

## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the City Council held on Wednesday 18 May 2011**

**Present:** The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor Councillor Mark Hackett – In the Chair

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

**Also Present:** Honorary Aldermen Audrey Jones JP, Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw and John Smith.

### **CC/11/33 Recording of Proceedings**

In accordance with Procedural Rule 28, the Council agreed to the proceedings being filmed and to photographs being taken during the meeting.

### **CC/11/34 Election of Lord Mayor**

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

Councillor Harry Lyons having been nominated, the Council voted by acclamation. The Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Harry Lyons was elected Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor Lyons 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 Harry Lyons, took the Oath of Allegiance, was invested with the Badge of his office, and addressed the Council.

### **CC/11/35 Chair**

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Councillor Harry Lyons (**In the Chair**).

## **CC/11/36 Thanks to Retiring Lord Mayor**

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

The Lord Mayor then presented a Former Lord Mayor badge to the retiring Lord Mayor, and Alison Cain, the Lady Mayoress, presented the retiring Lady Mayoress with her commemorative badge.

Councillor Hackett then responded.

### **Decision**

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

## **CC/11/37 Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor**

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

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

## **CC/11/38 Urgent Business**

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had consented to the following being submitted for consideration as urgent business:

- Minutes of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee held on 17 May 2011.

## **CC/11/39 Former Councillors Bob Litherland and Kath Fry**

The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of former councillor Bob Litherland and of former councillor Kath Fry. Council recalled that Kath Fry was elected in May 1988 to represent the Whalley Range Ward as a Labour Councillor and served until May 2004, and that Bob Litherland was as elected a Labour Councillor to represent the Harpurhey Ward in 1973 and went on to be elected as the Labour MP for Manchester Central constituency in 1979.

The Council and those present at its meeting then observed a period of silence in their memory.

## **CC/11/40 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

## **CC/11/41 Election of Councillors and Order of Seniority**

The Council noted the election of the following councillors at the election held on 5th May 2011:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
Ancoats and Clayton	Mick Loughman
Ardwick	Bernard Priest
Baguley	Paul Andrews
Bradford	Rosa Battle
Brooklands	Sue Cooley
Burnage	Carl Austin and Bev Craig
Charlestown	Basil Curley
Cheetham	Afzal Khan
Chorlton	Matthew Strong
Chorlton Park	Ian Hyde
City Centre	Kevin Peel
Crumpsall	Con Keegan
Didsbury East	Andrew Simcock
Didsbury West	David Ellison
Fallowfield	Grace Fletcher-Hackwood
Gorton North	John Hughes
Gorton South	Peter Cookson
Harpurhey	Joanne Green
Higher Blackley	Harry Lyons
Hulme	Mary Murphy
Levenshulme	Aftab Ahmed
Longsight	Abid Chohan
Moss Side	Sameen Ali
Moston	Henry Cooper
Miles Platting and Newton Heath	June Hitchen
Northenden	Richard Cowell
Old Moat	Jeff Smith
Rusholme	Kate Chappell
Sharston	Joyce Keller
Whalley Range	Aftab Razaq
Withington	Chris Paul
Woodhouse Park	Barbara O'Neil

The Lord Mayor welcomed councillors Carl Austin, Kate Chappell, Peter Cookson, Bev Craig, David Ellison, Grace Fletcher-Hackwood, John Hughes, Ian Hyde, Chris Paul, Kevin Peel, Aftab Razaq, Andrew Simcock, and Matthew Strong to their first meeting of the Council and I hoped that they found membership of the Council

interesting and rewarding. The Lord Mayor also welcomed back Councillor Aftab Ahmed and Councillor Richard Cowell.

The Lord Mayor also referred to former councillors Paul Ankers, Simon Ashley, Tony Bethell, Faraz Bhatti, Abu Chowdhury, John Commons, Ken Dobson, Iain Donaldson, Alison Firth, Helen Fisher, and Wendy Helsby and on behalf of the Council he extended thanks to them for the contribution that they had made to the work of the Council.

Council also noted the revised order of seniority of members of the Council recognising the previous service of Councillors Cowell and Aftab and that the seniority of these members without previous service as councillors for the City of Manchester had been determined by a ballot conducted by the Lord Mayor.

## **CC/11/42 The Leader of the Council**

### **Decision**

To note that the term of office of the current Leader of the Council does not expire until May 2012.

## **CC/11/43 The Executive 2011/12**

A report of the Leader of the Council was then circulated on the appointment of the Deputy Leader, Substitute Deputy Leader, Executive Members and their portfolios, and Assistant Executive Members.

A schedule of the Executive Members, their portfolios, and Assistant Executive Members is appended to these minutes.

### **Decision**

1. To note that the Leader's portfolio is changed to overall policy co-ordination, regeneration and economic development, external relationship, communications.
2. To note the appointment of Councillor J. Battle as Deputy Leader with a portfolio consisting of crime, disorder and the Respect Agenda, performance and transformation (with Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources), ward co-ordination, support on economic development and regeneration (East and Central Manchester)
3. To note the appointment of Councillor S. Murphy as Substitute Deputy Leader with a portfolio of community cohesion and social inclusion, equal opportunities, valuing older people, voluntary sector, worklessness and skills support on economic development and regeneration (South Manchester and Wythenshawe)

4. To note the appointment of Councillor Khan as the Executive Member for Children's Services
5. To note the appointment of Councillor J Smith as the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources
6. To note the appointment of Councillor Reeves as the Assistant Executive Member for Children's Services
7. To note the appointment of Councillor Lone as the Assistant Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources
8. To note that information technology and telephony are added to the Environment portfolio
9. To note that Youth Offer is added to the Arts and Leisure portfolio
10. To note that the position of Executive Member of Economy, Employment and Skills is disestablished, along with the corresponding post of Assistant Executive Member.

#### **CC/11/44 Appointment of Committee and Chairs**

To approve the recommendations of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 17th May 2011, subject to two amendments: that Councillor Grant not be appointed to the Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and Councillor Rahman be appointed as the Lead Member for Race.

#### **CC/11/45 Appointments to the Combined Authority, Joint Authorities, and Joint Committees**

To approve the recommendations of the Constitutional and Nomination Committee on 17th May 2011 with the amendment that Councillor Clayton be appointed as a deputy on the Mersey Valley Joint Committee.

#### **CC/11/46 Proceedings of the Executive**

The proceedings of the Executive on 6 April 2011 were submitted.

(Councillor Priest declared a personal interest in Exe/11/048)

#### **CC/11/47 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/11/48 Proceedings of Committees**

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted -

- Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 17 May 2011

## **Decision**

To agree that a special meeting of the City Council be convened on 13 July for the purpose of adopting a resolution, to be proposed by the Lord Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor, that Mr Peter Morrison 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, and thereafter to install Mr Morrison as an Honorary Alderman.

- Planning and Highways Committee – 7 April 2011

## **CC/11/49 Dates of Council Meetings**

### **Decision**

To note the dates of ordinary meetings of the City Council in 2011/2012 as:

13 July 2011	12 October 2011	7 December 2011
1 February 2012	7 March 2012 (Budget meeting)	28 March 2012

and to agree that the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2012 will be on 16 May 2012.

## **CC/11/50 Council Constitution**

The Leader of the Council moved the recommendations in the City Solicitor's report on amendments and revisions to the Constitution.

### **Decisions**

1. To adopt, subject to 4 below, the Parts of the Constitution of the Council attached to the report, namely –  
  
Part 2, Part 3, Part 4 (Sections A and E), Part 7, Part 8
2. To re-adopt the existing Part 1, Part 4 (Sections B, C, D and F), Part 5, and Part 6.

3. To note the attached revised AGMA Constitution which forms Part 9 of the Council's Constitution.
4. To note in relation to Part 3 that responsibility for the discharge of executive functions and the delegation of such responsibility rests with the Leader of the Council and that the recommended delegations of executive functions as set out in Part 3 (Sections A, B and F) are for the information of Council only.

### **CC/11/51 Key Decisions Exempt from Call-in**

The report of the City Solicitor was submitted.

#### **Decision**

To note the report.

City Solicitor

Lord Mayor  
Chair of the Meeting

## Appendix – Executive Members, their Portfolios, and Assistant Executive Members

### **Leader of the Council, Sir Richard Leese**

- Overall Policy Co-ordination
- Regeneration & Economic Development
- External Relationships
- Communications

### **Statutory Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Jim Battle**

- Crime, Disorder & Respect Agenda
- Performance & Transformation (with Executive Member for Finance & Human Resources)
- Ward Coordination
- Support on Economic Development & Regeneration (East & Central Manchester)

### **Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Sue Murphy**

- Community Cohesion & Social Inclusion
- Equal Opportunities
- Valuing Older People
- Voluntary Sector
- Worklessness & Skills
- Support on Economic Development & Regeneration (South Manchester & Wythenshawe)

### **Executive Member for Adult Services, Councillor Glynn Evans**

- Adult Social Care
- Asylum Seekers
- Health
- Supporting People

Assistant Executive Member: Councillor Naeem Ul-Hassan

### **Executive Member for Culture & Leisure, Councillor Michael Lee Amesbury**

- Cultural Strategy
- Galleries & Museums
- Libraries
- Sport & Sport Development
- External Arts / Sports Bodies
- Indoor / Outdoor Leisure
- Open Spaces & Cemeteries
- Youth Offer

Assistant Executive Member: Councillor Rosa Battle

### **Executive Member for Children's Services, Councillor Afzal Khan**

- Schools
- Early years
- 14-19
- Children & Families
- Overall responsibility for all matters affecting Children & Young People (Every Child Matters)



- Lead Member under Section 19 of the Children's Act 2004

Assistant Executive Member: Councillor Susannah Reeves

**Executive Member for the Environment, Councillor Nigel Murphy**

- Transport Policy (including parking)
- Green issues (including waste strategy & waste collection)
- Planning
- Licensing Policy
- Information Technology and Telephony

Assistant Executive Member: Councillor David Royle

**Executive Member for Finance & Human Resources, Councillor Jeff Smith**

- Budget
- Council Tax & Benefits
- Land & Property
- Corporate Personnel
- Resource Procurement
- Hospitality & Trading Services

Assistant Executive Member: Councillor Amina Lone

**Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Paul Andrews**

- Housing
- Highways
- Neighbourhood management (including management of physical environment)
- Environmental Services
- Markets

Assistant Executive Member: Councillor John Longsdon