

# Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**(Amendments- Items 2, 4 & 10)**

## OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

### AMENDMENTS

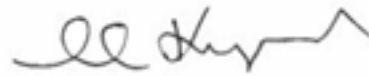
Item No

2 To elect the Mayor for the 2026/27 Municipal Year (Pages 1 - 6)

4 To appoint the Deputy Mayor for 2026/27 (Pages 7 - 12)

10 Leader of the Council (Pages 13 - 16)

To appoint a Leader of the Council, in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended.



**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



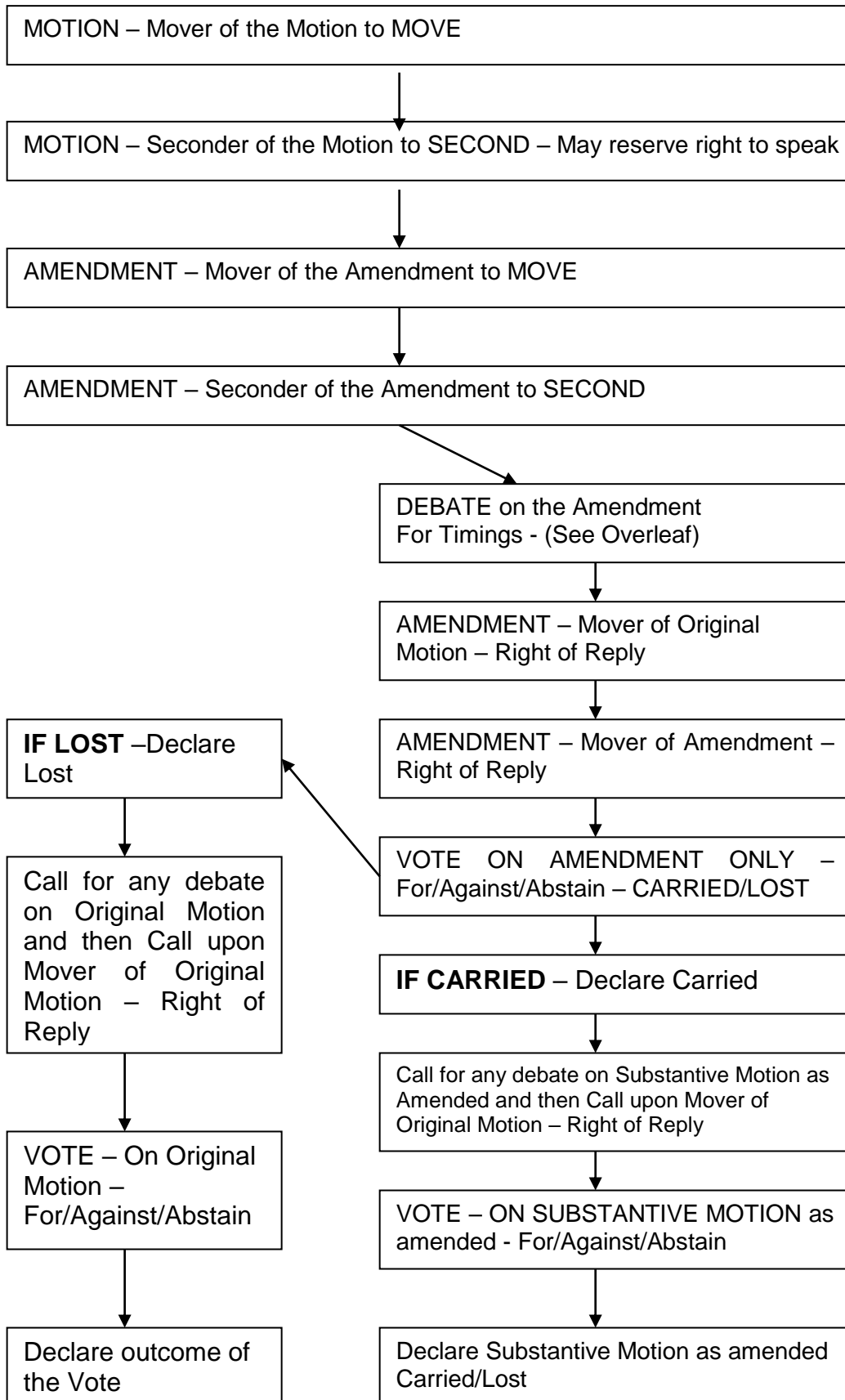
Declare outcome of the VOTE

**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



# Agenda Item 2

## **Amendment to Agenda tem 2- To Elect the Mayor for the 2026/27 Municipal Year**

**To be Moved by Councillor Mark Wilkinson**

**To be Seconded by Councillor Sandra Ball**

That Reform UK nominate Councillor Andrew Brooks of Failsworth East Ward to be Mayor of Oldham for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

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**Amendment to Agenda item 2- To Elect the Mayor for the 2026/27 Municipal Year**

**To be Moved by Councillor Zahid Chauhan  
To be Seconded by Councillor Lisa Navesey**

We would like to formally nominate Councillor Brian Hobin for the role of Mayor of Oldham for the municipal year 2026/27

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## **Amendment to Item 2- Elect the Mayor for the 2026/27 Municipal Year**

**Moved by- Councillor Kamran Ghafoor**

**Seconded by- Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani**

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Council's Constitution relating to the election of the Chair of the Council (Mayor), it be noted that:

1. The election of the Chair of the Council (Mayor) for the municipal year 2026/2027 is a function reserved to Full Council;
2. The election of the Chair of the Council (Mayor) is the first item of business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting of the Council;
3. Council is invited to receive nominations for the office of Chair of the Council (Mayor) for the municipal year 2026/2027.

### **Accordingly, it is moved that:**

Councillor Max Woodvine be nominated and elected to the office of Chair of the Council (Mayor) for the municipal year 2026/2027.

If elected, Councillor Max Woodvine shall hold office until the appointment of a successor at the next Annual Meeting of the Council, unless otherwise determined in accordance with law.

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## **Item 4- Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2026/2027**

**Moved by: Councillor Maggie Hurley**

**Seconded by: Councillor Aisha Kouser**

**Proposal:**

That Councillor Helen Bishop be appointed Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of Council for the municipal year 2026/27.

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**Item 4 - Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2026/2027**

**Moved by: Councillor Mark Wilkinson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Sandra Ball**

**Proposal:**

That Councillor Andrew Brooks be appointed Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of Council for the municipal year 2026/27.

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**Item 4 - Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2026/2027**

**Moved by: Councillor Arooj Shah**

**Seconded by: Councillor Abdul Jabbar**

**Proposal:**

That Councillor Ken Rustidge be appointed Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of Council for the municipal year 2026/27.

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## **Labour Group Amendment**

**Mover: Cllr Elaine Taylor**

**Seconder: Cllr Graham Shuttleworth**

Following the local election results, Oldham Labour has been clear that we will not stand in the way of any serious attempt to form a stable, lawful and functioning administration in the interests of Oldham.

We were also clear that we would not seek to work with any group who led divisive campaigns based on identity and grievance politics.

It is our understanding that the Liberal Democrats, the Conservatives and the Royton Independents have agreed to form a coalition with the Oldham Group, with their Group Leader, former Conservative, Cllr Kamran Ghafoor, as Leader.

We welcome parties working together, but the public interest test must be met. Given the deep concern that we have in their choice of Leader, Cllr Kamran Ghafoor, and our understanding of the multiple live investigations relating to the recent collapse of the King Street building, we cannot support his Leadership of the Council. Therefore, until those investigations conclude, it would be wholly inappropriate for the council as a lead agency to be led by a director of that company.

In light of the absence of any alternative viable leadership proposal, and Reform UK in Oldham seemingly refusing to lead an administration, the Council has little viable option but for the Chief Executive and Group Leaders to write jointly to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to seek guidance on leadership arrangements of the Council going forward.

We have not come to this decision lightly, but the interests of taxpayers, council workers and service users are paramount.

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## **Amendment to Item 10 – Leader of the Council**

**Moved by- Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani**

**Seconded by- Councillor Aisha Kouser**

It is noted that the report before Council concerns the appointment of the Leader of the Council and that the election of the Leader is a function reserved to Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000.

It is further noted that the report recommends that Council receive nominations for the office of Leader of the Council and elect a Leader of the Council for a term of office commencing on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

This amendment seeks to nominate Councillor Kamran Ghafoor to be elected as Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council.

### **Accordingly, Council resolves:**

#### 1. Purpose of the Amendment

1.1 To elect Councillor Kamran Ghafoor as Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council.

#### 2. Background

2.1 That Councillor Kamran Ghafoor's term of office as Leader shall commence on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 and shall continue until the day of the first Annual Council Meeting held after his normal day of retirement as a Councillor unless:

- a. He resigns from office, or
- b. He is no longer a Councillor, or
- c. He is removed from office by resolution of the Council, whereupon a successor shall be appointed.

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