

Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on Wednesday 1 February 2012

Present: The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor Councillor Lyons – in the Chair

Councillors: Ahmed, Akbar, Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Austin, Barrett, J. Battle, R. Battle, Boyes, Carmody, Chamberlain, Chappel, Chohan, Clayton, Cookson, Cooley, Cooper, Cowell, Cox, Craig, Curley, Di Mauro, Eakins, Ellison, Evans, Fairweather, Fender, Fisher, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Glover, Grant, Green, Hackett, Hassan, Hennigan, Hitchen, Hughes, Hyde, Jones, Judge, Karney, Keegan, Keller, Khan, Kirkpatrick, Leese, Lewis, Longsdon, Loughman, Lone, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, Barbara O'Neil, Brian O'Neil, Pagel, Paul, Pearcey, Peel, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Ramsbottom, Rawlins, Razaq, Reeves, Richards, Royle, Ryan, Sandiford, Shannon, Shaw, Siddiqi, Simcock, Smith, Smitheman, Strong, Swannick, Tavernor, Trotman, Walters, Watson and Wheale.

Honorary Alderman of the City of Manchester: Peter Morrison

CC/12/01 Urgent Business

The Chair informed the Council that he had consented to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 1 February 2012 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

CC/12/02 Filming of the Proceedings

The Council gave permission for the proceedings to be filmed.

CC/12/03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council on 7 December 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CC/12/04 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 21 December 2011 and 18 January 2012 were submitted. The Council considered the following recommendations –

Capital Programme – Proposed Increases – To approve increases in the capital budget as follows:

- a. Chief Executives Regeneration New East Manchester – Sharp Project (Digital Media Centre): to increase the capital budget by £584,000 in 2011/12, funded from the Capital Fund.

- b. Corporate Services – Asset Management Application: to increase the capital budget by £35k in 2011/12, funded by Revenue.
- c. Strategic Housing (Private) – West Gorton Regeneration Programme Phase 1: to increase the capital budget by £2.08m in 2011/12, funded by £800,000 HCA, £435,000 capital receipts and £845,000 Section 22 contributions.
- d. Strategic Housing (Private) – Totes Bookmakers Bell Crescent CPO: To increase the capital budget by £211,000 in 2011/12, funded by ring-fenced capital receipts.

Decisions

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2. To approve increases in the capital budget as follows:
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CC/12/05 Questions to Executive Members

The Executive Member for the Environment, Councillor Nigel Murphy, responded to a question from Councillor Peel regarding the progress with the introduction of a new residents’ parking permit scheme for the City Centre.

CC/12/06 Overview and Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Children and Young People – 13 December 2011 and 10 January 2012
Citizenship and Inclusion – 14 December 2011 and 11 January 2012
Communities and Neighbourhoods – 13 December 2011 and 10 January 2012
Economy, Employment and Skills – 14 December 2011 and 11 January 2012
Health and Wellbeing – 15 December 2011 and 12 January 2012
Resources and Governance – 15 December 2011 and 12 January 2012

Decision

To receive the minutes

CC/12/07 Committee Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 1 February 2012

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes.
2. To approve the recommendation on the appointment of Mr Tench as a co-opted member of the Audit Committee until 31 January 2015.
3. To approve the recommendation on the appointments to committees as set out in the minutes.

Audit Committee – 26 January 2012
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 19 December 2011 and 23 January 2012
Licensing Committee – 19 December 2011
Personnel Committee – 18 January 2012
Planning and Highways Committee – 22 December 2011 and 19 January 2012
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 26 January 2012
Standards Committee – 16 January 2012

Decision

To receive the minutes.

(Councillor Clayton declared a personal interest in Planning and Highways Committee items PH/11/53 and PH/12/04, applications 097786, 097787 and 097417. Councillor Ellison declared a prejudicial interest in Planning and Highways Committee items PH/11/53, applications 097342 and 097417; and PH/12/04, application 097417. Councillor Shaw declared a prejudicial interest in Planning and Highways Committee items PH/11/53 and PH/12/04, applications 097786, 097787 and 097417).

CC/12/08 Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees

No questions had been submitted in accordance with Procedural Rule 24.

CC/12/09 Key Decisions Exempt from Call-In

Decision

To note the report of the City Solicitor.

CC/12/10 Motion – Manchester Employment and Economy

Motion made and seconded:

This council notes:

- The employment forecast report that was examined by the Employment, Economy and Skills committee on the 11th January showing that Manchester achieved peak employment last year.
- That the report forecasts that Manchester employment will continue to rapidly grow over the next ten years, adding 41,400 new jobs, more than twice as many new jobs added in the previous ten years.

This council resolves:

- To work closely with the Government to ensure employment continues to rise in Manchester, specifically:
 - (a) Encourage as many partners and employers in Manchester to sign up to the Deputy Prime Minister's Youth Contract initiative, which will deliver £1bn worth of funding for over 410,000 work places for 18-24 year olds from April this year.
 - (b) Work closely with the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills in ensuring that Manchester businesses in the green sector attain funding from the £3bn allocated to the Green Investment Bank starting from April this year.
 - (c) Reverse the Council policy to abstain from using the Community Infrastructure Levy so that it can unlock vital investment in our local infrastructure.
 - (d) Work with our AGMA partners and the Treasury to unlock funding from the Greater Manchester Pension Fund for local infrastructure projects such as the Transpennine Express line between Manchester and Leeds and the M56 Manchester Airport link.

Amendment made and seconded:

Delete all, replace with:

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- That the Council is already working with GMPF to find funding to support infrastructure spend, but this should not be as a substitute for Lib.Dem/Tory government cuts.
- That the Council has not adopted a policy to not use the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Council further notes:

- The success of the Future Jobs Fund, which resulted in paid work placements for 1500 young Mancunians, with more than half going on to permanent employment or training. The cancellation of this programme by the Lib Dem/Tory coalition resulted in a large increase in youth unemployment in Greater Manchester.
- The Coalition Government's announcement of the Youth Contract. This will provide mainly work experience places and some subsidised jobs, not the fully funded jobs with training of Future Jobs Fund.

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Resolution:

The amendment, having been put and voted upon, the Lord Mayor declared that it was CARRIED.

The motion, as amended, was put as the substantive motion and the Lord Mayor declared that it was CARRIED.

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CC/12/11 Motion – Twenty's Plenty

Motion made and seconded:

This Council notes:

- the “20’s Plenty for Manchester” campaign group that proposes a 20mph default speed limit where people live, without traffic calming, such as has been introduced by many Liberal Democrat administrations like in Portsmouth, the UK’s first 20mph City.
- in 2010, 166 people were killed or seriously injured on Manchester's roads and there were 1,962 road casualties in total.
- the success in bringing down road casualties in recent years from the 284 people killed or seriously injured on Manchester's roads in 2005. However, much more must be done to reduce this figure further.
- the importance of reduced speed in reducing the risk for pedestrians and other road users.
- research from UK and abroad that has shown city-wide urban speed limits around 20mph have: significantly reduced speeds in just the first year of operation; after several years in operation reduced urban accident rates by up to two-thirds (with numbers killed and seriously injured reduced by even more); encouraged walking and cycling, especially for the elderly and younger children; benefited communities, with residents a quarter more likely to stop and talk on footpaths; increased the journey time of a 15 minute journey by just 1 minute; reduced vehicle emissions by 12% due to less acceleration and deceleration; and been supported by 72% of drivers surveyed as part of the British Social Attitudes Survey.
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This Council welcomes:

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This Council believes:

- that the implementation of a city-wide speed limit of 20mph on all non-major residential roads, combined with a public information campaign and innovative inexpensive traffic calming, would have an immediate beneficial impact on accidents and fatalities in the City.

This Council:

- directs officers to produce a report for the Executive on the feasibility of implementing a city-wide 20mph limit on all residential roads, excluding major routes as appropriate.

Resolution:

The motion, being given the unanimous support of the Council, the Lord Mayor declared that it was CARRIED.

Decisions:

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CC/12/12 Motion – Save Withington Green

The Lord Mayor announced that the motion included on the published order of business for the meeting had been withdrawn by the proposer prior to the start of the meeting.