

Council

Minutes of the special meeting on 2 October 2019

Present: The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor Councillor Chohan Abid – in the Chair

Councillors:

Abdullatif, Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra Ali, Nasrin Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Battle, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Clay, Collins, Craig, Curley, Y Dar, Davies, Doswell, Evans, Flanagan, Green, Grimshaw, Hacking, Harland, Hewitson, Holt, Hughes, Ilyas, Jeavons, Johns, S Judge, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, J Lovecy, Ludford, Lynch, McHale, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Mary Monaghan, Moor, 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, Shilton Godwin, A Simcock, Stanton, Stogia, Stone, Srong, Taylor, Watson, Wheeler, White, Wills, Wilson and Wright

Honorary Alderman of the City of Manchester –

Mrs Nilofar Siddiqi and Mr Andrew Fender

Apologies –

Councillor Whiston

CC/19/61 Admission of Mr Hugh Barrett to the Roll of Honorary Alderman of the City of Manchester

It was moved by the Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Councillor Chohan Abid and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor T Judge and then decided unanimously –

That this Council hereby records its view that the powers entrusted to it by law of recognising persons who have rendered eminent service to the Council as a former member, would be fittingly exercised by admitting to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the City, Hugh Barrett, who rendered meritorious service to the City as a Councillor for over 50 years.

Hugh Barrett was first elected as a Councillor for Ardwick Ward of the City in 1968 and represented Sharston Ward since 1994. During his membership of the Council he served as Chair on numerous committees, including Personnel Committee, Social Services Committee, and Community Regeneration Committee. He was Deputy Lord Mayor in 1999, and Lord Mayor in 2000.

Mr Barrett's intellect, ability, integrity, affability and enthusiasm for public service has earned him the highest regard and respect of everyone who knows him, and in the opinion of the members of this Council, Hugh Barrett is a distinguished former colleague for whom it is fitting to admit to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen.

The Council accordingly resolves that pursuant to the powers contained in Section 249 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Hugh Barrett is hereby admitted to be Honorary Aldermen of the City.

Honorary Alderman Barrett was then received by the Lord Mayor and was presented with a gift. Mr Barrett then addressed the Council by way of thanks. The Lord Mayor then installed him on the Aldermanic Bench.

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Present:

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

Councillors:

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CC/19/62 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Death of Honorary Alderman and Former Councillor Bill Egerton

The Lord Mayor invited those present at the meeting to observe a minute's silence in memory of Honorary Alderman, former Lord Mayor and Leader of the Council and former Councillor Bill Egerton. Former Councillor Egerton was elected in 1970 to serve the former St Luke's Ward (now Ardwick Ward) and was later Councillor for Bradford Ward and Beswick and Clayton Ward until 1994. He then served as Councillor for the City Centre from 1999 until 2003 and was Leader of the Council between 1982 to 1984 and served as Lord Mayor in 1992.

CC/19/63 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Death of Former Councillor

The Lord Mayor invited those present at the meeting to observe a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Qassim Afzal who had served as a Councillor for Cheetham Ward between 1998 to 2003.

CC/19/64 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Long Service Awards

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had recently attended the Council's Long Service Awards Ceremony held at Gorton Monastery to recognise those

members of staff who have worked for City Council for 25 years and 40 years, respectively. To acknowledge and thank the members of staff for their service, the Lord Mayor read out the names of the staff members with 40 years of service. The complete list of names of the staff members was published in the Council Summons.

CC/19/65 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation on ACES

The Lord Mayor invited Gareth Nixon, Amy Newsome and Danny Unsworth to give a presentation to Council on the work of Manchester ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) to improve health and well-being through engagement and understanding of the root causes of behaviours.

CC/19/66 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Presentation – Breast Cancer Awareness

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Richards, Margo Cornish and Professor Tony Howell to give a presentation to Council on the work to raise awareness of Breast Cancer and the importance of screening and regular checks.

CC/19/67 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CC/19/68 Notice of Motion – Age Friendly Manchester

Motion proposed and seconded:

Council welcomes the international recognition that Manchester has by being the first City to be recognised as an Age Friendly City by the World Health Organisation. The Age Friendly Manchester Older People's Board, established in 2004, has ensured the voice of older people is placed at the heart of the Council.

To coincide with the United Nations' International Day of Older People (IDOP), events are taking place this week to celebrate the achievements and contributions that older people make to our City.

Council celebrates the myriad of roles older people play. We acknowledge and value older people for the contribution they make to local communities. We recognise the unique set of skills, experience and knowledge older people bring to the workplace and the third sector.

Age Friendly Manchester is a founder member of the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities and continues to play an instrumental role in its development. To mark IDOP, and in the 50th year of Ageism (the term was coined in 1969), the Network has written an open letter to support a public call to action and to show commitment to combat ageism by challenging outdated language and stereotypes. Today, Council welcomes, endorses and signs the IDOP open letter.

This motion calls on the Council to:

1. Promote positive images of ageing in all of our communications We need to tackle the narrative around ageing. We call on people, services and partners to recognise the need to change both the language and images used when talking about (and with) older people.
2. Support ongoing activity to raise awareness of the benefits of older workers, pushing employers to change their approaches to recruiting, reskilling and retaining older employees. Council further supports the need for innovative and radically new ideas and options to support people aged 50-64 who are out of work, to enable them to age well, live well and improve their overall quality of life.
3. Champion more age-friendly activity and infrastructure in our neighbourhoods, so more older residents can age well in their local communities, with access to the right services, housing, information, infrastructure and opportunities - social, cultural or economic. The voice of older people must be heard to ensure that they continue to contribute to and take a leading role where they live.

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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CC/19/69 Notice of Motion –

Motion proposed and seconded:

Manchester is home to a large Kashmiri heritage population, a population which has contributed amazingly to Manchester's own culture and economy. In 2015 we passed a motion recognizing the Kashmiri Identity as separate from other South Asian identities. Manchester has therefore strong links to both the peoples of Azad Kashmir and Jammu and Kashmir and acknowledges the right of self-determination of all the Kashmiri peoples to live their lives through peaceful governance.

Therefore, this council condemns the actions of Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's government in revoking Articles 370 and 35a of the Indian constitution. The Modi government in ending the special status of Indian controlled Jammu and Kashmir denies the right of all Kashmiri residents to social and economic protection. It also violates numerous UN resolutions and raises tensions with Pakistan.

The removal of the special status has led to political unrest and there are daily reports of human rights abuse. The region has been flooded with troops to suppress protests and there is an unofficial state of emergency in the Indian-occupied state of Jammu and Kashmir. Kashmiris in Jammu and Kashmir are on lockdown, have no access to the internet, telephone and travel is prohibited.

Manchester stands strong with the peoples of Jammu and Kashmir, who have the capability and will to self-govern and enjoy autonomy.

Therefore, this motion calls on the Chief Executive to send a message of solidarity to the Kashmiri people by writing to the Indian High Commission and requesting that the Indian Government withdraws the repeal of articles 370 and 35a and commits to honouring all United Nations resolutions on the issue, respecting the rights of all Kashmiri citizens in Indian controlled Jammu and Kashmir and respecting the rights of Kashmiris to cultural freedom and the right to self-determination.

Resolution

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Decision

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CC/19/70 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 24 July and 11 September 2019 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/19/63 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2019/20 to the end of May 2019

To recommend that the Council approve the proposed virements over £0.5m as set out in paragraph 61 of the report – being:

- £0.560m from Cross cutting savings budget in Corporate Core Directorate allocated across Directorates following work recently undertaken to rationalise the Council's senior structure and the level of vacancies held.
- £2.692m Youth Service budget from Children's Services to Neighbourhood Services to reflect the change in reporting arrangements

Exe/19/64 Capital Programme Update

To recommend that the Council approve the following change to Manchester City Council's capital programme: Highways – Hyde Road. A capital budget virement of £1.254m is requested, funded by a transfer from the Highways Investment Plan budget.

Exe/19/72 Capital Programme Update

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

- (a) Neighbourhoods – Manchester Regional Arena – Indoor and Outdoor Athletics Track Replacement. A capital budget increase of £1.500m is requested, funded from Waterfall Fund.
- (b) Growth and Development – Acquisition of The Courtyard at Royal Mills. A capital budget virement of £1.850m is requested, funded by a transfer from the Eastern Gateway budget.
- (c) Public Sector Housing - Fire Risk Assessment work low rise properties. A capital budget virement of £6.606m is requested, funded by a transfer from Northwards Housing Programme budget.
- (d) Children's Services - Expansion of Dean Trust Ardwick secondary school. A capital budget virement of £3.784m is requested, funded by a transfer from Unallocated Basic Need Grant budget.

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 24 July and 11 September 2019.
2. To approve the following proposed virements over £0.5m:
 - £0.560m from Cross cutting savings budget in Corporate Core Directorate allocated across Directorates following work recently undertaken to rationalise the Council's senior structure and the level of vacancies held.
 - £2.692m Youth Service budget from Children's Services to Neighbourhood Services to reflect the change in reporting arrangements
3. To approve the following changes to the Manchester City Capital Programme:
 - Highways – Hyde Road. A capital budget virement of £1.254m is requested, funded by a transfer from the Highways Investment Plan budget.
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CC/19/71 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor N Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Igbon regarding hate crime figures between 2018-2019.

Councillor Rahman was not present to respond to a question from Councillor Igbon regarding arrangements for upgrading and maintenance of play equipment in smaller parks. Councillor Igbon was informed that a written response would be provided to the question.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Reid regarding the Council’s support for those involved with the Dell care home.

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

Councillor Ollerhead responded to a question from Councillor Stanton regarding the use of the airport dividend on future budgets.

Councillor Rahman was not present to respond to a question from Councillor Leech regarding Manchester Pride. Councillor Leech was informed that a written response would be provided to the question.

Councillor S Murphy responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding a commitment at the Labour Party Conference to end all powers to criminalise begging and rough sleeping.

Councillor Bridges responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding a Labour Party Conference decision on integration of private and independent schools.

Councillor Stogia replied to a question from Councillor Leech regarding consultation responses received on the Chorlton to Manchester City centre cycleway.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Johns regarding progress on the roll-out nationally of PrEP and public health funding.

Councillor Ollerhead responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding financial assistance for Remembrance events taking place outside of the city centre.

Councillor Leese responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding preparations for the potential impact Brexit on fuel supplies to schools and hospitals.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding the Council's commitment to sustainable travel and the climate emergency.

Councillor Akbar responded to a question from Councillor Wills regarding arrangements for the annual student clear out in Withington, Ladybarn and South East Fallowfield in June 2019.

CC/19/72 Scrutiny Minutes

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

Resources and Governance – 16 July and 3 September 2019
Health – 16 July and 3 September 2019
Children and Young People – 17 July and 4 September 2019
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 17 July and 4 September 2019
Economy – 18 July and 5 September 2019
Communities and Equalities – 18 July and 5 September 2019

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/19/73 Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Audit Committee – 30 July 2019
Health and Wellbeing Board – 3 July and 28 August 2019
Planning and Highways Committee – 25 July and 22 August 2019
Licensing Committee – 9 September 2019
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 9 September 2019
Personnel Committee – 24 September 2019
Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 2 October 2019

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

Personnel Committee – 24 September 2019

PE/19/22 Conditions of Employment and Grading of the Director of Population Health & Wellbeing

- To recommend to Council that the post of Director of Population Health & Wellbeing post is remunerated at Grade SS4 (£95,953 - £105,940) and assimilated to local government Chief Officer JNC terms and conditions of employment.

- To recommend to Council that the post holder be assimilated at the maximum point of SS4 (£105,940) to reflect both the current market rate for Directors of Public Health and to provide for a greater level of parity with other Manchester Health & Care Commissioning Executive Directors.
- To recommend that the Council notes and approves the intention of Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group (MCCG) to separately and independently make a direct additional payment of £5000 to the individual in respect of specific additional responsibilities that will be undertaken by the post holder on behalf of MCCG within the Manchester Health & Care Commissioning partnership.

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes.
2. To approve that the post of Director of Population Health & Wellbeing post is remunerated at Grade SS4 (£95,953 - £105,940) and assimilated to local government Chief Officer JNC terms and conditions of employment.
3. To approve that the post holder be assimilated at the maximum point of SS4 (£105,940) to reflect both the current market rate for Directors of Public Health and to provide for a greater level of parity with other Manchester Health & Care Commissioning Executive Directors.
4. To note and endorse the intention of Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group (MCCG) to separately and independently make a direct additional payment of £5000 to the individual in respect of specific additional responsibilities that will be undertaken by the post holder on behalf of MCCG within the Manchester Health & Care Commissioning partnership

CC/19/74 Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees

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

CC/19/75 Review of the Council Constitution

The Council considered the report of the City Solicitor regarding amendments to the Council Constitution.

Decision

1. Agree to suspend Procedural Rule 25.1 that relates to decisions made within the last six months.
2. Adopt, subject to 3 below, the attached revised Sections of the Constitution of the Council, namely:

- a) Part 2
 - b) Part 3: Sections A, B, C and F
 - c) Part 4: Sections A, B, D and E
 - d) Part 5
 - e) Part 6: Sections B, C, E, F and G
 - f) Part 8
3. Readopt the remainder of the Constitution.
4. 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 and F) are for the information of the Council only.

CC/19/76 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.