

**Minutes of: AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Date of Meeting:** 30 March 2011

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor J Byrne) in the Chair; Councillors I Ahmed, A Audin, K Audin, R L Baum, I Bevan, R A Bibby, D B Bigg, D Boden, R C A Brown, R Caserta, D M Cassidy, S Cohen, M J Connolly, S Costello, Y Creswell, A J Cummings, M D'Albert, V D'Albert, W J Davison, A S Garner, I B Gartside, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, D M Higgin, T Holt, S Hurst, J Lewis, S P Magnall, A K Matthews, D O'Hanlon, N Parnell, S P Penketh, T D Pickstone, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, J Smith, T Tariq, J W H Taylor, B Theckston, B Vincent, R E Walker, S Walmsley, J F Walton, M J Wiseman, S D Wright and Y S Wright

**Apologies for absence** Councillor A Isherwood

**Public attendance:** 32 members of the public attended the meeting

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#### **C.470 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. Councillor D Bigg declared a Personal Interest in Minute No. C.474(a) , Transformation Strategy, as she is a landlady of a property in the Borough.
2. Councillor Bigg declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute No. C.477, Notice of Motion in respect of Clifton Road Recycling Centre, Prestwich, as she is a Member of the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority which has considered the matter. Councillor Bigg left the meeting during consideration of the item.
3. Councillor Harris declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute No. C.477, Notice of Motion in respect of Clifton Road Recycling Centre, Prestwich, as she is a Member of the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority which has considered the matter. Councillor Harris left the meeting during consideration of the item.
4. Councillor Mary D'Albert declared a Personal Interest in minute C.475, Members' Allowances for the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee, as she is a serving Member of the Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority.
5. Councillor Theckston declared a Personal Interest in minute C.475, Members' Allowances for the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee, as he is a serving Member of the Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority.

6. Councillor Walton declared a Personal Interest in minute C.475, Members' Allowances for the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee, as he is a Member of the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority.
7. Councillor Garner declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute C.476, Leaders Statement and Question Time, in so far as it related to the Phoenix Centre, as she is Chair of the Roc Café, Phoenix Youth Group, Prestwich.
8. Councillor Connolly declared a Personal Interest in any matters relating to staffing as his partner is an employee of Bury Council.

#### **C.471 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 February 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

#### **C.472 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor informed Members that he had conveyed the Council's congratulations and good wishes to his Royal Highness Prince William and Miss Katherine Middleton on the occasion of their forthcoming marriage.

A petition had been received in connection with the ongoing provision and growth of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme within the Borough and will receive due consideration.

As this was the final ordinary meeting of the year prior to the Municipal Election, the Mayor expressed his thanks to Members and Officers for their contributions and efforts. He also paid tribute to those Members who were not seeking re-election in May which included Councillors Bigg, Costello Higgin and Magnall. He also paid tribute to those Council Officers who had recently retired or would retire shortly.

#### **C.473 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Written notice had been given for questions from the following members of the public:-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Answered By</b>
Mr A Miller	Youth Service Provision	Councillor Caserta
Ms K Lee	St John's School	Questioner not present
Ms J Columbine	Concessionary bus fares for students and Educational Maintenance Allowance	Questioner not present
Mr G Heron	The Transformation Strategy	Councillor Bibby
Mr A Wentworth	Longfield Suite, Prestwich	Councillor Hankey

	and the redevelopment of Prestwich Village	
Mr K Hodges	Members' Allowances and Procedures for Public Council Questions	Councillor Bibby

#### **C.474 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET MEMBERS AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

##### **(a) Recommendations of the Leader dated 24 March 2011 relating to the Transformation Strategy**

It was moved by Councillor Bibby and seconded by Councillor Creswell that the recommendation of the Leader to adopt the Transformation Strategy as amended following consultation be approved.

On being put, with 23 members voting for, 18 against and with 9 abstaining, it was:-

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Transformation Strategy and Toolkit be adopted.
2. That the ten commitments, as amended following the consultation exercise, be adopted.

##### **(b) Standards Hearing Panel – 24 January 2011**

Councillor Connolly made a Statement of Apology in relation to complaint SC14.

#### **C.475 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES FOR THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE (TFGMC)**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which presented the findings of a recently appointed Independent Remuneration Panel on allowances for those Members who will serve on the new Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (TFGMC).

It was moved by Councillor Bibby and seconded by Councillor Creswell that the report be approved.

On being put, with 49 members voting for, none against and with the Mayor abstaining, it was:-

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the level of allowances recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel for membership of the TFGMC be approved.
2. That the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme be adjusted to enable a Member to receive the Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) as a Member of the TFGMC and hold at the same time a senior post on the Council, also remunerated by an SRA, with the proviso that this would maintain the rule of

only one SRA for cases where a Member holds a senior post on both the Council and a senior post on TFGMC.

3. That Members be entitled to claim for travel and subsistence whilst on approved TFGMC duties.
4. That the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme be amended in line with the above resolution.

(The Mayor had allowed this matter to be considered as Urgent Business as the scheme needed to come into operation on 1 April 2011)

## **C.476 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND LEADER'S QUESTION TIME**

### **(a) Written questions (four clear days' notice given)**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Bibby, made a statement on the work undertaken by him since the date of the last Council meeting. The Leader and the relevant Cabinet Members answered questions raised by Councillors on the following issues:-

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
1.	St John's Primary School	Councillor Shori	Councillor Caserta
2.	Refuse Collection Services	Councillor Baum	Councillor Gunther
3.	Impact of cuts on the local community	Councillor Parnell	Councillor Gartside
4.	School Crossing Patrols in Prestwich	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Gunther
5.	School Crossing Patrols	Councillor Connolly	Councillor Gunther
6.	Home to School Transport for Faith Schools	Councillor Smith	Councillor Caserta
7.	Local Grants Scheme	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Creswell
8.	Equal Pay	Councillor Lewis	Councillor Gartside
9.	The Phoenix Centre	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Caserta
10.	Public Convenience Provisions at Bury Interchange	Councillor Davison	Councillor Gunther
11.	Staff Morale	Councillor Smith	Councillor Bibby
12.	Prestwich Forest Park	Councillor O'Hanlon	Councillor Hankey

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
13.	Housing Support Grant	Councillor Boden	Councillor Hankey
14.	Car Parking Charges at Fairfax Road, Prestwich	Councillor Baum	Councillor Gunther
15.	Support for Young People	Councillor Rothwell	Councillor Caserta
16.	Cycle Paths and Bridleways	Councillor O'Hanlon	Councillor Gunther
17.	PACT Meetings in Moorside	Councillor Rothwell	Councillor Creswell
18.	Longfield Suite, Prestwich	Councillor Quinn	Councillor Creswell

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 12 to 18 inclusive, the Leader gave an undertaking that copies of the answers to those questions will be circulated to all Councillors.

**(b) Oral Questions on the work of the Leader and Cabinet Members since the last Council meeting (without Notice)**

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
19.	Additional income through LAA Award Grant	Councillor Walker	Councillor Bibby
20.	Consultation on Sheltered Housing	Councillor Holt	Councillor Bibby
21.	Home to School Transport Faith Schools	Councillor Costello	Councillor Bibby
22.	Pimhole Renewal Area and Wellington Barracks	Councillor Connolly	Councillor Bibby
23.	Longfield Suite Business Plan	Councillor Quinn	Councillor Bibby
24.	Supporting People Projects in Bury	Councillor Boden	Councillor Hankey

**C.477 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Two Notices of Motion had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12. The Mayor reported that he had received notice that Motion A, VAT on Fuel, had been withdrawn.

**Household Waste Recycling Centre – Clifton Road in Prestwich**

This Council notes:

- Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority's consideration of the closure of many Household Waste Recycling Centres across Greater

Manchester including the one at Clifton Road in Prestwich.

- That the closure of the Prestwich facility will have a negative effect on recycling rates in the Borough, and increase the risk of fly-tipping.
- That GMWDA has had a substantial increase in its funding this year.

Council resolves:

- To lobby against GMWDA's plans to close the Clifton Road facility.
- To demonstrate its commitment to the Clifton Road facility by improving signage and road-condition close to the area to improve safety and access facilities for service-users and residents.
- To re-assert its commitment to increasing recycling in Bury.

**In the names of Councillors: Baum, M D'Albert, V D'Albert, Davison, Garner, O'Hanlon, Pickstone and S Wright.**

The motion on being put, 49 Members voted for, none against and with the Mayor abstaining, was declared carried.

#### **C.478 SCRUTINY REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMISSIONS**

There were no Scrutiny Review Reports or specific items 'called in' by the Internal Scrutiny Committee to be considered at this Council meeting.

#### **C.479 JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Bigg the Council's representative on the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority, gave a verbal report on the work of the Joint Authority to all Members of the Council.
- (b) The following questions had been received in accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

<b>Joint Authority and Questioner</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
Greater Manchester Police Authority Councillor Mary D'Albert	Funding of PCSO's	Councillor Cohen
Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority Councillor Baum	Recycling Facility at Clifton Road, Prestwich	Councillor Bigg

#### **C.480 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS**

There were no written questions on the work of the outside bodies or partnerships on which the Council is represented, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

#### **C.481 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

There were no written questions asked on the delegated decisions of the Committees or Scrutiny Commissions contained in the Digests of Decisions No.d 4 and 5 (2010/2011).

#### **C.482 APPROVAL OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT MINERALS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (GMJMDPD)**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport submitted a report which presented a joint Development Plan Document (DPD) covering minerals, which had been approved in principle by the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Planning Committee, following a series of consultations.

It was moved by Councillor Gunther and seconded by Councillor Davison that the report be approved.

On being put, 49 Members voted for, none against and with the Mayor abstaining, it was:

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the publication of the Joint Minerals Development Plan Document and its submission to Secretary of State be approved; and
2. That responsibility be delegated to the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Planning Committee for approval of any minor or non-material changes to the Publication Joint Minerals Development Plan Document before its submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

#### **THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR**

**(NOTE:** The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 10.00 pm)

