

# Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting  
Wednesday 20 March 2019**



## OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 12 March 2019

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

- 1 Civic Appreciation Award

### **Open Council**

- 2 Questions to Cabinet Members from the public and Councillors on ward or district issues

*(15 minutes for public questions and 25 minutes for Councillor questions)*

### **Formal Council**

- 3 To receive apologies for absence
- 4 To order that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th December 2018 and 27th February 2019 be signed as a correct record (Pages 1 - 62)
- 5 To receive declarations of interest in any matter to be determined at the meeting
- 6 To deal with matters which the Mayor considers to be urgent business
- 7 To receive communications relating to the business of the Council
- 8 To receive and note petitions received relating to the business of the Council (Pages 63 - 64)

*(time limit 20 minutes)*

- 9 Outstanding Business from the previous meeting

*(time limit 15 minutes).*

Councillor Roberts to MOVE and Councillor Chadderton to SECOND:

In 2018 Oldham has celebrated the centenary of women's parliamentary suffrage and the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of universal adult suffrage.

This Council welcomes the installation of Annie Kenney's statue in Parliament Square and the unveiling on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the anniversary of the first general election when women could stand as candidates and vote.

This Council recognises that the struggle for equality and the right to vote was long and hard fought. We reaffirm our commitment to commemorating the Peterloo Massacre of

16<sup>th</sup> August 1819 as a significant contribution to the struggle.

This Council resolves to

1. Thank everyone who has contributed to commemorative and celebratory activities, events and everyone who has helped to raise the money to pay for Annie Kenney's statue
2. To invite Oldham residents and community organisations to join with the Council in commemorating Peterloo and the fight for equal rights

10 Youth Council

*(time limit 20 minutes)*

There is no Youth Council Business.

11 Leader and Cabinet Question Time

*(time limit 30 minutes – maximum of 2 minutes per question and 2 minutes per response)*

12 To note the Minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on the undermentioned dates, including the attached list of urgent key decisions taken since the last meeting of the Council, and to receive any questions or observations on any items within the Minutes from Members of the Council who are not Members of the Cabinet, and receive responses from Cabinet Members (Pages 65 - 100)

*(time limit 20 minutes):-*

- a) 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- b) 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- c) 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- d) 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

13 Notice of Administration Business

*(time limit 30 minutes)*

Motion 1

Councillor P Jacques to MOVE and Councillor M Ali to SECOND:

This council notes the strong link between child poverty, educational performance and earnings in adult life. A rounded, high quality education, inside and outside the classroom, that equips young people with the tools to lead fulfilling and productive lives should be the expectation for all Oldham residents.

As a borough we already have plenty to be proud of, including four out of five Oldham children attending a good or outstanding school, Oldham College's recent good rating from Ofsted, improvements at Key Stages 1 and 2 across reading, writing and maths, and at Key Stage 5, with the percentage of Oldham students achieving grades A\*-C now within 1% of national averages.

There is still a lot to do, however, particularly in early years and at Key Stage 4. This work is made difficult by the fragmented nature of our education system, but this

council remains committed to supporting all our young people, whether they attend a maintained school, academy or free school.

This council resolves to:

1. Continue investing in capacity building at good and outstanding schools, so that more of our young people can attend the school of their choice
2. Work with partner organisations and parents to ensure all children arrive on their first day at school ready to learn
3. Continue to support schools to work together and share best practice, learning from one another for the benefit of all our young people
4. Expand work to tackle holiday hunger and create breakfast clubs in schools across the borough
5. Submit evidence to the forthcoming Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry into local government finance, highlighting the impact of funding cuts on services and restrictions this places on the council's ability to support our schools and tackle the concerning levels of child poverty in the borough

### Motion 2

Councillor Ur-Rehman to MOVE and Councillor Williams to SECOND:

This council notes with concern the growing threat to our communities and particularly our young people from violent crime. Since March 2010 in Oldham, recorded violence with injury has increased by 64% and possession of weapons has increased by 124%, while violence without injury has increased by 441%. Some of this may be due to changes to reporting methods, but it is increasingly difficult to accept the Conservative government's argument that there is no correlation with police cuts that have seen 21,000 officers removed from service.

The New Economics Foundation have recently estimated that austerity has cost the UK economy £100 billion in lost economic growth. In this context, the government is asking residents of Greater Manchester to pay twice for their police force. The council condemns the government's agenda, passing the burden of police funding to local taxpayers via the police precept.

Whilst the decision of the Deputy Mayor to use the police precept goes some way to reversing Tory cuts, through the recruitment of at least 320 additional police officers and the introduction of more officers instead of PCSOs on the bus and tram network, it should not be necessary.

This council resolves to:

1. Request that the Chief Executive write to Nick Hurd MP, Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service, highlighting the concerning rise in violent crime in Oldham and the need for fairer funding that reflects local need
2. Build stronger relationships between councillors, communities and the police by developing new district working methods
3. Work in and with communities to build understanding of the causes of and solutions to violent crime, taking a holistic approach similar to that which has seen success in Scotland

## 14 Notice of Opposition Business

*(time limit 30 minutes)*

### Motion 1 – Tackling Dog Fouling and Nuisance

Councillor C Gloster to MOVE and Councillor Murphy to SECOND:

This Council notes that:

- Though most dog owners are law-abiding, a small number of irresponsible owners still fail to clean up after their dogs or control them in public places
- The law requires owners to clean up after their dogs in public places, to keep control of their pets, and to ensure their animal is micro-chipped and displays a dog collar with the name and address of the owner
- Under powers granted to the Council under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, this Council introduced a borough-wide Public Space Protection Order to replace five existing Dog Control Orders

In October 2014, following the adoption of a motion by Council, the Overview and Scrutiny Board looked at additional measures to combat dog fouling and nuisance; however, none were adopted.

Council recognises that, with the passage of time, new innovative practices and the greater use of technology have in other local authorities had a proven impact in addressing these issues.

This Council wishing to more effectively prevent dog fouling and nuisance in this borough resolves to:

- Apply the maximum on-the-spot fixed penalty applicable under the law (currently £100) where offences occur within areas covered by the Public Space Protection Order
- Ask the Overview and Scrutiny Board to:
  - Re-examine current examples of best practice, and the powers granted to it in recent legislation, to determine which can, and should, be adopted in this borough;
  - Confer with The Dogs Trust to establish the ways in which the Council might work in partnership with them to address dog fouling, promote micro-chipping, or otherwise improve animal welfare;

And then bring a report back on this matter to Council at the earliest opportunity.

### Motion 2 – Tackling Speeding

Councillor Harkness to MOVE and Councillor H Gloster to SECOND:

Council notes that speeding continues to be a factor in road collisions and that a pedestrian is four times more likely to die if they are hit by a vehicle travelling at forty miles per hours than they are at 30mph.

It is therefore imperative that Council working with the Police and residents seek to reduce excessive vehicular speeds in this borough, especially outside schools, on minor residential roads and in rural areas.

Council believes that we should work with our residents' groups to deter and catch offenders and that we should employ mobile technology in order to do so.

Council therefore resolves to ask the Overview and Scrutiny Board to:

- Identify, with the assistance of District Executives, local police and the Council's highways officers, locations not currently equipped with a speed camera which might benefit from one for consideration by the Drive Safe Greater Manchester

Casualty Reduction Partnership.

- Explore the availability of funding to purchase and deploy mobile speed cameras to catch offenders, change driver behaviour and improve road safety.
- Investigate how the Council and the police can work with community and residents' groups to establish Community Speed Watch schemes and Community Concern speed enforcement sites in the Borough
- Explore the merits of establishing 'bus gates' at suitable sites outside schools and look at establishing a pilot project. ('Bus gates' limit vehicular through traffic outside schools to cycles and local buses at the start and end of the school day, with a fixed penalty for transgressors.)

Motion 3 – Pensions Scheme Divestment from Fracking and Fossil Fuels

Councillor Heffernan to MOVE and Councillor Sykes to SECOND:

Council notes that:

- Given the adverse impact of fracking, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority has recently agreed to put planning measures in place for a 'presumption' against fracking operations in Greater Manchester.
- Despite this, the Greater Manchester Pension Fund, as the largest in the country, has over £1.2 billion invested in coal, oil and gas companies, including over £150,000 invested with companies engaged in fracking operations in neighbouring Lancashire

Council therefore resolves to request the Chief Executive write to the Chief Executive of the Greater Manchester Pension Scheme and the Mayor of Greater Manchester asking them to review this position, and to take action to resolve this dilemma.

- 15 To note the Minutes of the following Joint Authority meetings and the relevant a spokespersons to respond to questions from Members (Pages 101 - 238)

*(time limit 8 minutes):-*

Police and Crime Panel	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
GMCA and AGMA Executive Board	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA)	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Greater Manchester Health and Care Board	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Transport for Greater Manchester	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
National Park Authority	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
Greater Manchester Combined Authority Waste and Recycling Committee	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019

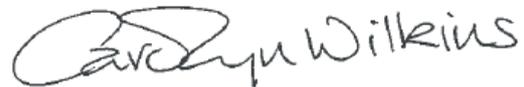
- 15 To note the Minutes of the following Partnership meetings and the relevant  
b spokespersons to respond to questions from Members (Pages 239 - 254)

*(time limit 7 minutes)*

Oldham Leadership Board	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Health and Wellbeing Board	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
MioCare Board	12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018

- 16 Welfare Reform Update (Pages 255 - 266)
- 17 Update on Actions from Council (Pages 267 - 302)
- 18 Statement of Community Involvement (Pages 303 - 372)

**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



MOTION – Secunder of the Motion to SECOND – May reserve right to speak



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

