



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 14 May 2008

Present: The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor
Councillor Glynn Evans – In the Chair

Councillors Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Ankers Ashley, Barrett, J. Battle, R. Battle, Bethell, Bhatti, Boyes, Bridges, Burns, Cameron, Carmody, Chohan, Chowdhury, Clayton, Commons, Cooley, Cooper, Cowan, Cowell, Cox, Curley, Dobson, Donaldson, Eakins, Evans, Fairweather, Fender, Fisher, Firth, Flanagan, Glover, Grant, Green, Hackett, Harrison, Hassan, Helsby, Hitchen, Isherwood, Jones, Judge, Karney, Keegan, Keller, A. Khan, M. Khan, Kirkpatrick, Leese, Lewis, Lomax, 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, Pagel, Parkinson, Pearcey, Priest, Pritchard, Rahman, Ramsbottom, Risby, Royle, Ryan, Sandiford, Shannon, Shaw, Siddiqi, Smith, Smitheman, Stevens, Swannick, Trafford, Trotman, Walters, Watson, Wheale, and Whitmore

Also Present: Honorary Alderman Kenneth Franklin.

CC/08/34 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 13th May 2008 being submitted for consideration as urgent business.

Decision

To consider the item referred to above as urgent business.

CC/08/35 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/08/36 Election of Lord Mayor

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

Councillor Mavis Smitheman having been nominated, the Council voted by acclamation.

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

Councillor Smitheman 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 Smitheman, took the Oath of Allegiance and addressed the Council.

CC/07/37 Chair

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Councillor Mavis Smitheman **(In the Chair)**

CC/08/38 Thanks to retiring Lord Mayor

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

The Lord Mayor then presented badges to the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Councillor Evans then responded.

Decision

To extend the sincere thanks of the Council to Councillor Glynn Evans, the retiring Lord Mayor, for his valuable services to the City of Manchester during his term of office, and to Hayley Evans, the retiring Lady Mayoress, for the work which she has undertaken to support him.

CC/08/39 Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor

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

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

CC/08/40 Minutes

Decision

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor

CC/08/41 Election of Councillors and Order of Seniority

Council noted the election of the following councillors at the election held on 1 May 2008

Ward	Councillor elected	Normal year of retirement
Ancoats and Clayton	Mike Carmody	2012
Ardwick	Tom O'Callaghan	2012
Baguley	Tony Burns	2012
Bradford	Neil Swannick	2012
Brooklands	Glynn Evans	2012
Burnage	John Cameron	2012
Charlestown	Mark Hackett	2012
Cheetham	Martin Pagel	2012
Chorlton	Sheila Newman	2012
Chorlton Park	Bernie Ryan	2012
City Centre	Marc Ramsbottom	2012
Crumpsall	Richard Leese	2012
Didsbury East	David Sandiford	2012
Didsbury West	Graham Shaw	2012
Fallowfield	David Royle	2012
Gorton North	Jackie Pearcey	2012
Gorton South	Charles Glover	2012
Harpurhey	Pat Karney	2012
Higher Blackley	Ken Barnes	2012
Hulme	Emily Lomax	2012
Levenshulme	Keith Whitmore	2012
Longsight	Luthfur Rahman	2012
Moss Side	Alistair Cox	2012
Moston	Paul Murphy	2012
Miles Platting and Newton Heath	Damien O'Connor	2012
Northenden	Martin Eakins	2012
Old Moat	Andrew Fender	2012
Rusholme	Paul Shannon	2012
Sharston	Tommy Judge	2012
Whalley Range	John Grant	2012
Withington	Brendon Jones	2012
Woodhouse Park	Brian O'Neil	2012

The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillors Martin Eakins, Emily Lomax, Luthfur Rahman and Bernie Ryan to their first meeting, and welcomed back Councillors Brendon Jones and Damien O'Connor.

She reported that Councillors John Leech and Vanessa Hall did not stand for re-election and that Councillors Liaqat Ali, Christine Carroll and Mike Kane were not re-elected, and on behalf of the Council she extended the Council's thanks for their past services to the work of this Council.

Council also noted the revised Order of Seniority of Members.

CC/08/42 Leader of the Council

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for appointment as Leader of the Council. Councillor Richard Leese having been nominated, and the Council having voted thereon -

Decision

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

CC/08/43 Appointment of the Executive

Decision

To appoint the Executive Members with the following portfolios -

Arts and Leisure	Councillor Amesbury
Children's Services	Councillor S. Newman
Employment and Skills	Councillor S. Murphy
Finance & Human Resources	Councillor Priest
Adult Services	Councillor Curley
Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Andrews
Environment	Councillor Cowell

CC/08/44 Appointment of Committees

In moving the proceedings of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee the Chair asked consent of the Council to add Councilor Bhatti as an additional member of the Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Consent of the Council being granted, and Council also noting the appointment of Councilor Cameron as Chair of the Economy, Employment and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee -

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 13 May 2008 as amended.

CC/08/45 Appointments to Joint Boards and Joint Committees

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 13 May 2008.

CC/08/46 Questions to Executive Members

In response to a question from Councillor Clayton in relation to the B of the Bang, the Leader of the Council invited him to put his question in writing to the City Solicitor, or to table it at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

CC/08/47 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/08/48 Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted:-

Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 13th May 2008
Employee Appeals Committee – 16th April 2008
Planning and Highways Committee – 10th April 2008
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 27th March 2008

Decision

1. To approve the Minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 13th May 2008, including the extension of the terms of office of independent members of the Standards Committee
2. To note the Minutes of the other meetings referred to above

CC/08/49 Dates of Meetings

Council noted the dates of the Council meetings during 2008/9, including the special meeting on 9th July 2008 for the installation of an honorary alderman.

CC/08/50 Council Constitution 2008/2009

The Leader of the Council moved the recommendations in the City Solicitor's report,

Decision/-

To approve the Constitution for 2008/2009 as attached to the report of the City Solicitor to Council.

CC/08/51 Honorary Alderman

A recommendation was considered from the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 13th May 2008.

Decision

To agree that a special meeting of the City Council be convened on 9 July 2008 for the purpose of adopting a resolution, to be proposed by the Lord Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor, that Mrs. Audrey Jones is admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the City of Manchester in recognition of the long and eminent service that she has rendered to the Council as a former member and Lord Mayor of Manchester, and thereafter to install Mrs Jones as an Honorary Alderman.

CC/08/52 Questions in accordance with Procedural Rule 24

The Council's appointed spokesperson for the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority undertook to provide Councillor Clayton with a written response to his question about the use by GMPTE of premium rate telephone numbers.

CC/08/53 Key Decisions excluded from Call-in

The Council noted a report of the City Solicitor.

CC/08/54 Draft Local Area Agreement

Consideration was given to report of the Chief Executive submitting the draft Local Area Agreement (LAA) for Manchester for 2008/09 to 2010/11 and seeking approval to its formal submission to government.

Decision

1. That the draft LAA agreed by the Manchester Partnership be approved for formal submission to government by 30 May.
2. That the Chief Executive and the relevant Strategic Directors be authorised to conclude negotiation with government on the targets shown in the draft LAA, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the relevant Executive Members.

CC/08/55 Civic Sunday

The Lord Mayor reminded the Council that Civic Sunday would take place at Manchester Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday 18th May 2008.

City Solicitor

**Lord Mayor
Chair of the Meeting of the Council**