

# Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting  
Wednesday 13 December 2017**



## OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL,  
CIVIC CENTRE, OLDHAM

Tuesday, 5 December 2017

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

24 Political Balance Review (Pages 1 - 4)

**NOTE:** The meeting of the Council will conclude 3 hours and 30 minutes after the commencement of the meeting.



**Carolyn Wilkins**  
**Chief Executive**

**PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS**  
**NO AMENDMENT**

MOTION – Mover of the Motion to MOVE



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DEBATE ON THE MOTION: Include Timings



MOVER of Motion – Right of Reply



VOTE – For/Against/Abstain



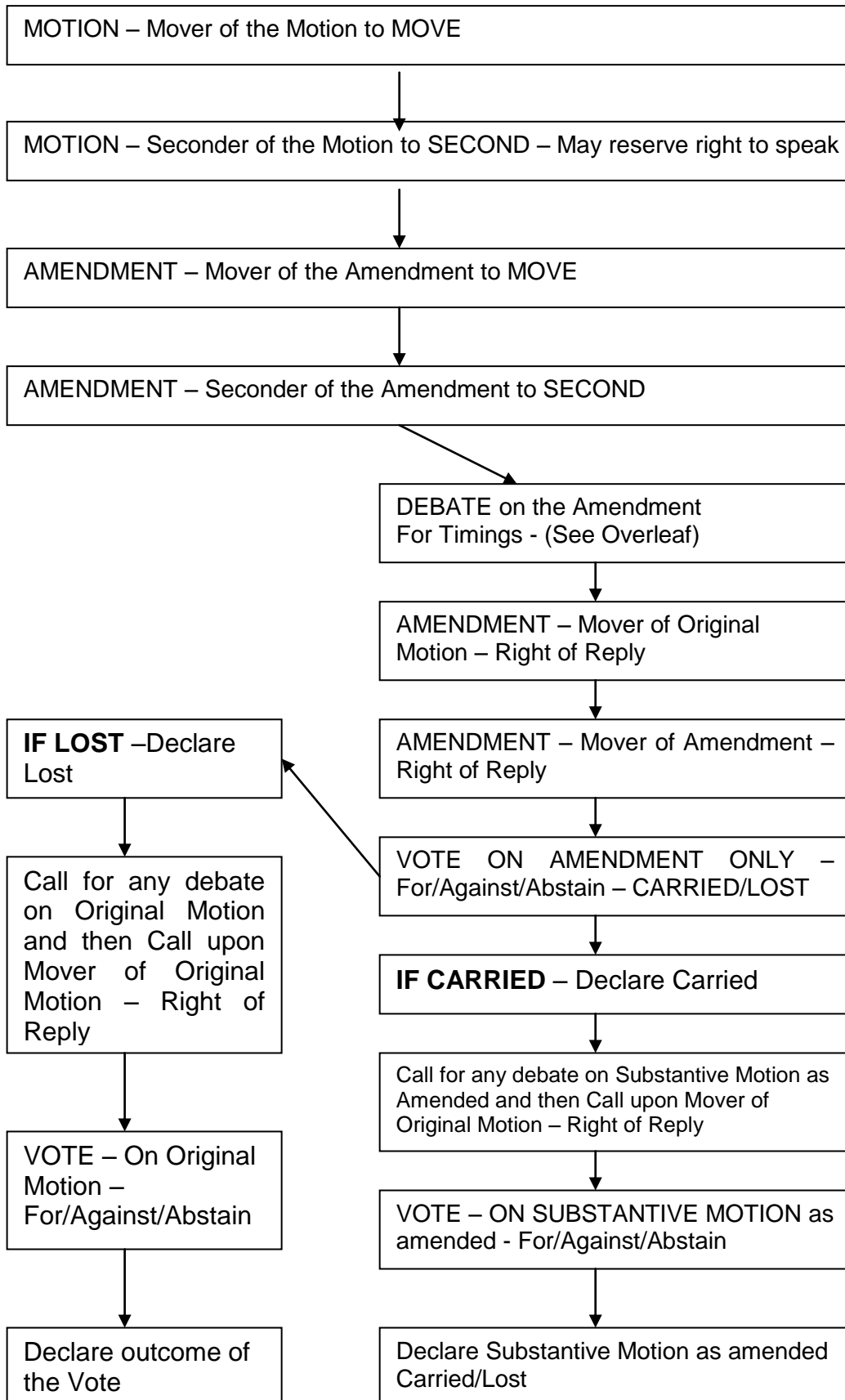
Declare outcome of the VOTE

**RULE ON TIMINGS**

(a) No Member shall speak longer than four minutes on any **Motion or Amendment**, or by way of question, observation or reply, unless by consent of the Members of the Council present, he/she is allowed an extension, in which case only one extension of 30 seconds shall be allowed.

(b) A Member replying to more than question will have up to six minutes to reply to each question with an extension of 30 seconds

## WITH AMENDMENT



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**Report to COUNCIL**

## **Political Balance Review**

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**13<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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### **Reason for Decision**

Rod Blyth has tendered his resignation as a Councillor. A review of the allocation of seats to political groups is required at, or as soon as practicable when notice is received of a change in the composition of a political group and changes to committee membership relating to political groups.

### **Recommendations**

The Council are requested to:

1. Note and agree the review of political balance and committees as detailed within the report.
2. Agree the composition of the political groups as outlined in the report and that; Councillor Gloster fills the Liberal Democrat Group vacant position on the Planning Committee with Councillor Murphy as second substitute.
3. That appointment to the Labour Group vacancy on the Audit Committee be delegated to the Chief Executive and three Group Leaders.

## 1 Resignation

Rod Blyth has resigned as a Liberal Democrat Councillor of Oldham Borough Council.

## 2 Political Groups

2.1 The Council is asked to note the composition of the political groups following Rod Blyth's resignation.

- i. The Labour Group – 46 members
- ii. The Liberal Democrat Group – 8 members
- iii. The Conservative Group – 2 members
- iv. UKIP – 1 Member
- v. Independent – 2 Members

2.2 The allocation of Committees has been reviewed and a change to the proportionality is required as a result of this. Council is asked to agree a total number of seats of 78 rather than 79 as per the Council Report agreed on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The political group sizes based on 78 Committee places available as a percentage of the total membership of the Council are:-

Labour Group	$46/59 \times 100 = 77.96\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 77.96\% = 60.80$	<b>61 Seats</b>
Liberal Democrat Group	$8/59 \times 100 = 13.55\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 13.55\% = 10.56$	<b>11 Seats</b>
Conservative Group	$2/59 \times 100 = 3.42\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 3.42\% = 2.66$	<b>3 Seats</b>
UKIP	$1/59 \times 100 = 1.69\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 1.69\% = 1.32$	<b>1 Seats</b>
Independent	$1/59 \times 100 = 1.69\%$	$78 \text{ seats} \times 1.69\% = 1.32$	<b>1 Seat</b>
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Based on a total number of Committee Seats of 78 the table below details the changes in Committee Membership for the Municipal Year 2017/18 from those already agreed at the annual meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Committee	Seats	L	LD	C	U	I	I
Licensing	14	11	1	1	0	1	0
Planning	14	10	2	1	1	0	0
O&S Performance & Value for Money Select Committee	8	6	1	1	0	0	0
O&S Management Board	8	6	1	0	0	0	1
Audit Committee	9	8	1	0	0	0	0
Commons Registration Committee	5	4	1	0	0	0	0



Selection Committee	5	4	1	0	0	0	0
Local NJC	7	6	1	0	0	0	0
Appeals Committee	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Charitable Trustee Committee	5	4	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

The Liberal Democrat Group lose 2 seats on Committees, 1 place on Licensing Committee and 1 place on the Audit Committee. Council is asked to agree the changes and the appointment of Councilor Gloster to the Planning committee vacancy and a second sub on planning for the Liberal Democrat Group to be Councillor Murphy.

Councillor Turner will lose her place on the Audit Committee.

A seat is created for a Labour Group Member on the Audit Committee. Council is asked to delegate the filling of the vacancy to the Chief Executive in consultation with the three Group Leaders.

Appendix 1 to the report details the requested changes.

Appendix 1

<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>					
Council Members 14	Lab 10	Lib Dem 2	Con 1	UKIP 1	Quorum 4
Chair: Councillor S Bashforth			Vice Chair: Councillor Shuttleworth		
Lab		Lib Dem		Con	UKIP
Iqbal	Ali	Gloster (OSP)		Hudson	Klonowski
Fielding	Jacques	McCann			
Kirkham	Hewitt				
Brock					
Price					

<b>Substitutes (ordered)</b>	Lab	Lib Dem	Con
	Chauhan	Harkness	
	Garry	Murphy	
	Goodwin		
	Mushtaq		
	Ames		

<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>				
Council Members 9	Lab 8	Lib Dem 1		Quorum 3
Chair: Independent Member:			Vice Chair:	
Lab		Lib Dem		
Hewitt	Rehman	Harkness (OSP)		
Salamat	Dean			
Ahmad	Brock			
Ali				
Williams				
<b>Substitutes (ordered)</b>	Lab	Lib Dem		
	Briggs	McCann		
	Iqbal	Gloster		
	Chauhan			
	S. Bashforth			
	Azad			

Cllr Harkness to replace Councillor Blyth on PVFM.