

Present: The Mayor – Councillor

Councillors Ahmad, Akhtar, A. Alexander, G. Alexander, Ames, Azad, Ball, M Bashforth, S Bashforth, Bates, Blyth, Briggs, Brownridge, A Chadderton, Chauhan, Cosgrove, Dawson, Dean, Dearden, Fielding, Garry, Haque, Harkness, Harrison, Heffernan, Hibbert, Hudson, Hussain, Iqbal, Jabbar, Judge, Kirkham, Klonowski, Larkin, Malik, McCann, McLaren, McMahan, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Price, Qumer, Rehman, Roberts, Salamat, Sedgwick, Shah, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Stretton, Sykes, Toor, Ur-Rehman, Williamson, Williams and Wigglesworth

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

2 TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Councillor Ahmad MOVED, Councillor McCann SECONDED and Councillor Hudson SUPPORTED the election of Councillor Ateeque Ur Rehman as Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal year.

On being put to the vote, the nomination was CARRIED

Councillor Ur Rehman then made and signed the declaration required by law to enable him to act in the office of Mayor.

The retiring Mayor (Councillor Fida Hussain) invested the newly elected Mayor (Councillor Ateeque Ur Rehman) with the chain of office; the Mayoress was then presented with her chain.

(The Mayor, Councillor Ur Rehman, in the chair)

The Mayor then made a speech of acceptance of office.

Councillor McMahan MOVED, Councillor McCann SECONDED and Councillor Hudson SUPPORTED a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

RESOLVED that:

1. Councillor Ateeque Ur Rehman be appointed Mayor of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council for the 2015/16 Municipal year.

2. The sincere thanks and appreciation of the Council be recorded to Councillor Hussain for her valuable services during her term of office as Mayor of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough in the 2014/15 Municipal year.

3 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Councillor Sykes MOVED and Councillor McMahon SECONDED the election of Councillor Derek Heffernan as Deputy Mayor of the Council for the forthcoming Municipal year.

On being put to the vote, the nomination was CARRIED

Councillor Heffernan then made and subscribed the declaration required by law to enable him to act in the office of Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED that Councillor Heffernan be appointed Deputy Mayor of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council for the 2015/16 Municipal year.

At this point in the meeting the Mayor adjourned the meeting for lunch.

4 **TO ORDER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 1ST APRIL 2015 BE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

The meeting reconvened at 3.30pm

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2015 be approved as a correct record.

5 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER TO BE DETERMINED AT THE MEETING**

The Mayor informed the meeting that the Standards Committee had granted a dispensation to allow all Members to vote on Item 19 - Independent Remuneration Panel Recommendations on the Members Allowances Scheme – Report of the Director of Legal Services. All Members declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item but the dispensation was applicable allowing Members to participate and vote on Item 19.

There were no other declarations of interest.

6 **TO DEAL WITH MATTERS WHICH THE MAYOR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT BUSINESS**

The Mayor informed the meeting that no items of urgent business had been received.

7 **TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor advised the meeting that the following Members had notified their wish to speak about the retiring Members:

Councillors Williamson, Sykes and Ahmed paid tribute to the work of John Dillon during his time served on the Council. Councillors Toor, Heffernan, McMahon, Haque, Brownridge and Hibbert paid tribute to the work of David Houle during his time served on the Council.

Councillors Sykes, Blyth, Dean and Klonowski paid tribute to the work of Mark Alcock during his time served on the Council.

8 **TO NOTE THE REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER ON THE RESULTS OF THE LOCAL ELECTIONS ON THE 7TH MAY 2015**

Consideration was given to a report of the Returning Officer informing Members of the results of the Local Elections which had taken place on 7th May 2015.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

9 **APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services concerning the appointment of a Leader of the Council for the Council term 2015/16 to 2018/19.

The nomination of Councillor McMahon was moved by Councillor Stretton and seconded by Councillor Sykes.

RESOLVED THAT Councillor McMahon be appointed as the Leader of the Council for the Council term 2015/16 to 2018/19.

- (a) Appointment of Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Members and Assistant Cabinet Members, Allocations of Portfolios and Delegation of Executive Functions

Consideration was given to a report of the Leader of the Council which detailed the Cabinet portfolios and the appointments to Cabinet for the 2015/16 Municipal year.

RESOLVED that the appointment of the Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Members, Assistant Cabinet Members the allocation of portfolios to Cabinet Members and the determination of delegations of executive functions for 2015/16 as set out below be noted.

CABINET		
Economy & Skills Cluster		
Economy & Enterprise (L)	City Region Regeneration & Infrastructure Enterprise & Business Support Capital Projects & Investments Corporate Property & Assets Oldham Town Centre & Markets Tourism and Events External Relations	Cllr Jim McMahon
		Deputy: Eddie Moores
Education &	Education	Cllr Shoab

Skills

[Akhtar](#)



Deputy: **Oldham**
Sean Fielding Council

Early Years
Education & Skills
Commission
Get Oldham Working
Employment and
Employability
Skills and Life Long
Learning
Apprenticeships

Health & Wellbeing Cluster

Social Care & Safeguarding	Adult Social Services Adult Safeguarding Provider Services Disability Services & Adaptations Adoption & Fostering Children in Care Child Safeguarding Family Support	Cllr Jenny Harrison Deputy: Ginny Alexander
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Health & Wellbeing	Health Devolution Health Improvement Public Health	Cllr Jean Stretton Deputy: Riaz Ahmad
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Neighbourhoods & Cooperatives Cluster

Neighbourhoods & Cooperatives	District Executives Environmental Services & Enforcement Libraries, Heritage and Local Studies Culture & Arts (inc Galleries/Museums) Leisure & Sport Community Safety & Policing Community Cohesion Community Engagement (Including Changing Behaviours and Get Oldham Growing) Youth Service First Response Registrars & Cemeteries	Cllr Barbara Brownridge Deputy: Sue Dearden
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Housing,	Strategic Housing	Cllr Dave
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Planning &
Highways

[Hibbert](#)



Oldham

Council

Deputy:
Fida Hussian

Housing Enforcement
Planning & Building
Control
Licensing
Highways
Gritting
Car Parking
Enforcement
Street Lighting
Trading Standards

**Corporate
Support**

Finance & HR

Finance
HR and Organisational
Development
Low Carbon and Energy
Saving
ICT and Transactional
Services
Internal Business
Support Unit
Revenues and Benefits
Welfare Advice and
Guidance
Commissioning &
Procurement

[Cllr Abdul
Jabbar](#)

Deputy:
Amanda
Chadderton

Performance &
Corporate
Governance

Policy & Performance
Business Intelligence
Customer Services
(Including Contact
Oldham)
Communications &
Media
Legal & Democratic
Services
Member Development &
Support

Cllr Arooj Shah

Deputy:
Fazlul Haque

- (b) Communications from the Leader of the Council on the Administration's Priorities for the 2015/16 Municipal Year

Council received a report of the Leader of the Council, which outlined the Administration's priorities for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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**WORKING TOWARDS A CO-OPERATIVE BOROUGH:
CORPORATE PLAN 2015-2020 AND OLDHAM PLAN 2015-
2018**



The Council received a report of the Leader of the Council setting out the Oldham Plan (2015-2018), as agreed by the Oldham Partnership, and the Corporate Plan (2015-2020).

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Oldham Plan 2015-18 is endorsed and
2. The Corporate Plan Outcomes framework is approved

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OPPOSITION NOMINATIONS TO THE SHADOW CABINET

RESOLVED that the appointment of the Opposition Leader, the Shadow Cabinet and Shadow Deputy Cabinet Members as set out below, be noted

Opposition Leader

Councillor Howard Sykes

Opposition Nominations to the Shadow Cabinet

Name of Councillor

Portfolio

Economy and Skills Cluster

Councillor Howard Sykes

Economy and Enterprise

Councillor Garth Harkness

Education and Skills

Health and Wellbeing Cluster

Councillor Rod Blyth

Social Care and Safeguarding

Councillor Chris Gloster

Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Heffernan

(Deputy)

Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives

Councillor Diane Williamson
Cooperatives

Neighbourhoods and

Councillor Dave Murphy
Highways

Housing, Planning and

Councillor Sedgwick

(Deputy)

Corporate Support

Councillor John McCann

Finance and HR

Councillor Julia Turner

Performance and Corporate

Governance

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**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2015/16 - TO CONFIRM
THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS
AND TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE
SEATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15 AND 16 OF
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989, AS
AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES
AND POLITICAL GROUPS) REGULATIONS 1990, 1991
AND 1993**

The Council considered the report of the Director of Legal Services, which sought approval to constitute the Council's committees and appoint members to serve on them.



Councillor McMahon MOVED and Councillor Stretton SECONDED an amendment to appoint Councillor Hudson as Chair of the Saddleworth and Lees District Executive.

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment.

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Ahmad, Riaz	FOR	Iqbal, Javid	FOR
Akhtar, Shoab	FOR	Jabbar, Abdul	FOR
Alexander, Adrian	FOR	Judge, Bernard	FOR
Alexander, Ginny	FOR	Larkin, Tony	FOR
Ali, Mohon	FOR	Kirkham, Nikki	FOR
Ames, Brian	FOR	Klonowski, Peter	FOR
Azad, Montaz Ali	FOR	Malik, Abdul	FOR
Ball, Cath	FOR	McCann, John	AGAINST
Bashforth, Marie	FOR	McLaren, Colin	FOR
Bashforth, Steven	FOR	McMahon, James	FOR
Bates, Warren	FOR	Moores, Eddie	FOR
Blyth, Rod	AGAINST	Murphy, Dave	AGAINST
Briggs, Norman	FOR	Mushtaq, Shaid	FOR
Brownridge, Barbara	FOR	Price, Vita	FOR
Chadderton, Amanda	FOR	Qumer, Shadab	FOR
Chauhan, Zahid	FOR	Rehman, Kaiser	FOR
Cosgrove, Angela	FOR	Roberts, Hannah	FOR
Dawson, David	FOR	Salamat, Ali Aqeel	FOR
Dean, Peter	FOR	Sedgwick, Valerie	AGAINST
Dearden, Susan	FOR	Shah, Arooj	FOR
Fielding, Sean	FOR	Sheldon, Graham John	FOR
Garry, Elaine	FOR	Shuttleworth, Graham	FOR
Gloster, Chris	AGAINST	Stretton, Jean	FOR
Haque, Fazlul	FOR	Sykes MBE, Howard David	AGAINST
Harkness, Garth	AGAINST	Toor, Yasmin	FOR

Harrison, Jennifer	FOR	Turner, Julia	AGAINST
Heffernan, Derek	AGAINST	Williams, Steve	FOR
Hibbert, David	FOR	Williamson, Diane	AGAINST
Hudson, John	FOR	Wrigglesworth, Joy	FOR
Hussain, Fida	FOR	Ur-Rehman, Ateeque	FOR

The amendment was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that:

1. The composition of the political groups, as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report, be noted;
2. The several Committees, detailed at paragraph 1.3 of the report, be constituted with the Terms of Reference and delegated powers, as detailed in the Council's Constitution;
3. The number of seats on the various committees for the 2015/16 Municipal Year, as set out in paragraph 1.7 of the report, be approved;
4. The allocation of seats to the political groups, as set out in the report, be confirmed. Appointments to fill the seats in accordance with sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 be approved, as set out in the amended Appendix 1;
5. With the exception of the Selection and Appeals Committees, the Chair and Vice Chair of each committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year be appointed, as set out in the Appendix 1;
6. The Co-opted Members detailed at paragraph 1.10 of the report be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Board and the Statutory Co-optees be given full voting rights in respect of education matters only;
7. The Chairs of the District Executives for the 2015/16 Municipal Year be appointed as listed in the amended Appendix 1.
8. The Council confirmed that the Traffic Regulation Order Panel remained outside political balance.
9. Council agreed as in previous years to waive the political balance rules in relation to the Standards Committee.
10. Any outstanding appointments be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Main Opposition Group.

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TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENTS AS NOMINATED BY THE POLITICAL GROUPS TO BE MADE TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR THE 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Councillor McMahon MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services which

detailed the appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2015/16.



RESOLVED that:

1. The appointments to the Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2015/16, as listed in Appendix 1 to the report, now submitted, be approved.
2. All other appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2015/16, as listed in Appendix 2 to the report, be delegated to the relevant District Executive. The existing appointments for those outside bodies listed to remain until the first meeting of the District Executive.
3. Nominations to be made to the AGMA/GMCA Outside Bodies as listed in Appendix 3 to the report for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.
4. Any outstanding appointments to be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Main Opposition Group.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which set out the revised calendar of Meetings for the 2015-16 municipal years.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The meetings of the Council be held on the following dates in the 2015/16 Municipal Year, commencing at 6.00pm unless otherwise shown:-

15th July 2015
9th September 2015
4th November 2015
16th December 2015
24th February 2016 Budget
23rd March 2016
18th May 2016 Annual Council

2. The current version of the Council's calendar of meetings for 2015/16 be approved, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
3. Approval of any outstanding dates to be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Main Opposition Group.
4. The dates agreed to only be changed in exceptional circumstances and only then after following the agreed process.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

No Notices of Business were received from the Administration.

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

No Notices of Business were received from the Opposition.

**REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which detailed proposed constitutional amendments.

An amendment to the proposals set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report, in relation to Leader and Cabinet Questions, was **MOVED** by Councillor Sykes and **SECONDED** by Councillor Harkness. The amendment was to replace the proposed words with

- “a) the Leader of the main opposition group be entitled to ask three questions and leaders of minority opposition groups be entitled to ask a single question at each Council meeting
- b) Questions to be taken by the Mayor in order received”

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment.

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Ahmad, Riaz	AGAINST	Iqbal, Javid	AGAINST
Akhtar, Shoab	AGAINST	Jabbar, Abdul	AGAINST
Alexander, Adrian	AGAINST	Judge, Bernard	AGAINST
Alexander, Ginny	AGAINST	Larkin, Tony	AGAINST
Ali, Mohon	AGAINST	Kirkham, Nikki	AGAINST
Ames, Brian	AGAINST	Klonowski, Peter	AGAINST
Azad, Montaz Ali	AGAINST	Malik, Abdul	AGAINST
Ball, Cath	AGAINST	McCann, John	FOR
Bashforth, Marie	AGAINST	McLaren, Colin	AGAINST
Bashforth, Steven	AGAINST	McMahon, James	AGAINST
Bates, Warren	AGAINST	Moores, Eddie	AGAINST
Blyth, Rod	FOR	Murphy, Dave	FOR
Briggs, Norman	AGAINST	Mushtaq, Shaid	AGAINST
Brownridge, Barbara	AGAINST	Price, Vita	AGAINST
Chadderton, Amanda	AGAINST	Qumer, Shadab	AGAINST
Chauhan, Zahid	AGAINST	Rehman, Kaiser	AGAINST
Cosgrove, Angela	AGAINST	Roberts, Hannah	AGAINST
Dawson, David	AGAINST	Salamat, Ali Aqeel	AGAINST
Dean, Peter	AGAINST	Sedgwick, Valerie	FOR



Dearden, Susan	AGAINST	Shah, Arooj	AGAINST
Fielding, Sean	AGAINST	Sheldon, Graham John	AGAINST
Garry, Elaine	AGAINST	Shuttleworth, Graham	AGAINST
Gloster, Chris	FOR	Stretton, Jean	AGAINST
Haque, Fazlul	AGAINST	Sykes MBE, Howard David	FOR
Harkness, Garth	FOR	Toor, Yasmin	AGAINST
Harrison, Jennifer	AGAINST	Turner, Julia	FOR
Heffernan, Derek	FOR	Williams, Steve	AGAINST
Hibbert, David	AGAINST	Williamson, Diane	FOR
Hudson, John	AGAINST	Wrigglesworth, Joy	AGAINST
Hussain, Fida	AGAINST	Ur-Rehman, Ateeque	AGAINST

The amendment was LOST

An amendment to the proposals set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report, in relation to Ward Questions, was MOVED by Councillor Sykes and SECONDED by Councillor Williamson. The amendment was to replace the proposed words with “The Mayor to take ward and district questions on an alternative basis from the groups where there are questions received from members of the same group”

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment.

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Ahmad, Riaz	AGAINST	Iqbal, Javid	AGAINST
Akhtar, Shoab	AGAINST	Jabbar, Abdul	AGAINST
Alexander, Adrian	AGAINST	Judge, Bernard	AGAINST
Alexander, Ginny	AGAINST	Larkin, Tony	AGAINST
Ali, Mohon	AGAINST	Kirkham, Nikki	AGAINST
Ames, Brian	AGAINST	Klonowski, Peter	FOR
Azad, Montaz Ali	AGAINST	Malik, Abdul	AGAINST
Ball, Cath	AGAINST	McCann, John	FOR
Bashforth, Marie	AGAINST	McLaren, Colin	AGAINST
Bashforth, Steven	AGAINST	McMahon, James	AGAINST
Bates, Warren	AGAINST	Moore, Eddie	AGAINST
Blyth, Rod	FOR	Murphy, Dave	FOR



Briggs, Norman	AGAINST	Mushtaq, Shaid	AGAINST
Brownridge, Barbara	AGAINST	Price, Vita	AGAINST
Chadderton, Amanda	AGAINST	Qumer, Shadab	AGAINST
Chauhan, Zahid	AGAINST	Rehman, Kaiser	AGAINST
Cosgrove, Angela	AGAINST	Roberts, Hannah	AGAINST
Dawson, David	AGAINST	Salamat, Ali Aqeel	AGAINST
Dean, Peter	AGAINST	Sedgwick, Valerie	FOR
Dearden, Susan	AGAINST	Shah, Arooj	AGAINST
Fielding, Sean	AGAINST	Sheldon, Graham John	ABSENT
Garry, Elaine	AGAINST	Shuttleworth, Graham	AGAINST
Gloster, Chris	FOR	Stretton, Jean	AGAINST
Haque, Fazlul	AGAINST	Sykes MBE, Howard David	FOR
Harkness, Garth	FOR	Toor, Yasmin	AGAINST
Harrison, Jennifer	AGAINST	Turner, Julia	FOR
Heffernan, Derek	FOR	Williams, Steve	AGAINST
Hibbert, David	AGAINST	Williamson, Diane	FOR
Hudson, John	AGAINST	Wrigglesworth, Joy	AGAINST
Hussain, Fida	AGAINST	Ur-Rehman, Ateeque	AGAINST

The amendment was LOST

RESOLVED – That

1. The Constitutional amendments, as outlined in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the report be agreed.
2. Approval of any consequential amendments be delegated to the Director of Legal Services
3. The Council's existing Constitution be reaffirmed.

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THE MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services setting out the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

The meeting started at 12.00 pm and ended at 5.45 pm