

Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on Wednesday 11 July

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

Councillors: Adams, Akbar, A. Ali, N. Ali, Sameen Ali, Shaukat Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Austin, Barrett, J. Battle, R. Battle, Boyes, Carmody, Chamberlain, Chappel, Chohan, Clayton, Cookson, Cooley, Cooper, Cowell, Cox, Craig, Curley, Davies, Di Mauro, Evans, Fender, W. Fisher, Flanagan, Fletcher-Hackwood, Gillard, Green, Grimshaw, Hackett, Hassan, Hennigan, Hitchen, Hughes, Hyde, Judge, Kamal, Karney, Khan, Kirkpatrick, Lanchbury, Leese, Lewis, Longsdon, Loughman, Lone, Lyons, Midgley, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman, S. Newman, O'Callaghan, Ollerhead, Barbara O'Neil, Paul, Peel, Priest, Pritchard, Raikes, Rawlins, Razaq, Reeves, Reid, Royle, Siddiqi, Simcock, Shone, Smith, Smitheman, Stogia, Stone, Swannick, Tavernor, Taylor, Trotman, Walters, Watson and Wheale

Honorary Aldermen of the City of Manchester-
Peter Morrison and Keith Whitmore

CC/12/54 Filming of the Proceedings

The Council gave permission for the proceedings to be filmed.

CC/12/55 Urgent Business

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that she had consented to the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 11 July 2012 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

CC/12/56 Honoured Mancunians

The Lord Mayor told the Council that she had written letters of congratulations to those Mancunians who had been honoured by Her Majesty The Queen in the New Year's Honours list.

- Peter Fahy, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, who received a knighthood.
- Dr Yogesh Virmani, JP, who received the MBE for services to community relations.

CC/12/57 Presentations on Welfare Reform

Presentations on Welfare Reform, including:

- the key elements of the new systems;
- the key issues and themes to be developed in response to the changes;
- impacts on residents and communities

were received from Julie Price, the Head of Revenues and Benefits in the Council, from Karen Dyson of the Citizens Advice Bureau, and from Nigel Wilson, the Chief Executive of Parkway Green Housing Trust.

On behalf of the Council the Lord Mayor thanked the speakers for their contributions to the meeting.

CC/12/58 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council on 16 May 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

CC/12/59 Proceedings of the Executive

The proceedings of the Executive on 30 May 2012 and the proceedings of the 27 June 2012 were submitted. The Council considered the following recommendations –

Redevelopment of the Abraham Moss Centre

To approve the proposed funding of the £8.88m capital investment from existing resources within the Capital Programme and the virement of £2m from the Building Schools for the Future Programme.

Local Development Framework: Core Strategy

To adopt the “Core Strategy Development Plan Document 2012 to 2027” and accompanying Proposals Map dated May 2012, which incorporate the modifications recommended by the Planning Inspector and other additional modifications that do not materially affect the policies.

Miscellaneous and Residual Properties

To authorise the City Solicitor to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State to the transfer of Rose Cottage, Wythenshawe, a tenanted property to Willow Park Housing Trust.

To authorise an increase to the Housing Capital programme of £72,000 in order to accommodate the additional capital works. This to be funded from the capital receipts received as part of the disposals.

Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document:

To approve the Main Modifications to the Minerals Plan and the subsequent period of public consultation.

To note the additional Minor Modifications to the Minerals Plan and the implications for the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment.

Decisions

1. To note the proceedings of the Executive

2. To approve the proposed funding of the £8.88m capital investment from existing resources within the Capital Programme and the virement of £2m from the Building Schools for the Future Programme.
3. To adopt the “Core Strategy Development Plan Document 2012 to 2027” and accompanying Proposals Map dated May 2012, which incorporate the modifications recommended by the Planning Inspector and other additional modifications that do not materially affect the policies.
4. To authorise the City Solicitor to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State to the transfer of Rose Cottage, Wythenshawe, a tenanted property to Willow Park Housing Trust.
5. To authorise an increase to the Housing Capital programme of £72,000 in order to accommodate the additional capital works. This to be funded from the capital receipts received as part of the disposals.
6. To approve the Main Modifications to the Minerals Plan and the subsequent period of public consultation.
7. To note the additional Minor Modifications to the Minerals Plan and the implications for the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment.

(Councillor E Newman declared a personal interest in relation to EXE/12/072)

CC/12/60 Questions to Executive Members

The Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources responded to a question from Councillor Chamberlain.

CC/12/61 Scrutiny Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Young People and Children – 22 May and 19 June 2012
Communities – 23 May and 20 June 2012
Neighbourhoods – 22 May and 19 June 2012
Economy – 23 May and 20 June 2012
Health – 24 May and 21 June 2012
Finance – 24 May and 21 June 2012

Decision

To receive the minutes

CC/12/62 Committee Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 11 July 2012

Councillor Curley reported an amendment to the proposals set out in the minutes to include Councillor Ollerhead as a member of the Audit Committee.

Decisions

1. To receive the minutes.
2. To approve the recommendations in relation to Membership of Council committees and Joint Committees.

Audit Committee – 7 June 2012

Licensing and Appeals Committee – 11 June and 2 July 2012

Licensing Committee – 11 June and 2 July 2012

Personnel Committee – 30 May and 27 June 2012

Planning and Highways Committee – 24 May and 28 June 2012

Standards Committee – 25 June 2012

Wythenshawe Area Committee – 24 May and 28 June 2012

Decision

To receive the minutes.

CC/12/63 Business of the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities and Joint Committees

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

CC/12/64 Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Adoption

The Council dealt with the recommendations in the proceedings of the Executive.

CC/12/65 Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Publication Draft

The Council dealt with the recommendations in the proceedings of the Executive.

CC/12/66 Constitution of the Council – Financial Regulations – Minor Amendments

A report of the City Solicitor and the City Treasurer was submitted, together with the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee of 11 July 2012, which proposed minor amendments to the Financial Regulations at Part 5, Sections A, B, C and D of the Council's 2012 Constitution.

Decision

To adopt the amended Part 5, Section A, B, C and D of the Council's 2012 Constitution.

CC/12/67 The Localism Act 2011 – New Code of Conduct for Members and the Arrangements to Deal With Complaints

A report of the City Solicitor was submitted, together with the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee of 11 July 2012, which proposed a new Code of Conduct for Members and arrangements for investigating and deciding upon complaints against members, pursuant to the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Standards Committee of 25 June 2012 and -

1. to adopt the new Code of Conduct for Members as set out at Appendix 1 of the report, with an amendment to paragraph 11.1 to the effect that existing members of the Council should notify the Monitoring Officer of their personal interests within two months of the adoption of this Code (rather than 28 days);
2. adopt the new Arrangements for dealing with complaints about Members under the Code of Conduct for Members as set out at Appendix 2 of the report;
3. delegate to the Monitoring Officer the making of arrangements for the recruitment and selection of at least two Independent Persons (whose appointment must then be approved by a majority of the Council);
4. agree to establish and appoint a new Standards Committee, composed of 6 elected Members of Manchester City Council, 1 Member of Ringway Parish Council and 2 Co-opted Independent Members (with one of the Co-opted Independent Members as Chair), and delegates to the new Standards Committee responsibility for the discharge of the functions set out at Appendix 3 of the report;
5. delegate to the Monitoring Officer responsibility for the discharge of the functions set out at Appendix 4 of the report;
6. agree to amend the Councils Procedure Rules and Executive Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution as set out in Appendix 5 of the report in order to give effect to the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Members in relation to the notification and disclosure of interests and withdrawal from a meeting where a Member has either a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest;
7. authorise the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential changes to the Council's Constitution to reflect the above decisions;
8. request the Monitoring Officer to arrange training for Members on the new Code of Conduct and the new Arrangements;

9. request the Standards Committee to keep the operation of the new Code of Conduct and Arrangements under review.

CC/12/68 Motion – Domestic Violence

Motion made and seconded:

Council:

Notes that following Royal Assent of the Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act on 1 May 2012, funding to not for profit Legal Aid providers has been significantly reduced.

Further notes that local authority's funding has been significantly reduced and is having to make difficult decisions regarding funding for the voluntary sector.

Believes that changes to support for sufferers of domestic violence will mean victims are denied legal representation.

Believes that this will impact on domestic violence provision will put women's lives in danger.

Calls on the Government to rethink this policy-

And for the Council to work with CABs to provide this service in areas in the city with the highest levels of domestic violence.

Commends the work the voluntary sector and not for profit providers do in providing advice and support to victims of domestic violence.

Commits to supporting the continued work of these providers to mitigate against the impact of the Government's short sighted bill.

Amendment made and seconded

Delete final paragraph and replace with:

"Commits to supporting the continued work of these providers to monitor and where necessary mitigate against any adverse impact of the Government's Act"

Resolution:

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

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

Decisions:

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CC/12/69 Motion – Recognising Manchester's Musical Contribution

Motion made and seconded:

This Council notes that:

The Government's Plan For Growth, published alongside the Budget specifically identified the UK's creative industries and tourism amongst sectors with the greatest potential to drive economic growth.

UK Music has challenged public bodies "to realise the potential of this considerable economic asset."

More than 100,000 people in the UK derive their main source of income from the music industry.

Manchester has just seen nearly a quarter of million people enjoying the Stone Roses reunion homecoming concerts at Heaton Park.

Manchester has a varied, vibrant and independent music scene.

Manchester has a rich musical heritage which has contributed and continues to contribute to numerous musical movements.

The fantastic work done by Manchester Tourist Guides, writers such as Dave Haslam and John Robb and the Manchester Music Archive and many websites in setting off an explosion of interest in Manchester's musical heritage.

Manchester musicians are ambassadors for our city and have raised the profile of the city around the world.

That it was thirty years ago that the Hacienda Club opened and The Smiths were formed.

Manchester could and should do more to celebrate its diverse musical culture and heritage.

This Council Resolves:

To permanently recognise the cultural and economic value of Manchester's pop and rock music heritage by looking at all options for setting up a Manchester Music Hall of Fame in the city.

To set up an Induction process for the Manchester Music Hall of Fame to consider inducting the Smiths this year - thirty years after they were formed.

To work with Marketing Manchester and Manchester Tourist Guides to promote the concept of a Manchester Music Hall of Fame.

To work with the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, MIDAS and the New Economy and the wider business community to link all of Manchester's music based businesses into the promotion of Manchester's music scene and its' musical heritage across the world.

To explore all opportunities to develop Manchester's brilliant Music Archive.

To work with all interested partners to develop a musical heritage plaque scheme and all other bright ideas such as renaming the Hulme footbridge with a Joy Division connection.

To ask the Chief Executive to report back as soon as possible with proposals that push forward the full recognition of Manchester's musical heritage and the importance of Manchester's music scene to our economic future.

Amendment made and seconded

Delete all, replace with:

This Council notes that Manchester continues to be a vibrant cultural city with a proud eclectic musical and creative heritage.

We recognise the work of organisations such as In the City and more recently Future Everything, both supported by this Council, in keeping Manchester at the heart of cutting edge of musical talent and attracting senior music professionals from around the world to the City.

Council notes the continued contribution that the Council makes to Band on the Wall enabling Manchester to celebrate our musical heritage while encouraging emerging new music professionals.

We note that Manchester's musical heritage spans a range of music genres which is recognised by support of organisations such as The Halle, Camerata, Royal Northern College of Music, BBC Philharmonic, Cheetham's School of Music, Music Stuff and Bridgewater Hall.

The Council resolves to continue to support the cultural economy, the music scene - including Manchester's musical heritage, and creative industries in the City.

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.

Decision

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(Councillor Raikes declared a personal interest in this item)

CC/12/70 Motion – Manchester Council for Community Relations role and funding

Motion made and seconded:

This Council notes:

That the Manchester Council for Community Relations has played a vital role in promoting community cohesion in Manchester for 46 years.

This Council believes:

That working together successfully across Manchester's diverse communities is one of the city's huge strengths.

This Council thanks:

The Manchester Council for Community Relations for their long record of achievement in bringing our communities together.

Council however notes:

With great concern that a result of the Council's overall review of infrastructure support to the Third Sector has been to see the funding of Manchester Council for Community Relations, through this route, fall from £133,000 in 2011/12 to nil in 2012/13.

In light of our concern, this Council agrees:

To ask the Chief Executive to urgently look again at ways of funding MCCR's critical work in promoting community cohesion in our city without compromising the funding of other infrastructure support, provided by the City Council, to the Third Sector.

Amendment made and seconded

Delete all and replace with:

This Council notes:

The huge contribution that third sector organisations of all kinds make to Manchester.

That during a public consultation in 2010 more than 80% of third sector organisations found infrastructure support to be confusing, fragmented and poorly co-ordinated. As a result, it was determined to consolidate and improve provision.

Following an exercise led by third sector organisations and facilitated independently, an agreement was reached on a new set of services to provide volunteering, community engagement and commissioning support for the third sector. All organisations were consulted as part of this process.

Council resolves:

To continue to listen to third sector organisations in the city

To continue to work with them to provide the support they need to enable them to provide high quality services to Manchester residents.

Resolution:

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

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(Councillor Rawlins declared a personal interest in this item)

CC/12/71 Motion – Withington Green and Village Green registration

Motion made and seconded:

This City Council notes:

That the maps of Withington dating back to 1845 clearly show Withington Green in its current location as a village green at the southern gateway to Withington Village.

This City Council also notes:

The massive and rapidly growing interest of Manchester residents in celebrating and recognising the history of their city and the sites and buildings that form part of that history.

This Council welcomes:

The very hard work of local residents in South Manchester who are seeking to see Withington Green registered as a Village Green.

This Council believes:

That Withington Green is one of the best examples of an historic Village Green in the city.

Council therefore resolves:

To remove its opposition to the registration of Withington Green as a Village Green.

Council resolves:

To back local residents by supporting the registration of Withington Green as a Village Green, by not spending money on specialist legal support to oppose the registration bid and in doing so to look forward to Withington Green continuing as a showpiece Village Green that complements and enhances the new Manchester Cancer Research Centre that is being developed behind Withington Green.

Amendment made and seconded

Delete all and replace with:

This Council notes that yet again the Liberal Democrats are seeking to use the Christie as a political football.

This Council congratulates Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) on winning funding for this world class centre of excellence and for their welcome aspiration to locate this investment, bringing jobs and learning opportunities, adjacent to Withington Green.

This Council resolves:

To support MCRC in realising these plans and in their mission to push for new cures and treatments for cancer for the benefit of Manchester, the North West, the UK and the world.

To look forward to MCRC bringing forward development plans which are clean, green, world class, respect neighbouring residents and with the historic Withington Green forming a welcoming approach to MCRC.

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/12/72 Motion – Making Manchester more Sustainable

Motion made and seconded:

This Council welcomes:
Manchester Friends of the Earth's Survey of Local Election Candidates regarding their policies on climate change, food, waste and sustainable transport.

The 21% of Local Election candidates that completed the survey.

This Council Believes:
That voters in Manchester should have information on the policies of local election candidates on these issues.

That Councillors have a responsibility to ensure that the City of Manchester and City Council are doing all they can to tackle climate change and promote environmental sustainability, in line with the survey.

This Council notes:
Meat production is responsible for approximately 18% of global carbon emissions.

British bee numbers have fallen dramatically in recent years and the way we farm our food and plan our towns and cities is making the problem worse.

Many supermarkets reject large amounts of food because it is not cosmetically perfect.

That the City Council's buildings and services are amongst the largest consumers of electricity.

We need to be moving away from non-renewable energy sources such as Fracking.

The improvement in the levels of recycling and the potential for even more recycling.

UK aviation CO2 emissions are forecast to grow steadily without further government intervention over the next twenty years. They grew from 34 MtCO2 in 2010 to 48 MtCO2 in 2030 in the central forecasts.

Cycling is clean, 'green', inexpensive and healthy form of sustainable transport.

Lib Dem Minister Norman Baker MP's recently announced Government funding worth £32,460,000 for Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to fund the Let's Get to Work scheme from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF). This is the second highest allocation in the country and will be spent on making travel in Manchester greener and easier whilst stimulating economic growth.

That the implementation of a city-wide speed limit of 20mph on all non-major residential roads would have an immediate beneficial impact on accidents and fatalities in the City and encourage more people to walk and cycle.

This Council therefore resolves:

To adopt Meat-Free Mondays in all of the Council's catering and services.

To create a Bee Action Plan to create natural habitats in public open spaces.

To encourage stronger regulations to stop supermarkets from throwing away edible fruit and vegetables because the food does not look perfect and to work with Manchester supermarkets to tackle this problem.

To switch to a renewable energy tariff for all its buildings and services so that all the electricity consumed comes from a 'Green' and sustainable source.

To declare itself a 'Fracking-Free Zone.'

To continue to be a Nuclear-Free City.

To set a recycling target of 70% by 2025 for Greater Manchester.

To fully acknowledge the impact Manchester International Airport has on the carbon emissions in the City by ensuring the full impact of the airport (including flights) is included in Climate Change strategies. The Council should aim for all flights from Manchester Airport to at least be carbon offset.

To set a target of 20% of journeys under 5 miles being made by bike by 2020.

That it will fund campaigns to promote cycling as a healthy and sustainable mode of transport.

To introduce a default speed limit of 20mph in all residential areas for the benefit of people walking and cycling.

To provide free on-road cycle training for adults and children.

To support better integration of cycling and public transport in particular through the provision of a cycle carriage on off-peak Metrolink trams and longer distance bus services.

Amendment made and seconded

Delete all after "This Council welcomes" and replace with:-

- The survey conducted by Manchester Friends of the Earth early this year of Local Election Candidates views on climate change, food, waste and transport, and recognises the important contribution Councillors have in promoting environmental sustainability.
- This council congratulates Manchester Fayre on its national 'Food For Life' award for their meat-free Monday scheme in schools, and notes with despair Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education, decision to exempt Academy Schools from the National Nutritional guidelines which has been condemned by Jamie Oliver and Children's Food Campaign and we will invite Jamie Oliver to address Council on this issue.
- The Biodiversity Action Plan 2012-6 that The Biodiversity Action Plan 2012 - 2016 continues to build on the work already undertaken to ensure biodiversity is sensitively managed across the City. The plan includes actions on increasing green space through sustainable development and providing advice and training to promote wildlife friendly gardening across the City.
- The support been given by the City Council to Fare Share, an organisation that collects over-supplied food from supermarkets and redistributes it to community groups in need and recognises the work being undertaken by them to divert fruit and vegetables from New Smithfield market and redistribute to community groups.
- The energy for its entire operational portfolio including schools, as well as for all of its street lighting is from a green tariff.
- The Cycling Strategy approved by Executive on 30th May and supports the Cycling Manifesto developed by Friends of the Earth.
- The Council support for the introduction of 20mph speed limits in residential areas and is currently investigating how to achieve this within financial constraints
- The Council support for better integration of all transport modes, including cycling and public transport.

Manchester City Council is committed to acting to mitigate the impacts of climate change, in line with the objectives of the Climate Change Act, and section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (amended by Planning Act 2008) and calls on the Chief Executive to implemented a policy that supports the Friends of the Earth campaign that would ensure that planning permission will not be given for test drilling or extraction of shale gas (fracking) unless reasonable scientific doubt as to any adverse impacts can be excluded; the proposal is environmentally acceptable, or it can be made so by planning conditions or obligations.

Resolution:

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

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Decision

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