

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, 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, Malik, Marland, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Nasheen, Navesey, Quigg, Rustidge, Shah, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Sykes, Taylor, Wahid, Wilkinson, Williamson and Woodvine.

1 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Aslam, Lancaster and Sharp.

2 **TO ORDER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND MAY 2024 BE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held 22nd May 2024 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

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

- a. Councillor Arnott declared a non-registerable interest in Motion 2 at agenda item 10 (Get Veterans Moving More).
- b. Councillor Wilkinson declared a non-registerable interest in Motion 2 at agenda item 10 (Get Veterans Moving More).
- c. Councillor Rustidge declared a non-registerable interest in Motion 2 at agenda item 10 (Get Veterans Moving More).

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

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Taylor SECONDED the MOTION that the Council shall suspend Council Procedure Rules in respect of time limits at agenda item 9 (Reports of the Leader and Cabinet Members).

AMENDMENT

Councillor Sykes MOVED and Councillor Murphy SECONDED and AMENDMENT which opposed the suspension of Council Procedure Rules in respect of time limits at agenda item 9 and proposed an extension of 10 minutes for agenda item 11 (Notice of Opposition Business).

On being put to the Vote the AMENDMENT was LOST.



On being put to the Vote the MOTION was CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

That the Council suspends Council Porcedure Rules in respect of time limits at agenda item 9 (Reports of the Leader and Cabinet Members).

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

There were no communications to report relating to the business of this meeting of the Council.

6 **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE PETITIONS RECEIVED RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

There were no petitions for this meeting of the Council to consider.

7 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

There was no Youth Council business for this meeting of the Council to consider.

8 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

1. Question from Rita Ireland:

How does the Labour leader justify spending £460K on Alexandra Park's Conservatory then closing it less than 12 months after it was re-opened?

Preferably without blaming the Government.

Councillor Goodwin, Cabinet Member for Don't Trash Oldham, thanked Rita Ireland for her question but there seems to be some confusion or miss-communication, as the Conservatory at Alexandra Park remains open and is fully stocked with plants for the public to enjoy. There are no plans to close this facility.

2. Question from Lucia Rea:

In light of the current situation of uncertainty of the council demographics and division across our town, I pose this question to the council: Can we set aside our differences and come together to support a central program that embodies the spirit of community and collaboration? By each contributing just £50 of your allowance, you have the power to provide the Oldham Theatre Workshop with £3000, assisting them in their invaluable work with classes, workshops, and productions, that so many of our children, young people and volunteers are part of.

This gesture not only demonstrates your commitment to supporting the arts and enriching our community, but also serves as a display of hope for our residents, showing that cross-party working is not only possible but essential in making Oldham a better place.

Will you join me in this endeavour to showcase unity and solidarity for the betterment of our town? Furthermore, would you commit to more collaborative work that benefits the town.

Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council, replied, thanking Lucia Rea for her question. I would fully support anything that seeks to

bring people together in the spirit of collaboration and community and especially that brings the people in this chamber together in the spirit of collaboration and community. Oldham Theatre Workshop are an absolute gem in Oldham's crown and I can think of nobody better to create something special that brings people from across Oldham together. As you know Councillors have individual control over how they spend their councillor budgets but I am more than willing to support you in putting this ask to all sixty of us in this chamber to see if we can make it happen.

3. Question from Peter Roberts:

As I travel around Oldham, I am frequently concerned by the speeding of both cars and motorcycles. I would like to know what measures the council are taking to ensure road safety for both road users and pedestrians.

Councillor Goodwin, Cabinet Member for Don't Trash Oldham, replied, thanking Mr Roberts for his question. The Council takes road safety concerns very seriously, and we regularly work with Greater Manchester Police (GMP) and Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to help ensure roads across the borough are safe. This includes investigating reports after serious accidents or collisions occur so that any identified changes can be made to ensure safer roads across Oldham.

The Council also undertakes regular traffic/speed assessments in response to concerns from local communities and where necessary, traffic calming measures are introduced. Where significant concerns are noted, and there is sufficient evidence to confirm the installation, the Council has and will continue work with Transport for Greater Manchester to install speed cameras. However, sometimes there is no engineering solution to solve the speeding or road safety concerns, so the Council always urges all road users to ensure they adhere to the speed limits, be mindful of the road conditions and provide a safe place for our local communities at all times.

4. Question from David Barber:

Whilst walking through the town centre it is pleasing to see the redevelopment of the new market hall progressing. Could I ask for an update as to how the project is progressing? and when it is due to be completed?

Councillor Shah, the Leader of the Council replied, thanking Mr Barber for his question. It is good to see the new market hall taking shape and the redevelopment work progresses. The stallholders have been to visit the new market and have seen the internal space which will be their new home from next year. We have more visits booked in for stallholders to view the space, as they choose their locations and plan the design of their new stalls. This work will continue through to early Autumn as we capture all the design and fit-out works for all the stallholders. This detailed process of individual stall fit outs is required for us to confirm the final completion and opening date of the new market.

It is also very important that we continue to support our local markets and we celebrated all our markets in May as part of the Love Your Local Market national campaign. This received great feedback from local communities as there were activities at Shaw, Royton and Oldham markets, and I encourage all our residents and members to continue to show their support for our market stallholders, and local businesses.

5. Question from Leanne Munroe:

I have recently heard that Saddleworth School will shortly become part of an Academy Trust. I would like to ask in practice what will this mean for students? And why is this happening?

Councillor Mohon Ali, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, replied that the Saddleworth School governors had applied to become an academy and to join the Cranmer Education Trust. The final decision about academisation is for the Department for Education. In due course they will publish information about this on the government website.

Saddleworth Headteacher, Mike Anderson, has said that “Governors chose The Cranmer Education Trust because they feel it was the best fit for Saddleworth as a well-respected local multi-academy trust with lots of experience and expertise in the secondary sector. The trustees at Cranmer are local people who are committed to improving the outcomes and experience of young people in Oldham.”

The school has a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ section on its website which will keep students, staff, parents, carers, and the wider community informed.

6. Question from Paul Scoltock:

Following the closure of Yodel in Shaw, what steps are the Council taking to support employment opportunities for those affected?

Councillor Fida Hussain, Cabinet Member for Enterprise, replied, thanking Mr Scoltock for his question, noting that the Council has been working closely with the management team at the Yodel Distribution Centre in Shaw as part of their formal consultation with the 373 affected staff.

The Get Oldham Working team have offered careers advice and guidance through their National Careers Service team and the team set up and delivered a jobs fair on site on the 21st June with 300 Yodel staff attending.

This event included employers such as Stagecoach, DX delivery service, Royal Mail, Evri and Danish Crown. The Get Oldham working team will continue to support those affected.

7. Question from Dominic Wall:

I am pleased that our local bus services have been brought under local control as part of the Bee Network, but I would like to know when communities will get their chance to have a say over changes to the routes of services?

Councillor Shah, leader of the Council replied, thanking Mr Wall for his question, and noted that the Bee Network allows all bus services to be managed as a whole system, alongside metrolink, trains, and other modes of transport, to create opportunities for connected timetabling, simpler ticketing and information, and allowing fare levels to be set appropriately.

The change over to the Bee Network had to pick up the current/previous bus service arrangements in March 2024, so there has not been any changes to routes, services or timetables yet. However, we know that the Bee Network will soon be reviewed and this will be the time to make changes and amendments or to request additional services as part of the consultation process. We understand that Oldham's network review will take place in 2025, but at this time, we are waiting for further details of the process from Transport for Greater Manchester.

8. Question from Syed Maruf Ali

What percentage of young people between the age of 16 to 24 are doing apprenticeship? Can you please break this by ethnicity:

There are number of educational risk factors contributing to young people's NEET status but the most significant was that of low educational attainment at GCSE.

How many pupils in Oldham received 5 GCSE including maths and English. Please can this be broken down the figure by ethnicity and ward?

Can we please share the NEET figure in Oldham and ward by ward and ethnicity?

what intervention and strategies are in place to reduce the NEET figure in Oldham?

"We are all travellers from **birth** till death; we travel through countries, cultures and eternities. Our journeys are shaped by the people we meet, the places we see and the moments we experience".

Councillor Mohon Ali, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, replied, that there are currently 540 16 – 24-year-old apprenticeship starts for Oldham in the academic year 2023/24. This equates to 2% of the 16 - 24 Oldham population. GOV.UK does not publish this data by ethnicity so we are unable provide this requested data.

In 2023 there were 55.3% of pupils in Oldham gaining 5 GCSE grade 5-9, including maths and English. The figures by ethnicity were as follows:

- Asian 56.5%
- Black 60.1%
- Mixed 56.8%
- White 54.1%

I won't stand and read out the entire ward by ward breakdown because I don't think this would be a good use of anyone's time,

but I can confirm this data will be published by Constitutional Services when they publish the answers to Public Questions.



The Mayor advised that any unanswered questions would be published to the Council's website, with written answers, in due course.

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REPORTS OF THE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS

The Mayor reminded Council that earlier in the meeting (Minute 4), Members had agreed to suspend Council Procedure Rules in respect of this agenda item.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Minutes of the Cabinet meetings held 26th February 2024 and 18th March 2024, be noted.
2. That the Minutes of the meetings of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, held 23rd February 2024 and 22nd March 2024, be noted.
3. That the reports of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Members, be noted.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

Motion 1: A voice for those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in Oldham

Councillor Hobin MOVED and Councillor Hince SECONDED the following Motion:

In June 2022, the Greater Manchester Independent Assurance Review in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation published its second report which looked into the effectiveness of safeguarding practice in the borough of Oldham.

Since that time survivors, advocates and campaigners have articulated a series of areas which they believe the assurance review was unable to cover due to its restricted terms of reference. These are;

- a. That the Assurance Review team heard limited testimony from those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in the Borough of Oldham and that, as a result, other survivors and their families were not provided with the opportunity for their cases to be reviewed or to have their voices heard and;
- b. That the time-period and scope set by the Independent Assurance Review was too limited.

Concerns have also been raised that some of those who claimed to have evidence relating to abuse and exploitation did not engage with the review and/or refused to share that evidence.

Since the publication of the Assurance Review in June 2022 numerous calls have been made to the Home Office for a wider Public Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in the Borough of Oldham. To date, these calls have been rejected. The Home Office saying that it is within the power of the Local Authority to commission an Independent Inquiry.

The survivors should be the first consideration and their questions and concerns answered. There should also be a pathway for perpetrators and facilitators to be brought to account.

Oldham Council resolves:

1. To write to the Home Secretary requesting a Home Office led Public Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in the borough of Oldham.
2. To continue the work with survivors and others affected in preparing the framework and to commission an Independent Inquiry should the Home Office refuse the above request.
3. That any Inquiry should provide a voice for those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in Oldham and provide the very best support and protection to those who wish to come forward with their testimony.

Councillor Mushtaq spoke in support of the Motion.

Councillor Navesey spoke in support of the Motion.

Councillor Bishop spoke in support of the Motion.

Councillor Wahid spoke in support of the Motion.

Councillor Al-Hamdani spoke in support of the Motion.

Councillor Hobin exercised his right of reply.

On being put to the VOTE, the MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Chief Executive be requested to write to the Home Secretary requesting a Home Office led Public Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in the borough of Oldham.
2. That the Council continues the work with survivors and others affected in preparing the framework and to commission an Independent Inquiry should the Home Office refuse the above request.
3. That any Inquiry should provide a voice for those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in Oldham and provide the very best support and protection to those who wish to come forward with their testimony.

Motion 2: Get Veterans Moving More

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Rustidge SECONDED the following Motion:

According to the 2021 Census, approximately 6,000 Oldham residents are former members of either the UK regular or reserve armed forces. This Council believes that these veterans should be eligible for discounted membership at Oldham Community Leisure (OCL) facilities.

This Council notes:

- The percentage of physically active adults in Oldham in 2021/22 was 62.7% compared to the 67.3% in England,

and the Council and our partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board are committed to getting Oldham's residents 'Moving More'.

- Making it easier for Oldham's veterans' population to access OCL provision across the Borough will support the 'Moving More' strategy in particular the strand: 'Supporting VCF organisations to be able to provide services and work with their communities to increase Physical Activity'.
- Increased physical activity amongst veterans will lead to positive outcomes for their own health and wellbeing and generate further benefits via social value.

This Council resolves:

1. To ask the Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Communities to liaise with Oldham Community Leisure on the implementation of a concessionary membership for veterans of HM Armed Forces.
2. To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Defence asking the Ministry of Defence to explore further opportunities for discounted gym/leisure passes nationally.

On being put to the VOTE, the MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLVED that:

1. To request that the Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Communities liaise with Oldham Community Leisure on the implementation of a concessionary membership for veterans of HM Armed Forces.
2. To request that the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Defence asking the Ministry of Defence to explore further opportunities for discounted gym/leisure passes nationally.

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NOTICE OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

Motion 1: Removing Oldham Borough from Places for Everyone

Councillor Sykes MOVED and Councillor Woodvine SECONDED the following Motion:

This council recognises that:

- Places for Everyone is based on 'housing need' calculations which are already the better part of a decade old.
- Places for Everyone does not give guarantees with regards to the delivery of affordable and socially rented homes.
- 'Places for Everyone' represents a developer-led approach.
- It would see the irreparable loss of Green Belt sites and green spaces which is not necessary.

- It uses Green Belt for the delivery of a housing strategy focused solely on developer profit.
- It does not deliver the right mix of affordable housing types and tenures in the places people want to live.
- We also believe the Adoption Statement for the Plan presented at the last Full Council meeting in March 2024 was misleading by implying that all the main modifications had been consulted on. This was not the case, as none of the main modifications related to HS2 have been consulted upon.

This council resolves to:

- 1) Request that Council consider at its next meeting in September, that the Secretary of State be requested to revoke the 'Places for Everyone' plan in the interest of all Oldham's residents, businesses and other stake holders for the reasons stated above. *(note: Councillor Sykes and Councillor Woodvine, Mover and Seconder of the Motion, agreed to this paragraph being in the submitted motion, replacing the paragraph that had been included in the published agenda pack for this meeting).*
- 2) In order for Council to consider this decision at its next meeting in September, the relevant council officers are requested to present a full report on the planning, legal, equalities and all other considerations of such a revocation.
- 3) Should the request be approved Oldham Council' withdraw engagement and support for the defence of the judicial review of 'Places for Everyone'.
- 4) Should the Plan be revoked the Green Belt boundaries should be restored to their pre-adoption state.
- 5) If the Plan is revoked develop an Oldham-led housing strategy that prioritises brownfield and ex-industrial sites, while protecting greenbelt and green spaces for future generations.

AMENDMENT

Councillor Hince MOVED and Councillor Navesey
SECONDED the
following AMENDMENT:

This Council is concerned that:

- Places for Everyone is based on 'housing need' calculations which are already the better part of a decade old.
- Places for Everyone does not give guarantees with regards to the delivery of affordable and socially rented homes.
- 'Places for Everyone' represents a developer-led approach.
- It would see the irreparable loss of Green Belt sites and green spaces which is not necessary.

- It uses Green Belt for the delivery of a housing strategy focused solely on developer profit.
- It does not deliver the right mix of affordable housing types and tenures in the places people want to live.
- We also believe the Adoption Statement for the Plan presented at the last Full Council meeting in March 2024 was misleading by implying that all the main modifications had been consulted on. This was not the case, as none of the main modifications related to HS2 have been consulted upon.

This council resolves to:

1. Request the relevant council officers deliver an all-member workshop in September (after recess to ensure maximum opportunity to enable all members to attend) to understand the issues, options and opportunities associated with Oldham Council seeking revocation of its involvement in the Greater Manchester Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan (PfE). (*Councillor Hince and Councillor Navesey, in moving and seconding the Amendment noted that the Amendment was being put forward to reflect the altered paragraph 1 in the Motion above*).
2. On the back of the workshop, request the relevant council officers to present a thorough and full report to Council in November 2024 to inform a decision in writing to the new Secretary of State to revoke PfE insofar as it relates to the Borough of Oldham.
3. Should the request be approved Oldham Council' withdraw engagement and support for the defence of the judicial review of 'Places for Everyone'.
4. Should the Plan be revoked the Green Belt boundaries should be restored to their pre-adoption state.
5. If the Plan is revoked develop an Oldham-led housing strategy that prioritises brownfield and ex-industrial sites, while protecting greenbelt and green spaces for future generations.

Councillor Hindle spoke in favour of the Amendment.

Councillor Taylor speaks in favour of the Amendment.

Councillor Sykes exercises his right of reply, to the original Motion.

Councillor Hince exercises his right of reply, to the Amendment.

On being put to the Vote the AMENDMENT was CARRIED.

On being put to the Vote the MOTION as AMENDED was CARRIED

RESOLVED:

1. That Council requests that the relevant council officers deliver an all-member workshop in September (after recess to ensure maximum opportunity to enable all

members to attend) to understand the issues, options and opportunities associated with Oldham Council seeking revocation of its involvement in the Greater Manchester Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan (PfE).

2. That on the back of the workshop, Council requests that the relevant council officers to requested to present a thorough and full report to Council in November 2024 to inform a decision in writing to the new Secretary of State to revoke PfE insofar as it relates to the Borough of Oldham.
3. That should the request be approved Oldham Council' withdraw engagement and support for the defence of the judicial review of 'Places for Everyone'.
4. That if the Plan is revoked the Green Belt boundaries should be restored to their pre-adoption state.
5. That if the Plan is revoked Officers be asked to develop an Oldham-led housing strategy that prioritises brownfield and ex-industrial sites, while protecting greenbelt and green spaces for future generations.

Motion 2: Request for a public inquiry into historic and current CSE within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council area

It was MOVED by Councillor Quigg and SECONDED by Councillor Al-Hamdani

People in positions of power at both Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (OMBC) and Greater Manchester Police (GMP) have yet to be held to account for their failure to protect our children from child sexual exploitation (CSE).

People of all communities in Oldham have as result of delay, obstruction and passage of time lost trust in OMBC and GMP.

As recently as January 2024, the highly respected Maggie Oliver referenced the Oldham Assurance Review and told its authors Malcom Newsam & Gary Ridgway that in Oldham they had been prevented from getting to the truth. This is after it emerged that survivors had been prevented from giving testimony to the Review Team.

The findings of the Mayor of Greater Manchester's Assurance Review neither provided assurance nor sufficiently reviewed what had taken place. Despite claiming there was no cover up, and that lessons had been learned.

This Council notes:

Survivors deserve to see the full powers of law used to bring the criminals of these depraved acts to justice, no matter their rank politically, in the community, at OMBC or GMP.

OMBC, and as such its members herein, have a duty to protect children and vulnerable people of the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham and beyond. The reality is, until we get to the root of the issue, we cannot move forward as we are unable to ensure that failings highlighted in the review are not continuing.

There is a significant groundswell of opinion that an independent public inquiry is needed.



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This Council resolves:

- To write to the Home Secretary of His Majesty's Government to demand that a public inquiry into historic and current CSE within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council area. That any such investigation will investigate the failure of OMBC, GMP and all associated bodies or groups in Oldham which failed to protect our children.

This Council further resolves that:

- If the Home Secretary refuses a public inquiry that OMBC approves the commissioning and implementation of a non-statutory independent inquiry historic and current CSE within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council area. That any such investigation will investigate the failure of OMBC, GMP and all associated bodies or groups in Oldham which failed to protect our children and to instruct OMBC officers to commission such an inquiry immediately.

Councillor Mushtaq spoke against the Motion.

Councillor Hince spoke against the Motion.

Councillor Shah spoke against the Motion.

Councillor Quigg exercised his right of reply.

On being put to the Vote the MOTION was LOST.

Motion 3: Extend Burial Times in Oldham Cemeteries

Councillor Ghafoor MOVED and Councillor Wahid SECONDED the following Motion:

We believe that Oldham Council needs to extend the operational hours of all cemeteries within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council area to 22:00, seven days a week. This proposal aims to introduce a fixed tariff for burial services during operational hours (9:00 – 17:00) at all hours of operation, benefiting all Oldham's residents.

Currently, Oldham cemeteries operate from 09:00 to 16:00, Monday to Friday. The costs associated with burials within these hours vary, with additional fees applied for out-of-hours services, such as evenings and weekends. These fees can significantly increase the financial burden on grieving families and at a time of cost-of-living crisis, we believe it is important to have one fee throughout the week.

Currently, we have a booking system which is Monday to Friday and the cut-off time to book a burial slot for the same day is 10:00. Furthermore, the documentation required by the registration office has a cut-off time of noon, this bureaucracy of paperwork and facilitation of burials is needlessly time restricted, this motion is seeking to extend both the booking for burials and the registration of burials to 17:00 in line with all other council services, giving the family of the bereaved sufficient time to arrange same day burials.

This motion aligns with our commitment to cater to the diverse needs of our community and enhance the quality of life for all Oldhamers.

This Council notes that:

- These changes mirror other boroughs and councils throughout the Northwest and West Yorkshire and bring Oldham in line with these councils.
- Extended hours provide greater flexibility for all Oldham residents, accommodating those with varied schedules, and allowing families to plan funerals outside of standard working hours.
- Weekend and evening options reduce the stress of arranging burials during the workweek, fostering a more compassionate approach to bereavement.

- **Comparative Analysis:**

Service Hours	Current Times	Proposé Times
Weekdays	9.00 – 16 :00	9.00 – 17:00
Weekdays Out of Hours	15 :00 – 17 :00	17:00 – 22:00
Weekends	Out-of-hours	9:00 – 22:00
Cost Structure	Current Costs	Proposed Fixed Tariffs
Weekdays	Standard fees Fixed (9 :00 – 17 :00)	Same (may require readjustment of out of hour fees to incorporate additional cost of extended times – subject to review)
Evenings/Weekends	Out-of-hours fees	Out of Hour Fees (may require readjustment of out of hour fees to incorporate additional cost of extended times – subject to review)

The Council resolves to:

- Immediately begin a pilot scheme in Chadderton Cemetery for twelve months and run a comprehensive review to ascertain the feasibility of the new timings.
- That from the comprehensive review the Council will determine the appropriate fixed tariff, ensuring it covers the operational costs while remaining affordable.

Following a successful outcome of the pilot scheme the Council will further resolve:

- To extend burial times to 10:00 daily and introduce the fixed tariffs so that Oldham Council can provide a more inclusive, supportive, and equitable service for all residents. By giving considerably more time for bookings and paperwork, we are enabling funeral directors and families to be able to book a burial within the same day.
- That cemeteries in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham are to remain open until 22:00, seven days a week.
- That the extension includes evening and weekend services without the need for special out-of-hours arrangements.

- To introduce a fixed tariff for burial services during the extended hours. This fixed rate aims to provide transparency and financial predictability for all families. The changes will remain cost-neutral and not add extra costs to the council and in the long run save the Council money.

AMENDMENT

Councillor Shah **MOVED** and Councillor Goodwin **SECONDED** the following **AMENDMENT**:

We believe that Oldham Council needs to cater to the diverse needs of our communities and enhance the quality of life for all Oldhamers.

Currently, Oldham cemeteries operate from 09:00 to 16:00, Monday to Friday. The costs associated with burials within these hours vary, with additional fees applied for out-of-hours services, such as evenings and weekends. These fees can unfortunately increase the financial burden on grieving families and at a time of cost-of-living crisis.

This Council notes that:

- The council works hard to sensitively and supportively meet the funeral needs of all Oldham residents, taking into account a wide range of cultural and religious requirements.
- The council offers same day, evening and weekend burials, on request, at a surcharge.
- The team currently meets all reasonable requests for same day, evening and weekend burials.
- The additional charges for out of hours burials are used to pay additional costs of staff overtime and call out fees.
- In September last year the Leader of the Council met representatives from the Oldham Mosques Council and other key representatives to discuss how the service could better support the needs of Muslim community.
- Since that meeting, the cemeteries team have been reviewing their policies and have already started implementing changes. It has supported burials outside of the hours published in the policy where this has been required.
- Having reviewed the demand for out of hours burials, in Consultation with the Oldham Mosques Council and key community representatives we have extended hours of notification for same day funerals from 10am to 1pm, the deadline for submission of essential paperwork from 12noon to 3pm and the time for the last available burial service to 8pm during the summer months (April - September) and 4.30pm during the winter (October - March) or light dependent. This will remain under review with a view to making additional adjustments where possible.
- Wherever possible the team will continue to work flexibly to meet any reasonable needs outside of these deadlines as we understand the sensitivities and the complexity in making funeral arrangements.
- Between now and the end of March 2025 the additional charges will remain the same. The Council will use data to

inform the costs of out of hours burials. The Council will continue to proudly run its burial service on a not-for-profit basis.



The Council resolves to:

- Bring forward a pilot scheme at cemeteries across the Borough to explore the possibility of further extending operational hours
- Determine the appropriate tariff, using the data from the pilot scheme, ensuring it covers the operational costs while remaining affordable.

Following the outcome of the pilot scheme the Council will further resolve:

- To continue to run inclusive, supportive and an equitable burial service for all residents, by giving more time for bookings and paperwork, we are enabling funeral directors and families to be able to book a burial within the same day.
- To continue to meet the needs of residents of all faiths and none, that cemeteries in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham will continue to offer same day burials seven days a week.
- To continue to remain in dialogue with Oldham Mosques Council, and other representatives of Oldham’s faith communities, regarding changes to burial charges

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

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Adams Christine	AGAINST	Hussain Junaid	FOR
Akhtar Shoab	AGAINST	Hussain Sajed	FOR
Al-Hamdani Sam	AGAINST	Ibrahim Nyla	AGAINST
Ali Mohon	FOR	Iqbal Nadeem	FOR
Ali Zaheer	AGAINST	Islam Mohammed Nazrul	FOR
Arnott Dave	AGAINST	Jabbar Abdul	FOR
Aslam Naseem	APOLOGIES	Kenyon Mark	AGAINST
Azad Montaz Ali	AGAINST	Kouser Aisha	AGAINST
Ball Sandra	AGAINST	Lancaster Luke	APOLOGIES
Bishop Helen	AGAINST	Malik Abdul	FOR
Bashforth Marie	FOR	Marland Alicia	AGAINST
Brownridge Barbara	FOR	McLaren Colin	FOR
Byrne Pam	AGAINST	Moore Eddie (Deputy Mayor)	FOR
Charters Josh	FOR	Murphy Dave	AGAINST
Cosgrove Angela	FOR	Mushtaq Shaid	FOR

Chowhan Naveed	AGAINST	Nasheen Umar	FOR
Davis Peter	FOR	Navesey Lisa	FOR
Dean Peter	FOR	Quigg Lewis	AGAINST
Ghafoor Kamran	AGAINST	Rustidge Ken	FOR
Goodwin Chris	FOR	Shah Arooj	FOR
Hamblett Louie	AGAINST	Sharp Beth	APOLOGIES
Harkness Garth	AGAINST	Sheldon Graham	AGAINST
Harrison Holly	FOR	Shuttleworth Graham	FOR
Hince Marc	FOR	Sykes Howard	AGAINST
Hindle Neil	FOR	Taylor Elaine	FOR
Hobin Brian	FOR	Wahid Abdul	AGAINST
Hughes Jade	AGAINST	Wilkinson Mark	AGAINST
Hurley Maggie	AGAINST	Williamson Diane	AGAINST
Hussain Aftab	FOR	Woodvine Max	AGAINST
Hussain Fida	FOR	Chauhan Zahid (MAYOR)	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken 30 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 27 VOTES cast AGAINST and there were 0 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore CARRIED.

On being put to the Vote the MOTION as AMENDED was CARRIED

RESOLVED:

1. Bring forward a pilot scheme at cemeteries across the Borough to explore the possibility of further extending operational hours
2. Determine the appropriate tariff, using the data from the pilot scheme, ensuring it covers the operational costs while remaining affordable.
3. Following the outcome of the pilot scheme the Council will further resolve:
 - a. To continue to run inclusive, supportive and an equitable burial service for all residents, by giving more time for bookings and paperwork, we are enabling funeral directors and families to be able to book a burial within the same day.
 - b. To continue to meet the needs of residents of all faiths and none, that cemeteries in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham will continue to offer same day burials seven days a week.
 - c. To continue to remain in dialogue with Oldham Mosques Council, and other representatives of Oldham's faith communities, regarding changes to burial charges.

Motion 4: Save Oldham Coliseum

Councillor Wilkinson MOVED and Councillor Ball SECONDED the following Motion:

Oldham Coliseum Theatre was a treasured local asset that has drawn audiences from across the country to Fairbottom Street for more than 135 years. The Coliseum was a training ground for a host of stars - from Bernard Cribbins, who joined at 14 and stayed for seven years, to Coronation Street's Jean Alexander (Hilda Ogden), Barbara Knox (Rita Sullivan), William Roache (Ken Barlow) and Julie Hesmondhalgh (Hayley Cropper)

Others to have trod its boards include Happy Valley's Sarah Lancashire, Doctor Foster's Suranne Jones, new Doctor Who companion Millie Gibson, and Olivia Cooke from HBO's House of the Dragon.

Many theatregoers and those from across the country, as well as some of the biggest names in UK performing arts have raised their voices and concerns over the closure of the Oldham Coliseum.

The closure of the Coliseum on Fairbottom Street has left a hole in our boroughs cultural offering. There have sadly been numerous failures along the way which have contributed to the closure of the theatre, from a failure to secure a long-term future for the site and missed opportunities linked with the numerous regeneration projects.

This Council notes that:

- Oldham Coliseum was one of only a handful of producing theatres outside of London.
- In February 2023, that the former Council Leader regretfully made comments claiming that the Fairbottom Street theatre "is at the end of its lifespan" and is "no longer fit for purpose".¹
- In September 2023, despite the then leadership of this Council publicly stating otherwise, a study commissioned by the Coliseum Board concluded that the Fairbottom Street building was not beyond repair and could be used again and brought up to a modern standard with the appropriate investment.
- In April 2024 the Leader of the Council stated that there were proposals for how the Council could bring the Fairbottom Street site back to life and would be producing plans for what a future for that building could look like.²

This Council resolves:

1) To bring forward the proposals and feasibility of refurbishing the Fairbottom Street building to house the Oldham Coliseum Theatre so it can reopen at Fairbottom Street.

¹ <https://www.theoldhamtimes.co.uk/news/23352598.oldham-coliseum-council-reckless-save-theatre/>

² <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/theatre-news/oldham-coliseum-rescue-very-much-29064042>

2) To aggressively seek other funding streams to finance the redevelopment of the existing venue, including the reallocation of funds from other initiatives linked with the future of Oldham Coliseum.

3) To write to and demand that the [Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport](#), the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Art's Council fast-track any grants available and provide any and all assistance their offices can offer to help bring the Fairbottom Street back to life.

4) To bring a report to full Council as soon as possible outlining the steps that this Council can take to support the Oldham Coliseum Theatre to remain at home, on Fairbottom Street.

5) That this Council will exhaust all options in order to reopen Oldham Coliseum Theatre at Fairbottom Street.

On being put to the Vote the MOTION was LOST.

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UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal, which updated members on actions taken following the meeting of the Council held on 13th March 2024, the Annual Council meeting held on 22nd May 2024, noting and confirming the appointments to outside bodies detailed at Appendix 4 and also on any updated responses from meetings earlier in the 2023/24 municipal year.

RESOLVED:

That the actions regarding motions and issues from the meetings of the Council held on 13th March 2024 and 22nd May 2024, be noted and confirmed.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS

The Council considered a report of the Director of Legal which sought a review of the political composition of committees and to note the composition of the political groups as previously notified under Regulation 8 (1) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and under Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as notification had been given that Councillors Akhtar and Ibrahim had joined the Oldham Group bringing that Group's membership up to 8 members. The Council was also being asked to constitute and appoint members to serve on the several Committees detailed in the constitution and listed at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

AMENDMENT

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Taylor SECONDED, amendments to Appendix 1 in respect of certain Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees (as indicated in the recorded votes detailed below).

- a. A recorded vote, in line with Council Procedure Rules was taken on the AMENDMENT to appoint Councillor

Goodwin as Chair of the Commons Registration Committee for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year as follows:



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

On a recorded VOTE being taken 30 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 27 VOTES cast AGAINST and there were 0 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore CARRIED.

- b. A recorded vote, in line with Council Procedure Rules was taken on the AMENDMENT to appoint Councillor Rustidge as Chair of the Charitable Trust Committee for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year as follows:

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

		Diane	
Hussain Aftab	FOR	Woodvine Max	AGAINST
Hussain Fida	FOR	Chauhan Zahid (MAYOR)	FOR



On a recorded VOTE being taken 30 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 27 VOTES cast AGAINST and there were 0 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore CARRIED.

- c. A recorded vote, in line with Council Procedure Rules was taken on the AMENDMENT to appoint Councillor Shuttleworth as Chair of the Highways Regulation Committee for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year as follows:

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

Harrison Holly	FOR	Shuttleworth Graham	FOR
Hince Marc	FOR	Sykes Howard	AGAINST
Hindle Neil	FOR	Taylor Elaine	FOR
Hobin Brian	FOR	Wahid Abdul	AGAINST
Hughes Jade	AGAINST	Wilkinson Mark	AGAINST
Hurley Maggie	AGAINST	Williamson Diane	AGAINST
Hussain Aftab	FOR	Woodvine Max	AGAINST
Hussain Fida	FOR	Chauhan Zahid (MAYOR)	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken 30 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 27 VOTES cast AGAINST and there were 0 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore CARRIED.

- d. A recorded vote, in line with Council Procedure Rules was taken on the AMENDMENT to appoint Councillor Harrison as Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Adams Christine	AGAINST	Hussain Junaid	FOR
Akhtar Shoab	AGAINST	Hussain Sajed	FOR
Al-Hamdani Sam	AGAINST	Ibrahim Nyla	AGAINST
Ali Mohon	FOR	Iqbal Nadeem	FOR
Ali Zaheer	AGAINST	Islam Mohammed Nazrul	FOR
Arnott Dave	AGAINST	Jabbar Abdul	FOR
Aslam Naseem	APOLOGIES	Kenyon Mark	AGAINST
Azad Montaz Ali	AGAINST	Kouser Aisha	AGAINST
Ball Sandra	AGAINST	Lancaster Luke	APOLOGIES
Bishop Helen	AGAINST	Malik Abdul	FOR
Bashforth Marie	FOR	Marland Alicia	AGAINST
Brownridge Barbara	FOR	McLaren Colin	FOR
Byrne Pam	AGAINST	Moores Eddie (Deputy Mayor)	FOR
Charters Josh	FOR	Murphy Dave	AGAINST
Cosgrove Angela	FOR	Mushtaq Shaid	FOR
Chowhan Naveed	AGAINST	Nasheen Umar	FOR
Davis Peter	FOR	Navesey Lisa	FOR
Dean Peter	FOR	Quigg Lewis	AGAINST

Ghafoor Kamran	AGAINST	Rustidge Ken	FOR
Goodwin Chris	FOR	Shah Arooj	FOR
Hamblett Louie	AGAINST	Sharp Beth	APOLOGIES
Harkness Garth	AGAINST	Sheldon Graham	AGAINST
Harrison Holly	FOR	Shuttleworth Graham	FOR
Hince Marc	FOR	Sykes Howard	AGAINST
Hindle Neil	FOR	Taylor Elaine	FOR
Hobin Brian	FOR	Wahid Abdul	AGAINST
Hughes Jade	AGAINST	Wilkinson Mark	AGAINST
Hurley Maggie	AGAINST	Williamson Diane	AGAINST
Hussain Aftab	FOR	Woodvine Max	AGAINST
Hussain Fida	FOR	Chauhan Zahid (MAYOR)	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken 30 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 27 VOTES cast AGAINST and there were 0 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore CARRIED.

- e. A recorded vote, in line with Council Procedure Rules, was taken on the AMENDMENT to appoint Councillor Davis as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Adams Christine	AGAINST	Hussain Junaid	FOR
Akhtar Shoab	AGAINST	Hussain Sajed	FOR
Al-Hamdani Sam	AGAINST	Ibrahim Nyla	AGAINST
Ali Mohon	FOR	Iqbal Nadeem	FOR
Ali Zaheer	AGAINST	Islam Mohammed Nazrul	FOR
Arnott Dave	AGAINST	Jabbar Abdul	FOR
Aslam Naseem	APOLOGIES	Kenyon Mark	AGAINST
Azad Montaz Ali	AGAINST	Kouser Aisha	AGAINST
Ball Sandra	AGAINST	Lancaster Luke	APOLOGIES
Bishop Helen	AGAINST	Malik Abdul	FOR
Bashforth Marie	FOR	Marland Alicia	AGAINST
Brownridge Barbara	FOR	McLaren Colin	FOR
Byrne Pam	AGAINST	Moores Eddie (Deputy Mayor)	FOR
Charters Josh	FOR	Murphy Dave	AGAINST

Cosgrove Angela	FOR	Mushtaq Shaid	FOR
Chowhan Naveed	AGAINST	Nasheen Umar	FOR
Davis Peter	FOR	Navesey Lisa	FOR
Dean Peter	FOR	Quigg Lewis	AGAINST
Ghafoor Kamran	AGAINST	Rustidge Ken	FOR
Goodwin Chris	FOR	Shah Arooj	FOR
Hamblett Louie	AGAINST	Sharp Beth	APOLOGIES
Harkness Garth	AGAINST	Sheldon Graham	AGAINST
Harrison Holly	FOR	Shuttleworth Graham	FOR
Hince Marc	ABSTAINED	Sykes Howard	AGAINST
Hindle Neil	FOR	Taylor Elaine	FOR
Hobin Brian	FOR	Wahid Abdul	AGAINST
Hughes Jade	AGAINST	Wilkinson Mark	AGAINST
Hurley Maggie	AGAINST	Williamson Diane	AGAINST
Hussain Aftab	FOR	Woodvine Max	AGAINST
Hussain Fida	FOR	Chauhan Zahid (MAYOR)	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken 29 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 27 VOTES cast AGAINST and there was 1 ABSTENTION. The AMENDMENT was therefore CARRIED.

- f. A recorded vote, in line with Council Procedure Rules was taken on the AMENDMENT to appoint Councillor McLaren as Vice Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year as follows:

COUNCILLOR		COUNCILLOR	
Adams Christine	AGAINST	Hussain Junaid	FOR
Akhtar Shoab	AGAINST	Hussain Sajed	FOR
Al-Hamdani Sam	AGAINST	Ibrahim Nyla	AGAINST
Ali Mohon	FOR	Iqbal Nadeem	FOR
Ali Zaheer	AGAINST	Islam Mohammed Nazrul	FOR
Arnott Dave	AGAINST	Jabbar Abdul	FOR
Aslam Naseem	APOLOGIES	Kenyon Mark	AGAINST
Azad Montaz Ali	AGAINST	Kouser Aisha	AGAINST
Ball Sandra	AGAINST	Lancaster Luke	APOLOGIES
Bishop Helen	AGAINST	Malik Abdul	FOR
Bashforth	FOR	Marland Alicia	AGAINST

Marie			
Brownridge Barbara	FOR	McLaren Colin	FOR
Byrne Pam	AGAINST	Moores Eddie (Deputy Mayor)	FOR
Charters Josh	FOR	Murphy Dave	AGAINST
Cosgrove Angela	FOR	Mushtaq Shaid	FOR
Chowhan Naveed	AGAINST	Nasheen Umar	FOR
Davis Peter	FOR	Navesey Lisa	FOR
Dean Peter	FOR	Quigg Lewis	AGAINST
Ghafoor Kamran	AGAINST	Rustidge Ken	FOR
Goodwin Chris	FOR	Shah Arooj	FOR
Hamblett Louie	AGAINST	Sharp Beth	APOLOGIES
Harkness Garth	AGAINST	Sheldon Graham	AGAINST
Harrison Holly	FOR	Shuttleworth Graham	FOR
Hince Marc	FOR	Sykes Howard	AGAINST
Hindle Neil	FOR	Taylor Elaine	FOR
Hobin Brian	FOR	Wahid Abdul	AGAINST
Hughes Jade	AGAINST	Wilkinson Mark	AGAINST
Hurley Maggie	AGAINST	Williamson Diane	AGAINST
Hussain Aftab	FOR	Woodvine Max	AGAINST
Hussain Fida	FOR	Chauhan Zahid (MAYOR)	FOR

On a recorded VOTE being taken 30 VOTES were cast in FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT with 27 VOTES cast AGAINST and there were 0 ABSTENTIONS. The AMENDMENT was therefore CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

1. That the revised composition of the political groups as shown in paragraph 1.1, of the report, be noted.
2. That the several Committees detailed at paragraphs 1.2 and 1.5 of the report be constituted with the Terms of Reference and delegated powers as detailed in the Constitution.
3. That the number of seats on the various Committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year be as detailed in paragraph 1.5, of the report.
4. That 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, of the report.
5. That Council appoints Councillor Shah as Chair and Councillor Taylor as Vice-Chair of the Appointments

Committee, for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

6. That the following appointments to Chair or Vice Chair of Committees and Sub-Committee, for the remainder of the 2-24/25 Municipal year be approved:
 - a. Chair of Employment Committee – Councillor Jabbar.
 - b. Vice Chair of Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board – Councillor McLaren.
 - c. Vice Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Board – Councillor Moores.
 - d. Vice Chair of Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board – Councillor Moores
 - e. Vice Chair of Highways Regulation Committee – Councillor Davis
 - f. Chair of Commons Registration Committee – Councillor Goodwin
 - g. Chair of Charitable Trust Committee – Councillor Rustidge
 - h. Chair of Highways Regulation Committee – Councillor Shuttleworth
 - i. Vice Chair of Licensing Committee – Councillor Harrison
 - j. Vice Chair of Planning Committee – Councillor Davis
 - k. Vice Chair of Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board – Councillor McLaren
7. Any outstanding appointments to be delegated to the Chief Executive in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group.

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CONSTITUTION UPDATE

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Jabbar SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal which requested that Council consider amendments to the Constitution, in respect of Council Procedure Rules (as outlined at Appendix 1 to the report), Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules (as outlined at Appendix 2 to the report), the Terms of Reference of the Planning Committee as outlined at Appendix 3 to the report) and Section 36 delegation, which places a duty on a local authority to ensure that a Channel Panel is established in its area and gives powers as amended to refer an individual at risk of being drawn into terrorism to the Channel Panel.

Council was advised that the Constitution needs to be regularly reviewed to ensure that it reflects any procedural or organisational changes and the Director of Legal's report identified areas where amendments to the Constitution were required.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution, outlined in the Director of Legal's report, be approved.

15

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS ON THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Jabbar SECONED a report of the Director of Legal that sought to appoint independent members on the Independent Remuneration Panel, which makes recommendations to the Council on the Members Allowances scheme.



The report recommended that the term of office of Peter Claber and John Barlow be extended for four years up to July 2028. Geoffrey Millard is the third Panel member, whose term of office expires in September 2025.

It was proposed to appoint another independent member to the Panel and a report will be presented to Council, in due course, when the necessary processes are complete.

RESOLVED:

That Council approves the reappointment of Peter Claber and John Barlow for a further four-year term, expiring in July 2028.

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 8.00pm