

Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 21st May 2025
Extraordinary Meeting**

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 13th May 2025

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 11.00 am in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 To receive declarations of interest in any matter to be determined at the meeting
- 3 Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Freeman (Pages 1 - 4)

Council is asked to consider the appointment of the following three people as Honorary Aldermen of the Borough of Oldham, in recognition of their eminent service to the Council.

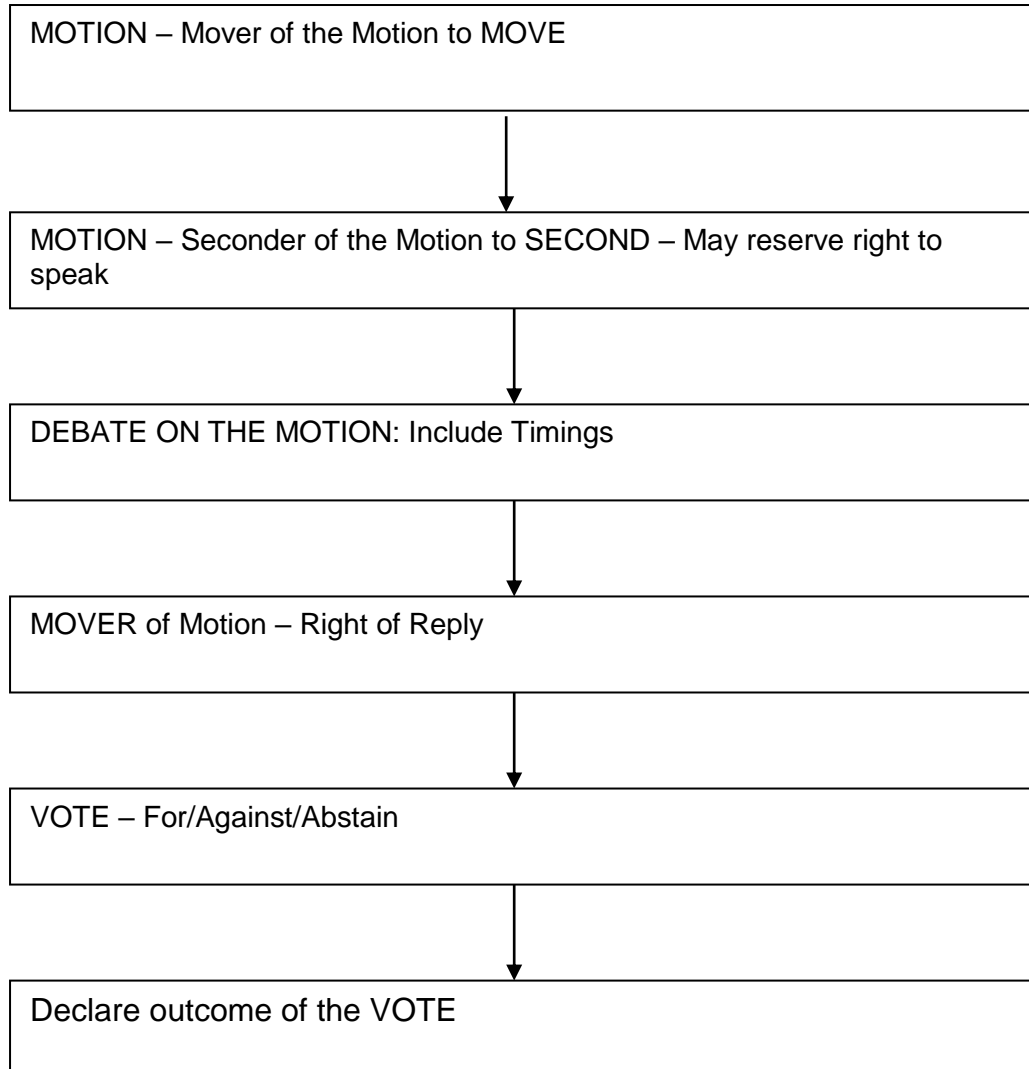
- a. Former Councillor and Mayor of the Borough Riaz Ahmad
- b. Former Councillor and Mayor of the Borough John Hudson
- c. Former Councillor and Mayor of the Borough Bernard Judge

Council is asked to consider the appointment of the current Mayor of the Borough, Councillor Zahid Chauhan as Honorary Freeman, in recognition of his eminent service to the Borough.



**Shelley Kipling
Chief Executive**

PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE OF MOTIONS **NO AMENDMENT**

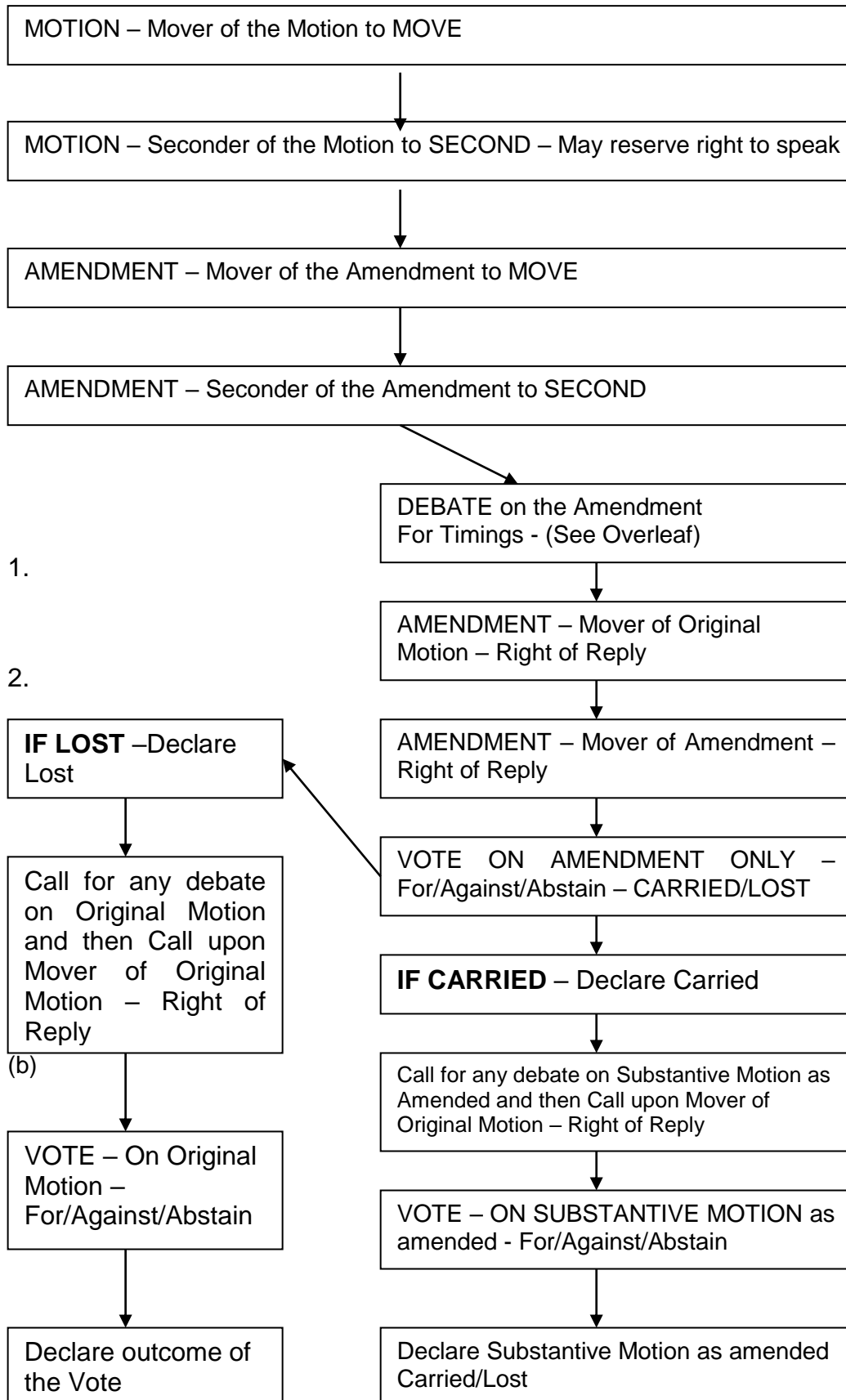


RULE ON TIMINGS

(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 one question will have up to six minutes to reply to each question with an extension of 30 seconds

WITH AMENDMENT





Report to Council

Nominations for Honorary Freeman and Honorary Alderman

Officer Contact: Heather Moore, Assistant Director of Governance

21 May 2025

Executive Summary

Nominations have been received and considered by the Council's Political Group Leaders for Honorary Alderman and Honorary Freeman. Full Council may, at special Council meeting by formal resolution, bestow the honours of Honorary Freeman and Alderman and the resolution should be passed by no less than two-thirds of the Members at a special meeting of the Council. A formal presentation then takes place at a special ceremony at a later date.

Recommendations

1. That Council confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Riaz Ahmad as in the opinion of the Council he has rendered eminent service to the Council as a past Member and Mayor.
2. That Council confer the title of Honorary Alderman on John Hudson as in the opinion of the Council he has rendered eminent service to the Council as a past Member and Mayor.
3. That Council confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Bernard Judge as in the opinion of the Council he has rendered eminent service to the Council as a past Member and Mayor.
4. That Council admit Zahid Chauhan to be Honorary Freeman of Oldham as in the opinion of the Council he has rendered eminent services to the Borough of Oldham.

1. Background

- 1.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows a Council to appoint both Honorary Alderman and Honorary Freeman on those persons who have in the opinion of the Council, given eminent services to the Council or Borough respectively.
- 1.2 Honorary Alderman status is for former Councillors who, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past Members of the Council. No honorary alderman can be addressed as such whilst being a serving member of the Council.
- 1.3 The office of Honorary Alderman does not carry the right to participate in any meetings as a member of the Council or to claim any allowances. They can, however, attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide.
- 1.4 Nominations have been received for Riaz Ahmad, John Hudson and Bernard Judge.
- 1.5 Full Council is also able to admit Freeman of the Borough. This honour can be given to persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the council have rendered eminent services to the Borough. The Council can decide what privileges an Honorary Freeman may enjoy. These are usually similar to those accorded to the Aldermen. They are not entitled to claim any expenses.
- 1.5 The Honorary Freeman accolade is for persons, who, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough.
- 1.6 A nomination has been received for Zahid Chauhan.

2. Nominations

- 2.2 The nomination is subject to not less than two-thirds of members voting in favour at this Council meeting where due notice is given. It is proposed to hold a special meeting of the Council prior to Mayor Making and the Annual General Meeting in May.
- 2.3 The ceremony includes presentation in the Council Chambers with medallion and illuminated scroll followed by celebration afternoon tea. Guests include Honorary Freeman, Honorary Alderman, Deputy Lieutenants, Elected Members, Chief Officers and other distinguished guests. The recipient can invite a small number of guests. The timing of the ceremony will be autumn.

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