

## **Council**

### **Minutes of the Special meeting held on Wednesday, 25 November 2020**

**This meeting of Council meeting was via Zoom, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.**

#### **Present:**

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Councillor T Judge - in the Chair

#### **Councillors:**

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#### **CC/20/47 The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business - Death of Former Councillor John Clegg**

The Lord Mayor invited those present at the meeting to observe a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor John Clegg. Mr John Clegg had been elected in 1984 to represent Burnage ward.

#### **CC/20/48 Honorary Freedom of the City of Manchester – Honorary Freedom of the City of Manchester - Battery 209 - The Manchester Artillery**

#### **Motion made and seconded**

That the Council hereby records its view that the powers entrusted to it by law of recognising distinctive and eminent service would be properly exercised by conferring the Honorary Freedom of the City of Manchester upon Battery 209 (The Manchester Artillery).

209 Battery, together with its predecessors, served at home and abroad as a valuable Artillery Corps for some 216 years.

It was established in 1804 as a local volunteer militia force raised across the Manchester area in response to the Napoleonic threat. It was then re-established in 1859 as the United Kingdom moved to establish a standing volunteer army. From 1860 it was garrisoned at Ardwick Green and in 1881 officially awarded the honorary title 'The Manchester Artillery'. It has since enjoyed a close and continuing association with the city as a regular army unit, a territorial unit and now as part of the UK's expanding, professional military reserve based in Gorton.

Over the subsequent one hundred and forty years, the Manchester Artillery has seen active duty in the Boer War and the First World War served at Gallipoli, Sinai and the Western Front. The Unit served extensively overseas during the Second World War as part of the initial expeditionary force and following extensive fighting in defence of France during which five officers were killed was evacuated from the Dunkirk beaches. Members of the unit subsequently served in the middle east, in the Italian campaign and the subsequent D day landings, moving into Belgium and Holland where they took part in Operation Market Garden.

Following the restoration of peace, the Manchester Artillery returned to its territorial and subsequent army reserve role. In 1947 a recruiting campaign was launched, and many old Dunkirk veterans filled the ranks. Recruit 'Number One' was ex-Sgt Fred Bowker MM, who won his Military Medal at Dunkirk as the 205 Battery Signaller, Manchester Artillery.

The current 209 Battery which now carries the courtesy title has continued to recruit and train Manchester citizens in readiness for the defence of this country at home and abroad. In 2004 members of the battery were deployed to Iraq on Operation TELIC 4 and again in Iraq in 2007 where Sgt Crowley (209 Battery) became the first soldier from the Manchester Artillery to command and fire an artillery gun in action since 1945.

## **Resolution**

The motion, having been put and voted on, the Lord Mayor declared that it was **CARRIED.**

## **Decision**

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#### **CC/20/49 City of Manchester Award - Marcus Rashford MBE**

Motion proposed and seconded.

That the Council hereby records its view that the powers entrusted to it by law recognising the outstanding and exceptional contribution made by Marcus Rashford MBE concerning the work he has done for the benefit of the young people of Manchester. Council is asked to agree that the significant and positive contribution made by Mr Rashford should be formally recognised and recorded in the city's history and that this would be properly exercised by conferring upon him the City of Manchester Award.

#### **Resolution**

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

#### **Decision**

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#### **CC/20/50 The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business**

The Lord Mayor announced that he had agreed to the submission of the minutes of the meeting of the Constitutional and Nominations Committee held on 24 November 2020. The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

#### **CC/20/51 Minutes**

The Minutes of the two extraordinary meetings held on 28 October 2020 were approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

#### **CC/20/52 Proceedings of the Executive**

The proceedings of the Executive on 11 November 2020 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

##### **Exe/20/116 Greater Manchester Spatial Framework**

To recommend that Council approves the GMSF:

To agree that the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF): Publication Draft 2020 and supporting background documents are submitted to the Secretary of State for examination pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 following the period for representations between 1 December 2020 and 26 January 2021. **(See Minute number CC/20/56).**

#### **Exe/20/124 Capital Programme Update**

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

a) Children's Services – Co-op Academy Belle Vue Permanent. A capital budget virement of £2.146m is requested, funded by Unallocated Education Basic Need budget.

b) Children's Services – Co-op Academy Belle Vue Early Opening. A capital budget virement of £2.140m is requested, funded by Unallocated Education Basic Need budget

#### **Decisions**

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 11 November 2020.
3. To approve the following changes to the Manchester City Council's Capital Programme:
  - a) Children's Services – Co-op Academy Belle Vue Permanent. A capital budget virement of £2.146m is requested, funded by Unallocated Education Basic Need budget.
  - b) Children's Services – Co-op Academy Belle Vue Early Opening. A capital budget virement of £2.140m is requested, funded by Unallocated Education Basic Need budget

#### **CC/20/53 Questions to Executive Members and Others under Procedural Rule 23**

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Hitchen regarding the provision of school meals.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Wilson regarding representations made to the Government on support for businesses required to close during lockdown.

Councillor Murphy responded to question from Councillor Stanton regarding additional powers available to Council for the closure of business not complying with the spirit of lockdown.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding Macmillan Solutions.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding temporary cycle lanes on commuter routes into the city to encourage active travel.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding planning applications approved under the emergency power arrangements as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown.

Councillor Bridges responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding childcare places.

Councillor Akber responded to a question from Councillor Leech seeing the number of requests received to empty refuse bins.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding Tree Preservation Order requests.

Councillor Richards responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding assessment of the Law Commission's report on Leasehold Reform Changes to the Council's policy on leasehold homes.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Midgley regarding a request for the Council to mark and commemorate the deaths of Manchester residents from Covid-19 and recognise the work of key workers.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Wills regarding missed bin collections.

#### **CC/20/54 Scrutiny Committees**

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

Resources and Governance - 3 November 2020

Health - 3 November 2020

Children and Young People - 4 November 2020

Neighbourhoods and Environment - 4 November 2020

Economy - 5 November 2020

Communities and Equalities - 5 November 2020

#### **Decision**

To receive those minutes.

#### **CC/20/55 Proceedings of Committees**

The minutes of the following meetings had been submitted:

Licensing Committee 27 October 2020



Licensing and Appeals Committee 27 October 2020

Licensing Policy Committee 16 November 2020, and in particular, to consider:

**LPC/20/02 Licensing Policy Temporary Revision 2021-26**

To agree that the Licensing Policy is submitted to Council on 25 November 2020 with a recommendation that the Licensing Policy is approved and adopted with effect from 4 January 2021, subject to a full review being conducted in 2021 when feasible in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Personnel Committee 11 November 2020 and in particular, to consider:

**PE/20/20 Efficiency Early Release Scheme (comprising Efficiency Severance and Early Retirement)**

To recommend that November 2020 Council formally confirm release of funds from reserves where appropriate to fund agreed releases.

Planning and Highways Committee 22 October 2020

Constitutional and Nomination Committee 24 November 2020

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

**CN/20/08 Membership of Council committees and representation on joint boards and joint committees**

To recommend the Council to make the following changes in appointments to Committees of the Council.

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>MEMBER APPOINTED</b>	<b>MEMBER REMOVED</b>
Licensing Committee	Councillor Chohan	Councillor T Judge
Licensing and Appeals Committee	Councillor Chohan	Councillor T Judge
Audit Committee	-	Councillor Stanton
Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Chohan	Councillor T Judge

**Decisions**

1. To receive those minutes submitted.
2. To approve and adopt the Licensing Policy Temporary Revision 2021-26, with effect from 4 January 2021, subject to a full review being conducted in 2021, when feasible in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.
3. To approve the changes in appointments to Committees of the Council, as detailed above.

4. To confirm the release of funds from reserves where appropriate to fund agreed releases as detailed in the Efficiency Early Release Scheme (comprising Efficiency Severance and Early Retirement).

#### **CC/20/56 Submission of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework Publication Draft 2020**

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) which sought approval for the submission of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Consultation on the plan will commence on 1 December 2020 running until 26 January 2021. Once the consultation concludes, the next step is to submit the plan for examination. It is intended that the submission of the plan will take place in mid-2021.

#### **Decision**

1. To approve the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF): Publication Draft 2020 and supporting background documents are submitted to the Secretary of State for examination pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 following the period for representations between 1 December 2020 and 26 January 2021.
2. To delegate authority to the Lead Chief Executive, Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure to approve any minor or non-material changes to the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020 and background documents following the period for representations and prior to their submission to the Secretary of State for examination.

#### **CC/20/57 Urgent Key Decisions**

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.