

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 6 October 2021

Present:

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

Councillors:

Abdullatif, Akbar, Azra Ali, Ahmed Ali, Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Appleby, Baker-Smith, Bano, Battle, Bayunu, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Chohan, Clay, Connolly, Cooley, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Y Dar, Doswell, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Foley, Green, Grimshaw, Hassan, Hewitson, Hilal, Hitchen, Holt, Hughes, Igbon, Ilyas, Jeavons, Johns, S Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, Ludford, Lynch, Lyons, McHale, Midgley, Monaghan, Moore, Newman, Noor, Nunney, B Priest, H Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Riasat, Richards, Robinson, Rowles, Russell, Sadler, M Sharif Mahamed, Sheikh, Shilton Godwin, A Simcock, Stanton, Stogia, Taylor, Wheeler, Whiston, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

CC/21/54 The Lord Mayor's Announcements and Special Business – Local Authority Chief Executive of the Year Award

The Lord Mayor presented the Chief Executive, Joanne Roney with the Municipal Journal Annual Award for Local Authority Chief Executive 2021. The award is presented to leaders in the top tier of local government in recognition of outstanding leadership, innovation, determination and commitment to their organisation and communities. The Lord Mayor acknowledged the achievement in view of the challenges Manchester has faced over the recent past including the terrorist attack at Manchester Arena, Manchester's response to Covid-19 and work to improve opportunities and skills for local people.

CC/21/55 The Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation on the Benefits of City Centre Development

The Lord Mayor introduced the Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure, Pat Bartoli who gave a presentation to Council on the Benefits of Development. Following the presentation, the Director answered questions from Council members.

CC/21/56 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation on Armed Forces Covenant Gold Accreditation

The Lord Mayor introduced the Director of Children's Services, Paul Marshall who gave a presentation on the Armed Forces Covenant Gold Accreditation that the Council has received. Following the presentation, the Director answered questions from Council members.

CC/21/57 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation on Race Review into Council Workforce

The Lord Mayor introduced Michael Salmon, Policy Partnerships and research Team who gave a presentation on the progress of the implementation of the findings of the recent race review into Council workforce practices. Following the presentation, the Michael answered questions from Council members.

CC/21/58 Minutes

Decision

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CC/21/59 Notice of Motion – Calling on the government not to scrap the £20 per week uplift in universal credit

Motion proposed and seconded:

This Council notes:

Universal Credit was increased by £20 a week (or £1,040 a year) in April 2020 as part of a government support package when the country first went into lockdown. This was paid to all working age residents in receipt of Universal Credit and other means tested benefits. This has continued for the last eighteen months and has had a positive impact on residents and the economy of the city. The government has now withdrawn this additional payment from 6 October 2021. This withdrawal will have a negative impact on low-income households in the city, including those that are working, and is also expected to have an impact on discretionary budgets including the Welfare Provision Scheme and the Discretionary Housing Payment scheme. This will have a devastating impact on residents across our city. It has been calculated that the withdrawing of the £20 per week uplift will result in a loss of approximately £4.96m per month to families across our city. This will impact an estimated 58,339 households across Manchester. Many of these households are working households in low paid jobs who rely on Universal Credit to make ends meet on a daily basis. We are talking about carers, shop workers, cleaners the roles that got us all through the pandemic. The roles that had previously been described as low skilled became some of the most important roles in society when Covid hit. In Manchester we have a long standing commitment to creating good jobs for Manchester residents, proudly paying the real living wage and promoting the GM Good Employment Charter. We must continue to work to create good, sustainable jobs that all Manchester people can access.

This Council moves to:

- Call upon the Conservative Government not to scrap the £20 per week uplift in Universal Credit.
- Call upon the Government to increase the minimum wage to the real living wage that reflects the cost of living.
- To support our residents impacted by government changes to benefits.
- To continue to work to ensure jobs in our city are sustainable, secure and fairly paid.
- To continue to support our residents through training and upskilling to make sure that jobs in this City are accessible to all of our residents.

Resolution

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

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CC/21/60 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 28 July 2021 and 15 September 2021 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/21/74 Capital Programme Monitoring 2021/22

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Exe/21/76 National Cycling Centre

To recommend that Council approves:-

- The establishment of a capital budget of £22.456 million for the refurbishment of the Centre, funded from £20.566 million from borrowing and £1.89 million on a spend to save basis funded by joint funds held by Manchester City Council and Sport England.
- A virement from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme budget of £2.145 million.

Exe/21/86 Capital Programme Update

Executive recommends that Council approve the following changes to Manchester City Council's Capital Programme:

- Children's Services - Manchester Creative Media Arts Academy Completion Works. A capital budget increase of £0.661m, funded by borrowing.
- Growth and Development - Manchester Equipment and Adaptations Partnership (MEAP) Relocation. A capital budget virement of £2.025m, funded by the Asset Management Programme budget.

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 28 July 2021 and 15 September 2021.
2. To approve the virement of £1.0m to the Maintenance Challenge Fund, 17 – 42 Council consolidating the budget to enable priority works to be completed within the Highways Portfolio.
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CC/21/61 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor S Judge fly tipping and the use of Trails Cams to help combat the issue.

Councillor Bridges responded to a question from Councillor Igbon regarding youth and play services within Hulme ward.

Councillor Midgley responded to a question from Councillor Flanagan regarding measures to improve the lives and safety of woman and girls in Manchester.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Stanton regarding road safety and road resurfacing.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Nunney regarding the Council's strategy for litter bins outside the city centre.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Nunney regarding Council support those who have lost their employment within the aviation industry, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Nunney regarding the Council's position on the Places for Everyone document on plans to increase passenger numbers at Manchester Airport.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Stanton regarding an update on work with the GMP to ensure Didsbury is a safe and inclusive community for all its residents.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding a planning application at Houghend Fields.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding charges to owners of non-compliant motorcaravans and campervans as part of clean air zone proposals.

Councillor White responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the residency requirement to join the Manchester social housing waiting list.

Councillor Rawlins responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the Greater Manchester Pension Fund investments.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding Greater Manchester Police.

CC/21/62 Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

Resources and Governance – 25 May and 22 June 2021
 Health – 21 July and 8 September 2021
 Children and Young People – 21 July and 8 September 2021
 Environment and Climate Change – 22 July and 9 September 2021
 Economy – 22 July and 9 September 2021
 Communities and Equalities – 20 July and 7 September 2021

CC/21/63 Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Audit Committee – 27 July and 28 September 2021
 Health and Wellbeing – 1 September 2021
 Licensing Committee – 19 July 2021
 Licensing and Appeals – 13 September 2021
 Licensing Policy Committee – 16 August 2021
 Planning and Highways Committee – 29 July and 23 September 2021

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 6 October 2021
 The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations from those minutes:

CN/21/20 Membership of Council Committees

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

COMMITTEE	MEMBER APPOINTED	MEMBER REMOVED
Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee		Councillor Shazia Butt
Audit Committee	Councillor Thomas Robinson	

CN/21/21 Appointments to Joint Authorities and Joint Committees

To recommend the Council to make the following changes in appointments to the membership of GM bodies and committees and other external bodies.

COMMITTEE	MEMBER APPOINTED	MEMBER REMOVED
Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London (PATROL) Committee	Councillor Emma Taylor	
Peoples History Museum	Councillor Adele Douglas	
Planning and Housing Commission	Councillor Gavin White	
Police & Crime Steering	Councillor Rabnawaz	

Group	Akbar	
Police and Crime Panel	Councillor Rabnawaz Akbar	
Draft Joint Development Plan – Places for Everyone Committee	Councillor Tracey Rawlins	
Air Quality Administration Committee	Councillor Tracey Rawlins	
Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee	Councillor Tracey Rawlins Councillor Emma Taylor (Substitute)	
Health & Social Care – Joint Commissioning Board	Councillor Joanna Midgley	
GM Work & Skills Executive	Councillor Gavin White	
GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Cttee	Councillor Tim Whiston	
Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Lee-Ann Igbon	
Health and Social Impact Fund Committee	Councillor Joanna Midgley	

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes submitted.
2. To approve the changes in appointments to Committees of the Council, as detailed above.
3. To approve the changes in appointments to Appointments to Joint Authorities and Joint Committees, as detailed above.

CC/21/64 Places for Everyone

The Council considered the report of the Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure and Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing.

The report sought approval by the Council for the submission of the draft Places for Everyone Publication Plan (PfE) plan pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. It is expected that the plan will be submitted for examination in early 2022.

Decision

To approve submission of the Places for Everyone Publication Plan 2021 and supporting background documents, to the Secretary of State for examination pursuant to Regulations 19 and 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

CC/21/65 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.