



**MANCHESTER**  
CITY COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 16 May 2007**

Present: The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor  
Councillor David Sandiford – In the Chair

Councillors L. Ali, S. Ali, Amesbury, Andrews, Ankers Ashley, Barnes, Barrett, J. Battle, R. Battle, Bethell, Bhatti, Boyes, Bracegirdle, Bridges, Burns, Cameron, Carmody, Carroll, Chohan, Chowdhury, Clayton, Commons, Cooley, Cooper, Cowan, Cowell, Cox, Curley, Dobson, Donaldson, Evans, Fender, Fisher, Firth, Flanagan, Glover, Grant, Hackett, Hall, Harrison, Hassan, Helsby, Hitchen, Isherwood, Jones, Judge, Kane, Karney, Keegan, Keller, A. Khan, M. Khan, Leech, Leese, Lewis, Longsdon, Loughman, Lyons, McCulley, Morrison, M. Murphy, N. Murphy, P. Murphy, S. Murphy, E. Newman S. Newman, Barbara O'Neil, Brian O'Neil, Pagel, Parkinson, Pearcey, Priest, Pritchard, Ramsbottom, Risby, Royle, Shannon, Shaw, Siddiqi, Smith, Smitheman, Stevens, Swannick, Trotman, Walters, Watson, Wheale, Whitmore, and Williams

**Also Present:** Honorary Aldermen Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw and Kenneth Franklin

### **CC/07/30 Death of Councillor Eric Hobin**

The Lord Mayor reported the sudden death on 29 March of Councillor Eric Hobin. The Council recalled that Eric Hobin was first elected to the Council as Labour Councillor for Charlestown in May 1995 and continued to represent the Ward for 12 years. The Lord Mayor said that he was a tireless worker for his local community and a dedicated family man. Whilst a member of the Council he had taken a particular interest in licensing matters and was also actively involved in the work of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Council, and those present at the meeting then stood in silent respect to his memory.

### **CC/07/31 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 being considered as urgent business.

## **Decision**

To consider the item referred to above as urgent business.

## **CC/07/32 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/07/33 Election of Lord Mayor**

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

Councillor Glynn Evans having been nominated, the Council voted by acclamation.

The Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Glynn Evans had been elected Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester for the ensuing Municipal Year.

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

## **CC/07/34 Chair**

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Councillor Glynn Evans (**In the Chair**)

## **CC/07/35 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 badges to the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Councillor Sandiford then responded.

## **Decision**

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

## **CC/07/36 Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor**

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

### **Decision**

To appoint Councillor Smitheman as Deputy Lord Mayor of the City for the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillor Smitheman then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Badge of Office.

## **CC/07/37 Minutes**

### **Decision**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor

## **CC/07/38 Election of Councillors and Order of Seniority**

Council noted the election of the following councillors at the election held on 3 May 2007

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Councillor elected</b>	<b>Normal year of retirement</b>
Ancoats and Clayton	Mick Loughman	2011
Ardwick	Bernard Priest	2011
Baguley	Paul Andrews	2011
Bradford	Rosa Battle	2011
Brooklands	Sue Cooley	2011
Burnage	Iain Donaldson	2011
Charlestown	Basil Curley	2011
Cheetham	Mohammed Afzal Khan	2011
Chorlton	Paul Ankers	2011
Chorlton Park	Tony Bethell	2011
City Centre	Kenneth Dobson	2011
Crumpsall	Con Keegan	2011
Didsbury East	Helen Fisher	2011
Didsbury West	Neil Trafford	2011
Fallowfield	Peter Morrison	2011
Gorton North	Wendy Helsby	2011
Gorton South	Simon Ashley	2011
Harpurhey	Joanne Green	2011
Higher Blackley	Harold Lyons	2011
Hulme	Mary Murphy	2011
Levenshulme	John Commons	2011

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Longsight	Abid Chohan	2011
Moss Side	Sameen Ali	2011
Moston	Henry Cooper	2011
Miles Platting and Newton Heath	June Hitchen	2011
Northenden	Sandra Bracegirdle	2011
Old Moat	Jeff Smith	2011
Rusholme	Abu Chowdhury	2011
Sharston	Joyce Keller	2011
Whalley Range	Faraz Bhatti	2011
Withington	Alison Firth	2011
Woodhouse Park	Barbara O'Neil	2011

The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillors Sameen Ali, Paul Ankers and Rosa Battle to their first meeting, and welcomed back Councillor Sandra Bracegirdle.

He reported that Councillor Angela Gallagher was not re-elected and on behalf of the Council extended to her the Council's thanks for her past services to the work of this Council.

Council also noted the revised Order of Seniority of Members.

### **CC/07/39 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/07/40 Appointment of the Executive**

#### **Decision**

To appoint the Executive Members with the following portfolios -

Arts and Leisure	Councillor Kane
Children's Services	Councillor S. Newman
Employment and Skills	Councillor S. Murphy
Finance & Human Resources	Councillor Priest
Adult Services	Councillor Curley
Neighbourhood Services	Councillor E. Newman
Environment	Councillor Swannick

## **CC/07/41 Council Constitution 2007/2008**

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

### **Decision/-**

To approve the Constitution for 2007/2008 as attached to the report of the City Solicitor to Council.

## **CC/07/42 Appointment of Committees**

The Chair of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee asked permission of the Council to make the following amendments to the recommendations in the minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 15 May 2007 –

- a) **Executive Standing Panel**  
the deletion of Councillors Judge and Walters and the addition of Councillors A. Khan and Keegan
- b) **Economy, Employment and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
the deletion of Councillor Keegan
- c) **Audit Committee**  
the deletion of Councillor Sandiford and the addition of Councillor Ramsbottom
- d) **Planning and Highways Committee**  
the appointment of Councillor Chohan to a vacancy, and
- e) **Standards Committee**  
the deletion of Councillor Smitheman and the addition of Councillor Jones
- f) **Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
The deletion of Councillor Whitmore and the addition of Councillor Isherwood

### **Decision**

To approve the recommendations of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 15 May 2007, subject to the foregoing amendments.

## **CC/07/43 Appointments to Joint Boards and Joint Committees**

### **Decision**

To approve the recommendations of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 15 May 2007.

## **CC/07/44 Questions to Executive Members**

Councillor E. Newman, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, responded to a question from Councillor Lewis seeking a guarantee that some social housing will be built on the Southern Cross, Oakwood, and Waverley sites.

Councillor Swannick, Executive Member for the Environment, responded to a question from Councillor Ashley about the 'inevitability' of fortnightly household waste collections

## **CC/07/45 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/07/46 Committee Minutes**

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted:-  
Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 15 May 2007  
Licensing and Appeals Committee – 19 February and 2 April 2007  
Licensing Committee – 2 April 2007  
Planning and Highways Committee – 12 April 2007  
Personnel Committee – 28 March and 26 April 2007  
Wythenshawe Area Committee – 22 March 2007

### **Decision**

1. To approve the Minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 15 May 2007 as amended. (see Minute CC/07/42)
2. To agree that a special meeting of the City Council be convened on 11 July 2007 for the purpose of adopting a resolution, to be proposed by the Lord Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor, that Mr. John Smith is admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the City of Manchester in recognition of the long and eminent service that he has rendered to the Council as a former member and Lord Mayor of Manchester, and thereafter to install Mr. Smith as

an Honorary Alderman.

3. To note the Minutes of the other meetings referred to above.

**CC/07/47 Questions in accordance with Procedural Rule 24**

Council noted that no questions had been raised.

**CC/07/48 Revised Code of Conduct for Members**

The Council noted a report of the City Solicitor.

**CC/07/49 Key Decisions excluded from Call-in**

The Council noted a report of the City Solicitor.

**CC/07/50 Civic Sunday**

The Lord Mayor reminded the Council that Civic Sunday would take place at Manchester Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

**City Solicitor**

**Lord Mayor**

**Chair of the Meeting of the Council**