



City Council

Date: 11th July 2007
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Council Chamber, Level 3, Town Hall Extension,
Albert Square, Manchester. M60 2LA

Special meeting of the Council

Admission of Mr John Smith to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester

To consider the following Motion to be moved by the Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor (Councillor Glynn Evans) and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Mavis Smitheman) and then

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 -

John Smith Esq.,

who rendered meritorious service to the City as a councillor for over 40 years.

The Council recalls that John Smith was first elected as Councillor for the Newton Heath Ward of the City in May 1971 and he continued to serve the ward until 2000 when he was returned as Councillor for the Bradford Ward, which he has served until his retirement from the City Council in May 2007.

During his membership of the Council Mr Smith has served on numerous committees of the Council, including Housing, Policy, Social Services, Community Regeneration and Environmental Services. He was Chair of the Housing Committee between 1979-84 and served severally as Deputy Chair of the Housing, Environmental Health and Licensing Committees.

The Council notes that he had also represented the Council on many outside organisations, including the Greater Manchester Fire and Civil Defence Authority, Henshaw's Society for the Blind, and many others too numerous to mention.

In 1994-95 he acted as Consort to his wife, Councillor Sheila Smith, when she was elected to the high office of Lord Mayor of Manchester, and supported her in the discharge of the many duties and functions of that office.



Then in 2001/2002 he was himself elected to the high office of Lord Mayor of Manchester, which he served with dignity and distinction and as a sterling ambassador for the city both at home and overseas.

The Council acknowledges that his commitment and faithful service to his fellow citizens, and to supporting the development of strong and vibrant communities has been the cornerstone of his public service for over 36 years, and is pleased to note that his equally faithful service to the holy Catholic Church has been recognised by His Holiness Pope John Paul 11 with the award of the Cross pro Ecclesia et Pontifice.

Mr Smith's ability, integrity, affability and enthusiasm for the public service have earned for him the highest regard and respect of everyone who knows him, and in the opinion of the members of the Council, John Smith is a distinguished former colleague 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, John Smith Esq., be and is hereby admitted to be an Honorary Alderman of the City.

This meeting will be followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Council to transact the following business –

1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

2. Long Service award

To present a Long Service medal to Councillor Peter Morrison marking 25 years service as a councillor in Manchester.

3. By-Election

The Council noted the election of Councillor Veronica Kirkpatrick at the by-election held in the Charlestown Ward on 14 June 2007.

4. Proceedings of the Executive

To note the proceedings of the Executive on 30 May and 27 June 2007



5. Questions to Executive Members

6. Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

To noted the Minutes of the following meetings –

Children and Young People – 22 May and 19 June 2007
Citizenship and Inclusion – 23 May and 20 June 2007
Communities and Neighbourhoods – 22 May and 19 June 2007
Economy, Employment and Skills – 23 May and 20 June 2007
Health and Well-being – 24 May and 21 June 2007
Resources and Governance – 24 May and 21 June 2007

7. Minutes of Committees of the Council

To consider the Minutes of the following meetings–

Audit Committee – 1 and 29 June 2007
Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 11 July 2007
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 4 June 2007
Personnel Committee – 20 June 2007
Planning & Highways Committee – 31 May and 28 June 2007
Standards Committee – 25 June 2007
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 24 May and 29 June 2007

8. Business of Joint Authorities

To consider questions were raised in accordance with Procedural Rule 24 on the business of Greater Manchester Fire and Civil Defence Authority, Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority, Greater Manchester Police Authority, and Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority.

9. Revised Model Code of Conduct for Members

To consider a report of the City Solicitor in relation to the revised Model Code which came into force on 3 May 2007, and proposals for the City Council to adopt the revised Code in place of the existing Code.



10. Key Decisions exempted from call-in

The Council noted a report of the City Solicitor.

11. War in Iraq

To consider the following Motion

The Council welcomes the three events that took part in the City Centre on Sunday 24 June: the special Labour Party conference, the protest march by the Stop the War Coalition, the Veterans' Day celebrations at the Town Hall.

This Council regrets

- 1) The deaths of over 150 British servicemen and servicewomen in Iraq including casualties from Greater Manchester.
- 2) The enormous loss of life of Iraqi civilians.

This Council believes

- 1) That there should be a controlled exit of British Troops from Iraq.
That exit must be done in such a way as to minimise risks to other coalition forces and also avoid exacerbating the violence.

This Council reiterates

- 1) Our opposition to Britain's involvement in the war in Iraq.

This Council resolves to lobby the new Prime Minister for the withdrawal of British Troops from Iraq.