

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 27 November 2019

Present:

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

Councillors:

Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra, Ali N, Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Appleby, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Clay, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Y Dar, Davies, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Holt, Hughes, Igbon, Ilyas, Jeavons, Johns, S Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, Lovecy, Lynch, Lyons, Ludford, McHale, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Mary Monaghan, N. Murphy, S Mrphy, Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, O'Neil, B Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Rowles, Russell, Sadler, Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton-Godwin, A Simcock, K Simcock, Stanton Stogia, Stone, Taylor, Watson, White, Whiston, Wills, Wilson and Wright

Honorary Alderman of the City of Manchester –

Mrs Nilofar Siddiqi

CC/19/77 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Death of Former Councillor John Smith

The Lord Mayor invited those present at the meeting to observe a minute's silence in memory of Honorary Alderman, former Lord Mayor's Consort and former Councillor, Mr John Smith. Former Councillor Smith was elected in 1971 to serve the Newton Heath Ward as well as representing Bradford Ward for seven years before retiring in 2007. He also served as Lord Mayor for 2001-2002.

CC/19/78 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Chief Executive's Pride in the City Awards

The Lord Mayor invited the finalists for the Chief Executive's Pride in the City Award in recognition of their individual achievements and the difference they have made to the lives of the people who live and work within Manchester.

The Mayor welcomed the finalists:

Dave Roscoe – Growth and Development
Heather Coates – Neighbourhoods
Mike Galway – Adult Social Care
Paul Hindle – Corporate Core
Jane Slinger – Children's Services
Emma Burnett – Corporate Core

The Lord Mayor announced Emma Burnett as winner of the 2019 Pride in the City Award. The Chief Executive presented the award.

CC/19/79 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Proceeds of the Three Peaks Challenge

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Ollerhead to speak to thank those who had taken part in the Three Peaks Challenge in July 2019 and recognised the hard work of the members of the support team involved in the event. Councillor Ollerhead presented a cheque for £25,939.88 that had been raised from the event to Gerard Carter representing "We Love Manchester" Charity and Stephanie Moore representing "Big Change Manchester" Charity.

CC/19/80 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Living Wage Foundation

The Lord Mayor was presented with the Living Wage Foundation Accreditation Plaque on behalf of the Council by Councillors Ollerhead, Craig and S Murphy.

CC/19/81 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation on Social Value

The Lord Mayor invited Pete Bradshaw (Head of Sustainability - Manchester City Football Club), Mike Green (City in the Community) and Angela Harrington (Head of Work and Skills - Manchester City Council) to give a presentation on Social Value.

CC/19/82 Minutes

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting and of the special meeting held on 2 October 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CC/19/83 Notice of Motion – Christmas Markets in Albert Square

Motion proposed and seconded:

Council notes that this year marks the twentieth year of the Christmas Markets in Albert Square, during which time Manchester has seen many changes.

Council looks forward to their continued success, and to their return to Albert Square when the works on Our Town Hall are completed in 2024.

Amendment made and seconded

A copy of the amendment was circulated as follows.

To insert the after:

Council notes that this year marks the twentieth year of the Christmas markets in Albert Square, during which time Manchester has seen many changes.

The following:

Council will recall that this period began under a Labour Government which invested in public services, got people back into work and lifted 600,000 children out of poverty. It ended, after ten years of Tory austerity, with a real-terms cut in funding for local Councils of 77% leading to savage cuts to services for those who most need them.

Council will recall Labour Governments delivering real improvements for people and is invited to contrast this with the misery heaped on our communities by the Tories since 2010. In particular Council notes that:

Labour recruited an extra 14,000 more police officers in England and Wales leading to a 32% reduction in crime whereas the Tories scrapped 21,000 police officers and are now presiding over the fastest rising crime rate in a decade;

Labour's New Deal programme helped 1.8 million people back into work and cut long term youth unemployment cut by 75% whereas Tory benefit cuts and the introduction of Universal Credit affecting families in and out of work, have led to an increase in family poverty and a massive increase in reliance on food banks with 10 Million households estimated to have experienced a loss of income in real terms;

The Labour Government doubled school funding per pupil and implemented the £55 billion 'Building Schools for the Future' programme to modernise every secondary school in the UK compared to the Tories record of trebling of University tuition fees and scrapping Education Maintenance Allowance;

Labour invested in housing and brought over a million social homes up to standard while the Tories have overseen a national housing crisis with twice as many people sleeping rough than in 2010 and more than 120,000 children without a permanent home.

Resolution

The amended motion was put to Council and voted on and the Lord Mayor declared that it was carried unanimously.

(The City Solicitor advised Council that the second amendment circulated was not relevant to the original motion submitted and therefore, could not be considered.)

Decision

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CC/19/84 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 16 October and 13 November 2019 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/19/85 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2019/20

To recommend that the Council approve the proposed virements over £0.5m in paragraph as set out in the minutes.

Exe/19/97 Capital Programme Update

To recommend that the Council approve the following two changes to the capital programme:

- a) ICT – Collaboration Platform Replacement. A capital budget allocation through transfer of £2.100m from the End User Experience budget is requested, funded by borrowing.
- b) Neighbourhoods – Cremator and Mercury Abatement Plant Replacement Strategy. A capital budget increase of £1.551m is requested, funded by borrowing

Exe/19/98 Capital Programme Monitoring 2019/20

To recommend that Council 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 these minutes.

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 16 October and 13 November 2019.

2. To approve the following two funding virements:

(1) A virement of £175k in 2019/20 and £0.698m in future years (of which £486k is permanent and £212k time limited). Increases in parking, bus lane enforcement and residents' parking activity has led to an increase in the number of penalty charges notices issued by the Council. The virement was to fund additional operational, technical and managerial resources and enable the delivery of a service improvement and transformation programme.

(2) A virement to reduce both the Transport Levy budget by £1.333m, from £38.157m to £36.824m and Grants and Contributions budget from £1.618m to £285k. Funding sources within the GMCA Transport budget had changed. In February 2019 it had been agreed that the Transport Levy would increase by £8.3m, which would be off-set by grants from the GM Mayor. Of the £8.3m, £6.84m could now be retained within the Mayoral General Fund which would necessitate a reduction per district in the remaining Transport levy payable, which would be off-set by not receiving Mayoral grants to the same amount.

3. To approve the following changes to the Capital Programme:

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b) Neighbourhoods – Cremator and Mercury Abatement Plant Replacement Strategy. A capital budget increase of £1.551m is requested, funded by borrowing.

4. 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 these minutes.

CC/19/85 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Bridges responded to a question from Councillor Holt regarding the Council's declaration of a climate emergency.

Councillor Ollerhead responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding budget allocation for Remembrance Services outside of the city centre.

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

Councillor Stogia provided a response to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding the commissioning of work on the viability of moving the zero carbon target to 2030.

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding a Public Space Protection Order for the City Centre.

Councillor Rahman responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the Manchester Pride event.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the practice of “fuel-tankering”.

Councillor Hacking responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the Manchester Pride event.

Councillor Ollerhead replied to a question from Councillor Stanton regarding assessment of the viability of future capital spend.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Stanton regarding highways procurement process.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Stanton regarding the operation of needle exchanges within the City.

CC/19/86 Scrutiny Minutes

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

- Resources and Governance – 8 October and 5 November 2019
- Health – 8 October and 5 November 2019
- Children and Young People – 9 October and 6 November 2019
- Neighbourhoods and Environment – 9 October and 6 November 2019
- Economy – 10 October and 7 November 2019
- Communities and Equalities – 10 October and 7 November 2019

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/19/87 Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Audit Committee – 15 October and 12 November 2019
Health and Wellbeing Board – 30 October 2019
Standards Committee – 31 October 2019
Planning and Highways Committee – 19 September and 17 October 2019

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 4 November 2019

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

CN/19/26 Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places: Draft Proposals

- The adoption of parliamentary polling districts and parliamentary polling places as set out in the scheme contained in Appendix 1 and in the maps found at Appendix 2, replacing the Didsbury East map with the revision that was submitted at the meeting.
- To recommend to the Council the approval of the reasons given in the report for the in respect of the designation of parliamentary polling districts and parliamentary polling places.
- To recommend to the Council that the scheme contained in Appendix 1 be adopted in relation to both Parliamentary and Local government elections, including the revision to the scheme that were introduced at the meeting in relation to Didsbury East ward.
- To recommend to the Council that the Chief Executive is requested to publish such notices and other documentation required by law on completion of the review.
- To recommend that the Council requests that the Electoral Registration Officer makes the necessary amendments to polling districts for the publication of the revised Electoral Register, noting that one of the implications of the Parliamentary General Election on 12 December was that the new Register would need to be published on 2 February 2020, to reflect the new scheme.
- To recommend to the Council that authority continues to be delegated to the Chief Executive to make, where necessary, alterations to the designation of any polling place prior to the next full review in consultation with ward councillors, group leaders and the Chair of Constitutional and Nomination Committee.

Personnel Committee - 16 October 2019

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

PE/19/25 Director of Commercial and Operations

To recommend that Council approves the regrade of the Director Commercial and Operations from SS3 (£78,715 - £87,217) to SS4 (£95,953 - £105,940) and agrees to appointment at a salary of £105,940.

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes.
2. To agree the adoption of parliamentary polling districts and parliamentary polling places as set out in the scheme contained in Appendix 1 and in the maps found at Appendix 2, replacing the Didsbury East map with the revision that was submitted at the meeting of Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 4 November 2019.
3. To approve of the reasons given in the report submitted to the Constitutional and Nomination Committee in respect of the designation of parliamentary polling districts and parliamentary polling places.
4. To adopt the scheme contained in Appendix 1 of the report submitted to the Constitutional and Nomination Committee in relation to both Parliamentary and Local government elections, including the revision to the scheme that were introduced at the meeting in relation to Didsbury East ward.
5. To request the Chief Executive to publish such notices and other documentation required by law on completion of the review.
6. To request that the Electoral Registration Officer make the necessary amendments to polling districts for the publication of the revised Electoral Register, noting that one of the implications of the Parliamentary General Election on 12 December 2019 was that the new Register would need to be published on 2 February 2020, to reflect the new scheme.
7. To agree that authority continues to be delegated to the Chief Executive to make, where necessary, alterations to the designation of any polling place prior to the next full review in consultation with ward councillors, group leaders and the Chair of Constitutional and Nomination Committee.
8. To approve the regrade of the Director Commercial and operations from SS3 (£78,715 - £87,217) to SS4 (£95,953 - £105,940) and agrees to appointment at a salary of £105,940.
9. 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:

COMMITTEE	MEMBER APPOINTED	MEMBER REMOVED
Health Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Nasrin Ali	-
Resources & Governance Scrutiny Committee		Councillor Battle
Communities & Equalities Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Battle	
Licensing Committee	Councillor Hewitson	Councillor McHale
Joint Bodies / GM Bodies and Committees		
GMCA Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny Committee		Councillor Clay

10. To appoint Samantha Barnwell, Zainab Derrez, Liam Duffy and Joanne Fleet to serve as Co-opted members on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee for a period of two years with effect from 30 November 2019.

CC/19/88 Urgent Key Decisions

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

Decision

To note the report.

Appendix – Capital Budget Virements

Project Name	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	In yr virement proposed	In yr virement proposed	In yr virement proposed
Drainage	2,425	1,481	2,051
Large Patching repairs	1,796	30	531
Carriageway Resurfacing	-923	-1,511	-2,582
Carriageway Preventative	-3,263	-29	-1,049
Other Improvement works	722	1,710	2,487
Project Delivery Procurement	-757	-1,681	-1,438
Total Highways Programme	0	0	0
Asset Management Programme	420		
Ross Place Refurbishment	-420		
Total Strategic Development Programme	0	0	0
Charlestown - Victoria Ave multistorey window replacement and ECW	-12		
External cyclical works		-8	
External cyclical works Ancoats Smithfields estate	7		
ENW distribution network phase 4 (various)	80		
Dam Head - Walk up flats communal door renewal	13		
Newton Heath - Croyden Drive Security Improvements	100	88	
Various Estate based environmental works	100	100	100
Delivery Costs		369	124
2/4 Blocks Heating replacement with Individual Boilers		-108	
Lift replacement / refurbishment programme	-2		
Decent Homes mop ups ph 9 and decent homes work required to voids	30		
Whitemoss Road and Cheetham Hill Road Local Offices - Improvements		-3	
Ancoats - Victoria Square lift replacement	108		
Aldbourne Court/George Halstead Court/Duncan Edwards Court works	-3		
Boiler replacement programme	-17	-341	
Kitchen and Bathrooms programme	-693		
Harpurhey - Monsall Multis Internal Works		292	
Higher Blackley - Liverton Court Internal Works	845		
Various - Bradford/Clifford	104		

Lamb/Kingsbridge/Sandyhill Court Internal Works			
Charlestown - Rushcroft/Pevensey Court Internal Works	1,343	218	
Fire precautions multi-storey blocks	-702		
Installations of sprinkler systems - multi storey blocks	-1,029		
Replacement of Prepayment Meters in High Rise Blocks		-20	
ERDF Heat Pumps	-55	-381	-17
Charlestown - Rushcroft/Pevensey Courts Lift Refurb			525
Multi Storey blocks door entry system renewal Sandyhill/Bradford Courts	5	31	
One off type work (rewires/boilers/doors)	100	300	
Delivery Costs	156	827	88
Various Locations - bringing bedsits back into use		21	75
Delivery Costs	2	4	10
Improvements to Homeless accommodation city wide		-164	
Improvements to Homeless Accommodation		164	
Delivery Costs		38	
Delivery Costs		4	
Public Sector Northwards Adaptations	200		
Adaptations	100	700	
Northwards Housing Programme	-780	-2,131	-905
Total Public Sector Housing (HRA) Programme	0	0	0
Holy Trinity Primary	47		
Lytham Rd	-100		
Co-op Academy expansion	-443		
Plymouth Grove Refurbishment	-285		
Beaver Rd Primary Expansion	-84		
Lily Lane Primary	-91		
St. James Primary Academy	-65		
Crossacres Primary School	-180		
Ringway Primary School	-77		
Webster Primary Schools	-87		
KS3/4 PRU Pioneer Street	70		
Basic need - unallocated funds	1,295		
Universal Infant Free School Meals - Unallocated	6		
Broad Oak Primary School Kitchen	553		
All Saints Prim Rewire	477		
Armitage Prim Windows	121		
Bowker Vale Prim Heating	262		

Buton Lane Prim Roof	192		
Cheetwood Prim Heating	126		
Crosslee Comm Heating	80		
Crowcroft Park Roof Repairs	146		
Grange School Sports Hall	163		
Higher Openshaw Rewire	849		
Lily Lane Prim Windows	53		
Moston Fields Joinery	221		
Ringway Prim Roof	231		
Sandilands Prim Windows	123		
St Mary's Junior Windows	43		
Alma Park Gas Improvement	1		
Schools Capital Maintenance -unallocated	-3,641		
Healthy Pupil Capital Funding	-6		
Total Children's Services Programme	0	0	0
Solaris	2		
PSN Windows 2003	-42		
Data Centre UPS Installation	-10		
End User Computing	69		
End User Experience	-69		
ICT Investment Plan	50		
Total ICT Programme	0	0	0
Total Manchester City Council Capital Programme	0	0	0
Total GM projects	0	0	0
Total CAPITAL PROGRAMME	0	0	0