

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the City Council held on Wednesday 19th May 2010

Present: The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor
Councillor Alison Firth – In the Chair

Akbar, Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Ankers, Ashley, Barnes, Barrett, J. Battle, R. Battle, Bethell, Bhatti, Boyes, Bracegirdle, Burns, Cameron, Carmody, Chamberlain, Chohan, Chowdhury, Clayton, Commons, Cooper, Cox, Curley, Di Mauro, Dobson, Donaldson, Eakins, Evans, Fairweather, Fender, H. Fisher, W. Fisher, Flanagan, Glover, Grant, Green, Hackett, Hassan, Helsby, Hennigan, Hitchen, Jones, Judge, Karney, Keegan, Keller, Khan, Kirkpatrick, Leese, Lewis, Longsdon, Loughman, Lyons, McCulley, Morrison, M. Murphy, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, O'Callaghan, O'Connor, Barbara O'Neil, Brian O'Neil, Pearcey, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Ramsbottom, Reeves, Reid, Richards, Royle, Ryan, Sandiford, Shannon, Shaw, Siddiqi, Smith, Smitheman, Swannick, Tavernor, Taylor, Trotman, Walters, Watson, Wheale, Whitmore and Lianne Williams.

Also Present: Honorary Alderman Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw.

CC/10/39 Recording of Proceedings

In accordance with Procedural Rule 28, the Council agreed to the proceedings being filmed and for photographs to be taken during the meeting.

CC/10/40 Election of Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Mark Hackett having been nominated, the Council voted by acclamation.

The Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Mark Hackett was elected Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Hackett then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Council adjourned briefly whilst the new Lord Mayor was robed.

On resuming, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Mark Hackett, took the Oath of Allegiance, was invested with the Badge of his office, and addressed the Council.

CC/10/41 Chair

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Councillor Mark Hackett **(In the Chair)**

CC/10/42 Thanks to retiring Lord Mayor

A vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor was moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Karney.

The Lord Mayor then presented a Former Lord Mayor badge to the retiring Lord Mayor, and the Lady Mayoress (Sheila Sanders) presented the Lord Mayor's Consort with his commemorative badge.

Councillor Firth then responded.

Decision

To extend the sincere thanks of the Council to Councillor Alison Firth, the retiring Lord Mayor, for her valuable services to the City of Manchester during her term of office, and to Mr Andrew Fox, the retiring Consort, for the work which he has undertaken to support her.

CC/10/43 Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the office of Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillor Harold Lyons having been nominated, the Council voted thereon by acclamation, and the Lord Mayor declared that he had been appointed.

Councillor Lyons then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Badge of Office.

CC/10/44 Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had consented to the Minutes of the meeting of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 18th May 2010 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

Decision

To consider the item referred to above as urgent business.

CC/10/45 Welcome

The Lord Mayor extended a welcome to schoolchildren from St Ambrose RC Primary School.

CC/10/46 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2010 were approved as a correct

record and signed by the Lord Mayor,

CC/10/47 Election of Councillors and Order of Seniority

The Council noted the election of the following councillors at the election held on 6th May 2010 –

Ward	Councillor elected
Ancoats and Clayton	Jim Battle
Ardwick	Mavis Smitheman
Baguley	Edward McCulley
Bradford	John Longsdon
Brooklands	Sue Murphy
Burnage	Bill Fisher
Charlestown	Veronica Kirkpatrick
Cheetham	Naeem ul Hassan
Chorlton	Victor Chamberlain
Chorlton Park	Norman Lewis
City Centre	Elaine Boyes
Crumpsall	Jon-Leigh Pritchard
Didsbury East	Andrew Taylor
Didsbury West	Mark Clayton
Fallowfield	Mike Amesbury
Gorton North	Nilofar Siddiqi
Gorton South	Julie Reid
Harpurhey	Paul Fairweather
Higher Blackley	Anna Trotman
Hulme	Nigel Murphy
Levenshulme	James Hennigan
Longsight	Suzanne Richards
Moss Side	Roy Walters
Moston	Rita Tavernor
Miles Platting and Newton Heath	John Flanagan
Northenden	Mary Di Mauro
Old Moat	Suzannah Reeves
Rusholme	Rabnawaz Akbar
Sharston	Hugh Barrett
Whalley Range	Mary Watson
Withington	Simon Wheale
Woodhouse Park	Eddy Newman

The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillors Bill Fisher, Victor Chamberlain, Andrew Taylor, James Hennigan, Mary Di Mauro, Suzannah Reeves, Rabnawaz Akbar, Julie Reid and Suzanne Richards to their first meeting of the Council and hoped that they would find membership of the Council interesting and rewarding.

The Lord Mayor also referred to Councillors John Bridges and Richard Cowell who were not returned to office, and on behalf of the Council he extended thanks to them for the contribution that they had made to the work of the Council.

Council also noted the revised order of seniority of members of the Council.

CC/10/48 Election of Leader of the Council

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for election as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Richard Leese was proposed and seconded.
Councillor Simon Ashley was proposed and seconded.

the Council having voted thereon by show of hands, the Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Richard Leese was elected –

Decision

To elect Councillor Richard Leese as Leader of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

CC/10/49 Appointment of the Executive

A report of the Leader of the Council was then circulated on the appointment of the Deputy Leader, Substitute Deputy Leader, Executive Members and their portfolios, and Assistant Executive Members.

Decision

1. To note the appointment of Councillor J. Battle as Deputy Leader with a portfolio consisting of crime, disorder and the Respect Agenda, performance (LAA/LPSA.CPA/MIP etc)
2. To note the appointment of Councillor S. Murphy as Substitute Deputy Leader with a portfolio consisting of community cohesion and social inclusion; equal opportunities; ward coordination; valuing older people, and the voluntary sector.
3. To note the appointment of Executive Members and their portfolios -

Culture and Leisure	Councillor Amesbury	Cultural Strategy; Galleries and Museums, Sport and sport development; External arts; Sports Bodies; Indoor/outdoor leisure. Open spaces and cemeteries.
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Children's Services	Councillor S. Newman	Schools; early years; 14-19; children and families; responsibility for all matters affecting children and young people (every Child Matters)
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		Lead member under Section 19 of the Children's Act 2004.
Employment and Skills	Councillor Keegan	Employment and Skills; Lifelong learning and adult education; Local economic development and social enterprise, and support to Children's Services on youth services/Connexions.
Finance & Human Resources	Councillor Priest	Budget; Council Tax and Benefits; Land and Property; Corporate Personnel; Resource procurement, and HATS.
Adult Services	Councillor Evans	Adult Social Care; Health; Asylum seekers, and supporting people.
Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Andrews	Housing; neighbourhood management including management of physical environment and Environmental Services; markets and highways.
Environment	Councillor Nigel Murphy	Transport policy including parking; green issues including waste strategy and collection; planning and licensing policy.

4. To note the appointment of the following as Assistant Executive Members -

Adult Services	Councillor Naeem Ul-Hassan
Arts and Leisure	Councillor Rosa Battle
Children's Services	Councillor Afzal Khan
Employment and Skills	Councillor Sameem Ali
Environment	Councillor David Royle
Finance and Human Resources	Councillor Jeff Smith
Neighbourhood Services	Councillor John Longsdon

CC/10/50 Appointment of Committees

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 18th May 2010.

CC/10/51 Appointments to Joint Boards and Joint Committees

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 18th May 2010.

CC/10/52 Questions to Executive Members

The Lord Mayor reported that no questions had been received.

CC/10/53 Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

The Annual Report of the work of Overview and Scrutiny Committees was submitted.

Decision

To receive the Annual Report.

CC/10/54 Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted:-

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 18th May 2009

Planning and Highways Committee – 8th April 2010

Wythenshawe Area Committee – 25th March 2010

Decision

1. To approve the Minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 18th May 2010, and to –
 - To note the guidance of Standards for England as to terms for the period of office of independent members of standards committees, to note the position as to the terms for the period of office of the current independent members of the Standards Committee, and to agree that new appointments be made in accordance with the guidance produced by Standards for England.
 - To agree that as a transitional arrangement, the terms of office of the existing independent members of Standards Committee be extended by one year and limits imposed on their further membership of the Standards Committee.
2. To note the minutes of the other meetings referred to above.

CC/10/55 Dates of Meetings

Council noted the dates of the Council meetings during 2010/11, viz:

14 July 2010	13 October 2010	8 December 2010
2 February 2011	9 March 2011 (Budget meeting)	30 March 2011

and to agree that the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2011 will be on 18th May 2011.

CC/10/56 Council Constitution 2010/2011

The Leader of the Council moved the recommendations in the City Solicitor's report and informed Council that he was delegating all of the Council's executive functions to the Executive. The Executive would then be recommended to delegate various executive functions to officers as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution, and, in the interim, he delegated those functions to those officers until the first meeting of the Executive on 2nd June, 2010 so that the business of the Council could continue.

Decision/-

1. To approve the Constitution for 2010/2011 as attached to the report of the City Solicitor to Council.
2. To note the delegation by the Leader of all of the Council's executive functions to the Executive, and the interim delegation to officers of those functions in Part 3 of the Constitution pending the first meeting of the Executive on 2nd June 2010, so that the business of the Council can continue.

CC/10/57 Questions in accordance with Procedural Rule 24

No questions were raised on the work of the Greater Manchester Police Authority, Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority and the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority.

CC/10/58 Key Decisions excluded from Call-in

The Council noted a report of the City Solicitor.

CC/10/59 Civic Sunday

The Lord Mayor reminded the Council that Civic Sunday would take place at Manchester Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday 23rd May 2010.

City Solicitor

Lord Mayor
Chair of the Meeting of the Council