

Oldham Borough Council



Council Meeting
Wednesday 9 September 2020

OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 1 September 2020

You are hereby summoned to attend a virtual meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 6.00 pm for the following purposes:

- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 Attendance and declarations of Interest
- 3 To order that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15th July 2020 be signed as a correct record (Pages 1 - 40)
- 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 (Pages 41 - 42)
(time limit 20 minutes)
- 7 Electronic Voting at Council (Pages 43 - 44)
- 8 Youth Council
(time limit 20 minutes)
There is no Youth Council business to consider.
- 9 Questions Time
 - a Public Questions
(time limit 15 Minutes)
 - b Questions to Leader and Cabinet
(time limit 30 minutes)
 - c Questions on Cabinet Minutes (Pages 45 - 58)
(time limit 15 minutes)

22nd June 2020

7th July 2020

20th July 2020

d Questions on Joint Arrangements (Pages 59 - 144)

(time limit 15 minutes)

AGMA Executive Board	26 June 2020
Greater Manchester Transport Committee	10 July 2020
GM Waste and Recycling Committee	12 March 2020
Health and Wellbeing Board	12 November 2019
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	26 June 2020 31 July 2020
MioCare Board	23 April 2020
Peak Park District Authority	3 July 2020 24 July 2020
Police and Crime Panel	30 June 2020

10 Notice of Administration Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Councillor Roberts to MOVE and Councillor Dean to SECOND:

Planning for the Future motion

This council notes the Government's extension of permitted development rights and the recent publication of a white paper on planning reform, "Planning for the Future." The proposals in the white paper are to replace the established planning system with a new system whereby land is classified into "growth," "renewal" or "protection" zones, with outline permission granted automatically where a development meets the criteria for the relevant zone. This will fundamentally undermine democratic local control.

This council notes the significant concerns raised by key bodies to the proposals. The Royal Institute of British Architects have suggested that the plans are "shameful" and would do "almost nothing to guarantee the delivery of affordable, well-designed and sustainable homes." Homelessness charity Shelter have argued that social housing "could face extinction" if the proposals go ahead. The Town and Country Planning Association have noted the success of the current system for volume house builders, the huge number of permissions granted that remain undelivered, and the threat the proposals make to local democracy.

This council agrees that such a fundamental attack on democratic rights in the planning system demands cross party support and undertakes to consult all elected Members in formulating a response.

This council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to respond to the Planning for the Future consultation, to include the following;

- Oldham Council's rejection of the proposals in the strongest form
- The range of sites in Oldham that have planning permission but are not currently being taken forward by developers

- The additional barriers to development arising from the cost of Brownfield land remediation and the need for sustainable subsidy to make sites viable
- The importance of a robust planning process, with democratic control at its heart, to safeguard local communities and promote local priorities
- The need for quality, affordable homes in Oldham, and the risk that the new proposals will fail to deliver, particularly with the removal of S.106 contributions that the National Housing Federation notes are the single biggest contributor to new affordable homes in the country
- That affordability varies across the country and that the proposals in the White paper offer nothing for those needing housing at a social rent.
- The outcomes agreed through the cross-party consultation.

11 Notice of Opposition Business

(time limit 30 minutes)

Motion 1

Councillor Hamblett to MOVE and Councillor H Gloster to SECOND:

Not every Disability is Visible

This Council notes that:

- The charity Crohn's and Colitis UK is encouraging venues providing accessible public toilets to install new signage. This is to help stop stigma and discrimination towards people with 'invisible illnesses' such as Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis.
- There have been instances nationally where such individuals using an accessible toilet have been accused by staff members of being ineligible to use them.
- These signs have two standing figures and a wheelchair user with the words Accessible Toilet and the logo 'Not every disability is visible'.
- The Government has decided recently that large accessible toilets for severely disabled people - known as Changing Places - will be made compulsory for large new buildings, such as shopping centres, supermarkets, sports and arts venues, in England from 2021.

Council resolves to:

- Ensure that accessible toilets on Council premises bear these signs.
- Ask town and district centre retailers and leisure outlets to do likewise with their accessible public toilets.
- Seek advice from the charity Crohn's and Colitis UK on the information and training we should provide to Council Staff members. This is so they understand these illnesses and to prevent potential embarrassment for those who suffer with them.
- Ensure that any Changing Places toilets in our buildings are properly signposted for visitors.
- Ensure that the requirement to provide new Changing Place toilets is included within the Council's future plans for new public buildings in the Borough.

Motion 2

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

Let's all do our bit to tackle litter

Council is committed to tackling litter in our Borough and to working for cleaner streets and public spaces across our communities.

Council notes that:

- The Keep Britain Tidy Campaign offers local authorities the opportunity to become a member of a Network, which provides access to specialist advice and support.
- Keep Britain Tidy is hosting the Great British September Clean-Up from 11-27 September.
- The campaign is also promoting a Love Parks campaign and a Charity Bin sponsorship scheme whereby the monies raised from recycling cans deposited in designated local authority bins is contributed to local charities.
- Several national supermarket chains are now operating trials of reverse vending machines, where customers are rewarded for returning used cans and bottles for recycling.
- The Government department DEFRA has also previously published a voluntary code for local businesses and local business partnerships to sign up to and reduce the litter that results from fast food businesses.

Council recognises that:

- Whilst we are committed to tackling litter in our Borough, and to working for cleaner streets and public spaces across our communities, we cannot do this alone.
- In the battle for cleaner streets and public spaces, we must involve the public and our business partners in a co-operative effort.
- There are community champions and organisations commendably 'doing their bit'.
- The Keep Britain Tidy and DEFRA initiatives provide extra opportunities and an extra incentive for members of the public and business partners to become actively engaged and empowered in tackling the litter which blights our streets.
- In doing their bit, residents and business will help the Council to make the streets, district centres, parks and public amenities of our Borough cleaner and more inviting to residents and visitors.

Council resolves to:

- Promote participation in the Great British September Clean-up to members of the public, community, faith and youth groups, and businesses through our social media, website and existing email-outs to partners.
- Ask the Overview and Scrutiny Board to examine the merits of becoming a local authority member of the Keep Britain Tidy Network, and identify which of the campaign's initiatives, including Love Parks and Charity Bins, could be introduced in the Borough.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to national supermarket chains with stores in this borough asking them to consider Oldham as the location for a future trial of a reverse vending machine.
- Promote take up of the DEFRA voluntary code amongst our fast food businesses and local business partnerships and seek their sponsorship for the introduction of a Charity Bin scheme and for public education programmes.

Motion 3

Councillor C Gloster to MOVE and Councillor Harkness to SECOND:
Roads Policing 'Not Optional'

Council notes that:

- In the last ten years, there has been no significant decline in the number of people killed and seriously injured on Britain's roads, after decades of reducing casualties.
- According to Department of Transport figures, there are still on average 5 fatalities and 68 serious injuries in England and Wales every day.
- In early July, the Department of Transport published a public consultation document supporting a Roads Policing Review. The closing date for submissions is October 5th.
- In the preamble to that document, the Under Secretary of State for Transport said the review sought to 'build the fairest and most operationally effective enforcement capability in police and other agencies to deliver the best outcome for the safety of all road users.'
- In the same month, the HM Inspectorate of Constabulary published a damning report which predicted an increase in road deaths because:
 - According to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, there has been a 34% cut in funding in real terms for road policing between 2012/3 and 2019/20 leading to a reduction of police officers available for these duties.
 - These officers receive insufficient training and operational support.
 - Road policing is 'seen as less of a priority than it should be' in most local plans and there is an 'unclear national strategy.'
- The HM Inspectorate called for urgent action as 'roads policing is not optional.'

Council resolves to:

- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Transport, making clear this Council's position that funding in real terms for road policing should be restored; that the HM Inspectorate's recommendations be implemented in full as a priority; and that a new national strategy for road policing and safety should be developed.
- Ask the Chief Executive to send copies of this letter to the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner, the Police and Crime Panel and our three local Members of Parliament to seek their support for the Council's position.
- Ask the Council's representative on the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel to request the Panel revisit the local policing plan to ensure that roads policing is sufficiently prioritised.
- Ask the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the appropriate Council officers and the relevant Cabinet Member, to make a submission to the Roads Policing Review consultation on behalf of the Council taking this resolution into account.

12 Covid-19 Update (Pages 145 - 152)

13 Update on Actions from Council (Pages 153 - 174)

14 Council Motion: Making a Commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (Pages 175 - 194)

15 Statement of Community Involvement (Pages 195 - 256)

16 Treasury Management Review 2019/20 (Pages 257 - 286)

17 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20 (Pages 287 - 306)

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 style with a large, looping initial 'C'.

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

