

Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 29 January 2020

Present:

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

Councillors:

Abdullatif, Akbar, Ahmed Ali, Azra, Ali N, Ali, Shaukat Ali, Alijah, Andrews, Appleby, Battle, Bridges, Butt, Chambers, Clay, Collins, Cooley, Craig, Curley, M Dar, Y Dar, Davies, Doswell, Douglas, Evans, Farrell, Flanagan, Grimshaw, Hacking, Hassan, Hewitson, Hitchen, Holt, Hughes, Igbon, Ilyas, Jeavons, Johns, S Judge, T Judge, Kamal, Karney, Kilpatrick, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leech, Leese, Lovecy, Lynch, Lyons, Ludford, McHale, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Mary Monaghan, N. Murphy, Newman, Noor, Ollerhead, H. Priest, B Priest, Rahman, Raikes, Rawlins, Rawson, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Richards, 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/20/01 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Death of Former Councillor Andy Harland

The Lord Mayor invited those present at the meeting to observe a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Andy Harland. Councillor Harland was elected in 2018 to serve the Clayton and Openshaw Ward and had represented Beswick and Clayton Ward. Between 1998 and 2001.

CC/20/02 Lord Mayor's Special Business – New Year's Honours List

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had written to the following people, who are either Mancunians or live or work in the city, to recognize and congratulate them on the honour they have received, as stated in the New Year's Honours list:

Warren Smith, JP	KCVO
Professor Jacqueline Kay,	CBE
Peter Saville	CBE
Carl Austin-Behan	OBE
Duncan Craig	OBE
Gerard Donnellan	OBE
Elaine Griffiths	OBE
Professor David Hulme	OBE
Jade Jones	OBE
Mohamed Ashraf Ali	OBE
Professor Adisa Azapagic	OBE

Nicholas Buckley	OBE
Michelle Proudman	OBE
Jill Louise Scott	OBE
Mike Walmsley	OBE
Pamela Corry	BEM
Gisela Feldman	BEM
Sonja Sternberg	BEM

CC/20/03 Lord Mayor's Special Business – Greater Manchester Mayor's Independent Review of the effectiveness of multi-agency responses to child exploitation in Greater Manchester

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Councillor to address the meeting regarding the Greater Manchester Mayor's Independent Review of the effectiveness of multi-agency responses to child exploitation in Greater Manchester. The Lord Mayor also invited Councillors Bridges, Craig, Karney, Cooley, Curley, Lovecy and Kilpatrick to speak on the matter.

CC/20/04 Motion without notice

Councillor Lovecy moved a motion without notice (Council Procedure Rule 19 (k)) to Suspend Council Procedure Rule(s) 14 – 14.12, in order for a motion to be proposed for the adoption by the Council of **'Our pledge to Manchester's children and young people and to their families'**.

Councillor Stone seconded the motion without notice.

(More than half of Councillors were present at the meeting when the notice without motion was moved (Council Procedure Rule 2.1))

Resolution

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

Decision

That Council Procedure Rule(s) 14 to 14.12 be suspended to allow the submission of a motion without notice concerning the adoption by Council of **'Our pledge to Manchester's children and young people and to their families'**:

CC/20/05 Motion Without Notice - Our pledge to Manchester's children and young people and to their families

Motion proposed and seconded:

This Council adopts the following pledge:

Our pledge to Manchester's children and young people and to their families

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Today, following the publication of the Greater Manchester Report into Operation Augusta, we publicly affirm our commitment, as Councillors, to do all we can to keep vulnerable children safe.

We therefore solemnly and collectively make the following pledge, which all councillors will individually sign:

1. We will support the victims and survivors of child sexual exploitation and abuse and make sure that our Council's services give them the help and protection they need and deserve.
2. We will ensure that our Council's services work closely with the Police so that offenders are prosecuted wherever possible, and so that the justice that was denied 15 years ago can now be fully sought
3. We will always put children's welfare first. We will take our duties as Councillors and Corporate Parents seriously and be persistent in scrutinising, challenging and supporting our Children's Services, to make sure they are the best they can be. We will act through Children and Young Persons Scrutiny, through our Corporate Parenting Panel, through Regulation 44 visits and we will share any information or intelligence as soon as possible.
4. We will undertake safeguarding training, so that we understand our statutory responsibilities as Councillors and know how to ask the right questions.
5. We recognise that the sexual exploitation and abuse of children is not something we can ever claim to have stamped out. It will keep coming back in different forms. We will therefore work to counter it within our communities and with our council officers and partner agencies so that changing forms of child sexual exploitation are identified, investigated, disrupted and prosecuted.

By signing this pledge, we are committing ourselves as Councillor to fulfil our safeguarding and corporate parenting responsibilities and we are committing our Council to fully support victims, seek prosecution of offenders and constantly challenge itself to improve the quality of the support services it provides for vulnerable children and young people.

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 at this point for ten minutes and resumed the meeting at 11:00am)

CC/20/06 Minutes

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting and of the special meeting held on 27 November 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CC/20/07 Notice of Motion – Fireworks

Motion proposed and seconded:

This Council notes:

- Fireworks are used by people throughout the year to mark different events. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant problems and fear for other people and animals.

This Council resolves:

- to seek to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people;
- to request that the City Solicitor investigate powers available to do so and report options back to Council at a future meeting;
- to ask the Chief Executive to write to the relevant Secretary of State urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays;
- to recommend to the Executive a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks;
- to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display.

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CC/20/08 Notice of Motion – No Vehicle Idling Zones

Motion proposed and seconded:

This Council Notes:

1. Poor air quality is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK with air pollution estimated to contribute to the equivalent of 181 deaths in Manchester every year.
2. Manchester is fully committed to improving the air we all breathe as quickly as possible and fully committed to taking action against catastrophic climate change.
3. In accordance to the ministerial direction Manchester City Council has developed and submitted collectively with the other 9 Greater Manchester local authorities and the GMCA, coordinated by TfGM and in line with government direction and guidance, proposals for a Greater Manchester wide Clean Air Zone in April 2019. The proposal includes a comprehensive package of measures to tackle poor air quality in the city, together with a multi-million clean air fund package to support people and local businesses to upgrade to a cleaner vehicle in order to support tackle poor air quality at the ‘shortest possible time’.
4. Government has yet to commit to Greater Manchester’s proposals for clean vehicle funds and implementation of the Clean Air Zone is some years away.

This Council resolves to:

1. Ask the Executive to consult with schools to look to Introduce enforceable “no vehicle idling” zones outside every school in the city - with at least four pilot zones in place by spring 2020.
2. Ask the Executive and Health and Wellbeing Board Work with our NHS partners, to look at extending “no vehicle idling” zones outside medical buildings, in hospital pick-up areas, and outside care homes.
3. Pilot, before spring 2020, the use of enforcement powers available to local authorities to tackle drivers who leave their engines running while stationary
4. Call on the government to take urgent action to launch a public consultation on proposals to impose tougher penalties on idling drivers; and
5. Call on the government to respond as a matter of urgency to GMCA’s Clean Air plan proposals for clean vehicle funds and clarify the legal criteria which Greater Manchester’s Clean Air Plan will be assessed.

Amendment moved and seconded / -

After Resolution 3 and before Resolution 4 add the following:

- Explore the feasibility of an ultra-low emission zone inside the Manchester/Salford Inner Ring Road.

- Investigate the potential for the prohibition of through-traffic inside the Inner Ring Road.
- Audit the signage and enforceability of the existing 20mph city centre zone.

Resolution

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

Decision

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3. Pilot, before spring 2020, the use of enforcement powers available to local authorities to tackle drivers who leave their engines running while stationary, and:
 - a) Explore feasibility of an ultra-low emission zone inside the Manchester/Salford Inner Ring Road;
 - b) Investigate the potential for the prohibition of through-traffic inside the Inner Ring Road; and
 - c) Audit the signage and enforceability of the existing 20 mph city centre zone.
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5. Call on the government to respond as a matter of urgency to GMCA's Clean Air plan proposals for clean vehicle funds and clarify the legal criteria which Greater Manchester's Clean Air Plan will be assessed.

CC/20/09 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 19 December and 15 January 2020 were submitted. The Council was asked to give particular consideration to the following recommendations:

Exe/19/105 Capital Programme

That the Council approve the following change to Manchester City Council's capital programme:

Public Sector Housing – Northwards – Harpurhey 200 Estate Internal Works. A capital budget virement of £0.936m is requested, funded by a transfer from Northwards Housing Programme budget.

Exe/20/08 Capital Programme Update

That the Council approve the following three changes to Manchester City Council's capital programme:

a) Children's Services – Special educational needs and disability (SEND) Expansions. A capital virement of £0.866m is requested from Education Basic Need Unallocated, funded by Government Grant.

b) Neighbourhoods – Abraham Moss Leisure Centre. A capital budget increase of £7.249m in 2021/22 is requested funded by borrowing, and revenue budget increase of £0.210m, funded by Capital Fund.

c) Children's Services – Acquisition of Land at Hyde Road. A capital budget increase of £13.169m is requested, initially funded by borrowing.

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes of the Executive held on 19 December 2019 and 15 January 2020.
2. To approve the following changes to the Manchester City Council's Capital Programme:

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Neighbourhoods – Abraham Moss Leisure Centre. A capital budget increase of £7.249m in 2021/22 is requested funded by borrowing, and revenue budget increase of £0.210m, funded by Capital Fund.

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CC/20/10 Questions to Executive Members under Procedural Rule 23

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Hitchen regarding NHS audiology provision arrangements in Miles Platting and Newton Heath.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Reid regarding the Dell Care Home.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Wills regarding the potential closure of a care home in Withington.

Councillor Rahman provided a response to a question from Councillor Stanton budget arrangements for post-16 education provision.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding the Council's proposals on particulate matter PM10 and PM2.5 and NO2.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding resident only parking zones.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick concerning the climate emergency and the progress of the Council's programme of ward engagement.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Kilpatrick regarding the loss of trees in the city over the last two decades.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Shilton-Godwin regarding progress on the introduction of clean air zones.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding blue badge applications.

Councillor Stogia responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the Government allocation of pothole funding.

Councillor Stogia replied to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the advertisement of the Great Ancoats Street improvement scheme.

Councillor Craig responded to a question from Councillor Leech regarding the number of residential beds in Manchester and Greater Manchester.

CC/20/11 Scrutiny Minutes

The minutes of the following Scrutiny Committee meetings were submitted:

Resources and Governance – 3 December 2019 and 7 January 2020
Health – 3 December 2019 and 7 January 2020
Children and Young People – 4 December 2019 and 8 January 2020
Neighbourhoods and Environment – 4 December 2019 and 8 January 2020
Economy – 5 December 2019 and 9 January 2020
Communities and Equalities – 5 December and 9 January 2020

Decision

To receive those minutes.

CC/20/12 Proceedings of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Licensing and Appeals Committee – 2 December 2019 and 20 January 2020
Licensing Committee – 20 January 2020
Personnel Committee – 5 December and 19 December 2019
Health and Wellbeing Board – 22 January 2020
Standards Committee – 16 January 2020
Planning and Highways Committee – 14 November and 19 December 2019
Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 29 January 2020

Audit Committee – 10 December 2019

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

AC/19/64 Draft Code of Governance

To recommend to Council that the revised Code of Corporate Governance be incorporated into the Council's Constitution, subject to the comments received.

(The Code of Corporate Governance report was considered, see minute number CC/20/10.)

Decisions

1. To receive those minutes.
2. 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
Economy Scrutiny		Councillor Douglas
Licensing Committee		Councillor Stone
Licensing Policy Committee	Councillor Taylor Councillor Leech	

Joint Bodies / GM Bodies and Committees		
COMMITTEE	MEMBER APPOINTED	MEMBER REMOVED
Joint Manchester-Trafford Health Scrutiny Committee		Councillor Wilson

3. To appoint Councillor Craig as the Deputy Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

CC/20/13 Code of Corporate Governance

The Council considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer regarding the revised draft Code of Corporate Governance which is accordance with published guidance.

The Audit Committee had previously considered the revised draft Code of Corporate Governance on 10 December 2019 and had recommended Council to incorporate the Code into the Council Constitution.

Decisions

1. To approve the Revised Code of Corporate Governance.
2. To incorporate the revised Code of Corporate Governance within the Council Constitution.

CC/20/14 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.