

Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 6 November 2019**

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 29 October 2019

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 6 November 2019 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, for the following purposes:

- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 To order that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th September 2019 be signed as a correct record (Pages 1 - 28)
- 3 To receive declarations of interest in any matter to be determined at the meeting
- 4 To deal with matters which the Mayor considers to be urgent business
- 5 To receive communications relating to the business of the Council
- 6 To receive and note petitions received relating to the business of the Council

(time limit 20 minutes)

There are no petitions to note.

- 7 Leader's Annual Statement
- 8 Question Time
 - a Public Questions
 - b Questions to Leader and Cabinet
 - c Questions on Cabinet Minutes (Pages 29 - 48)

(time limit 15 minutes):-

- a) 19th August 2019
- b) 16th September 2019
- c) Urgent Key Decisions Taken from 27th October 2018 to 28th October 2019

- d Questions on Joint Arrangements/Partnerships (Pages 49 - 166)

(time limit 15 minutes)

Greater Manchester Transport Committee	9 th August 2019 13 th September 2019
Greater Manchester Waste and Recycling Committee	18 th July 2019
National Park Authority	6 th September 2019
MioCare Board	8 th July 2019
Oldham Leadership Board	11 th July 2019 26 th September 2019
Health and Wellbeing Board	25 th June 2019
Police and Crime Panel	2 nd July 2019
Commissioning Partnership Board	26 th September 2019
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	26 th July 2019 27 th September 2019 7 th October 2019
Greater Manchester Health and Care Board	26 th July 2019

9 Notice of Administration Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1

Councillor Ball to MOVE and Councillor Hulme to SECOND:

Better Buses for Greater Manchester

This council notes that following deregulation of the UK bus network outside of London in the 1980s, bus companies run whatever routes they like, charging what they like, with various ticketing structures. This means that in 2017 there were 140 types of tickets available in Greater Manchester, across 22 different bus companies, and usage is declining as passengers opt for simpler alternatives.

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority is now consulting on how our buses are run, proposing to introduce a franchising system that will make the bus network better coordinated, simpler, more far reaching, and responsive to the needs of residents rather than for private profit.

This council resolves to:

- Encourage residents to complete the GMCA's consultation into bus franchising
- Explain the benefits of bus franchising for Oldham
- Request that the Chief Executive write to Mayor Andy Burnham on the matter, calling on him to choose to regulate our buses in Greater Manchester, which he has the power to do following the consultation.

Motion 2

Councillor Harrison to MOVE and Councillor Chadderton to SECOND:

Free Personal Care

The Council notes that over a million older people in England are struggling with unmet care needs and believes that in light of an ageing population we need bold changes to deliver a long term funding solution for social care.

The Council believes that it is fundamentally unfair that to access basic care many older people face catastrophic costs that can run into hundreds of thousands of pounds, wipe out a lifetime of savings, and force families to sell their homes.

The Council also believes that England's care system needs major reform to provide a long-term sustainable funding solution and to make care free at the point of use.

The Council therefore supports the introduction of free personal care for all older people in England, alongside a new social care contribution to fully fund the policy on a sustainable basis.

The Council calls on the Government to take the necessary steps to implement this policy as swiftly as possible to end the care crisis and properly support older people in the borough of Oldham.

This Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to

1. Write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care urging swift action to bring forward proposals to reform and fund the social, care system to a decent standard for all
2. Write to our three local MP(s) to support the campaign for free personal care, and to speak up in favour of the policy in the House of Commons and through their wider activity

10 Notice of Opposition Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1

Councillor Williamson to MOVE and Councillor Al-Hamdani to SECOND:

Clean Air Outside Our Schools

This Council notes that:

- Our residents, staff and children, are exposed to unsafe levels of pollutants outside of schools at peak times in the morning and afternoon.
- Road transport is one of the biggest contributors to particulate matter and pollution in Oldham Borough.
- Epidemiological studies show that symptoms of bronchitis in asthmatic children increase in association with long-term exposure to pollutants, as well as stunting lung growth.
- Only a handful of schools across the country are trialling "No Vehicle Idling zones" yet they bring many health benefits.
- Air pollution poses a serious threat to the health and development of young

people. While many of the policy interventions to rectify this problem would have to come from central Government or the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan, this Council can do more and needs to be proactive on this issue.

- That there should be No-Vehicle-Idling zones around schools across the Borough.

This Council resolves to:

- Review the work done on No-Vehicle-Idling nationally in other local authorities and work this into Oldham's action plan for No-Vehicle-Idling Zones.
- Implement No-Vehicle-Idling Zones, around as many primary schools in the Borough as possible, by the end of 2022.
- Work closely with schools that are part of the scheme to inform parents and carers of the No-Vehicle-Idling Zones.
- Encourage local businesses to sponsor green walls on school buildings and tree planting near schools and the appropriate cabinet member include this in their action plan.

Motion 2

Councillor Harkness to MOVE and Councillor Hamblett to SECOND:

Anti-Bullying Week 2019 "Change starts with us"

This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme "Change Starts With Us" and is happening from Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2019.

This Council unfortunately notes that:

- Trades Union Congress (TUC) research revealed nearly a third of people have been bullied at their workplace. Of those bullied, half said it had an adverse impact on their performance at work.
- Female employees are more likely to be victims of bullying than males.
- People of all ages are bullied because of their race, culture, faith, appearance, identity, socioeconomic status, interests/hobbies, academic ability, mannerisms, and whether they are young carers or looked after children. This bullying can take place in person or online.
- Nearly half of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans young people have been bullied at school for being LGBTQIA+. Children with disabilities and those with special educational needs are around twice as likely to be bullied.
- Bullying pervades every level of human society, even the Houses of Commons. Dame Laura Cox's report into the Bullying and Harassment of House of Commons staff in 2018 revealed a dysfunctional workplace- particularly faced by women. Bullying and sexual harassment was reported to have long been "tolerated and concealed".
- Sometimes this bullying takes place in the home and serves as domestic abuse and violence.

This Council resolves to:

- Have the relevant cabinet member communicate with schools in Oldham Borough about the packs released especially for primary and secondary schools from the Anti Bullying Alliance. These will include lesson plans, activity ideas, cross curricular activities for students and teachers.

- Allow people to access a link to the Anti Bullying Alliance website from the Council web page that gives bullying support and advice.
- Have Oldham Council sign up as a supporter of Anti-Bullying Week
- Build on the #Stop work done by Oldham Youth Council in 2016 on highlighting that bullying is not ok.
- To join the UK-wide Anti-Bullying Alliance, which already comprises over 140 organisations and individuals.
- Develop an anti-bullying training programme for councillors and review the current Council anti bullying policy.
- To adopt the Anti-Bullying Alliance's definition of bullying. And that Oldham Council staff are encouraged to undertake the Anti-Bullying Alliance's online training module, so they can feel more confident in identifying and calling out or reporting bullying behaviour.
- To deal with workplace bullying more effectively, the Council will provide a link to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) on the Council Anti-Bullying policy webpage.

Motion 3

Councillor Sykes to MOVE and Councillor H Gloster to SECOND:

Take the franchise off Northern Rail

This Council notes that:

- There is a contingency plan to renationalise Northern Rail by the government.
- The current Northern Rail franchise has consistently failed to deliver on services it was contracted to provide.
- There are significant cross-party calls to remove the franchise from the current operators.
- Customers are experiencing a poor and sometimes non-existent service from Northern Rail.

This Council resolves to:

- Write to the Minister of Transport asking them to remove the current operators and place the franchise with someone more capable of delivering the service required.
- Work closely with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Mayor of Greater Manchester to find a new operator to give the current Northern Rail customers the rail service they are entitled to.

11 Update on Actions from Council (Pages 167 - 202)

12 2018/19 Annual Statement of Accounts (Pages 203 - 458)

Due to the size of appendices, copies will be available in the Group Rooms, Access Oldham, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham and the Civic Entrance, Civic Centre, West Street Oldham.

13 Polling District and Polling Place Review 2019 (Pages 459 - 484)

Due to the size of the plans, the Ward Maps referred to as Appendix B will be available in the Elections Office, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham.

- 14 Welfare Reform Update (Pages 485 - 498)
- 15 Revision of Byelaws made under Section 19 of the Public Libraries & Museums Act, 1964 (Pages 499 - 512)
- 16 Review of JNC Pink Book Youth Workers Grading Structure (Pages 513 - 518)

NOTE: The meeting of the Council will conclude 3 hours and 30 minutes after the commencement of the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Wilkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Carolyn Wilkins
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

