

Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 20th May 2026
(Items 13 & 15)**

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

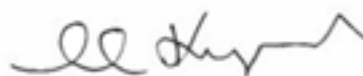
To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL,
JR CLYNES BUILDING, GREAVES STREET, OLDHAM

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Report to COUNCIL

Appointment of Committees and Composition of Political Groups

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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.

Recommendations

- (a) The 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 as amended if the report on the constitution is agreed later in this meeting.
- (c) The number of seats on the various Committees for the 2026/27 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 as far as is practicable.

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- (e) Council appoints a Chair and Vice-Chair of each of the various Committees for the 2026/27 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 1, except for the Appointments and Appeals Committees and appoints a District Lead and Deputy District Leads for the North and East Districts.
 - (f) The Co-opted Members detailed at paragraph 1.9 of the report be appointed to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board and the Co-optees be given full voting rights in respect of education matters only.
 - (g) Any outstanding appointments or changes during the municipal year 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.

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	18 Members
(ii)	The Reform UK Group	16 Members
(iii)	The Oldham Group	10 Members
(iv)	The Liberal Democrat Group	6 Members
(v)	The Conservative Group	4 Members
(vi)	Royton Independents	2 Members

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

- a. The Labour group comprises: Councillors Mohon Ali, Aslam, Brownridge, Charters, Chauhan, Harrison, F. Hussain, J. Hussain, Sajed Hussain, Iqbal, Islam, Jabbar, Moores, Nasheen, Rustidge, Shah, Shuttleworth and Taylor.
- b. The Reform UK Group comprises: Councillors Ball, Barnes, Brooks, Eyre, Ford, Hanlon, Jackson, Klonowski, Pinder, Quigg, Robinson, Ruthven, Tarbuck, Taylor, Wilkinson and Williams.
- c. The Oldham Group comprises: Councillors Akhtar, Zaheer Ali, Azad, Chowhan, Ghafoor, Ibrahim, Shabir Hussain, Kouser, Shah Arstan and Sheldon.
- d. The Liberal Democrat Group comprises: Councillors Al-Hamdani, Bishop, Harkness, Kenyon, Murphy and Williamson.
- e. The Conservative Group comprises: Councillors Arnott, Byrne, Sharp and Woodvine.
- f. The Royton Independents comprises; Councillors Hughes and Hurley.
- g. The Independent Group comprises Councillor Hince.
- h. The Failsworth Independent Party comprises Councillor Hobin.
- i. Councillors Hince, Hobin, Navesey and Taleb 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 this report, namely: -

- (i) The Regulatory Committees: -
 - Licensing
 - Planning
 - Appeals
 - Commons Registration
 - Charitable Trust Committee

- (ii) The Overview and Scrutiny Boards (x4):-
- (iii) The Audit Committee
- (iv) The Standards Committee
- (v) The Employment Committee
- (vi) Appointments Committee
- (vii) Highway Regulation Committee

The terms of reference, and delegated powers where applicable, are as detailed in the Council's Constitution.

Council is also asked to ratify the Leader's nominations to the Health and Wellbeing 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	$18/60 \times 100 = 30\%$	$121 \text{ seats} \times 30\% = 36.30$	36 seats
Reform UK Group	$16/60 \times 100 = 26.66\%$	$121 \text{ seats} \times 26.66\% = 32.25$	32 seats
Oldham Group	$10/60 \times 100 = 16.66\%$	$121 \text{ seats} \times 16.66\% = 20.16$	20 seats
Liberal Democrat Group	$6/60 \times 100 = 10\%$	$121 \text{ seats} \times 10\% = 12.10$	12 seats
Conservative Group	$4/60 \times 100 = 6.66\%$	$121 \text{ seats} \times 6.66\% = 8.05$	8 seats
Royton Independents	$2/60 \times 100 = 3.33\%$	$121 \text{ seats} \times 3.33\% = 4.02$	4 seats

There are four Independent Member not within a Group. Unallocated seats will be offered to them.

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

Committee Size	Labour (L)	Reform UK (RUK)	Oldham Group (OG)	Liberal Democrats (LD)	Conservatives (C)	Royton Independents (RI)
16	4.80	4.26	2.66	1.60	1.06	0.53
15	4.50	3.99	2.50	1.50	1.00	0.50
14	4.20	3.73	2.33	1.40	0.93	0.47
13	3.90	3.46	2.16	1.30	0.86	0.43
12	3.60	3.20	2.00	1.20	0.80	0.40
11	3.30	2.93	1.83	1.10	0.73	0.37
10	3.00	2.66	1.66	1.00	0.66	0.33
9	2.70	2.40	1.50	0.90	0.60	0.30
8	2.40	2.13	1.33	0.80	0.53	0.27
7	2.10	1.87	1.17	0.70	0.47	0.24
6	1.80	1.60	1.00	0.60	0.33	0.16
5	1.50	1.33	0.92	0.50	0.30	0.15
4	1.20	1.07	0.83	0.40	0.27	0.14
3	0.90	0.80	0.50	0.30	0.17	0.08

- 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	RUK	OG	LD	C	RI	IND
Licensing	15	4	4	3	1	1	1	0
Planning	11	3	3	2	1	1	0	0
Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	11	3	3	2	1	1	0	0
Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	11	3	3	2	1	1	0	0
Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	11	3	3	2	1	1	0	0
Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	11	3	3	2	1	1	0	0
Audit Committee	9	3	2	2	1	1	0	0
Employment Committee	7	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Appointments Committee	7	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Commons Registration	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Highway Regulation Committee	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Charitable Trust Committee	6	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Standards Committee	7	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Appeals Committee	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total	121	33	32	22	12	7	1	0

The above calculation leaves 14 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 2026/27 Municipal Year be fixed as follows:-

Committee	Seats	L	R UK	OG	LD	C	RI	IND
Licensing	15	5	4	3	1	1	0	1
Planning	11	3	3	2	1	1	1	0
Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	11	4	3	2	1	1	0	0
Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	11	4	3	2	1	1	0	0
Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	11	3	4	2	1	0	1	0
Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	11	3	3	2	1	1	0	1
Audit	9	3	3	1	1	1	0	0
Employment Committee	7	2	2	1	1	0	0	1
Commons Registration	5	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Highway Regulation Committee	5	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Appointments Committee	7	2	2	1	1	1	0	0
Charitable Trustee Committee	6	2	2	1	0	0	0	1
Standards Committee	7	2	2	1	1	1	0	0
Appeals Committee	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Total	121	36	34	21	13	8	4	6

- 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. Council is also asked to appoint a District Lead for each District Area and 2 Deputy District Leads for North and East District.
 - c. It is recommended that the standards sub-committee dealing with assessments or hearings consist of 5 members, with 1 Member from each of the Labour, Reform UK, Oldham Group, Liberal Democrat and Conservative groups, that are represented on the Standards Committee, be appointed to the Standards Sub- Committee.
- 1.7 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 and Planning Committee 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. Council is also asked to appoint substitutes to the Audit Committee. For clarity therefore, it is

recommended that substitutes are permissible for the Planning Committee, all Overview and Scrutiny boards, Audit Committee, Appointments Committee, Commons Registration Panel and the Highway Regulation Committee, and the Substitute Scheme be clarified accordingly.

1.8 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.

1.9 The Children and Young People Scrutiny Board has Co-opted Members serving as follows:

Statutory Co-opted Members (with voting rights)

Cannon Jean Hurlston	Manchester Church of England Diocese
Vacant	Salford Roman Catholic Diocese
Vacant	Parent/Governor Primary School
Vacant	Parent/Governor Secondary Schools

Council is asked to approve that the Co-opted Members listed above be re-appointed. Statutory Co-opted members may attend for the whole of the meeting and may speak on all matters if they wish.

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

6.1 n/a

7 Equality Impact – including implications for Children and Young People

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.

20. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Membership of Committees.

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Oldham Council
Calendar of Meetings
2026/2027

MAY 2026				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 Bank Holiday	5	6	7 Borough Council Elections	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20 12.00 pm Annual Meeting, Council	21	22
25 Bank Holiday	26	27	28	29
School Holidays				

JUNE 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 3.30pm Leadership 6.00pm – Mandatory Training for Planning Committee members	2 10.00am Licensing Committee	3 6.00pm Planning Committee	4 6.00pm Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	5
8	9 6.00pm Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	10	11 10.00am Appeals Committee	12
15 3.30pm Leadership 6.00pm Cabinet	16 10.00am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00pm Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	17 6.00pm Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	18 10.00am Health and Wellbeing Board 5.30pm Highway Regulation Committee	19
22	23 10.00am Licensing Panel	24 6.00pm Standards Committee	25 2.00pm Joint Health O&S Committee for Northern Care Alliance	26
29	30 10:00am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00pm Charitable Trust Committee			

JULY 2026				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 5.00pm Corporate Parenting Panel	2	3
6 3.30pm Leadership	7 10.00am Licensing Driver Panel	8 6.00pm Planning Committee	9 10.00am Appeals Committee 6.00pm Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board (if required prior to Cabinet)	10
13 4.00pm AV Davies	14 10.00am Licensing Panel 2.00pm Local NJC Committee	15 6.00pm Council	16 10.00am Health and Wellbeing Board (Development session)	17
20 3.30pm Leadership 6.00pm Cabinet	21 10:00am Licensing Driver Panel	22 6.00pm Audit Committee	23 5.30pm Highway Regulation Committee	24
School Holidays				
27	28	29	30	31
School Holidays				

AUGUST 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Council Recess School Holidays				
10	11	12	13	14
Council Recess School Holidays				
17	18	19 6.00pm Planning Committee	20	21
Council Recess School Holidays				
24	25	26	27	28
Council Recess School Holidays				
31 Bank Holiday				
Council Recess School Holidays				

SEPTEMBER 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 10.00am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00pm Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	2 6.00pm Charitable Trust Committee	3 6.00pm Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	4
7 3.30pm Leadership 6.00pm Cabinet	8 10.00am Licensing Panel 6.00pm Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	9 6.00pm Standards Committee	10 10.00am Health and Wellbeing Board 6.00pm Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	11
14	15	16 6.00pm Council	17 10.00am Appeals Committee	18
21	22 10:00am Licensing Driver Panel	23 6.00pm Planning Committee	24 2.00pm Joint Health O&S Committee for Northern Care Alliance 5.30pm Highway Regulation Committee	25
28 3.30pm Leadership	29 10.00am Licensing Driver Panel	30 5.00pm Corporate Parenting Panel		

OCTOBER 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 6.00pm Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board (if required prior to Cabinet)	2
5	6 10.00am Licensing Panel	7	8	9
12 3.30pm Leadership 6.00pm Cabinet	13 2.00pm Local NJC Committee	14 6.00pm Audit Committee	15	16
19	20 10.00am Licensing Committee 6.00pm Charitable Trust Committee	21 6.00pm Planning Committee	22 10.00am Appeals Committee	23
26 3.30pm Leadership	27 10:00am Licensing Driver Panel	28	29	30
School Holidays				

NOVEMBER 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 10.00am Licensing Driver Panel	4	5 6.00pm Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board (if required prior to Cabinet)	6
9 3.30pm Leadership 4.00pm AV Davies 6.00pm Cabinet	10 10.00am Licensing Panel 6.00pm Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	11 6.00pm Planning Committee	12	13
16	17 10:00am Licensing Driver Panel	18 6.00pm Council	19 10.00am Appeals Committee 5.30pm Highway Regulation Committee	20
23	24 6.00pm Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	25 5.00pm Corporate Parenting Panel	26 6.00pm Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	27
30 3.30pm Leadership				

DECEMBER 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 10.00am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00pm Charitable Trust Committee	2	3 10.00am Health and Wellbeing Board (Development Session) 6.00pm Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	4
7 3.30pm Leadership 6.00pm Cabinet	8 10.00am Licensing Panel 2.00pm Local NJC Committee	9 6.00pm Planning Committee	10 10.00am Appeals Committee 6.00pm Standards Committee	11
14	15	16 6.00pm Council	17 2.00pm Joint Health O&S Committee for Northern Care Alliance	18
21	22 10:00am Licensing Driver Panel	23	24	25 Bank Holiday
School Holidays				
28 Bank Holiday	29	30	31	
School Holidays				

JANUARY 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Bank Holiday
				School Holidays
4	5	6	7	8
11 3.30pm Leadership 4.00pm AV Davies	12 10.00am Licensing Driver Panel	13 6.00pm Planning Committee	14 10.00am Health and Wellbeing Board 6.00pm Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	15
18 6.00pm Charitable Trust Committee	19 10.00am Licensing Panel 6.00pm Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	20 5.00pm Corporate Parenting Panel	21 10.00am Appeals Committee 6.00pm Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board (if required prior to Cabinet)	22
25 3.30pm Leadership 6.00pm Cabinet	26 10:00am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00pm Administration Budget, Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	27 6.00pm Audit Committee	28 5.30pm Highway Regulation Committee	29

FEBRUARY 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4 6.00pm Opposition Budget, Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	5
8 3.30pm Leadership 6.00pm Cabinet (Budget)	9 10.00am Licensing Driver Panel	10 6.00pm Planning Committee	11	12
15 SH	16 SH 10.00am Licensing Panel	17 SH	18 SH 10.00am Appeals Committee	19 SH
School Holidays				
22 3.30pm Leadership	23 10.00am Licensing Committee	24	25 2.00pm Joint Health O&S Committee for Northern Care Alliance	26

MARCH 2027				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 10.00am Licensing Driver Panel 2.00pm Local NJC Committee 6.00pm Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board	3 6.00pm Council (Budget)	4 10.00am Health and Wellbeing Board	5
8 3.30pm Leadership 6.00pm Standards Committee	9	10 6.00pm Planning Committee	11 6.00pm Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board	12
15	16 10.00am Licensing Panel 6.00pm Charitable Trust Committee	17 6.00pm Council	18 5.30pm Highway Regulation Committee	19
22 3.30pm Leadership 6.00pm Cabinet	23 10:00am Licensing Driver Panel 6.00pm Children and Young People Scrutiny Board	24 6.00pm Audit Committee	25 10.00am Appeals Committee 6.00pm Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board	26 Bank Holiday
29 Bank Holiday	30	31 5.00pm Corporate Parenting Panel		
School Holidays				

APRIL 2027				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
School Holidays				
5	6 10.00am Licensing Driver Panel	7	8	9
School Holidays				
12 4.00pm AV Davies	13 10.00am Licensing Panel	14 6.00pm Planning Committee	15 10.00am Appeals Committee	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

MAY, 2027				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Bank Holiday	4	5	6 Elections	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19 12.00 pm Annual Meeting, Council	20	21