



# **Constitutional and Nomination Committee**

Date: Wednesday, 17 May 2023

Time: 9.00 am

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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## **Membership of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee**

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**Councillors** - Karney (Chair), Craig, Curley, Flanagan, Johnson, Lanchbury, Rahman, Reeves and Richards

## Agenda

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**1. Urgent Business**

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

**2. Appeals**

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

**3. Interests**

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

**4. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2023.

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**5. Scrutiny Committee Remits**

The report of the City Solicitor will follow.

**6. Appointment of Chairs of Committee and Committee Membership**

The report of the City Solicitor will follow.

**7. Appointments to the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities, Joint Committees and Boards**

The report of the City Solicitor will follow.

## Information about the Committee

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The Constitutional and Nomination Committee deals with the appointment of councillors to serve on committees and certain external organisations.

The Committee also considers proposed changes to the Council Constitution and recommendations for the granting of civic honours to individuals and organisations. Business for consideration at a meeting is set out on the agenda sheet.

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## Constitutional and Nomination Committee

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 29 March 2023

#### Present:

Councillor Karney – in the Chair

Councillors: Curley, Flanagan, Johnson, Lanchbury and Richards

#### Apologies:

Councillors: Craig, Rahman and Reeves

#### **CN/23/05 Urgent Business**

The Chair agreed to submit a change to the Council's current appointments to Council Committees as Urgent Business. The Committee was invited to consider and make recommendations to Council on proposed changes to current memberships.

The following amendments were proposed:

Council Committees:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Member to be added</b>	<b>Member to be removed</b>
Planning and Highways	Councillor Hilal	

#### Decision

To approve the amendments to Committee memberships as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Member to be added</b>	<b>Member to be removed</b>
Planning and Highways	Councillor Hilal	

#### **CN/23/06 Minutes**

#### Decision

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2023 as a correct record.

#### **CN/23/07 Elections Act 2022 changes and the 4 May 2023 local election – progress report**

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive that provided a progress update with the implementation of the Elections Act 2022 in Manchester in reference to the 4 May 2023 local election, with specific focus on voter registrations, polling station accessibility, voter ID requirements and the local GM / Manchester communications campaign to raise awareness of these changes.

Members thanked Officers in the Election team for their work on the changes brought by the Elections Act 2022 and their work in the build up to the 4 May 2023 local elections.

## Decisions

The Committee noted the following:

- Progress with the changes passed in the Elections Act 2022 and progress in its implementation in Manchester for the Local Elections 4 May 2023.
- Progress with the communication plan for local residents in Manchester and Greater Manchester regarding the changes for the May 2023 polls.

### **CN/23/08 Business Update: Regarding the re-designation of polling places for 4 May 2023 Elections**

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive that provided an update to the Committee since its last meeting on 1 February, relating to the following polling districts and places: Longsight (polling district 3LOF and 3LOG), and Chorlton (polling district 4CLB). The report also provided information on an existing designated polling place where the location of the voting station has had to be moved to another building on the same grounds of a school. This relates to: Ardwick (polling district 2ARC).

Since the last meeting of the Committee, the following polling places had been re-designated using delegated powers of the Chief Executive in consultation with ward councillors, group leaders and the Chair of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee ahead of May's Local Elections.

<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Polling District(s)</b>	<b>Previous Polling Place</b>	<b>Agreed Designated Polling Place</b>
Blackley and Broughton	Cheetham	1CTA	Trinity United Church Hall	The Guidance Hub
Manchester Gorton	Longsight	3LOF	Old Hall Drive Academy	Sacred Heart & St Francis Parish Hall
Manchester Gorton	Longsight	3LOG	Grange School	Gorton Primary School
Manchester Withington	Chorlton	4CLB	Chorlton Library	Chorlton Scout Group Hut

The Committee were also made aware that the usual location for the polling place at the Armitage Church of England Primary School in Ardwick (polling district 2ARC) is the Community Room. This room had been damaged due to flooding and is now not available for use. Elections staff had agreed with the building owner to move the polling place to the 'Link Building' which is located within the school grounds. The entrance to the Link Building is on a separate road to the original site and the poll cards for electors had been changed to reflect this. Local councillors had been informed of this change.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the report.

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