

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 15 May 2024

Present:

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Councillor Y Dar – in the Chair

Councillors:

Andrews, Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Nasrin Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amin, Appleby, Bano, Bell, Bell, Benham, Brickell, Garry Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, Davies, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Fletcher, Foley, Gartside, Glover, Good, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Hitchen, Hughes, Hussain, Igbon, Ilyas, Iqbal, Jafri, Johns, Johnson, Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Kirwin-McGinley, Leech, J Lovecy, Ludford, Lynch, Mandongwe, Marsh, McCaul, Midgley, Moran, Mumtaz, Muse, Noor, Northwood, Nunney, Ogunbambo, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, I Robinson, T Robinson, Sadler, Sadiq, Sarwar, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, Simcock, Stogia, Taylor, Wheeler, Wiest, Whiston, White, Wills and Wright

CC/24/33 Welcome to new Councillors

The Lord Mayor welcomed newly elected councillors to the meeting and congratulated those councillors who had been re-elected.

CC/24/34 Urgent Business - Constitutional and Nomination Committee minutes

The Lord Mayor reported that she had agreed to the submission of the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 15 May 2024.

CC/24/35 The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business

The Lord Mayor invited those present to observe a minute's silence in memory of former Alderman, Councillor and former Lord Mayor Gordon Conquest. Gordon Conquest was elected to the Council to represent the Gorton Ward South in May 1964. He was later elected to the Gorton North ward in 1970 and to the then Miles Platting ward in 1977 and Central ward from 1982 until 2000. Gordon served on a number of committees and was elected Lord Mayor in 1989.

CC/24/36 Election of Lord Mayor of Manchester

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the office of Lord Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

Councillor Paul Andrews was nominated and the Council voted by acclamation. The Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Andrews was elected Lord Mayor of Manchester for the forthcoming municipal year.

Councillor Andrews then read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Council adjourned briefly while the new Lord Mayor was robed.

When the meeting resumed, the Lord Mayor Councillor Andrews took the Oath of Allegiance and was invested with the badge of office.

The Lord Mayor then observed the investiture of the Lady Mayoress, Karen Andrews

The City Solicitor oversaw and confirmed the election and investiture of the Lord Mayor.

CC/24/37 Chair

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Andrews (In the Chair).

CC/24/38 Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor was moved by Councillor Karney.

The Lord Mayor presented a Former Lord Mayor badge to the retiring Lord Mayor. The Lady Mayoress presented the retiring Mayor's Consort, Majid Dar, with his commemorative badge.

Councillor Dar then addressed the Council.

Decision

To extend the sincere thanks of the Council to Councillor Yasmine Dar, the retiring Lord Mayor, for her valuable services to Manchester during her term of office, and to Majid Dar, the retiring Lord Mayor's Consort, for the work he had undertaken to support the retiring Lord Mayor.

CC/24/39 Lord Mayoral Address

The Lord Mayor gave his mayoral speech to the Council.

CC/24/40 Appointment of the Deputy Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the office of Deputy Lord Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year. Councillor Carmine Grimshaw was nominated and the Council voted by acclamation. The Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Carmine Grimshaw be had been appointed.

Councillor Grimshaw read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the badge of office.

The Deputy City Solicitor oversaw and confirmed the appointment and investiture of the Deputy Lord Mayor.

CC/24/41 Minutes

Decision

The Minutes of the Council meeting on 20 March 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor

CC/24/42 Seniority of Councillors

The Council noted the revised list of seniority of councillors following the election held in May 2024.

The seniority of the members of the Council as of 15 May 2024 is appended to these minutes.

CC/24/43 Leader of the Council

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Leader of the Council.

Councillor Midgley proposed Councillor Bev Craig as Leader of the Council. Councillor Curley seconded the proposal.

No other nominations were received.

After the Council voted on this, the Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Bev Craig was elected Leader of the Council.

The Leader of the Council then addressed the Council and highlighted the Council's priorities and work needed to build on the City's success and to move forward to ensure a safe, healthy and prosperous future for all its residents.

CC/24/44 Appointment of Council Committees and Chairs

Decision

The Council approved the recommendations made by the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 15 May 2024 regarding the appointment of chairs and membership of the Council's committees for the 2024/25 municipal year (see below).

CC/24/45 Appointments to the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees

Decision

The Council approved the recommendations made by the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 15 May 2024 regarding Council's appointments to the

Combined Authority, joint authorities and joint committees for the 2024/25 municipal year (see below).

CC/24/46 Constitution of the Council

Decision

The Council approve the recommendations made by the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 15 May 2024 regarding the changes to the Council's constitution as set out below:-

- To adopt, subject to recommendations 4 and 5 below, the revised Sections of the Constitution of the Council, namely:
 - a) Part 2
 - b) Part 3: Sections B, C and F
 - b) Part 4: Sections A, B, E and F
 - c) Part 5: Section C and D
 - d) Part 6: Sections B and C
 - e) Part 7
 - f) Part 8
- To re-adopt the remainder of the Constitution with the overarching changes set out in section 2 of this report.
- To note that any changes to the Constitution already approved by the Council since the last review 30 November 2022 will be included in the revised Constitution.
- 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.
- 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 C and F) have been considered and reaffirmed by the Licensing Committee and to that extent are for the information of the Council only.

CC/24/47 Dates of Council meetings 2024/25

The Council considered the dates of Council meetings for the forthcoming municipal year 2024/25.

Decisions

The Council

- (1) Agrees the following dates of ordinary meetings of the Council in 2022/2023.

Wednesday 10 July 2024
Wednesday 2 October 2024
Wednesday 27 November 2024
Wednesday 5 February 2025
Wednesday 28 February 2025 (Budget)
Wednesday 19 March 2025

- (2) To agree that the Annual Meeting of the Council 2025 will be on
Wednesday 14 May 2025.