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COUNCIL
19/05/2021 at 12.00 pm



Present: The Mayor – Councillor Harrison (Chair)

Councillors Abid, Ahmad, Akhtar, Al-Hamdani, G. Alexander, Ali, Alyas, Arnott, M Bashforth, S Bashforth, Birch, Briggs, Brownridge, Byrne, Chadderton, Chauhan, Cosgrove, Davis, Dean, Garry (Deputy Chair), C. Gloster, Goodwin, Hamblett, Hobin, Hulme, A Hussain, F Hussain, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Islam, Jabbar, Kenyon, Malik, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Phythian, Phythian, Roberts, Salamat, Shah, Sharp, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Stretton, Surjan, Sykes, Taylor, Toor, Wilkinson, Williamson and Williams.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Curley, H Gloster, Leach and Woodvine.

2 TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Councillor S Bashforth MOVED, Councillor C Gloster SECONDED and Councillor Byrne SUPPORTED the election of Councillor Jenny Harrison as Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

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

Councillor Harrison then made and signed the declaration required by law which enabled her to act in the Office of Mayor.

The retiring Mayor (Councillor Ginny Alexander) invested the newly elected Mayor with the chain of office; the Mayor's Consorts were presented with their chains.

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

The Mayor then made a speech of acceptance of office.

Councillor Shah MOVED, Councillor Williamson SECONDED and Councillor Byrne SUPPORTED a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Consort.

RESOLVED that:

1. Councillor Jenny Harrison be appointed Mayor of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.
2. The sincere thanks and appreciation of the Council be recorded to Councillor Alexander for her valuable services during her term of office as Mayor of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council for the 2019/20 and 2020/2021 Municipal Years.

3 **TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Councillor Shah MOVED, Councillor Sykes SECONDED and Councillor Sheldon SUPPORTED the election of Councillor Garry as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

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

Councillor Garry then made and signed the declaration required by law which enabled her to act in the office of Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED that Councillor Garry be appointed Deputy Mayor for Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor adjourned the meeting for a short break.

The meeting reconvened at 1.30 p.m.

4 **TO ORDER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AND THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2021 BE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Council meeting and the Ordinary Council meeting held on 24th March 2021 be approved as a correct record.

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

The Mayor informed the meeting that the Standards Committee had granted a dispensation to allow all Members to vote on Item 18, Members Allowance Scheme 2021/22 – Report of the Director of Legal Services. All members declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item, but the dispensation was applicable which allowed members to participate and vote on Item 18.

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

There were no items of Urgent Business.

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

The Council was informed of the death of former Councillors Delores Phelan and David Shaw.

Councillor Sykes and Williams spoke in tribute and the meeting observed a minutes silence.

The Mayor advised the meeting that the following members had notified their wish to speak about retiring members:



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Councillors Davis, Roberts and Sykes paid tribute to the work of Councillor Fielding during his time served on the Council.

Councillors Sykes and Hulme paid tribute to the work of Councillor Harkness during his time served on the Council.

Councillors Alyas, Toor and C Gloster paid tribute to the work of Councillor Ur-Rehman during his time served on the Council.

Councillors S Bashforth, Alexander and Williamson paid tribute to the work of Councillor Ball during her time served on the Council.

Councillors Briggs and Hamblett paid tribute to the work of Councillor Jacques during her time served on the Council.

8 **TO NOTE THE REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF THE LOCAL ELECTIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 6TH MAY 2021**

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 6th May 2021.

RESOLVED that the results of the Local Election be noted.

9 **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Consideration was given to a report regarding the appointment of the Leader of the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended.

RESOLVED that the appointment of Councillor Shah as the Leader of the Council from the 19th May 2021 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 be noted.

10 **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 2021/22 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 2021/22 be noted as outlined below:

Councillor Arooj Shah	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member, Economic and Social Reform
Councillor Amanda Chadderton	Statutory Deputy Leader Cabinet Member, Neighbourhoods
Councillor Abdul Jabbar	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member, Finance and Low Carbon
Councillor Shaid Mushtaq	Cabinet Member, Education and Skills
Councillor Eddie Moores	Cabinet Member, Children's Services
Councillor Zahid Chauhan	Cabinet Member, Health and Social Care
Councillor Jean Stretton	Cabinet Member, Corporate Services
Councillor Hannah Roberts	Cabinet Member, Housing
Councillor Shoaib Akhtar	Cabinet Member, Economy and Enterprise
Councillor C Phythian	Deputy Cabinet Member, Economy and Enterprise
Councillor Mohon Ali	Deputy Cabinet Member, Education and Skills
Councillor Steve Williams	Deputy Cabinet Member, Neighbourhoods
Councillor George Hulme	Deputy Cabinet Member, Finance and Low Carbon
Councillor Valerie Leach	Deputy Cabinet Member, Children and Young People
Councillor Ros Birch	Deputy Cabinet Member, Health and Social Care
Councillor Chris Goodwin	Deputy Cabinet Member, Corporate Services

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OPPOSITION NOMINATIONS TO THE SHADOW CABINET 2021/22

RESOLVED that the appointment of the Opposition Leader and the Shadow Cabinet as circulated at the meeting and as set out below be noted:

Councillor Howard Sykes	Opposition Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group
Councillor Howard Sykes	Shadow Cabinet Member Economic and Social Reform
Councillor Howard Sykes	Shadow Cabinet Member Corporate Services
Councillor Chris Gloster	Deputy Opposition Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group
Councillor Chris Gloster	Shadow Cabinet Member Finance and Low Carbon

Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani	Shadow Cabinet Member Housing
Councillor Louie Hamblett	Shadow Cabinet Member Health and Social Care
Councillor Hazel Gloster	Shadow Cabinet Member Education and Skills
Councillor Diane Williamson	Shadow Cabinet Member Children and Young People
Councillor Mark Kenyon	Shadow Cabinet Member Employment and Enterprise
Councillor Dave Murphy	Shadow Cabinet Member Neighbourhoods

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS 2021/22

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED the report of the Director of Legal Services 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 that:

1. The composition of the political groups as shown in paragraph 1.1 be noted;
2. The several Committees detailed at paragraph 1.5 be constituted with the Terms of Reference and delegated powers as detailed in the Constitution;
3. The number of seats on the various Committees for the 2021/22 Municipal Year be as detailed in paragraph 1.6 be approved and the terms of office referred to therein;
4. Council confirms 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;
5. Council appoints a Chair and Vice-Chair of each of the various Committees for the 2021/22 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 1, with the exception of the Selection and Appeals Committees and appoints a District Lead for each of the District Areas;
6. The Co-opted Members detailed at paragraph 1.9 of the report be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Board and the Statutory Co-optees be given full voting rights in respect of education matters only;
7. Any outstanding appointments to be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leaders of the main opposition groups.

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APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/22

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sheldon SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services which detailed the appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

RESOLVED that:

1. The appointments to the Outside Bodies as listed in the Appendices as circulated for the 2021/22 Municipal Year be agreed.
2. Any outstanding appointments be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Main Opposition Group.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MUNICIPAL CALENDAR 2021/22

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which set out the Calendar of Meetings for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that:

1. The meetings of Full Council be held on the undermentioned dates during the 2021/22 Municipal Year, commencing at 6.00pm unless otherwise shown:

14th July 2021
8th September 2021
3rd November 2021
15th December 2021
2nd March 2022
16th March 2022
2. The Council's calendar of meetings for 2021/22 be approved.
3. Approval of any outstanding dates or changes to dates to be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

There were no items of Administration Business.

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NOTICE OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

There were no items of Opposition Business.

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COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services which invited the Annual Meeting of the Council to re-affirm the Council Constitution as a matter of good governance.

RESOLVED that:

The Council's existing Constitution be reaffirmed.

The inclusion of such matters as agreed to be implemented with effect from this Annual Meeting, amendments identified as consequential to those matters, or as agreed at this Annual Meeting be approved.

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MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sheldon SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services which set out recommendations in relation to the Members Allowance Scheme, to which no changes were proposed for this year.

The Council noted that the Scheme could include annual adjustment linked to an index and that it was proposed that this be reviewed by the Independent Remuneration Panel with a report to come back to a future meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that the Members Allowances Scheme for 2021/22 as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report be approved

The meeting started at 12.00 pm and ended at 2.45 pm

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