

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 30 November 2022

Present:

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

Councillors:

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

CC/20/75. The Lord Mayor's Announcements - death of former councillors

The Lord Mayor informed Council of the death of former Councillors: Ken Strath, Chris Morris and Colin Brierley.

Former Councillor Ken Strath had served as a councillor for Longsight Ward between 1982 – 1999 and had served as Chair of the Council for 1985-1986.

Former Councillor Chris Morris had served as a councillor for Whalley Range Ward between 1986-1994.

Former Councillor Colin Brierley had served as a councillor for Levenshulme Ward between 1971-1973 and Gorton North ward from 1973-1994.

In memory of the former councillors, the Lord Mayor invited those present to take part in a minute silence.

CC/20/76. The Lord Mayor's Announcements - Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor announced that she had agreed to the submission of the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee, held on 30 November 2022.

CC/20/77. The Lord Mayors Special Business - 2022 Our Year Presentation

The Lord Mayor invited representatives from St Wilfred's Primary School, Manchester Academy, Abraham Moss Academy and Manchester Youth Parliament to speak to the Council as part of the activities that have taken place throughout Manchester as part of 2022's Our Year.

Councillor Bridges (Executive Member for Early Years, Children and Young People) addressed the Council and introduced the presentation and summarised the reasons and preparations for the 2022 Our Year initiative and plans moving forward into the next year. A video was shown providing some of the highlights of the year.

The Leader of the Council responded and thanked those students who had taken part in the presentations and those in attendance and welcomed the views expressed and the important points raised.

(The Lord Mayor adjourned the meeting for five minutes)

CC/20/78. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

CC/20/79. Notice of Motion - Support the Climate and Ecology Bill

Councillor Nunney proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Johnson:-

This summer, the UK has witnessed the highest temperatures on record, nine regions of drought zones and the driest July since 1935. Alongside this, there is the looming danger of the cost-of-living crisis with energy prices rising fourfold and experts predicting that two-thirds of the UK population will be under threat of fuel poverty by January 2023.

Our over-reliance on fossil fuels and the need for a transition to renewable energy has never been so clear.

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. The global temperature has already increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels, and the natural world has reached crisis point, with 28% of plants and animals threatened with extinction.

Council will be aware that the UN Environment report published last month, finds that there is currently no credible pathway to 1.5°C in place. In tandem with this there is a severe biodiversity crisis.

The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. More than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction, and more than 40% are in decline. If we fail to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030, we increase the risk of further pandemics, rising global temperatures and loss of species. The UK needs a legally enforceable nature target so that, by 2030, nature is visibly and measurably on the path to recovery, in line with the Global Goal for Nature.

This council notes that:

There is a Bill that was introduced into the current UK Parliament in May 2022 - the Climate and Ecology Bill - which, if it becomes law, would require the development of

a strategy to ensure that the UK's environmental response is in line with the latest science.

The Bill is the only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament that ensures a comprehensive approach to the joint climate and nature emergency.

It would ensure that:

- the Paris Agreement aim is enshrined into law to ensure that the UK does its full and fair share to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5°C;
- we halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 to ensure that the UK's ecosystems are protected and restored;
- the UK takes responsibility for its greenhouse gas footprint, including international aviation and shipping, and by accounting for consumption emissions related to the goods and services that are imported and consumed in the UK;
- the UK takes responsibility for its ecological footprint in order to better protect the health and resilience of ecosystems, including along domestic and global supply chains; and
- An independent, temporary Climate and Nature Assembly is set-up, representative of the UK population, to engage with the UK Parliament and UK Government to help develop the strategy. This would be setup on broadly similar lines to the Climate Assembly 2020 which was very successful and very well received on all sides of the political divide.

Over 130 MPs have publicly pledged their support for the Bill, including Greater Manchester MPs Debbie Abrahams, Rebecca Long Bailey, Tony Lloyd and Barbara Keeley. Over 200 councils have vouched their backing of the Bill together with two in Greater Manchester.

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Therefore, this council resolves to:-

- (1) Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
- (2) Write to Manchester MPs Mike Kane, Afzal Khan, Lucy Powell, Jeff Smith and Graham Stringer, letting them know that this motion has been passed, and urging them to sign up to support the Bill; and
- (3) Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (joinus@ceebill.uk).

Councillor Johnson moved an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Nunney and accepted by Councillor Nunney (proposer). In

accordance with Rule of Procedure 20.3, the amendment was incorporated into the motion.

Councillor Rawlins moved an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Shilton-Godwin and accepted by Councillor Nunney (proposer). In accordance with Rule of Procedure 20.3, the amendment was incorporated into the motion.

The amended motion was as follows:

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- In 2009 Manchester launched its first collective citywide action plan 'Manchester: A Certain Future'

- Manchester City Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019, setting a science-based target for Manchester to be zero carbon by 2038 at the latest.
- In March 2020, the Council's Executive Committee approved the Council's five-year Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25, which aims to reduce the Council's direct emissions by 50% and in 2022 Manchester refreshed its Climate Change Framework.
- At COP26, Manchester City Council signed up to the Edinburgh Declaration on Biodiversity.
- Since COP26 in November 2021, the Council produced a Biodiversity Strategy for the city of Manchester, which highlights that "Manchester was the first city in England to sign the Edinburgh Declaration – a global pledge registering our concern about biodiversity loss and signalling our commitment to tackling the twin challenges of the biodiversity and climate crises." Further actions on biodiversity and the natural environment have been included within the refresh of the Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25 (under Workstream 4 – Climate Adaptation, Carbon Storage & Carbon Sequestration), which was approved by Executive in September 2022.
- At the 2022 Local Government Chronicle awards we were Highly Commended for our Climate Change Action Plan, and Climate Change was cited in our Council of the Year Award.
- MCCs Council climate score card for 2021 achieved 87% scoring full marks for ecological emergency.
- The Our Rivers Our City Strategy was shortlisted as a finalist at the Landscape Institute Awards 2022

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Resolution

The motion, as amended, was then put to the Council and the Lord Mayor declared it was carried unanimously.

Decision

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CC/20/80. Notice of Motion - Late night trams and a better service

Councillor Good proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Johnson:-

This Council notes that since Covid shuttered the world, our city has bounced back in a big way. Gigs, restaurants, clubbing, and festivals have blossomed in the wake of the pandemic with millions flocking to Greater Manchester to pursue this entertainment.

If you are out working, or enjoying yourself late at night, residents face a curfew for the tram, expensive taxis, or a risky walk home in the dark.

Ella Watson, a local resident in London, successfully campaigned to get the night tube reinstated to increase women's safety in the city. The night tube is currently running on Friday and Saturday nights on the Central, Jubilee, Northern and Victoria lines. When it's fully operational, the Night Tube runs on Fridays and Saturdays on the Victoria, Jubilee, and most of the Central, Northern and Piccadilly lines.

Since November 2021 the night tube continues to be successful and has surpassed fears that it would have limited customers. The service runs at an off peak cost. Concerns that there won't be enough passengers can be compared to the later running airport line which is much used as the "last tram" home for many. An expansion to service does not mean less use and many users use a day ticket which runs for the whole service. A late-night level of access to Greater Manchester's Tram services is the best transport option to ensure thousands of women across the region can get home safely in the evenings and at night.

Metrolink has seen a growth in levels of service users on the tram network. Millions enjoy and work as part of the City's famous and vibrant night-time economy. Let's provide a commuter service that extends beyond the 9 – 5 for our hospitality workers.

The population of Greater Manchester is projected to rapidly increase in the coming years as more and more people move to our city. We must have the responsibility and foresight to put into practice safe and accessible public transport. Salford City Council has passed a motion calling for a 3-month trial of a night tram on Eccles via Media City to Ashton-under-Lyne.

This Council resolves to:-

1. Congratulate Ella Watson on her work to restore the Night tube and help pursue safe late-night travel for people in Greater London.
2. Ask Transport for Greater Manchester to run a 3 month trial of the night tram on the Eccles via Media City to Ashton-under-Lyne service, and to monitor its success.
3. Ask the Mayor of Greater Manchester to support this trial.

Resolution

The motion was put to the Council and the Lord Mayor declared it lost.

CC/20/81. Notice of Motion - Call an immediate general election to end the chaos of the Conservative government

Councillor Stogia proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Ilyas:-

This Council notes that over the last 12 years the Conservative government has caused immeasurable damage to the residents of Manchester and the entire United Kingdom including:-

- The unprecedented Government public service cuts, increased costs from spiralling inflation, increased demand for services, higher energy costs have left our economy on its knees, and the vulnerable, most at need and hard-working residents, families and households shoulder the impact of funding shortfalls.
- The housing crisis leaving millions forced to live in unsafe and uninhabitable properties as shocking conditions are being endured by households despairing at the lack of action, increasing mortgage and rental payments, while younger generations are unable to enter the housing market;
- The NHS struggling to cope with record demand and waiting times, social care services are stretched to the limit without a plan to put the health and social care system on a sustainable footing;
- The justice system in crisis with court backlogs reaching unprecedented levels, leaving victims, witnesses and defendants waiting years for justice, with rising crime and fewer police;
- The signature “levelling up agenda”, is just empty rhetoric as inequalities widen;
- The slow progress on developing long term regulatory strategies post- Brexit reducing the UK’s competitiveness, productivity and openness to trade with the world largest trading bloc and reduced British influence in the world;
- The misconduct in public office through a series of scandals including holding parties at 10 Downing Street during Covid lockdowns and the failure to deal with misconduct in ministerial office by senior Conservative MPs; and
- The mismanagement of the economy, real terms reductions in salaries, the devaluation of sterling.

This Council believes:-

- The economic, political and environmental permacrisis and state of flux indicate that despite the attempts of four prime ministers since 2016, a succession of chancellors, secretaries of state, and u-turns the government has run out of ideas, credibility, and confidence having spectacularly failed to deliver on its own promises;
- Despite the financial challenges over the last decade, Manchester Labour and our Council staff have worked tirelessly to challenge the government to provide a fairer funding settlement and ensure Manchester remains a great place to live, work and play, and remain ambitious for the future of the City;
- The Conservative government is implementing a programme far removed from the 2019 manifesto, written before the pandemic and current economic crisis
- The City has no confidence in the new UK Prime Minister and Government to act in the best interests of the citizens of Manchester and the UK; and

- Any “difficult decisions on the public finances” and further sacrifices by the British public should be subject to a new mandate that has gained public endorsement and constitutional recognition

This Council resolves to:-

1. Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chair of the LGA to request all local leaders who over the last 12 years have worked tirelessly for their places to impose maximum pressure on the government to call a general election.
2. Ask the Leader of the Council to write to Sir Keir Starmer, Leader of Her Majesty’s Official Opposition; Nicola Sturgeon, Scottish First Minister; Ian Blackford, Leader of the SNP at Westminster and Ed Davey, Leader of the Liberal Democrats urging them to support any motion tabled to stop this blatant abuse of power.
3. Ask the Leader of the Council to call on Councillors and MPs of all parties to put our country and our community first and demand an immediate general election so the public can decide on the future of Britain.

Councillor Johnson moved an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Nunney and accepted by Councillor Stogia (proposer). In accordance with Rule of Procedure 20.3, the amendment was incorporated into the motion.

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- The NHS struggling to cope with record demand and waiting times, social care services are stretched to the limit without a plan to put the health and social care system on a sustainable footing;

- The justice system in crisis with court backlogs reaching unprecedented levels, leaving victims, witnesses and defendants waiting years for justice, with rising crime and fewer police;
- The signature “levelling up agenda”, is just empty rhetoric as inequalities widen;
- Similarly, the government has veered away from taking the promised actions to protect and restore the natural environment and has taken decisions that severely jeopardise even the inadequate Net Zero-by-2050 target.
- The slow progress on developing long term regulatory strategies post- Brexit reducing the UK’s competitiveness, productivity and openness to trade with the world largest trading bloc and reduced British influence in the world;
- The misconduct in public office through a series of scandals including holding parties at 10 Downing Street during Covid lockdowns and the failure to deal with misconduct in ministerial office by senior Conservative MPs; and
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This Council believes:-

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- Despite the financial challenges over the last decade, Manchester Labour and our Council staff have worked tirelessly to challenge the government to provide a fairer funding settlement and ensure Manchester remains a great place to live, work and play, and remain ambitious for the future of the City;
- The Conservative government is implementing a programme far removed from the 2019 manifesto, written before the pandemic and current economic crisis
- Most gravely, this programme puts at risk progress towards mitigating the effects of the Climate Crisis and safeguarding biodiversity and as such runs counter to this Council’s own urgent priorities in this regard;
- The City has no confidence in the new UK Prime Minister and Government to act in the best interests of the citizens of Manchester and the UK; and
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(The Lord Mayor adjourned the meeting for ten minutes)

CC/20/82. Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 19 October and 16 November 2022 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:-

Exe/22/83 Factory International

To recommend that the Council approve the following approve a Capital Budget increase for Factory International of £25.2m funded by:

- £10m from the Council's capital scheme inflation provision
- £15.2m to be met from borrowing

This will increase the total capital budget for the construction of Factory International from £185.6m to £210.8m

- Recommend to Council to underwrite the £7.8m increased costs of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE) of Factory International from capital receipts and note that the venue will not be able to operate without this investment to enable the equipment to be in place.

Exe/22/95 Capital Programme Update

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

- Growth and Development - Back of Ancoats Mobility Hub. A capital budget virement of £3.739m from the Inflation Budget.

Decisions

1. The Council approves the following changes the Capital Budget increase for Factory International of £25.2m funded by:

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2. The Council agrees to underwrite the £7.8m increased costs of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE) of Factory International from capital receipts and note that the venue will not be able to operate without this investment to enable the equipment to be in place.

3. The Council approves the following changes to the Manchester City Council's Capital Programme:

- Growth and Development - Back of Ancoats Mobility Hub. A capital budget virement of £3.739m from the Inflation Budget.

CC/20/83. Questions to Executive Members and Others under Procedural Rule 23

The City Solicitor advised the Council that in the absence of Councillor Abdullatif, a written response would be provided by Councillor Rawlins to the two questions

submitted regarding:

1. Work on tackling air pollution across the city and in particular Ardwick where poor air quality exceeds the guidance from the World health Organisation.
2. The importance of local action on Climate Crisis and the work of the Ardwick Climate Action Group on activities held on 2 October 2022.

Councillor Igbon responded to a question from Councillor Doswell regarding the work to address littering, fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour in Fallowfield and the progress of the action plan produced involving council department and partners.

Councillor Igbon responded to a question from Councillor Doswell regarding the provision of bins with a larger capacity for properties with a larger occupancy.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Reid regarding action being taken to ensure social and private rented housing in Manchester are damp and mould free to protect tenant's health and wellbeing.

Councillor Robinson responded to a question from Councillor Green regarding the Council response on the Greater Manchester Mental Health Trust following the issues raised from the television documentary on Edenfield Centre, Prestwich.

The Lord Mayor advised the Council that Councillor Rahman was not present, and Councillor Doswell would receive a written response to the question submitted concerning what the council is doing to address violent crime and improve street safety, especially for young women at night, in Fallowfield.

Councillor Robinson responded to a question from Councillor Wills regarding progress being made in Manchester to fulfil its ambition as a Fast-Track City that will end new HIV infections by 2030.

Councillor Igbon responded to a question from Councillor I Robinson regarding support for the restoration of car parks located at Kylemore Way and Falconwood Way

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Johnson regarding the Council's Housing Strategy to ensure tenants are protected from damp and mould in social housing and private rented properties.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Johnson regarding the deadline for the submission of amendment to motions made to Council.

Councillor Midgley responded to a question from Councillor Johnson regarding the Council decision on the Manchester Windrush and Deportations motion considered in October 2022.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Johnson regarding the Council decision on the Support Fair Votes Now motion considered in October 2022.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding consideration of charities discretionary rates relief.

The Lord Mayor advised the Council that Councillor Rahman was not present, and Councillor Leech would receive a written response to the question submitted concerning the publication of crime statistics for Greater Manchester.

Councillor Igbon responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding gully cleaning on Cavendish Road and Burton Road when vehicles are parked preventing access to the gully.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding Tree Preservation Order request refusals due to the tree not being appropriately maintained.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding a review of procedures by Northwards Housing for the treatment of mould and damp within properties to ensure the protection of health and wellbeing of tenants.

The Lord Mayor advised the Council that Councillor Rahman was not present, and Councillor M Dar would receive a written response to the question submitted concerning parcel theft from communal areas within apartment buildings.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Good regarding the replacement of boarding on Old Mill Street.

The Lord Mayor advised the Council that Councillor Rahman was not present, and Councillor Good would receive a written response to the question submitted concerning the condition of CCTV cameras managed by the Council.

CC/20/84. Scrutiny Committees Minutes

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

- Communities and Equalities – 11 October and 8 November 2022
- Resources and Governance – 11 October and 8 November 2022
- Health – 12 October and 9 November 2022
- Children and Young People – 12 October and 9 November 2022
- Environment and Climate Change – 13 October and 10 November 2022
- Economy – 13 October and 10 November 2022

Decision

To receive those minutes submitted.

CC/20/85. Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

- Audit – 18 October 2022

- Personnel Committee – 19 October 2022
- Planning and Highways – 20 October and 17 November 2022
- Health and Wellbeing Board – 2 November 2022
- Standards Committee – 3 November 2022
- Constitutional and Nomination – 30 November 2022

The Council was asked to give particular consideration to, the following recommendations from the minutes of the Constitution and Nomination Committee:

CN/22/18 Establishment of a Greater Manchester Clean Air Joint Scrutiny Committee

The Council is requested to agree the appointment of Councillor Shilton-Godwin as the Council's representative to the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

CN/22/19 Appointments to Council Committees

The Council is requested to approve the following changes to the membership of Council Committees and other appointments:

Committee	Member to be added	Member to be removed
Planning and Highways Committee		Councillor Richards
Licensing Committee	Councillor Lyons	
Licensing and Appeals Committee	Councillor Lyons	

To appoint Canon Susie Mapledoram as a Co-opted Member of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (as the Representative of the Diocese of Manchester). This is a permanent appointment to a vacant post, from the date of the Council meeting (30 November 2022).

To appoint Councillor Iqbal to the post of Lead Member Post for Intergenerational Issues.

To remove Councillor Sadler as a Council representative from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

CN/22/20 Constitution of the Council

To recommend Council to agree to the changes to the Council Constitution, set out below and detailed within the report and in the amended version of the Constitution submitted:

1. Adopt, subject to recommendations 3 and 4 below, the revised Sections of the Constitution of the Council, namely:
 - a) Part 1
 - b) Part 2

- c) Part 3: Sections A, B, C and F
- d) Part 4: Sections A, B, E and F
- e) Part 5: Sections B, D (to be redesignated as C) and E (to be redesignated as D) and in doing so delete the former Section C
- f) Part 6: Sections D and F
- g) Part 7
- h) Part 8

(The Council considered the report on the Constitution of the Council – Minute Number CC/22/88 - below)

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes submitted.
2. To agree the appointment of Councillor Shilton-Godwin as the Council's representative to the Greater Manchester Clean Air Joint Scrutiny Committee
3. To approve the changes in appointments to Committees of the Council, as detailed below.

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CC/20/86. Establishment of a Greater Manchester Clean Air Joint Scrutiny Committee

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer and City Solicitor seeking the Council to agree the establishment of a Greater Manchester Joint Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise decisions of the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee and the Clean Air Administration Committee and to nominate and agree a representative (and substitute) from Manchester City Council to sit on the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

Decisions

1. To agree to the establishment of a Greater Manchester Clean Air Joint Scrutiny Committee.
2. To agree the Terms of Reference of the Joint Committee, as set out in Appendix A of the report submitted.
3. To agree the appointment of Councillor Shilton-Godwin as Manchester City Council's member (recommended by the Constitutional and Nomination Committee).

CC/20/87. Constitution of the Council

Consideration was given to a report of the City Solicitor seeking approval of the Council to adopt proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Council.

The Council was requested to:

1. Adopt, subject to recommendations 3 and 4 below, the attached revised Sections of the Constitution of the Council, namely:
 - a) Part 1
 - b) Part 2
 - c) Part 3: Sections A, B, C and F
 - d) Part 4: Sections A, B, E and F
 - e) Part 5: Sections B, D (to be redesignated as C) and E (to be redesignated as D) and in doing so delete the former Section C
 - f) Part 6: Sections D and F
 - g) Part 7
 - h) Part 8
2. Re-adopt the remainder of the Constitution.
3. Note in relation to Part 3 of the Constitution that responsibility for the discharge of executive functions and the delegation of such responsibility rests with the Leader of the Council and that the recommended delegations of executive functions set out in Part 3 (Sections A, B and F) are for the information of the Council only.
4. Note that, as the Licensing Committee has statutory responsibility for the discharge and delegation of certain licensing authority functions, the proposed delegations of such functions set out in Part 3 (Sections A, C and F) will require the approval of the Licensing Committee and to that extent are for the information of the Council only.

Decisions

1. To adopt, subject to decisions 3 and 4 below, the attached revised Sections of the Constitution of the Council, namely:
 - a) Part 1

- b) Part 2
 - c) Part 3: Sections A, B, C and F
 - d) Part 4: Sections A, B, E and F
 - e) Part 5: Sections B, D (to be redesignated as C) and E (to be redesignated as D) and in doing so delete the former Section C
 - f) Part 6: Sections D and F
 - g) Part 7
 - h) Part 8
2. To re-adopt the remainder of the Constitution.
 3. To note in relation to Part 3 of the Constitution that responsibility for the discharge of executive functions and the delegation of such responsibility rests with the Leader of the Council and that the recommended delegations of executive functions set out in Part 3 (Sections A, B and F) are for the information of the Council only.
 4. To note that, as the Licensing Committee has statutory responsibility for the discharge and delegation of certain licensing authority functions, the proposed delegations of such functions set out in Part 3 (Sections A, C and F) will require the approval of the Licensing Committee and to that extent are for the information of the Council only.

CC/20/88. 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.