

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 10 July 2019

Present:

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

Councillors:

Abdullatif, Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, Nasrin Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Battle, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Clay, Collins, Cooley, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Y Dar, Davies, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Harland, Hassan, Hewitson, Holt, Hughes, Ilyas, Jeavons, Johns, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, J Lovecy, Lynch, Lyons, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Mary Monaghan, N Murphy, S Murphy, Newman, Noor, O'Neil, Ollerhead, B Priest, H Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, Rowles, Russell, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, A Simcock, K Simcock, Stanton, Stogia, Stone, Taylor, Watson, Wheeler, Whiston, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester –

Mr William Egerton and Mrs Nilofar Siddiqi

CC/19/49. The Lord Mayor's Special Business - Queens Birthday Honours List

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:

David Gill	CBE
Richard Vince	CBE
Maria Bota	OBE
Beverley Pollard	OBE
Dr Sengottiyam Chandrasekaran	MBE
Professor Abigail Gregory	MBE
Christine Outram	MBE
Michael Perls	MBE
Emily Robertson	BEM
Warren Barlow	QPM
Detective Chief Superintendent Simon Barraclough	QPM

CC/19/50. 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 1985.

CC/19/51. Address to Council on Climate Change

The Lord Mayor invited representatives from the Manchester Youth Council to address the Council on the issue of climate change.

CC/19/52. Notice of Motion - Climate Emergency

Motion proposed and seconded:

This Council notes:

- The serious risks to Manchester's people, of climate change/global heating affecting economic, social and environmental well-being, supply chains – including food security, financial systems and local weather, among many others
- That in 2008 the 'Principles of Tackling Climate Change in Manchester' were agreed as a call to action to engage people from all walks of life in climate change action and, build support for a new way of thinking about climate change.
- That Manchester leads the way, with an agreed Paris compliant carbon budget set in December 2018 and an acceleration of the target for becoming a zero-carbon city by 12 years, setting 2038 as the new target for the city, based on research from the world-renowned Tyndall Centre for Climate Change.
- The recent and welcome upsurge of action by the young people of Manchester, exemplifying the radical traditions of which Manchester is proud.

This Council agrees (or to the extent that the below concern executive functions, recommends to the Executive) to:

- Declare a Climate Emergency.
- Continue working with partners across Manchester and GMCA to deliver the 2038 target, and determine if an earlier target can be possible, through a transparent and open review. Become carbon neutral by the earliest possible date.
- Encourage involvement in all wards by April 2020 through meetings as part of the Our Manchester strategy, to identify residents and partners who want to be actively involved in achieving the target, with provision for those who cannot attend. Ensure ward plans contain specific, measurable, achievable steps.
- Review all policies, processes and procedures to ensure the council can become carbon neutral. Present an action plan by March 2020 detailing how the city can stay within its carbon budget. Report back regularly to the NESC. Review the corporate plan.
- Work with the Tyndall Centre to review the actual emissions from aviation. Investigate the best way to include aviation in our overall carbon reduction programme in the long term.
- Make climate breakdown and the environment, an integral part of activity throughout the Council, including all decision making, ensuring key decisions take into account the impact on achieving the zero-carbon target and including an environmental impact assessment in all relevant committee reports.
- Ensure that everyone in the council receives carbon literacy training by the end of 2020. Make attendance easier by varying times and length of sessions.
- Encourage all staff on council business to use the lowest carbon, appropriate, travel.

- Investigate measures to ensure future procurement is carbon neutral. Increase the percentage of social value with an additional environmental element.
- Work with suppliers to green their supply chains, and support local production.
- Work with training providers to ensure Manchester residents can take on green jobs.
- Investigate and introduce measures to help reach domestic zero carbon levels including addressing fuel poverty and retrofitting existing homes.
- Investigate ways to ensure that future local plans place a mandatory requirement for all new development to be net zero carbon by the earliest possible date.
- Push GMCA to decarbonise public transport, heat and energy as early as possible.
- Through our role on GMPF, encourage divestment in fossil fuels as early as possible.
- Call on the government to:
 - provide powers and resources to make the zero-carbon target possible including funding for big capital projects
 - accelerate the reduction of carbon emissions from aviation
 - accelerate the decarbonisation of the electricity grid, funding low carbon energy generation
 - ensure that the UK prosperity fund focuses on enable the transition to a low carbon economy

Amendment moved and seconded / -

To include the additional bullet point:

- Explore the possibility of introducing a 2030 target in line with the IPCC report and request that a report on its viability be brought back to the Executive before the end of the year.

The amendment was accepted by the proposer and included as part of the motion.

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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The Lord Mayor adjourned the meeting for 30 minutes.

11.25am - meeting resumed.

CC/19/53. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CC/19/54. Notice of Motion - Islamophobia

Motion proposed and seconded:

Manchester City Council is proud of its diversity and has a huge asset and a source of great strength. A substantial proportion of its residents are Muslim, who are an integral part of its make-up, playing a huge role in all aspects of the Manchester City's life.

Manchester City has a strong history of promoting cohesion and welcoming people from all over the world. Its residents have always united and supported each other in the fight against racism and discrimination in all its forms.

This Council therefore welcomes, endorses and adopts the working APPG (All-Party Parliamentary Group) definition of Islamophobia, including all of its examples in full cited as follows:

"Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness."

Contemporary examples of Islamophobia in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in encounters between religions and non-religions in the public sphere could, considering the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, instigating or justifying the killing or harming of Muslims in the name of a racist/fascist ideology, or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Muslims as such, or of Muslims as a collective group, such as, especially but not exclusively, conspiracies about Muslim entryism in politics, government or other societal institutions; the myth of Muslim identity having a unique propensity for terrorism and claims of a demographic 'threat' posed by Muslims or of a 'Muslim takeover'.
- Accusing Muslims as a group of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Muslim person or group of Muslim individuals, or even for acts committed by non-Muslims.
- Accusing Muslims as a group, or Muslim majority states, of inventing or exaggerating Islamophobia, ethnic cleansing or genocide perpetrated against Muslims.

- Accusing Muslim citizens of being more loyal to the 'Ummah' (transnational Muslim community) or to their countries of origin, or to the alleged priorities of Muslims worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying Muslim populations, the right to self-determination e.g., by claiming that the existence of an independent Palestine or Kashmir is a terrorist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of Muslims behaviours that are not expected or demanded of any other groups in society, eg loyalty tests.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic Islamophobia.
- Holding Muslims collectively responsible for the actions of any Muslim majority state, whether secular or constitutionally Islamic.

This Council asks the Chief Executive of the council to:

1. Write to government ministers asking them to listen to Muslim communities and the cross-party group of MPs and peers and to adopt this definition of Islamophobia which classifies discrimination against Muslims as a form of racism.
2. Continue to prioritise tackling hate crime and Islamophobia in partnership. Manchester City Council works with partners, especially Greater Manchester Police, on a rolling basis, and will now coordinate future actions in line with this definition of Islamophobia for all Muslims.

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CC/19/55. Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 26 June 2019 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/19/46 Capital Programmes Update

Growth and Neighbourhoods – Velodrome Capital Project. A capital budget allocation through transfer of £0.530m from the Asset Management Programme budget is requested, funded by Capital receipts.

Highways – School Road Safety Measures – Other sites. A capital budget increase of £0.546m is requested, funded from External Contributions, with a

further capital budget allocation through transfer of £2.779m from the Highways Investment Plan budget.

Exe/19/47 Living Wage Accreditation

To recommend to the Council that Manchester City Council applies for accreditation with the Living Wage Foundation.

Exe/19/57 Northern Gateway Strategic Acquisition (PART B)

To recommend that the Council approve the funding of the loan to the Far East Consortium of up to £11 million from the capital programme budget.

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 26 June 2019.
2. To approve the following changes to the Council's capital programme:
 - Velodrome Capital Project. A capital budget allocation through transfer of £0.530m from the Asset Management Programme budget is requested, funded by Capital receipts.
 - School Road Safety Measures – Other sites. A capital budget increase of £0.546m is requested, funded from External Contributions, with a further capital budget allocation through transfer of £2.779m from the Highways Investment Plan budget.
3. To approve that Manchester City Council applies for accreditation with the Living Wage Foundation.
4. To approve the funding of the loan to the Far East Consortium of up to £11 million from the Capital Programme budget.

(Councillor S Murphy declared a Disclosable Pecuniary interest in respect of Minute number Exe/19/48 Former Boddingtons Brewery Site - Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) Addendum, for the reason that she is Chair of the LTE Group and left the meeting during the consideration of the item.)

(Councillor Hacking declared a Disclosable Pecuniary interest in respect of Minute number Exe/19/48 Former Boddingtons Brewery Site - Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) Addendum, for the reason that he is a Director of LTE Group and left the meeting during the consideration of the item.)

CC/19/56. Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor S Murphy responded to a question from Councillor White regarding lessons learned from the opening of the Longford Centre to develop help and support to combat homelessness in other parts of Manchester.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Lyons regarding the process of consultation on planning applications.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Douglas regarding the protection of the city's heritage buildings when considering applications for planning permission.

Councillor Stogia provided a response to a question from Councillor Stanton regarding costs involved in repair and resurfacing of roads.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Stanton regarding preparations for Brexit.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding the Manchester Airport Strategy involving work to ensure climate change targets are met.

Councillor Richards responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding the Eastlands Regeneration Framework consultation process.

Councillor Richards responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the costs involved in the removal of HPL cladding and wooden balconies from tower blocks.

Councillor Ollerhead replied to a question from Councillor Leech regarding Council Tax arrears.

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding consultation responses on the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order in the city centre.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding funding to tackle fly-tipping.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Wheeler regarding a meeting with residents in respect of a planning development in Shudehill.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Shilton-Godwin regarding the use of Glycosphate.

CC/19/57. Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

- Resources and Governance – 18 June 2019
- Health – 18 June 2019
- Children and Young People – 19 June 2019
- Neighbourhoods and Environment – 19 June 2019
- Economy – 20 June 2019
- Communities and Equalities – 20 June 2019

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/19/58. Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Audit Committee – 15 April and 11 June 2019
Health and Wellbeing Board – 5 June 2019
Planning and Highways Committee – 11 April, 30 May and 27 June 2019
Standards Committee – 13 June 2019
Personnel Committee – 26 June 2019
Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 10 July 2019

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

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 10 July 2019

CN/19/16 Admission to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen

To recommend to Council that a special meeting of the City Council be convened on 2 October 2019 for the purpose of adopting a resolution, to be proposed by the Lord Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor, that Mr Hugh Barrett is admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the City of Manchester in recognition of the long and eminent service that he has rendered to the Council, and thereafter to install Mr Hugh Barrett as an Honorary Alderman.

CN/19/19 Membership of Council committees and representation on joint boards and joint committees

To request the Council to agree to suspend Procedural Rule 25.1 to allow the following decisions which involve reconsideration of a decision taken by the Council within the previous six months.

To recommend the Council to make the following changes in appointments to Committees and Joint Committees of the Council, and to the membership of GM bodies and committees.

An amendment was made to the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 10 July 2019 - Minute CN/19/19 Membership of Council committees and representation on joint boards and joint committees. Councillor Cooley was appointed to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Personnel Committee 26 June 2019

PE/19/14 Living Wage Accreditation

To recommend to Council that the Authority applies for accreditation with the Living Wage Foundation.

PE/19/15 Corporate Core: Senior Management Capacity

To recommend to Council that a market rate supplement of £20,000 be made to the Deputy City Treasurer to reflect the additional responsibilities taken on within existing grade and ensure the retention of the current post holder in light of local market forces. This had the effect of increasing the salary to £125,940.

PE/19/20 Strategic Development: Senior Management Capacity

To recommend that the Council approves the regrade of the Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing at Senior Grade SS4 (£95,953 - £105,940).

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes.
2. To agree that a special meeting of the City Council be convened on 2 October 2019 for the purpose of adopting a resolution, to be proposed by the Lord Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor, that Mr Hugh Barrett is admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the City of Manchester in recognition of the long and eminent service that he has rendered to the Council, and thereafter to install Mr Hugh Barrett as an Honorary Alderman
3. To agree to suspend Procedural Rule 25.1 to allow decisions which involve reconsideration of a decision taken by the Council within the previous six months.
4. To agree to the changes in appointments to Committees and Joint Committees of the Council, and to the membership of GM bodies and committees.
5. To agree that the Council applies for accreditation with the Living Wage Foundation.
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7. To approve the regrade of the Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing at Senior Grade SS4 (£95,953 - £105,940).

CC/19/59. Questions on the Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees Rule 24

The Lord Mayor reported that no questions had been received regarding business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees.

CC/19/60. Urgent Key Decisions Report

The Council considered the report of the City Solicitor on key decisions that had been exempted from call-in.

Decision

To note the report.

CC/19/61. Endorsing the revised Constitution for the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA)

The Council considered the Constitution of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) which had been revised to reflect the changes in the governance of and coordination of work in Greater Manchester and to recognise the role and statutory purposes of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

Decision

To endorse the revised version of the Constitution of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities, as submitted for adoption across Greater Manchester.