

Oldham Borough Council



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 June 2020**

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 9 June 2020

You are hereby summoned to attend a virtual meeting of the Council which will be held via TEAMS on Wednesday 17 June 2020 at 6.00 pm for the following purposes:

- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 Attendance and Declarations of Interest
- 3 The Mayoralty and Meetings of the Council 2020/21 (Pages 1 - 4)
- 4 To order that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th January 2020 and 26th February 2020 be signed as a correct record (Pages 5 - 58)
- 5 To deal with matters which the Mayor considers to be urgent business
- 6 To receive communications relating to the business of the Council
- 7 To receive and note petitions received relating to the business of the Council (Pages 59 - 60)

(time limit 20 minutes)

- 8 Allocation of Portfolios to Cabinet Members 2020/21 and Determination of the Delegation of Executive Functions (Pages 61 - 66)
- 9 Opposition nominations to the Shadow Cabinet 2020/21 (Pages 67 - 68)
- 10 Youth Council

(time limit 20 minutes)

There is no Youth Council business to consider.

- 11 Questions Time
 - a Public Question Time
(time limit 15 minutes)
 - b Questions to Leader and Cabinet
(time limit 30 minutes)
 - c Questions on Cabinet Minutes (Pages 69 - 108)

(time limit 15 minutes)

16th December 2019
27th January 2020
24th February 2020
23rd March 2020

d Questions on Joint Arrangements (Pages 109 - 238)

(time limit 15 minutes)

Oldham Leadership Board	23 January 2020
Police and Crime Panel	14 November 2019
Commissioning Partnership Board	28 November 2019
	30 January 2020
MioCare Board	23 October 2019
Peak Park District Authority	1 November 2019
	6 December 2019
	14 February 2020
GM Health and Care Board	25 October 2019
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	29 November 2019
	7 January 2020
	31 January 2020
Greater Manchester Transport Committee	8 November 2019
	17 January 2020
	21 February 2020
Greater Manchester Waste and Recycling Committee	14 November 2019
	16 January 2020

12 Notice of Administration Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Councillor Chadderton to MOVE and Councillor Ur-Rehman to SECOND:
Black Lives Matter

This council notes with great sadness the murder of George Floyd in the United States, and the hurt and anger made more visible as a consequence. Racism and racial inequality remain shameful aspects of our lives in Oldham as elsewhere and must be confronted.

In recent weeks Greater Manchester has seen Desmond Ziggy Mombeyarara tasered in front of his small child when stopped by police for a driving offence, and the collapse of a police misconduct trial after Greater Manchester Police declined to submit any evidence against the officer who shot Anthony Grainger through the chest as he sat in his car. A judge last year found GMP to be entirely to blame for Mr Grainger's death. This council notes that since 1991 there have been more than 1,500 deaths in police custody or following police contact in the UK, but no police officers have been found guilty of murder or manslaughter related to any of them. Meanwhile, as highlighted by the Lammy review, disproportionality in the criminal justice system remains significant.

Looking at just one metric, black people were searched by GMP at nearly seven times the rate of white people using stop and search powers in 2018/19.

This council resolves to:

- Produce a new Equalities Strategy, setting out how it will make the council a more equal organisation and make Oldham a fairer place in which to live, work and feel safe
- Request that the Chief Executive writes to the Mayor of Greater Manchester, reaffirming our support for the creation of a GM Race Equality Panel and for the publication of a quarterly Race Equality Policing Report

13 Notice of Opposition Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion1

Councillor Harkness to MOVE and Councillor Hamblett to SECOND:

Tax relief for Public Transport

This Council notes that:

- In his article for the Daily Telegraph 'Tax Relief just the Ticket' (6 October 2013), then journalist Boris Johnson called for employees to be 'allowed to pay for their season tickets from their pre-tax income.'
- Mr Johnson advocated for the introduction of a new tax relief scheme, limited to the basic rate, whereby 'the employer would buy the season ticket and deduct the cost from his or her (employee's) pay packet – and only then would the employee be assessed for tax.'
- The impact of such a scheme would mean that employees would have less taxable income reducing their liability for income tax and national insurance and the employer would also save on national insurance contributions.
- The economy has been hit by the Coronavirus Pandemic. This would be an easing measure for people returning to public transport.
- An annual season ticket costs a Metrolink tram commuter from Shaw to Manchester £1,154, a Train commuter from Greenfield to Manchester is £1,208, and a Bus commuter with First Manchester is £670.
- Such a tax-relief scheme would represent a significant financial saving for Oldham Borough's commuters and be a real kickstart to the local economy.
- Council further notes that now Mr Johnson is Prime Minister he has it within his power to put his aspirations for tax relief on seasonal travel tickets into practice.

Council resolves to:

- Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of The Exchequer to request that this Government introduce such a tax-relief scheme.
- This would be on seasonal travel tickets (following the principles outlined in Mr Johnson's Telegraph article in 2013) making this effective as soon as possible.
- Write to the Mayor of Greater Manchester saying that we all should support such a scheme.

Motion 2

Councillor Williamson to MOVE and Councillor H Gloster to SECOND:

Accessible Shopping Districts

Council notes that:

- Regulations are in place so that future improvements are Disability Discrimination Act compliant.
- That there are low-cost improvements businesses can make.
- Charities and Oldham Council can support and provide better guidance as to what those improvements might be.
- There is proven success in directly investing in our town and district centres.
- That all members need to be aware of dementia awareness training available.
- Oldham Council knows simple steps that can be taken to improve the use of the shops for people with dementia in our communities.
- The Coronavirus has pushed elderly people from our high streets. This motion aids those made vulnerable by Covid-19 to make an easier return to shopping.
- Improvements such as these would help and support the local economy.

Council resolves to:

- Set aside funding for adaptation to offer improved access for those with mobility issues. This could include, but not limited to: the provision of ramps, hand rails, additions to entrances, removal of steps. Any necessary alterations needed to make our district shopping centres become more accessible.
- Set up a district panel like that of the High Street Grants scheme. This is where local elected members have an input and approval of applications to ensure an accessible commercial centre with the Cabinet Member having the final say on applications.
- To ask Highway Engineers to carry out inspections of shopping area footways to ensure they meet current guidelines. It doesn't matter if this is in a town centre or a row of shops on an estate, accessible shopping must take place right across our Borough.
- Ask that an assessment of shopping area and town centre signage is clear and that brail information points are installed across these zones.
- Ask that Oldham Council partners with Age UK, Alzheimer's Society, Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), Action on Hearing Loss and others to carry out assessment of buildings and shopping areas.
- Prepare a guidance campaign for businesses that could be used to raise accessibility awareness in commercial districts.
- Refer motion to Overview and Scrutiny and ask the mover and seconder to be part of any investigation.
- Read the report on Town Centres by Trailblazers a group of disabled campaigners from across the UK titled "Short-changed" to see if there is anything that we can learn from the report findings.

Motion 3

Councillor D Murphy to MOVE and Councillor C Gloster to SECOND:

Chatty Checkouts and Cafés

Social isolation impacts on personal mental health and physical health. This also has

a negative impact on the community. Councillors should be committed to looking at innovative ways of addressing this issue. This commitment must form part of Oldham Borough aspiring to be an Age-Friendly local authority.

Council notes that:

- In the UK the Chatty Café Scheme (<https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/>) has been established with 900 participating outlets so far offering opportunities for customers to converse at Chatter and Natter Tables. Costa Coffee has become the scheme's first national partner.
- The Pub in the Hub scheme is offering support to public houses joining the scheme.
- In the Netherlands Chatter Checkouts have been introduced in supermarkets, dedicated lanes where interaction between the customer and staff member is purposefully expected to take longer as conversation forms part of the transaction.
- Local authority run premises, such as libraries, leisure centres, and the local markets; health centres and hospitals run by the NHS; and pubs, cafes, shopping centres and retail parks run by business partners have potential to host such schemes.
- Operators of supermarkets and other retailers in the Borough may wish to establish Chatter Checkouts, maybe at quieter times of the trading week.
- There will be many people suffering from mental ill-health from the isolation of lockdown measures following the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Council resolves to:

- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chatty Café Scheme offering this Council's support after Coronavirus lockdown measures have lifted.
- Ask the Overview and Scrutiny and Health Scrutiny Boards, in consultation with Age UK Oldham and District Teams, to 1. Examine the practicalities of introducing Chatter and Natter Tables in Council premises, 2. Identify where they could be established, 3. Identify how referrals to such provision might form part of social prescribing.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to Town Centre Partnership Board and major supermarket chains in the Borough for their views and suggestions for establishing Chatter and Natter Tables and Chatter Checkouts.
- Ensure that the Council's website has a link to the Chatty Café Scheme.
- Engage with local market stall holders and vendors asking them to participate.

- 14 Oldham's COVID-19 Response (Pages 239 - 256)
 - 15 Update on Actions from Council (Pages 257 - 290)
 - 16 Corporate Peer Challenge - Feedback Report (Pages 291 - 312)
 - 17 Political Balance Review - Composition of Political Groups - Outstanding Committee Appointments and Outside Bodies Appointments
- To follow
- 18 Constitutional Amendments (Pages 313 - 504)
 - 19 Members Allowances Scheme (Pages 505 - 512)

20 Appointment of Independent Person - Independent Remuneration Panel (Pages 513 - 514)

21 Council Meetings and Municipal Calendar 2020/21 (Pages 515 - 532)

a) To confirm the meetings of Full Council will be held on the undermentioned dates during the 2020/21 Municipal Year, Commencing at 6.00pm unless otherwise shown:

15 July 2020

9 September 2020

4 November 2020

16 December 2020

24 February 2021 (Budget)

24 March 2021

19 May 2021 (Annual at 12.00 noon)

b) To approve the calendar of meetings for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

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



**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

