

Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 22 March 2017**

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 14 March 2017

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

10 The Administration's Priorities (Pages 1 - 8)

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



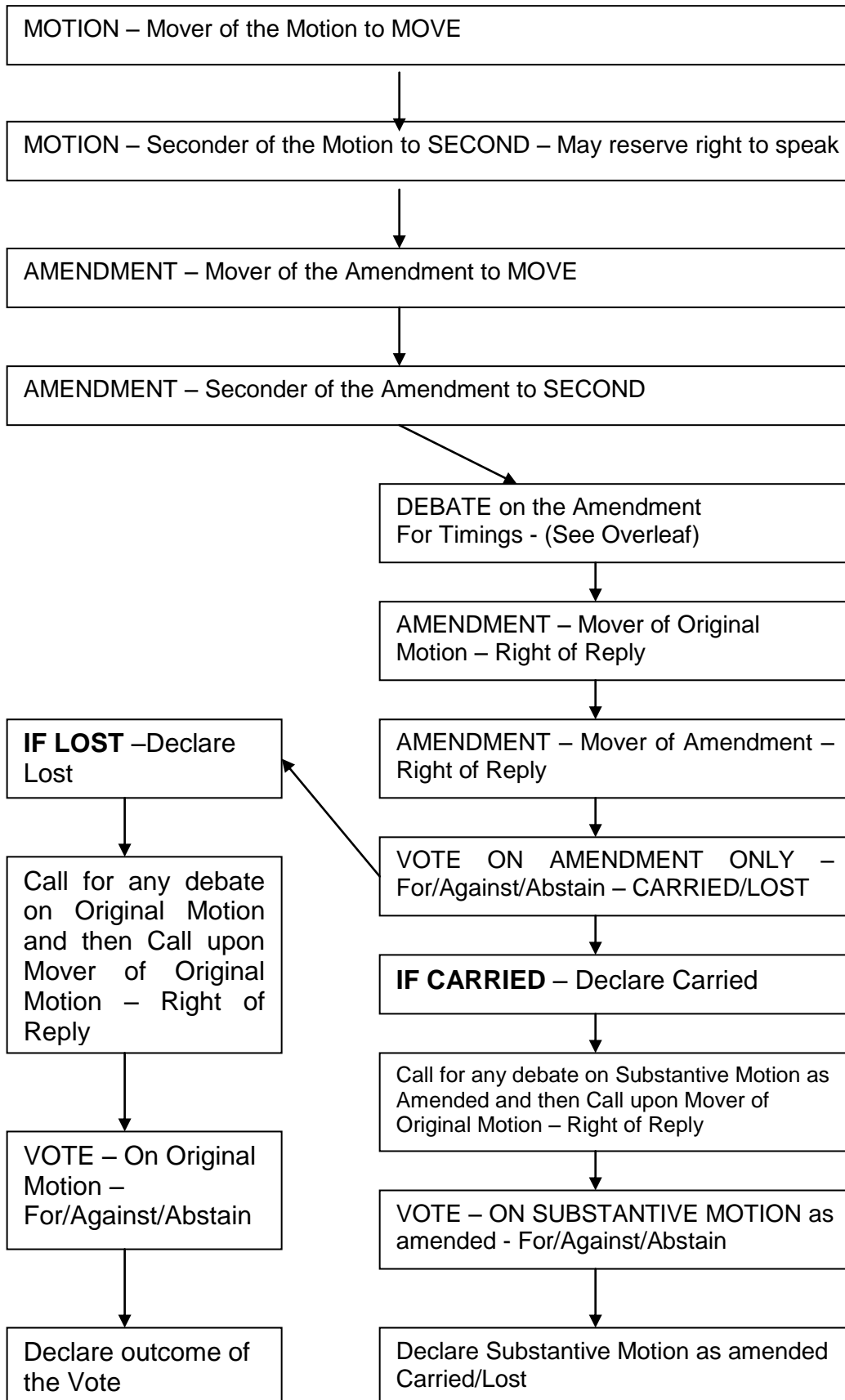
Declare outcome of the VOTE

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

The Administration's Priorities

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor Jean Stretton, Leader of the Council

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Reason for Decision

The purpose of the report is to set out the Administration's priorities for 2017-2019 inclusive.

Executive Summary

From May 2011 this Administration has been working to ensure we are a Co-operative Borough. Building on co-operative principles, the early ambition for the Council was defined as:

- Strong Local Democracy
- Co-operative future for the community
- A regenerated Oldham
- New ways of delivering Council services
- Reconnect with communities and residents

This report now provides communication from the Council Leader which sets out this Administration's priorities for 2017-2019 inclusive.

Recommendations

Council is asked to note the contents of the report and endorse the Administration's priorities for 2017-2019 inclusive.

Priorities of the Administration

1.0 Background

1.1 From May 2011, this Administration has been working to ensure we are a Co-Operative Borough – one where everyone does their bit and everyone benefits. Building on co-operative principles, the early ambition for the Council was defined as:

- Strong Local Democracy
- Co-operative future for the community
- A regenerated Oldham
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- Reconnect with communities and residents

1.2 In June 2014, Council endorsed the previous priorities of the Administration for 2014-2016 inclusive, most of which now continue as 'business as usual'. The past two years have seen significant progress in these areas including:

- Setting up the Get Oldham Working Programme which saw us exceed the target of 2,015 work related opportunities created by 2015;
- Regeneration of the Borough including the Old Town Hall into a cinema and restaurant complex and two new leisure centres;
- A commitment to Open Democracy which now sees our Cabinet, Full Council and Planning Committee meetings live streamed. In addition to this we have seen:
 - The Council receive public questions and broadcast meetings over Social Media
 - Investment in our Youth Council and their facilities
 - Increasing levels of devolution of decisions and budgets to district level
- Introduced the Oldham Living Wage for all Council Workers
- Supported local businesses on Shaw and Lees High Streets and the A62 Failsworth Corridor as well as supported new independent traders on Yorkshire Street, otherwise known as the Independent Quarter
- Integrated Police and Fire Services into local District Town Halls

There are many other achievements that could be listed but this report is about looking to the future.

1.3 Oldham Council has successfully repositioned to become a Co-operative Council and remains committed to a co-operative future; one where citizens, partners and staff work together to improve the borough and create a confident and ambitious place.

1.4 These updated priorities, as set out in **appendix one** to this report, are set out under five key themes which Cabinet Members assigned to oversee each area.

The five themes are:

- Ambitious for everyone
- A Borough of Opportunities
- A Good Place to Live
- Thriving Districts and Neighbourhoods
- A Healthier and Caring Borough

These are based on a belief that Oldham as a Co-operative borough is a great place - and by working together we can make it even stronger.

We want this to be a borough with opportunities for all to reach their full potential: one with a good range of high quality places and homes to live in, with strong neighbourhoods and good transport links to the region's jobs and skills opportunities.

We also want Oldham to be a place we can all be proud of – one with cultural attractions and events that make it a destination for residents and visitors alike.

Working as a team – with residents and partners all doing their bit – we can build a better and brighter future for Oldham.

1.5 The priorities will be delivered based on the co-operative values which have underpinned our work to date:

- **Fairness** – we will champion fairness and equality of opportunity, and ensure working together brings mutual benefits and the greatest possible added value. We will enable everyone to be involved.
- **Openness** – we will be open and honest in our actions and communications. We will take decisions in a transparent way and at the most local level possible.
- **Responsibility** – we take responsibility for, and answer to our actions. We will encourage people to take responsibility for themselves and their actions. Mutual benefits go hand-in-hand with mutual obligations.
- **Working together** – we will work together and support each other in achieving common goals, making sure the environment is in place for self-help.
- **Accountability** – we recognise and act upon the impact of our actions on others, and hold ourselves accountable to our stakeholders.
- **Respect** – we recognise and welcome different views and treat each other with dignity and respect.
- **Democracy** – we believe and act within the principles of democracy, and promote these across the borough.

It is important that these priorities are delivered and become formal council policy. This provides a bridge from the political ambition of the administration through to the Council as an organisation charged with delivery. These priorities do not mean that other work ongoing isn't important or that focus will slow down, indeed some of the pledges are already 'work in progress'.

THEME	PRIORITY	CABINET MEMBER
AMBITIOUS FOR EVERYONE	<p>Every school 'good or outstanding' by 2020</p> <p>All performance indicators for education to be at national average or above by 2020</p> <p>Support Oldham Education Partnership Board in delivering all the recommendations of Education and Skills Commission</p> <p>Focus on raising standards in reading, writing and mathematics</p> <p>Ensure children and young people are school ready, work ready and life ready</p> <p>Invest £37m in new primary and secondary school facilities</p>	Cllr A Chadderton
A BOROUGH OF OPPORTUNITES	<p>Be a strong voice in Greater Manchester for Fair Growth – equality of opportunities and investment; fight poverty</p> <p>Identify key employment sites to secure new job opportunities and investment.</p> <p>Support existing and attract new businesses from high-profile retailers to independent traders</p> <p>Get Oldham Working to engage with 6,000 residents and fill 5,000 new employment-related opportunities by 2020</p> <p>Encourage 'In work' progression to help at least</p>	<p>Cllr J Stretton</p> <p>Cllr S Akhtar</p>

	<p>400 residents to move up the career ladder (Career Advancement Service)</p> <p>Fight for a Fair Employment borough</p>	
A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE	<p>Deliver Oldham's Cultural Quarter including new Oldham Coliseum Theatre, Arts & Heritage Centre</p> <p>Invest in Tommyfield Market Hall</p> <p>Invest in Queen Elizabeth Hall to create a high quality venue for events and conferences</p> <p>Complete regeneration of Prince's Gate</p> <p>Deliver an exciting calendar of cultural events and attractions and enhance the tourism offer through Parliament Square and other locations and facilities</p> <p>Fight for better transport links at Greater Manchester level for Metrolink direct to Piccadilly</p>	Cllr J Stretton
	<p>Extend free weekend car parking in town centre beyond 2016</p>	Cllr F Hussain
THRIVING DISTRICTS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS	<p>Deliver pipeline of 1,000 new homes across the borough – with a range of high quality affordable and aspirational housing</p> <p>Commit to preserving and enhancing the quality of our environment through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Britain in Bloom • Green Dividend • Prosecuting fly tippers and people who drop 	Cllr B Brownridge

	<p>litter</p> <p>Extend the National Award winning Warm Homes Oldham Programme</p> <p>Encourage investment in green and renewable technology to produce clean power and create jobs</p> <p>Use the Private Landlord Licensing Scheme to improve the quality of private sector housing</p>	
	Maintain 24-hour road repair promise for Priority Routes	Cllr F Hussain
	<p>Continue to invest in improving our districts including – but not limited to – schemes for:</p> <p>Redeveloping Royton Town Hall and district centre; Progressing delivery of a premium business park and high-quality homes at Foxdenton, plus a new DpD depot and Audi dealership with more than 300 new jobs; Demolishing the gasholder and regenerating Hollinwood Junction; Attracting new independent traders in Shaw, Lees and <i>Failsworth</i> (A62 corridor); Delivering a new Saddleworth School and promoting the area’s tourism offer.</p>	Cllr J Stretton
A HEALTHIER AND CARING BOROUGH	<p>Support people to live independent lives for longer in their own homes</p> <p>Continue to develop cooperative communities where people support each other</p>	<p>Cllr J Harrison</p> <p>Cllr B Brownridge</p> <p>Cllr E Moores</p>

	<p>Develop an integrated health and care system which supports healthy choices and challenges inequalities</p> <p>Ensure all of our children get a healthy start in life to enable them to thrive</p> <p>Ensure our children in care get our parental support until the age of 25</p>	<p>Cllr E Moores</p> <p>Cllr J Harrison</p>
	<p>Maintain an outstanding estate of leisure centres and sporting opportunities for all</p> <p>Challenge the stigma of mental health</p>	<p>Cllr E Moores</p>
	<p>Through our Welfare Rights Service support people adversely affected by Welfare Reform</p>	<p>Cllr A Jabbar</p>

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