

# Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Amendments to Motions**

## OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL,  
JR CLYNES BUILDING, GREAVES STREET, OLDHAM, OL1 1AL

### Supplementary Agenda – Amendments to Motions

Item No

7 Youth Council (Pages 1 - 2)

*(time limit 20 minutes)*

Amendment to be Moved by Councillor Wahid and Seconded by Councillor Ghafoor

10 Notice of Administration Business (Pages 3 - 8)

*(time limit 30 minutes)*

Motion 1

- a) Amendment 1 to be Moved by Councillor Al-Hamdani and Seconded by Councillor Kenyon.
- b) Amendment 2 to be Moved by Councillor Wahid and Seconded by Councillor Kouser

Motion 2

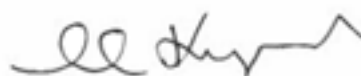
Amendment to be Moved by Councillor Wahid and Seconded by Councillor Zaheer Ali

11 Notice of Opposition Business (Pages 9 - 12)

*(time limit 30 minutes)*

Motion 1

Amendment to be Moved by Councillor Shah and Seconded by Councillor Jabbar



**Shelley Kipling**  
**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



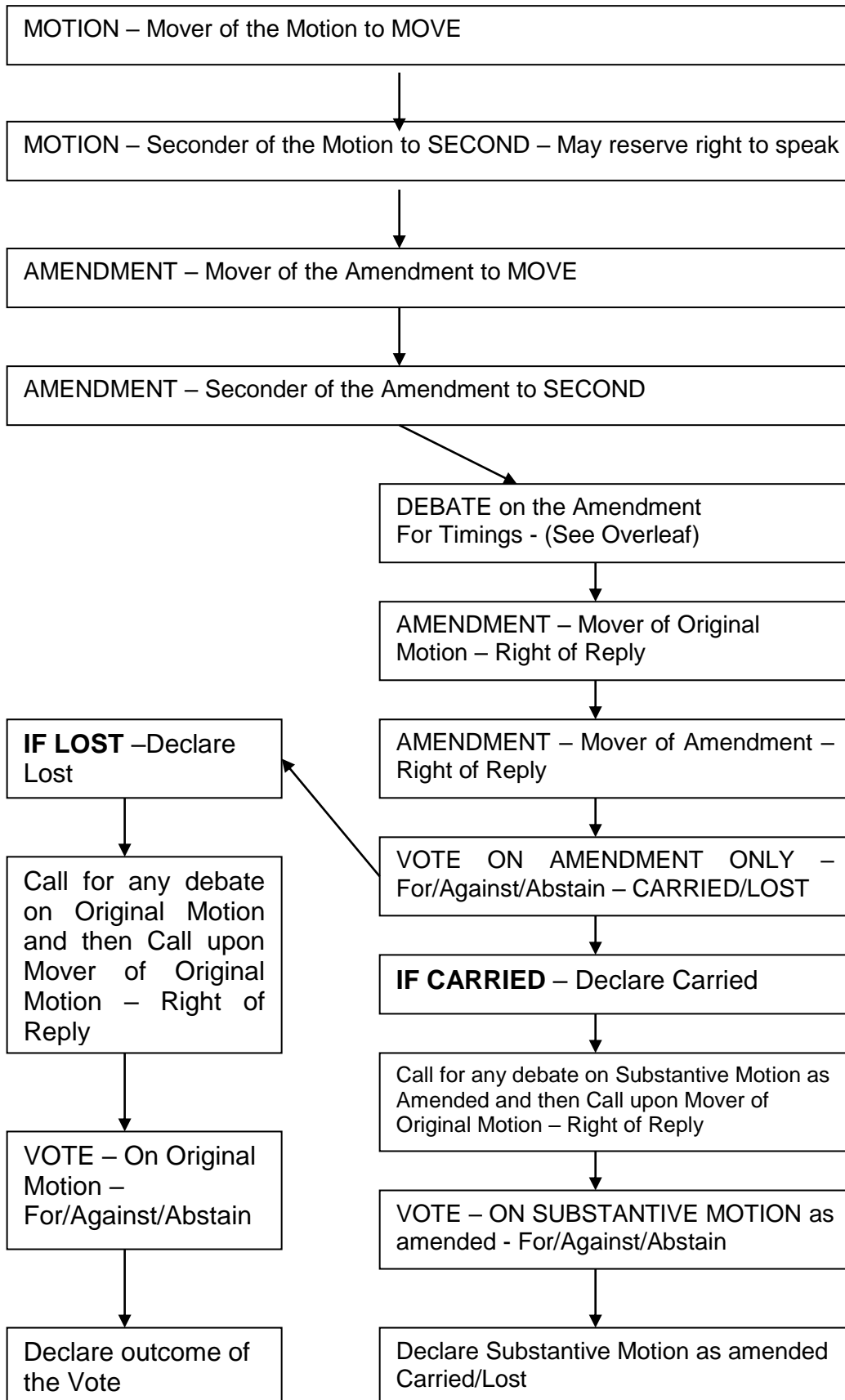
Declare outcome of the VOTE

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

## WITH AMENDMENT



**Item 7 – Youth Council Motion (Oldham Group Amendment)**  
**Opposing the Under-16 Social Media Ban**

**Moved by Councillor Abdul Wahid**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kamran Ghafoor**

**Amendment**

To add the following as new resolution 3:

“3. To request a report to the appropriate scrutiny body within six months setting out what work is currently being delivered in Oldham on online safety, digital resilience, online exploitation risks, and support for parents and carers, together with recommendations for strengthening borough-wide support and awareness.”

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**Item 10 – Notice of Administration Business (Liberal Democrat Group’s Amendment)**

**Motion 1: Tackling Fly-Tipping, Waste Crime and Litter in Oldham**

**Moved by Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani  
Seconded by Councillor Mark Kenyon**

In "This Council notes," bullet point four,

Delete "Labour" and insert "Oldham Council's".

To read: "This work is in addition to **Oldham Council's** ongoing Don't Trash Oldham campaign which enables the Council to target areas requiring focused intervention, while working closely with residents and voluntary community groups to deliver a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable environment for the long term."

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**Item 10 – Notice of Administration Business (Oldham Group Amendment)**  
**Motion 1: Tackling Fly-Tipping, Waste Crime and Litter in Oldham**

**Moved by Councillor Abdul Wahid**  
**Seconded by Councillor Aisha Kouser**

**Amendment**

After resolution 4, add the following new resolutions 5 to 8:

- “5. To publish quarterly ward-by-ward performance data on fly-tipping and litter enforcement, including reported incidents, average clearance times, fixed penalty notices issued, fixed penalty notices paid, prosecutions commenced, prosecutions concluded, and identified repeat hotspot locations.
6. To introduce and publish a service standard for the removal of dangerous, obstructive or hazardous fly-tipped waste within 24 hours of report wherever reasonably practicable.
7. To report annually to Full Council on the total cost of fly-tipping and litter-related clean-up operations and the amount recovered from offenders through fixed penalty notices, court orders or other enforcement action.
8. To prepare targeted hotspot action plans for repeat fly-tipping locations, including enforcement, CCTV review where appropriate, joint working with landowners and partners, and engagement with ward members and local residents.”

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**Item 10 – Notice of Administration Business (Oldham Group Amendment)**  
**Motion 2: Tackling the anti-social use of Fireworks**

**Moved by Councillor Abdul Wahid**  
**Seconded by Councillor Zaheer Ali**

**Amendment**

After the existing final resolution, add the following new resolutions 7 to 10, or such renumbering as Democratic Services considers appropriate:

- “7. To develop and publish, ahead of key fireworks periods each year, a multi-agency local action plan with Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, community safety teams and relevant council services, covering enforcement, communications, hotspot monitoring and public reporting routes.
8. To support a concerted year-round programme of public education, community engagement and targeted communications making clear that the anti-social use of fireworks is not acceptable at any time of year, including in connection with weddings, parties and private celebrations, and to work with partners and community leaders to promote lawful, considerate and responsible behaviour.
9. To report annually to members on complaints relating to anti-social fireworks use across the full calendar year, including trends outside traditional fireworks periods, hotspot areas identified, and enforcement action taken, so that local education and enforcement can be better targeted.
10. To work proactively with local retailers, venue operators and relevant partners to promote responsible sales, compliance with age restrictions, lawful use periods, and advance awareness of the impact that anti-social fireworks use can have on children, neurodiverse residents, older people, pets and veterans.”

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## Labour Group Amendment:

Moved by Cllr Arooj Shah

Seconded by Cllr Abdul Jabbar

Delete

Insert

## ~~Time to Scrap the Spin and~~ Getting the Basics Right

### This Council notes that:

- ~~1. Residents across Oldham repeatedly tell councillors that the Council is failing to get the basics right — overgrown weeds on pavements, crumbling roads, poorly maintained parks, blocked drains and widespread fly-tipping.~~
- ~~2. Oldham is now one of the worst areas in the region for fly-tipping, with rubbish blighting neighbourhoods, attracting vermin and leaving residents feeling ignored.~~
  1. Fly-tipping blights neighbourhoods, attracts vermin and leaves residents feeling ignored. The council has cleared over 1,100 tonnes of illegally dumped waste in 2025, identified 38 fly-tipping hotspots across the borough for targeted enforcement and engagement, and is establishing a new Rapid Action Team in 2026/27 to further strengthen its response.
  2. Potholes continue to damage vehicles and pose safety risks, ~~while many repairs are temporary and fail within months.~~ which is why the council invested £5.575 million in highway repairs in 2024/25, and has allocated £18 million for local roads in the 2026/27 budget with an additional £2 million from Council capital to accelerate repairs.
  3. Weed growth along highways and pavements ~~has been allowed to spiral out of control in many areas, making streets look neglected and poorly cared for.~~ remains a concern in some areas. Following the failure of an external contractor, the council brought weed spraying in-house, training its own staff and deploying specialist equipment across the borough.
  4. Blocked drains and gullies are ~~frequently left uncleared, increasing the risk of surface water flooding during heavy rain.~~ cleared on a cyclical basis with the programme currently making its way through the 14<sup>th</sup> ward on the schedule published on the Council's website – while a second wagon returns to previously inaccessible blocked gullies or those needing repair.
  5. Parks and green spaces across Oldham are ~~once~~ a source of pride for the Council and our residents. ~~— are too often left looking tired and under-maintained.~~
  6. This visible ~~decline follows two years of deep cuts to Environmental Services and frontline maintenance budgets under the Labour and Independent Coalition.~~ pressure on Environmental Services and frontline maintenance budgets is the consequence of more than a decade of central government austerity and real-terms reductions to local government funding, aided by the Liberal Democrats decision to enter coalition with the Conservatives in 2010.
  7. ~~Rather than reversing these cuts, the administration has too often relied on flashy PR campaigns such as “Don't Trash Oldham”, which may generate headlines but do not substitute for properly funded, routine street cleaning, enforcement and maintenance.~~ The Don't Trash Oldham programme has delivered measurable results: 38 hotspots identified, intensive enforcement in 29 residential areas, fly-tippers prosecuted, and community groups mobilised across the borough. Effective communication supports service delivery — it does not substitute for it.

8. In successive budgets, the Liberal Democrat Group ~~has proposed amendments to invest more in highways maintenance, street cleaning, environmental enforcement and neighbourhood services — amendments which the ruling Coalition has chosen not to support.~~ has accepted all savings identified in the Environment directorate; however, their alternative investment proposals are largely generic, aspirational statements that lack detailed justification and involve only small financial commitments.

**This Council further notes that:**

At the 2026/27 Budget-setting meeting, this Labour administration ~~—backed by the Shaw & Crompton Independents—voted down Liberal Democrat alternative budget proposals including:~~ proposed a budget which directly addresses the issues raised in this motion, the Liberal Democrat Group voted against it but it included;

- ~~• Additional investment in parks and green spaces~~
- ~~• Additional investment in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour~~
- ~~• Additional investment in youth services~~
- £18 million for local roads, with an additional £2 million from Council capital to accelerate repairs;
- A new Rapid Action Team to tackle fly-tipping, with local apprentices to be recruited into the roles;
- The bulky waste collection service brought back in-house at a simplified fee of £10 per item, reducing a key driver of fly-tipping;
- £100,000 for strengthened youth services across districts.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March the Labour Government announced that Oldham Council would receive part of £18m fund to upgrade and restore playgrounds in the Borough.

**This Council believes that:**

- Residents ~~do not want slogans — they~~ want clean streets, safe roads, maintained parks and visible action.
- The Council should ~~quietly and~~ competently deliver the everyday services that residents pay their council tax to receive.

**This Council therefore resolves to:**

1. Prioritise ~~reversing the deep cuts to Environmental Services and neighbourhood maintenance in the next budget cycle.~~ frontline neighbourhood maintenance in future budget cycles.
2. ~~Reallocate funding away from non-essential publicity and marketing campaigns and into frontline services including:~~ Continue to invest in frontline services including:
  - Pothole prevention and permanent repairs;
  - Regular weed clearance on highways and pavements;
  - Systematic drain and gully cleaning;
  - Increased park maintenance;
  - Stronger enforcement and rapid response to fly-tipping.
3. Produce a public action plan within ~~three~~ six months setting out clear service standards and response times for environmental and highways issues.
4. Report ~~quarterly~~ annually to Full Council on performance in tackling fly-tipping, potholes and street cleanliness., ~~including benchmarking against neighbouring authorities.~~

### ***Amended motion to read:***

#### **Getting the Basics Right**

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5. Parks and green spaces across Oldham are a source of pride for the Council and our residents.
6. This visible pressure on Environmental Services and frontline maintenance budgets is the consequence of more than a decade of central government austerity and real-terms reductions to local government funding, aided by the Liberal Democrats decision to enter coalition with the Conservatives in 2010.
7. The Don't Trash Oldham programme has delivered measurable results: 38 hotspots identified, intensive enforcement in 29 residential areas, fly-tippers prosecuted, and community groups mobilised across the borough. Effective communication supports service delivery — it does not substitute for it.
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