

Oldham Borough Council



**Annual Council Meeting
Wednesday, 1st July 2026
2nd Reconvened Meeting**

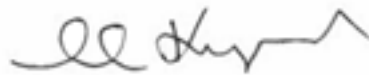
OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Supplementary Agenda

Item No

- 4 To appoint the Deputy Mayor for 2026/27 (Pages 1 - 8)
- 10 Leader of the Council (Pages 9 - 18)
- To appoint a Leader of the Council, in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended.
- 14 Appointment to Outside Bodies 2026/27 (Pages 19 - 20)
- To appoint Councillors to serve on Outside Bodies in 2026/27
Appendices to follow



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



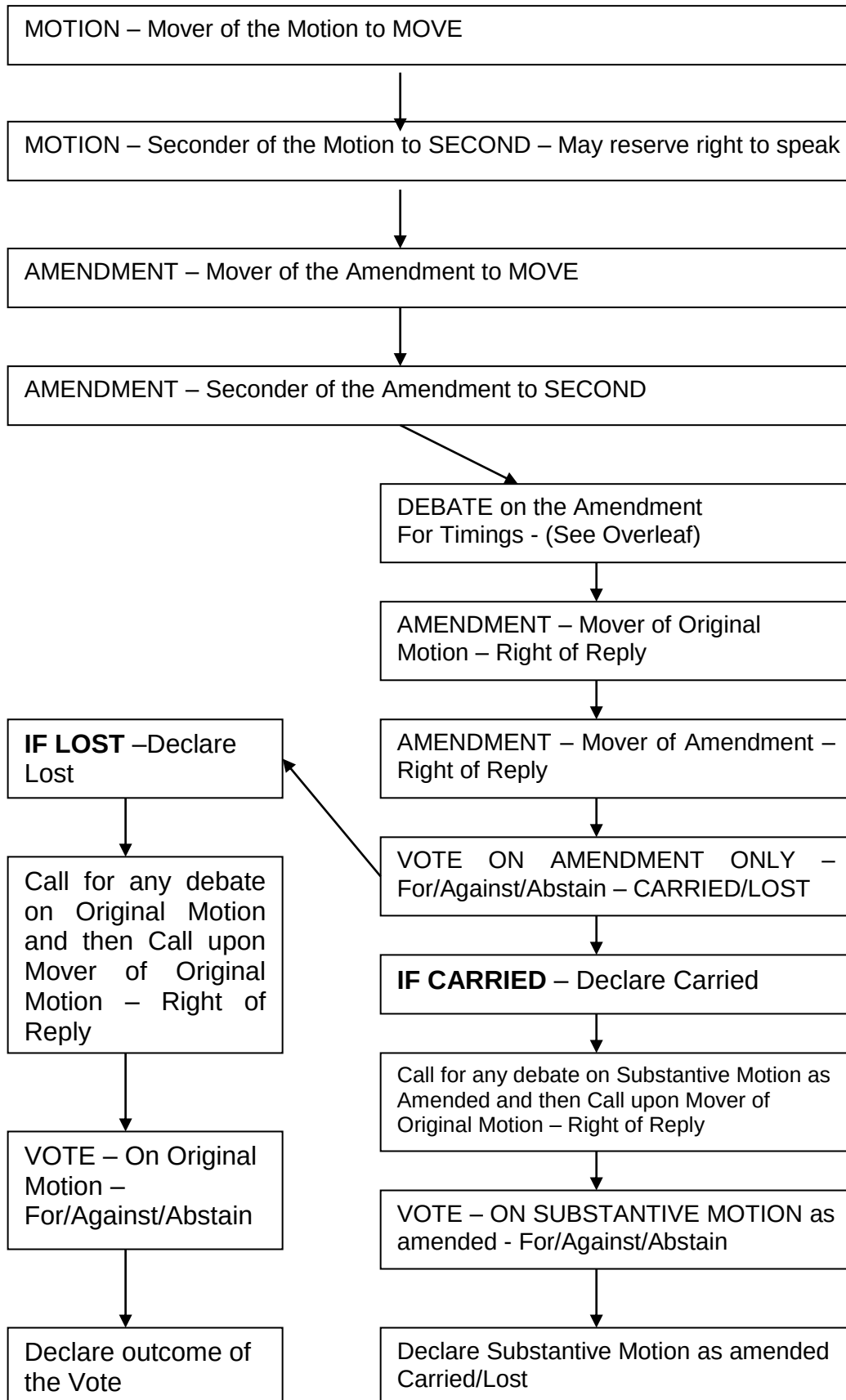
Declare outcome of the VOTE

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





Report to the Annual Meeting of the Council

Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Officer Contact: Heather Moore, Assistant Director of Governance

Report Author: Heather Moore, Assistant Director of Governance

Email: heather.moore@oldham.gov.uk

20th May 2026

Reason for Decision

In accordance with the provisions in the Council's constitution, the appointment of the vice-chair of the Council (Deputy Mayor) is a Council function.

Recommendations

1. That the Council appoints a Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2026/2027 and receives nomination(s) for the position.

Election of Mayor

1 **Background**

- 1.1 The appointment of the Deputy Mayor is a council function as set out in the Council's constitution. If the Mayor is absent at meetings of the Council, the Deputy Mayor shall preside.

2 **Options/Alternatives**

- 2.1 The Constitution states that the annual meeting of the Council will appoint the Deputy Mayor.

3 **Consultation**

- 3.1 N/A.

4 **Financial Implications**

- 4.1 N/A.

5 **Legal Implications**

- 5.1 N/A.

6 **Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People**

- 6.1 None.

7 **Key Decision**

- 7.1 No.

8 **Key Decision Reference**

- 8.1 N/A.

9 **Appendices**

- 9.1 None.

10 **Background Papers**

- 10.1 None.

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 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

Mover: Cllr Zahid Chauhan

Seconded: Cllr 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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Report to the Annual Meeting of the Council

Leader of the Council

Officer Contact: Heather Moore, Assistant Director of Governance

Report Author: Peter Thompson, Interim Head of Constitutional Services

20th May 2026

Reason for Decision

The election of the Leader of the Council is a Council function in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended.

Recommendations

1. The Council receives nomination(s) for the office of the Leader of the Council.
2. The Council elects the Leader of the Council for a term of office starting on 21st May 2026 and ending on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor, subject to paragraph 2.1 of the report.

Leader of the Council

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The appointment of the Leader of the Council is a Council function in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Leader of the Council (the “Leader”) will be a Councillor elected to the position of Leader by the Council. The Council will decide on the term of office of the Leader which must expire no later than the day of which the Council holds its first Annual meeting after the Leader’s normal day of retirement as a Councillor unless:

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

- 2.2 It is the responsibility of the Leader to determine the size and membership of the Cabinet (providing the membership comprises between two and nine members, not including the Leader). The Leader shall also determine the remit of each portfolio. The Council does not have any decision-making role in this regard.

- 2.3 All executive functions are vested in the Leader and it is the Leader’s responsibility to determine how such functions shall be delegated. This responsibility can be a simple re-affirmation of the existing delegation of executive functions to the Cabinet, and Officers. The Council does not have any decision-making role in this regard.

3 Current Position

- 3.1 A Leader is required to be appointed in light of the resignation that has been received.

4 Options/Alternatives

- 4.1 N/A.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 N/A.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 N/A.

7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 The appointment of the Leader of the Council is a Council function in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended.

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8 **Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People**

8.1 None.

9 **Key Decision**

9.1 No.

10 **Key Decision Reference**

10.1 N/A.

11 **Appendices**

11.1 None.

12 **Background Papers**

12.1 None.

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Item 10 – Leader of the Council

Amendment

Proposer: Councillor Lewis Quigg

Seconder: Councillor Mark Wilkinson

The Reform UK Group will duly form a minority administration and elect Councillor Lewis Quigg to be Leader of the Council.

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Labour Group Amendment

Mover: Cllr Arooj Shah

Seconded: Cllr Elaine Taylor

Following two annual council meetings and the failed attempt to elect a leader, the Labour Group proposes Cllr Arooj Shah as Leader of the Council to form a minority administration.

Oldham Labour Group stood aside to allow other Groups the opportunity to step up and lead the borough, but they have failed to garner the support of the chamber.

Oldham Labour Group believes that forming an administration is in the best interests of residents and the delivery of services that the most vulnerable in our communities rely on.

Oldham Labour Group recognises the balance of political parties and independents, and the proposed amendment is made on the basis that:

1. The minority administration will implement the previously agreed Medium Term Financial Strategy
2. There will be no new revenue borrowing to fund Council services
3. The minority administration will not initiate any new major projects
4. The minority administration offers the posts of Scrutiny Committee Chairs to opposition groups to allow open scrutiny of Council decision making.

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Amendment to Item 10 – Leader of the Council

Moved by- Mark Kenyon

Seconded by- Max Woodvine

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 21st 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 21st 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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Agenda Item 14:

Council notes the appointments to the following Outside Bodies for 2026/27

LGA General Assembly – 4 Places (1 Labour, 1 Reform UK, 1 Oldham Group, 1 Liberal Democrat)

Councillor Arooj Shah
Councillor Lewis Quigg
Councillor Kamran Ghafoor
Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani

Oldham United Charity – 1 Place (The Mayor (Ex-Officio))

Councillor Pam Byrne

Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the NHS Northern Care Alliance – 3 Places (1 Labour, 1 Reform UK, 1 Oldham Group)

Councillor Barbara Brownridge
Councillor Peter Klonowski
Councillor Graham Sheldon

Pennine Care NHS Trust – Joint Mental Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 3 Places (1 Labour, 1 Reform UK, 1 Oldham Group)

Councillor Barbara Brownridge
Councillor Steve Eyre
Councillor Zaheer Ali

Corporate Parenting Panel – 6 Places (2 Labour, 2 Reform UK, 1 Oldham Group, 1 Liberal Democrat)

Councillor Mohon Ali
Councillor Josh Charters
Councillor Robert Barnes
Councillor Jon Ford
Councillor Shoab Akhtar
Councillor Helen Bishop

Northern Roots -3 Places available as advisory trustees (1 Labour, 1 Reform UK, 1 Oldham Group)

Councillor Abdul Jabbar
Councillor Peter Klonowski
Councillor Sonny Shah Arstan

Royton Sick and Needy Charity – 6 places (Royton Councillors)

Councillor Lewis Quigg
Councillor Tony Pinder
Councillor Paul Robinson
Councillor Dave Arnott
Councillor Maggie Hurley
Councillor Jade Hughes

Arthur Vernon Davies Charity – 2 Places

Howard Sykes (Appointed by the Council in 2024 for a four-year term noting that Council appointments do not have to be a member of the Council, as per the deed of trust)
Councillor Pam Byrne – Mayor (ex-officio)