

# Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Updated Opposition Motion and  
Amendments to Motions and  
Report**

## OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

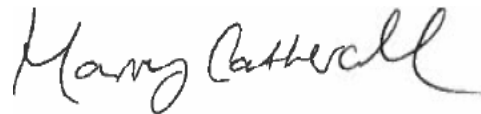
You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 10 July 2024 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

11 Notice of Opposition Business (Pages 1 - 10)

13 Appointment of Committees and Composition of Political Groups (Pages 11 - 30)

A report that reviews the political composition of committees and to note the composition of the political groups represented on the Council.

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



**Harry Catherall**  
**Chief Executive**

## Full council 10th July 2024 – Notice of Opposition Motion

### Removing Oldham Borough from Places for Everyone

**Proposed by:** Councillor Howard Sykes

**Seconded by:** Councillor Max Woodvine

#### **This council recognises that:**

- Places for Everyone is based on 'housing need' calculations which are already the better part of a decade old.
- Places for Everyone does not give guarantees with regards to the delivery of affordable and socially rented homes.
- 'Places for Everyone' represents a developer-led approach.
- It would see the irreparable loss of Green Belt sites and green spaces which is not necessary.
- It uses Green Belt for the delivery of a housing strategy focused solely on developer profit.
- It does not deliver the right mix of affordable housing types and tenures in the places people want to live.
- We also believe the Adoption Statement for the Plan presented at the last Full Council meeting in March 2024 was misleading by implying that all the main modifications had been consulted on. This was not the case, as none of the main modifications related to HS2 have been consulted upon.

#### **This council resolves to:**

- 1) Request that Council consider at its next meeting in September, that the Secretary of State be requested to revoke the 'Places for Everyone' plan in the interest of all Oldham's residents, businesses and other stake holders for the reasons stated above.
- 2) In order for Council to consider this decision at its next meeting in September, the relevant council officers are requested to present a full report on the planning, legal, equalities and all other considerations of such a revocation.
- 3) Should the request be approved Oldham Council' withdraw engagement and support for the defence of the judicial review of 'Places for Everyone'.
- 4) Should the Plan be revoked the Green Belt boundaries should be restored to their pre-adoption state.
- 5) If the Plan is revoked develop an Oldham-led housing strategy that prioritises brownfield and ex-industrial sites, while protecting greenbelt and green spaces for future generations.

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## Amendment to the Motion: Removing Oldham Borough from Places for Everyone

To be moved by Councillor Hince

Seconded by: Councillor Navesey

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- We also believe the Adoption Statement for the Plan presented at the last Full Council meeting in March 2024 was misleading by implying that all the main modifications had been consulted on. This was not the case, as none of the main modifications related to HS2 have been consulted upon.

This council resolves to:

~~1. Request the new Secretary of State to revoke the Plan 'Places for Everyone' in the interest of all Oldham's residents, businesses and other stake holders for the reasons stated above.~~

~~2. In order for Council to consider this decision at its next meeting in September, the relevant council officers are requested to present a full report on the planning, legal, equalities and all other considerations of such a revocation.~~

1. Request the relevant council officers deliver an all-members workshop in September (after recess to ensure maximum opportunity to enable all members to attend) to understand the issues, options and opportunities associated with Oldham Council seeking revocation of its involvement in the Greater Manchester Places from Everyone Joint Development Plan (PfE).

2. On the back of the workshop, request the relevant council officers to present a thorough and full report to Council in November 2024 to inform a decision on writing to the new Secretary of State to revoke PfE insofar as it relates to the Borough of Oldham.

3. Should the request be approved Oldham Council' withdraw engagement and support for the defence of the judicial review of 'Places for Everyone'.

4. Should the Plan be revoked the Green Belt boundaries should be restored to their pre-adoption state.

5. If the Plan is revoked develop an Oldham-led housing strategy that prioritises brownfield and ex-industrial sites, while protecting greenbelt and green spaces for future generations.

## **REVISED MOTION TO READ**

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### **Motion 3: Extend Burial Times in Oldham Cemeteries**

To be moved by Cllr Arooj Shah

Seconded by Cllr Chris Goodwin

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We believe that Oldham Council needs to cater to the diverse needs of our communities and enhance the quality of life for all Oldhamers. ~~extend the operational hours of all cemeteries within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council area to 22:00, seven days a week. This proposal aims to introduce a fixed tariff for burial services during operational hours (9:00—17:00) at all hours of operation, benefiting all Oldham's residents.~~

Currently, Oldham cemeteries operate from 09:00 to 16:00, Monday to Friday. The costs associated with burials within these hours vary, with additional fees applied for out-of-hours services, such as evenings and weekends. These fees can unfortunately significantly increase the financial burden on grieving families and at a time of cost-of-living crisis. ~~we believe it is important to have one fee throughout the week.~~

~~Currently, we have a booking system which is Monday to Friday and the cut-off time to book a burial slot for the same day is 10:00. Furthermore, the documentation required by the registration office has a cut-off time of noon, this bureaucracy of paperwork and facilitation of burials is needlessly time restricted, this motion is seeking to extend both the booking for burials and the registration of burials to 17:00 in line with all other council services, giving the family of the bereaved sufficient time to arrange same day burials.~~

~~This motion aligns with our commitment to cater to the diverse needs of our community and enhance the quality of life for all Oldhamers.~~

#### **This Council notes that:**

The council works hard to sensitively and supportively meet the funeral needs of all Oldham residents, taking into account a wide range of cultural and religious requirements.

- The council offers same day, evening and weekend burials, on request, at a surcharge.
- The team currently meets all reasonable requests for same day, evening and weekend burials.
- The additional charges for out of hours burials are used to pay additional costs of staff overtime and call out fees.
- In September last year the Leader of the Council met representatives from the Oldham Mosques Council and other key representatives to discuss how the service could better support the needs of Muslim community.

- Since that meeting, the cemeteries team have been reviewing their policies and have already started implementing changes. It has supported burials outside of the hours published in the policy where this has been required.

- Having reviewed the demand for out of hours burials, in consultation with the Oldham Mosques Council and key community representatives we have extended hours of notification for same day funerals from 10am to 1pm, the deadline for submission of essential paperwork from 12noon to 3pm and the time for the last available burial service to 8pm during the summer months (April - September) and 4.30pm during the winter (October - March) or light dependent. This will remain under review with a view to making additional adjustments where possible.

- Wherever possible the team will continue to work flexibly to meet any reasonable needs outside of these deadlines as we understand the sensitivities and the complexity in making funeral arrangements.

- Between now and the end of March 2025 the additional charges will remain the same. The Council will use data to inform the costs of out of hours burials. The Council will continue to proudly run its burial service on a not-for-profit basis.

The Council will remain in dialogue with the Oldham Mosques Council on this issue and will consult Oldham Mosques Council on any changes to additional burial charges before implementing them.

- ~~These changes mirror other boroughs and councils throughout the Northwest and West Yorkshire and bring Oldham in line with these councils.~~
- ~~Extended hours provide greater flexibility for all Oldham residents, accommodating those with varied schedules, and allowing families to plan funerals outside of standard working hours.~~
- ~~Weekend and evening options reduce the stress of arranging burials during the workweek, fostering a more compassionate approach to bereavement.~~

**Comparative Analysis:**

<b>Service Hours</b>	<b>Current Times</b>	<b>Proposed Times</b>
Weekdays	9:00 — 16:00	9:00 — 17:00
Weekdays Out of Hours	15:00 — 17:00	17:00 — 22:00
Weekends	Out-of-hours	9:00 — 22:00
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<b>Cost Structure</b>	<b>Current Costs Proposed Fixed Tariffs</b>	
-	Standard fees Fixed (9:00 — 17:00)	Same (may require readjustment of out of hour fees to incorporate additional cost of extended times — subject to review)
Weekdays	-	
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Evenings/Weekends	Out-of-hours fees	Out of Hour Fees (may require readjustment of out of hour fees to incorporate additional cost of extended times — subject to review)
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**The Council resolves to:**

- Bring forward a pilot scheme at cemeteries across the Borough to explore the possibility of further extending operational hours. ~~Immediately begin a pilot scheme in Chadderton Cemetery for twelve months and run a comprehensive review to ascertain the feasibility of the new timings.~~
- ~~That from the comprehensive review the Council will~~ determine the appropriate ~~fixed~~ tariff, using the data from the pilot scheme, ensuring it covers the operational costs while remaining affordable.

Following the outcome of the pilot scheme the Council will further resolve:

- To continue to run inclusive, supportive and an equitable burial service for all residents, by giving more time for bookings and paperwork, we are enabling funeral directors and families to be able to book a burial within the same day.
- To continue to meet the needs of residents of all faiths and none, that cemeteries in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham will continue to offer same day burials seven days a week.
- To continue to remain in dialogue with Oldham Mosques Council, and other representatives of Oldham’s faith communities, regarding changes to burial charges

**~~Following a successful outcome of the pilot scheme the Council will further resolve:~~**

- ~~To extend burial times to 10:00 daily and introduce the fixed tariffs so that Oldham Council can provide a more inclusive, supportive, and equitable service for all residents. By giving considerably more time for bookings and paperwork, we are enabling funeral directors and families to be able to book a burial within the same day.~~
- ~~That cemeteries in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham are to remain open until 22:00, seven days a week.~~
- ~~That the extension includes evening and weekend services without the need for special out-of-hours arrangements.~~
- ~~To introduce a fixed tariff for burial services during the extended hours. This fixed rate aims to provide transparency and financial predictability for all families. The changes will remain cost neutral and not add extra costs to the council and in the long run save the Council money.~~

Amended Motion to read:

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## Report to COUNCIL

# Appointment of Committees and Composition of Political Groups

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**Report Author:** Peter Thompson, Interim Head of Democratic Services

**Ext.** 4716

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

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### Reason for Decision

The Council is asked to review the political composition of committees and to note the composition of the political groups as previously notified under Regulation 8 (1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and under Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The Council is asked to constitute and appoint members to serve on the several Committees detailed in the constitution and listed in Appendix 1 to this report (to be circulated).

### Recommendations

- (a) That the revised composition of the political groups as shown in paragraph 1.1 be noted.
- (b) The several Committees detailed at paragraph 1.2 and 1.5 be constituted with the Terms of Reference and delegated powers as detailed in the Constitution.
- (c) The number of seats on the various Committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year be as detailed in paragraph 1.5.
- (d) Council confirms the allocation of seats to the political groups and makes appointments to fill the seats in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as detailed in Appendix 1 (to be circulated) as far as is practicable.

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- (e) Council appoints a Chair and Vice Chair of the Appointments Committee
  - (f) Any outstanding appointments to be delegated to the Chief Executive in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group.

**Appointment of Committees and Composition of Political Groups****1 Background**

The Council is asked to review the political composition of committees and to note the composition of the political groups as previously notified under Regulation 8 (1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. Since the last meeting of Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, Councillors Akhtar and Ibrahim have joined the Oldham Group bringing their membership up to 8 members. Therefore, the Oldham Independents Group ceases to exist.

This report is proposing in the consideration of the revised political balance of the authority that the size of three Committee be increased, to ensure appropriate representation. The Planning Committee be increased to 16 members from 14, the Standards Committee be increased to 7 members from 5 and the Appointments Committee be increased to 7 members from 5. Council is also requested to appoint the Chair of the Appointments Committee.

Therefore, the total number of committee and sub-committee seats to be allocated is raised from 119 to 125.

The effects of this are:

1. Labour to be allocated two additional seats on the Planning Committee, one additional seat on the Standards Committee and one additional seat on the Appointments Committee.
2. The Liberal Democrats be allocated a second seat on the Audit Committee
3. The Oldham Group be allocated a place on the Employment Committee plus an additional seat on the Planning Committee, Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board, Place Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board and the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board (these latter four seats were previously allocated to the two Oldham Independent members who have now joined the Oldham Group). This takes them up to 17 seats the same as the Conservative Group.
4. The Failsworth Independent Party cede their place on the Employment Committee to the Oldham Group but gain a place on the Standards Committee. They also cede their place on the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board to the Royton Independents but gain a place on the Licensing Committee.
5. The Independent Group cede their places on the Audit Committee (to the Liberal Democrats) and on the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board (to the non-aligned Independents). The Independent Group have places on the Planning Committee (rather than being ceded one by the Labour group) and on the Appointments Committee.
6. The Royton Independents cede their place on the Licensing Committee (to the Failsworth Independent Party) but gain a place on the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board.
7. The two non-aligned independent members have now (between them) seats on the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board, Children and Young People's Scrutiny Board, Audit Committee and Charitable Trust Committee.

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## 1.1 Political Groups

Council is asked to note that the composition of the political groups, as previously notified under Regulation 8 (1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, is: -

(i)	The Labour Group	27	Members
(ii)	The Liberal Democrat Group	9	Members
(iii)	The Conservative Group	8	Members
(iv)	Oldham Group	8	Members
(v)	Failsforth Independent Party	2	Members
(vi)	Royton Independents	2	Members
(vii)	The Independent Group	2	Members

There are 2 Independent Members not aligned to a political group.

- a. The Labour Group comprises: Councillors Shah (Leader), Taylor, Mohon Ali, Aslam, Bashforth, Brownridge, Charters, Chauhan, Cosgrove, Davis, Dean, Goodwin, Harrison, A. Hussain, F. Hussain, J. Hussain, S. Hussain, Iqbal, Islam, Jabbar, Malik, McLaren, Moores, Mushtaq, Nasheen, Rustidge and Shuttleworth.
- b. The Liberal Democrat Group comprises: Councillors Sykes (Leader), Al-Hamdani, Bishop, Hamblett, Harkness, Kenyon, Marland, Murphy and Williamson.
- c. The Conservative Group comprises: Councillors Sheldon (Leader), Byrne, Adams, Arnott, Lancaster, Quigg, Sharp and Woodvine.
- d. The Oldham Group comprises: Councillors Ghafoor (Leader), Akhtar, Zaheer Ali, Azad, Chowhan, Ibrahim, Kouser and Wahid.
- e. The Failsforth Independent Party comprises: Councillors Hobin (Leader) and Hindle.
- f. The Royton Independents comprises; Councillors Hurley (Leader) and Hughes.
- g. The Independent Group comprises Councillors Hince (Leader) and Navesey
- h. Councillors Ball and Wilkinson are independent members not aligned to a political group.

## 1.2 Terms of Reference and Delegated Powers

Council is asked to constitute and appoint members to serve on the several Committees detailed in the Constitution and listed in Appendix 1 (to be circulated) to this report, namely:

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- (i) The Regulatory Committees: -  
Licensing  
Planning  
Appeals  
Commons Registration  
Highway Regulation Committee (formerly TRO Panel)  
Charitable Trust Committee
- (ii) The Overview and Scrutiny Boards: -
- (iii) The Audit Committee
- (iv) The Standards Committee
- (v) The Employment Committee



(vi) Appointments Committee

The terms of reference, and delegated powers where applicable, be as detailed in the Council's Constitution. Council is requested to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the Appointments Committee.

Council is also asked to ratify the Leader's nominations to the Health and Well-being Board. The Board is not a politically balanced Committee of the Council and is listed in Appendix 1 to this report.

### 1.3 Political Balance

There are four statutory principles of political balance which have to be applied in filling appointments to Committees. These are contained in S15(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

The principles have to be applied in priority order as follows:-

- (i) That not all seats on the body are allocated to the same political group.
- (ii) That the majority of the seats on the body are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group are a majority of the Authority's membership.
- (iii) Subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant Authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that Authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Authority; and,
- (iv) Subject to paragraphs (i) to (iii) above, that the number of seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the same number of all seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Authority.

The political group sizes as a percentage of the total membership of the Council are:-

Labour Group	$27/60 \times 100 = 45\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 45\% = 56.25$	<b>56 seats</b>
Liberal Democrat Group	$9/60 \times 100 = 15\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 15\% = 18.75$	<b>19 seats</b>
Conservative Group	$8/60 \times 100 = 13.33\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 13.33\% = 16.66$	<b>17 seats</b>
Oldham Group	$8/60 \times 100 = 13.33\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 13.33\% = 16.66$	<b>17 seats</b>
Failsworth Independent Party	$2/60 \times 100 = 3.33\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 3.33\% = 4.16$	<b>4 Seats</b>
The Independent Group	$2/60 \times 100 = 3.33\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 3.33\% = 4.16$	<b>4 seats</b>
Royton Independents	$2/60 \times 100 = 3.33\%$	$125 \text{ seats} \times 3.33\% = 4.16$	<b>4 seats</b>

There are 2 Independent Members not within a Group. Unallocated seats will be offered to them.

1.3 The application of these percentages to the number of seats on individual Committees gives the following allocation of seats: -

COMMITTEE SIZE	Labour (L)	Liberal Democrat (LD)	Conservative (C)	Oldham Group (OG)	Failsworth Independents (FIP)	The Independent Group (TIG)	Royton Independents (RI)
16	7.20	2.40	2.13	2.13	0.53	0.53	0.53
15	6.75	2.25	2.00	2.00	0.50	0.50	0.50
14	6.30	2.10	1.86	1.86	0.46	0.46	0.46
13	5.85	1.95	1.73	1.73	0.43	0.43	0.43
12	5.40	1.80	1.60	1.60	0.39	0.39	0.39
11	4.95	1.65	1.46	1.46	0.36	0.36	0.36
10	4.50	1.50	1.33	1.33	0.33	0.33	0.33
9	4.05	1.35	1.19	1.19	0.29	0.29	0.29
8	3.60	1.20	1.07	1.07	0.26	0.26	0.26
7	3.15	1.05	0.93	0.93	0.23	0.23	0.23
6	2.70	0.90	0.79	0.79	0.19	0.19	0.19
5	2.25	0.75	0.67	0.67	0.16	0.16	0.16
4	1.80	0.60	0.53	0.53	0.13	0.13	0.13
3	1.35	0.45	0.40	0.40	0.10	0.10	0.10

1.4 Under the political balance rules after these percentages have been applied to the total number of seats on Committees of the Council any remaining seats must be allocated to members who are not Members of any political group. Applying political balance as detailed above, the allocation of seats, to the current committee structure, would be as follows:-

Committee	Seats	L	LD	C	OG	FIP	TIG	RI	Ind
Planning	16	7	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
Licensing	15	7	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0

Audit Committee	9	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Employment Committee	7	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Appointments Committee	7	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Commons Registration	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Trust Committee	6	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Standards Committee	7	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Highway Regulation Committee (formerly TRO Panel)	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Appeals Committee	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

The above calculation leaves 12 committee places to be allocated.

#### 1.5 Adjustment of Seats

In accordance with the rules of political balance, so far as practicable, the number of seats must be allocated to accord with the rules above. It is therefore proposed that the number of seats on the various Committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year be fixed as follows:-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>OG</b>	<b>FI P</b>	<b>TI G</b>	<b>RI</b>	<b>Ind</b>
Planning	16	7	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
Licensing	15	7	2	2	2	1	1	0	0
Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	2	0	0	0	1
Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	11	5	2	1	2	0	0	1	0
Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	11	5	1	2	2	0	0	1	0
Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	11	5	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Audit	9	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Employment Committee	7	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	
Commons Registration	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Appointments Committee	7	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	
Charitable Trustee Committee	6	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1

Standards Committee	<b>7</b>	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Highways Regulation Committee (formerly TRO)	<b>5</b>	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	
Appeals Committee	<b>5</b>	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

- a. The Health and Well Being Board is not included in the calculation above. Although the Committee is appointed by Council, the Local Authority (Public Health and Well Being Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 provide for the disapplication of Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989
- b. Annual Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> May appointed a District Lead for each District Area and 2 Deputy District Leads for North and East District.
- c. It is proposed that the standards sub-committee, dealing with assessments or hearings, consist of 5 members with 2 Members from the Labour Group and one each from the Liberal Democrat Group, Conservative Group and the Oldham Group who have seats on the Standards Committee.

1.6 Substitutes are to be appointed by the political groups in accordance with the Substitute Scheme contained in the Constitution. Substitutes for Overview and Scrutiny Boards may be nominated up to a maximum of the number of Members of that Group serving on the Board. Substitutes are not permitted for Licensing. For the Planning Committee, up to 16 substitutes are to be nominated in accordance with the political balance of each Committee. Council is also asked to appoint substitutes to the Highways Regulation Committee, the Audit Committee and to the four Overview and Scrutiny Boards.

1.7 Council is asked to review the political composition of the Committees; to determine the allocation of seats to political groups; and to make the appointments to fill the seats in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations.

1.8 Council is requested to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of the Appointments Committee.

## 2 Options/Alternatives

- 2.1 To approve the report.  
Not to approve the report

## 3 Preferred Option

- 3.1 To approve the report and the committee's composition and membership at Appendix 1.

## 4 Consultation

- 4.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant officers and Councillors.

## 5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 n/a

## 6 Legal Implications

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6.1 There are no legal comments (Paul Entwistle).

7 **Equality Impact – including implications for Children and Young Persons**

7.1 N/a

8 **Key Decision**

8.1 No

9 **Key Decision Reference**

9.1 n/a

10 **Background Papers**

The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act:

Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

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11. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Membership of Committees (to be circulated).

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**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES – 2024/25**

<b>LICENSING COMMITTEE*</b>							
Council Members 15	Lab 7	Lib Dem 2	Con 2	Oldham Group 2	Failsworth Independent Party 1	The Independent Group 1	Quorum 4
Chair: S. Hussain (Lab)			Vice Chair: Pam Byrne (Cons)				
Lab		Lib Dem	Con	OG	FIP	TIG	
Cosgrove		Hamblett	Sheldon	Montaz Ali Azad	Hindle	Navesey	
Harrison		Bishop		Chowhan			
J. Hussain							
Islam							
Nasheen							
Shuttleworth							
<b>* (NO SUBSTITUTES)</b>							

<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>								
Council Members 16	Lab 7	Lib Dem 2	Con 2	OG 2	FIP 1	TIG 1	RI 1	Quorum 4
Chair: Hince (TIG)			Vice Chair: Harkness (LD)					
Lab		Lib Dem	Con	OG	FIP	RI		
Charters		Williamson	Lancaster	Zaheer Ali	Hobin	Hurley		
Cosgrove			Woodvine	Akhtar				
Davis								
Nasheen								
Iqbal								
A Hussain								
J Hussain								

<b>Substitutes (ordered)</b>	Lab	Con	Lib Dem
	S Hussain	Quigg	Murphy
	N Islam		Kenyon

<b>CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY BOARD</b>								
Council Members 11	Lab 5	Lib Dem 1	Con 1	OG 1	FIP 1	RI 1	IND 1	Quorum 4
Chair: Brian Hobin (FIP)				Vice Chair:				
Lab	Lib Dem	Con	OG	RI	IND			
Moores	Bishop	Adams	Zaheer Ali	Hughes	Ball			
S. Hussain								
Shuttleworth								
McLaren								
Iqbal								

<b>Substitutes (ordered)</b>	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	OTHER
	Rustidge	Williamson		

**Co-opted Members (With voting rights on Education matters only): -**

Canon Jean Hurlston – Manchester Church of England Diocese

Vacant – Salford Roman Catholic Diocese

Vacant – Parent/Governor representative Primary Schools

\* Vacant – Parent/Governor representative Secondary Schools

<b>ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY BOARD</b>							
Council Members 11	Lab 5	Lib Dem 1	Con 2	OG 2	RI 1		Quorum 4
Chair: Moores (Lab)				Vice Chair: Hamblett (LD)			
Lab	Lib Dem	Con	OG	RI			
Malik		Adams	Kouser	Hurley			
McLaren		Sharp	Ibrahim				
J. Hussain							
Rustidge							

<b>Substitutes (ordered)</b>	Lab	Con	Lib Dem	Others
	Iqbal		Williamson	



		<b>PLACE, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT SC BOARD</b>					
Council Members 11	Lab 5	Lib Dem 2	Con 1	OG 2	IND 1		Quorum 4
Chair: J Hussain (Lab)							Vice Chair:
Lab	Lib Dem	Con	OG	IND			
McLaren	Murphy	Sharp	Kouser	Wilkinson			
Shuttleworth	Williamson		tbc				
Moore							
Malik							

<b>Substitutes (ordered)</b>	Lab	Con	Lib Dem	Others
	Iqbal	Quigg	Harkness	
			Hamblett	

		<b>GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY BOARD</b>					
Council Members 11	Lab 5	Lib Dem 2	Con 1	OG 2	RI 1		Quorum 4
Chair: McLaren							Vice Chair:
Lab	Lib Dem	Con	OG	RI			
Aslam	Harkness	Lancaster	Montaz Ali Azad	Hurley			
Moore	Williamson		Ibrahim				
Iqbal							
Rustidge							

<b>Substitutes (ordered)</b>	Lab	Con	Lib Dem	Others
	Cosgrove	Quigg	Marland	
			Kenyon	

NOTE: A member of the Executive must not be on a scrutiny committee

<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>						
Council Members 9	Lab 4	Lib Dem 2	Con 1	OG 1	IND 1	
Chair (Independent Member): Mr G. Page						
Lab	Lib Dem	Con	OG	IND		
Aslam	Al-Hamdani	Arnott	Chowhan	Wilkinson		
Davis	Sykes					
S Hussain						
Rustidge						

<b>Substitutes (ordered)</b>	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Others
	M Bashforth			
	N Islam			

						<b>EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE</b>		
Council Members 7	Lab 3	Lib Dem 1	Con 1	OG 1	TIG 1	Quorum 3		
							A Member of the Cabinet (preferably with responsibility for Corporate affairs) is to be one of the appointments	
Lab	Lib Dem	Con	OG	TIG				
Cosgrove	Al-Hamdani	Byrne	Ghafoor	Hince				
Jabbar								
Shuttleworth								

<b>COMMONS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE</b>				
Council Members 4	Lab 2	Lib Dem 1	Con 1	Quorum 3
Chair: Lancaster				
Lab	Lib Dem	Con		
Goodwin	Bishop			
Charters				

<b>CHARITABLE TRUST COMMITTEE</b>					
Council Members 6	Lab 3	Lib Dem 1	Con 1	IND 1	Quorum 3
Chair: Byrne (Cons)			Vice Chair:		
Lab	Lib Dem	Cons	IND		
M Bashforth	Marland		Ball		
Iqbal					
Rustidge					

<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>						
Council Members 7	Lab 3	Lib Dem 1	Cons 1	OG 1	FIP 1	Quorum 3
Chair: Harrison (Lab)			Vice Chair:			
Lab	Lib Dem	Cons	FIP	OG		
J Hussain	Williamson	Adams	Hobin	Kouser		
Rustidge						

Independent Persons	Parish Councillors
Karen Williams	TBC
Gillian McCarthy	
Mark Reynolds	

**\* NO SUBSTITUTES**

<b>HIGHWAYS REGULATION COMMITTEE (formerly TRO PANEL)</b>					Quorum 3
Council Members 5	Lab 2	Lib Dem 1	Lib Dem 1	OG 1	
Chair: Murphy (LD)		Vice Chair:			
Lab	Lib Dem	Cons	OG		
Davis		Woodvine	Chowhan		
Shuttleworth					

<b>Substitutes (ordered)</b>	Lab	Con	Lib Dem
			Kenyon


<b>APPEALS COMMITTEE</b>					
Council Members 5	Lab 2	Lib Dem 1	Con 1	OG 1	Quorum 3
	Shuttleworth J Hussain	Hamblett	Byrne	Wahid	

<b>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE</b>							
Council Members 7	Lab 3	Lib Dem 1	Con 1	OG 1	TIG 1		Quorum 3
Chair: Shah				Vice Chair:			
Lab	Lib Dem	Con	OG	TIG			
Taylor	Sykes	Sheldon	Ghafoor	Hince			
Jabbar (or nominated representative)							

<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Outside Political Balance) Leader nominates</b>			
Council Members 6			Quorum 3
Chair: Davis		Vice Chair:	
Brownridge	Sykes		
Mushtaq			
Nasheen			
Shuttleworth			
Integrated Care Board			
Director of Adult Social Care			
Director of Children's Services			
Director of Public Health			
Healthwatch			

NHS Commissioning Board	
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**District Leads – not a committee (Outside Political Balance)**

<b><u>CENTRAL DISTRICT LEAD</u></b>
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Councillor Malik
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<b><u>NORTH DISTRICT LEAD</u></b>
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Councillor Hince
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Deputy – Councillor Adams
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<b><u>EAST DISTRICT LEAD</u></b>
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Councillor Cosgrove
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Deputy – Councillor Bishop
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<b><u>SOUTH DISTRICT LEAD</u></b>
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Councillor Hindle
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<b><u>WEST DISTRICT LEAD</u></b>
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Councillor Shuttleworth
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## **Appointment of Committees 2024/25**

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Shah and seconded by Councillor Taylor:

### **Licensing Committee**

Vice-Chair: ~~Byrne (Cons)~~ Harrison (Lab)

### **Planning Committee**

Vice-Chair: ~~Harkness (LD)~~ Davis (Lab)

### **Children & Young People Scrutiny Board**

Vice-Chair: Moores (Lab)

### **Adult Social Care & Health Scrutiny Board**

Vice-Chair: ~~Hamblett (LD)~~ McLaren (Lab)

### **Place, Economic Growth & Environment Scrutiny Board**

Vice-Chair: McLaren (Lab)

### **Governance, Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Board**

Vice-Chair: Moores (Lab)

### **Employment Committee**

Chair: Jabbar (Lab)

### **Commons Registration Committee**

Chair: ~~Lancaster (Cons)~~ Goodwin (Lab)

### **Charitable Trust Committee**

Chair: ~~Byrne (Cons)~~ Rustidge Lab

### **Highways Regulation Committee**

Chair: ~~Murphy (LD)~~ Shuttleworth (Lab)

Vice-Chair: Davis (Lab)

### **Health and Wellbeing Board**

Vice-Chair: Shuttleworth (Lab)

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