Licensing & Appeals – 6 June 2022
- Planning & Highways – 31 May and 30 June 2022
- Standards – 16 June 2022

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 appointment of Councillor Lanchbury as Chair of the Audit Committee
- (4) To approve 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/20/61. 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.