

Notice of Amendment for Full Council

Under Paragraph 13 of the Council Procedure Rules

The following amendment to be submitted to Council on the date indicated below:-

Restoring Stable Governance to Oldham Council (ONE)

Council notes that:

Following the recent Local Elections, Oldham Council remains in a position of No Overall Control. Despite repeated attempts by political groups to establish a stable administration, no enduring administration has been formed.

This continuing political deadlock risks delaying important decisions, creating uncertainty for residents, council staff and partner organisations, and undermining the effective governance of the Borough.

Council believes that:

The people of Oldham should be given the opportunity to resolve the current political impasse through the democratic process.

A renewed mandate from the electorate represents the fairest, most transparent and democratic means of securing a stable administration capable of providing effective leadership for the Borough.

Holding elections for all 60 seats across all twenty wards in May 2027 would provide voters with a clear opportunity to determine the future political composition of the Council and help establish a stable administration with a renewed democratic mandate.

Council therefore resolves to:

Call upon His Majesty's Government to bring forward the necessary legislative changes to enable elections to be held in all twenty council wards on 6 May 2027 for all 60 seats.

State that such elections would provide the electorate with the opportunity to determine the future political composition of Oldham Council and deliver the clearest possible democratic mandate for the formation of a stable and effective administration.

Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, together with the leaders of all political groups represented on Oldham Council, informing them of this resolution and requesting their support for the proposal.

Date of Council meeting:- 20 August 2026

Amendment submitted from (must be received no later than noon, the day before the meeting)

Councillor Proposing: Robert Barnes

Councillor Seconding: Gary Tarbuck

Date: 17/08/2026

Time: 21:07