

Present: The Mayor – Councillor Chauhan (in the Chair)

Councillors Adams, Akhtar, Al-Hamdani, M Ali, Z Ali, Arnott, Aslam, Azad, Ball, Bashforth, Bishop, Brownridge, Byrne, Charters, Chowhan, Cosgrove, Davis, Dean, Ghafoor, Goodwin, Hamblett, Harkness, Harrison, Hince, Hindle, Hobin, Hughes, Hurley, A Hussain, F Hussain, J. Hussain, S. Hussain, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Islam, Jabbar, Kenyon, Kouser, Lancaster, Malik, Marland, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Nasheen, Navesey, Quigg, Rustidge, Shah, Sharp, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Sykes, Taylor, Wahid, Wilkinson, Williamson and Woodvine

1 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

2 **TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE 2024/25 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Councillor Hobin MOVED, Councillor Shah SECONDED and Councillor Sheldon SUPPORTED the election of Councillor Zahid Chauhan as Mayor of the Borough and Chair of Council for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

On being put to the vote, the nomination was CARRIED.

Councillor Chauhan signed the declaration required by law, which enabled him to act in the Office of Mayor.

(The Mayor, Councillor Chauhan, in the Chair).

The Mayor then made a speech of acceptance of office.

RESOLVED

1. Councillor Zahid Chauhan be appointed Mayor of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council and Chair for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.
2. That Council notes the appointment of Councillor Chauhan's children Aneeq, Aila and Amelia to act as his consorts during the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

3 **TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2024/25**

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Taylor SECONDED the election of Councillor Moores as Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of Council for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

On being put to the vote, the nomination was CARRIED.

Councillor Moores signed the declaration required by law which enabled him to act in the office of Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED that Councillor Moores be appointed Deputy Mayor for Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council and Vice Chair for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.



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4 **TO ORDER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2024 BE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th March 2024 be approved as a correct record.

5 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER TO BE DETERMINED AT THE MEETING**

There were no declarations of interests.

6 **TO DEAL WITH MATTERS WHICH THE MAYOR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT BUSINESS**

The Mayor permitted Councillor Hobin to address Council regarding an incident that occurred on Level 3 of the Civic Centre, directly outside the office of the Leader of the Council, on Monday, 20th May 2024. The Mayor also permitted Councillor Shah and Councillor Quigg to address Council on the same matter.

7 **TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Shuttleworth and Councillor Murphy paid tribute to the work of Councillor Steven Bashforth during his time served on the Council.

Councillor Shah, Councillor Williamson and Councillor Byrne paid tribute to the work of Councillor Salamat during his time served on the Council.

Councillor Dean, Councillor Marland and Councillor Byrne paid tribute to the work of Councillor Birch during her time served on the Council.

Councillor Jabbar, Councillor Hamblett and Councillor Byrne paid tribute to the work of Councillor Surjan during her time served on the Council.

Councillor Bishop, Councillor Jabbar, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Hobin paid tribute to the work of Councillor Gloster during her time served on the Council.

Councillor Davis, Councillor Hobin and Councillor Bishop paid tribute to the work of Councillor Rea during her time served on the Council.

Councillor Ghafoor, Councillor Kenyon and Councillor Jabbar paid tribute to the work of Councillor Irfan during his time served on the Council.

The Mayor referred to the recent deaths of former Councillors Jackie Stanton and Warren Bates and also the passing of former Councillor and former Mayor, Olwen Chadderton.



Councillor Dean, Councillor Williamson and Councillor Sykes addressed Council paying condolences and their tribute to Olwen Chadderton.

Councillor Davis, Councillor Ball, Councillor Hobin, Councillor Quigg, Councillor Williamson and Councillor Sykes addressed Council paying condolences and their tribute to Warren Bates.

Councillor Sharp, Councillor Woodvine, Councillor Charters and Councillor Sykes addressed Council paying condolences and their tribute to Jackie Stanton.

The Mayor asked Council to note that the date of this meeting marked the seventh anniversary of the bombing of Manchester Arena. A truly dreadful terrorist atrocity that resulted in the murder of 22 innocent people.

Council held a minute's silence in memory of the victims of the Manchester Arena bombing and the three deceased former Councillors.

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TO NOTE THE REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF THE LOCAL ELECTIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 2ND MAY 2024

Consideration was given to a report of the Returning Officer which informed members of the results of the Local Election which had taken place on 2nd May 2024.

RESOLVED that the results of the Local Election be noted.

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LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Taylor **MOVED** and Councillor Jabbar **SECONDED** a report of the Director of Legal Services which reminded Members that under the Leader and Cabinet model of governance, Councillor Shah had been elected as Leader of the Council on 24th May 2023 for a period that would end on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement, as a Councillor unless: she resigned from the office; was no longer a Councillor; or she would be removed from office by a resolution of the Council.

AMENDMENT

Councillor Quigg **MOVED** and Councillor Ghafoor **SECONDED** the following **AMENDMENT**.

'That Council note the election of Councillor Arooj Shah as the Leader of the Council from 24th May 2023 and ending on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting of the Leader's normal day of retirement as Councillor as outlined at paragraph 1.2 of the report.

It is noted that the report at item 9 notes the elected Leader of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council) from the 24th May 2023. However, a Leader of the Council may be removed by a resolution of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council). This amendment seeks to REMOVE Councillor Arooj Shah as the Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council) and that a new Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council) is elected at the Annual Council meeting of Wednesday 22nd May 2024.



The proposer and seconder of this amendment nominate Councillor Howard Sykes to be the new Council Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council.'

A recorded vote, in line with Council Procedure Rules was then taken on the AMENDMENT as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Adams Christine	FOR	Hussain Junaid	AGAINST
Akhtar Shoab	ABSTAINED	Hussain Sajed	AGAINST
Al-Hamdani Sam	FOR	Ibrahim Nyla	FOR
Ali Mohon	AGAINST	Iqbal Nadeem	AGAINST
Ali Zaheer	FOR	Islam Mohammed Nazrul	AGAINST
Arnott Dave	FOR	Jabbar Abdul	AGAINST
Aslam Naseem	AGAINST	Kenyon Mark	FOR
Azad Montaz Ali	FOR	Kouser Aisha	FOR
Ball Sandra	FOR	Lancaster Luke	FOR
Bishop Helen	FOR	Malik Abdul	AGAINST
Bashforth Marie	AGAINST	Marland Alicia	FOR
Brownridge Barbara	AGAINST	McLaren Colin	AGAINST
Byrne Pam	FOR	Moore's Eddie (Deputy Mayor)	AGAINST
Charters Josh	AGAINST	Murphy Dave	FOR
Cosgrove Angela	AGAINST	Mushtaq Shaid	AGAINST
Chowhan Naveed	FOR	Nasheen Umar	AGAINST
Davis Peter	AGAINST	Navesey Lisa	AGAINST
Dean Peter	AGAINST	Quigg Lewis	FOR
Ghafoor Kamran	FOR	Rustidge Ken	AGAINST
Goodwin Chris	AGAINST	Shah Arooj	AGAINST
Hamblett Louie	FOR	Sharp Beth	FOR
Harkness Garth	FOR	Sheldon Graham	FOR
Harrison Holly	AGAINST	Shuttleworth Graham	AGAINST
Hince Marc	AGAINST	Sykes Howard	FOR

Hindle Neil	ABSTAINED	Taylor Elaine	AGAINST
Hobin Brian	ABSTAINED	Wahid Abdul	FOR
Hughes Jade	FOR	Wilkinson Mark	FOR
Hurley Maggie	FOR	Williamson Diane	FOR
Hussain Aftab	AGAINST	Woodvine Max	FOR
Hussain Fida	AGAINST	Chauhan Zahid (MAYOR)	AGAINST

On a recorded VOTE being taken 28 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 29 VOTES cast AGAINST and there were 3 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore LOST.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER, CABINET MEMBERS AND DEPUTY CABINET MEMBERS AND ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIOS AND DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Leader of the Council which detailed the Cabinet portfolios and the appointments to the Cabinet for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that the appointment of the Deputy Leaders, Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Members, the allocation of portfolios to Cabinet Members and the determination of delegations to executive functions for 2024/2025 be noted as outlined below:

Councillor Arooj Shah	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Building a Better Oldham
Councillor Elaine Taylor	Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Decent Homes
Councillor Abdul Jabbar	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Value for Money and Sustainability
Councillor Shaid Mushtaq	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Councillor Mohon Ali	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
Councillor Barbara Brownridge	Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Peter Dean	Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture
Councillor Fida Hussain	Cabinet Member for Enterprise
Councillor Chris Goodwin	Cabinet Member for Don't Trash Oldham
Councillor Josh Charters	Deputy Cabinet Member for Bee Network Delivery
Councillor Holly Harrison	Deputy Cabinet Member for Children's Services Improvement
Councillor Lisa Navesey	Deputy Cabinet Member for

Councillor Umar Nasheen	Children's Safeguarding Deputy Cabinet Member for Education
Councillor Nazrul Islam	Deputy Cabinet Member for Get Oldham Working
Councillor Marie Bashforth Councillor Aftab Hussain	Deputy Cabinet Member for Public Health Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities



Note - the executive functions are those as described in Part 3 of the constitution as amended by item 15.

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MAIN OPPOSITION NOMINATIONS TO THE SHADOW CABINET 2024/25

RESOLVED that the appointment of the main Opposition Leader and the Shadow Cabinet, as set out below, be noted:

Liberal Democrat Group Leader – Councillor Howard Sykes
Deputy Group Leader – Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani

Liberal Democrat Group Shadow Cabinet:

Councillor Howard Sykes	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Building a Better Oldham
Councillor Gath Harkness	Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Decent Homes
Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Value for Money and Sustainability
Councillor Diane Williamson	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Councillor Helen Bishop	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
Councillor Louie Hamblett	Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Alicia Marland	Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture
Councillor Howard Sykes	Cabinet Member for Enterprise
Councillor Dave Murphy	Cabinet Member for Don't Trash Oldham

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APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND COMPOSITIONS OF POLITICAL GROUPS

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal which sought a review of the political composition of committees and the composition of political groups as previously notified under Regulation 8(1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and under Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government Housing Act 1989.

RESOLVED:

1. The composition of the political groups as shown in paragraph 1.1, of the report, be noted.

2. The several Committees detailed at paragraph 1.2 and 1.5 be constituted with the Terms of Reference and delegated powers as detailed in the Constitution as amended (minute 15, below, refers).
3. The number of seats on the various Committees for the 2024/25 Municipal Year be as detailed in paragraph 1.5, of the report.
4. Council confirms unanimously the allocation of seats to the political groups and makes appointments to fill the seats in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, as far as is practicable.
5. Council appoints a Chair and Vice-Chair of each of the various Committees for the 2024/25 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 1, except for the Appointments and Appeals Committees.
6. The Council appoints District Lead and Deputy Lead Members as follows:
 - i. Central District Lead – Councillor Malik (no Deputy Lead Member required)
 - ii. North District Lead – Councillor Hince and Deputy Lead – Councillor Adams
 - iii. East District Lead – Councillor Cosgrove and Deputy Lead – Councillor Bishop
 - iv. South District Lead – Councillor Hindle (no Deputy Lead Member required)
 - v. West District Lead – Councillor Shuttleworth (no Deputy Lead Member required)
7. The Co-opted Members detailed at paragraph 1.9 of the report be appointed to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board and the Co-optees be given full voting rights in respect of education matters only.
8. Any outstanding appointments to be delegated to the Chief Executive in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group.

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APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2024/25

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services which detailed the appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2024/2025.

RESOLVED that:

1. That appointments to the Outside Bodies, listed in the Appendices, circulated at the meeting, for the 2024/25 Municipal Year, be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the main opposition Group.
2. That Council notes the establishment of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Northern Care Alliance, detailed at Appendix 3.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MUNICIPAL CALENDAR 2024/25

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which set out the Calendar of Meetings for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.



RESOLVED that:

1. The meetings of Full Council be held on the undermentioned dates during the 2024/2025 Municipal Year, commencing at 6.00pm unless otherwise shown:

10th July 2024
11th September 2024
6th November 2024
18th December 2024
6th March 2025
19th March 2025

2. The Council's calendar of meetings for 2024/2025 be approved.
3. Approval of any outstanding dates or changes to dates to be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Group Leaders.

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COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal which requested that Council consider amendments to the constitution and to re-affirm the Council Constitution as a matter of good governance. The report reviewed the terms of reference for committees; the scheme of delegation to officers; reports to decision makers; executive decisions; the Council's policy framework; and Council Procedure Rules.

RESOLVED

That the Council re-affirms the Council Constitution, subject to the inclusion of revisions as identified in the Director of Legal's report.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

There were no items of Administration Business to consider.

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NOTICE OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

There were no items of Opposition Business to consider.

The meeting started at 12.00pm and ended at 2.48pm