

**OLDHAM METROPOLITAN  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



**COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2026  
(ANNUAL MEETING)**

# ***COUNCIL Agenda***

Date Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Time 12.00 pm

Venue J R Clynes Second Floor Council Chamber - The JR Clynes Building

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Membership of the COUNCIL:

Councillors Akhtar, Al-Hamdani, M Ali, Z Ali, Arnott, Arstan, Aslam, Azad, Ball, Barnes, Bishop, Brooks, Brownridge, Byrne, Charters, Chauhan, Chowhan, Eyre, Ford, Ghafoor, Hanlon, Harkness, Harrison, Hince, Hobin, Hughes, Hurley, Hussain, F Hussain, J. Hussain, S. Hussain, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Islam, Jabbar, Jackson, Kenyon, Klonowski, Kouser, Moores, Murphy, Nasheen, Navesey, Pinder, Quigg, Rustidge, Ruthven, Shah, Sharp, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Taleb, Tarbuck, Taylor, Taylor, Wilkinson, Williamson, Williams and Woodvine.

## OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**To: ALL MEMBERS OF OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL, THE JR CLYNES BUILDING, CULTURAL QUARTER, GREAVES STREET, OLDHAM, OL1 1AL**

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 12.00 pm in the Council Chamber, JR Clynes Building, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1AL, for the following purposes:**

Item No

- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 To elect the Mayor for the 2026/27 Municipal Year (Pages 1 - 2)
- 3 Vote of Thanks to the Outgoing Mayor
- 4 To appoint the Deputy Mayor for 2026/27
- 5 Minutes (Pages 3 - 30)  
To order that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- 6 To receive declarations of interest in any matter to be determined at the meeting
- 7 To deal with matters which the Mayor considers to be urgent business
- 8 To receive communications relating to the business of the Council
- 9 Results of the Local Elections held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (Pages 31 - 34)  
To receive a report of the Returning Officer as to the persons elected to the office of Councillor on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- 10 Leader of the Council (Pages 35 - 38)  
To appoint a Leader of the Council, in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended.
- 11 Appointment of the Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members and allocation of portfolios and delegation of Executive functions  
*Report to follow.*
- 12 Main Opposition Nominations to the Shadow Cabinet 2026/27  
*Report to follow*
- 13 Appointment to Committees and Compositions of Political Groups (Pages 39 - 48)

To appoint to committees of the Council in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and to give consideration to some committees that are not allocated strictly in accordance with proportionality under the Act.

*Appendix to follow*

- 14 Appointment to Outside Bodies 2026/27 (Pages 49 - 52)

To appoint Councillors to serve on Outside Bodies in 2026/27

*Appendices to follow*

- 15 Council Meetings and Municipal Calendar 2026/27 (Pages 53 - 70)

- a. To confirm the meetings of Full Council to be held on the undermentioned dates during 2026/27, commencing at 6.00pm, unless otherwise stated:

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2026

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2026

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2027 (Budget Meeting)

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2027

- b. To approve the calendar of Meetings for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

- 16 Council Constitution

Council is requested to re-affirm its Constitution as a matter of good governance.

*Report to follow*

- 17 Notice of Administration Business

*(time limit 30 minutes)*

- 18 Notice of Opposition Business

*(time limit 30 minutes)*

**Motion: A new Start for Oldham Borough**

To be Moved by Councillor Harkness

To be Seconded by Councillor Al-Hamdani

**This Council believes that:**

Residents of Oldham Borough want their Council to change to reflect the priorities of the people.

They want their Council to get the basics right, with a laser-focus on improving the performance and effectiveness of frontline services including drain clearance, road repairs and park and green space maintenance.

Residents want their Council to tackle environmental crimes like littering, dog-fouling, fly-tipping and graffiti.

It is also time to deliver fair funding to all districts and communities in Oldham Borough and not just keep pouring capital investment into Oldham Town Centre.

**This Council resolves:**

The administration will commit to presenting an emergency mini budget, to Council before the end of July 2026, in line with 12.6 of the Council Procedure rules of the Constitution, outlining how funding will be rebalanced to address the priorities set out in this motion, specifically getting the basics right, tackling environmental crime and delivering fair district funding.