

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:-

Council resolves that:

1. The Leader of the Council shall be elected by Full Council on a rotational basis for the remainder of the municipal year. The duration of each Leader's term shall be agreed in advance and allocated proportionately, reflecting the political balance.
2. The order of rotation for the office of Leader shall commence with the smallest political group and proceed to the largest, as follows:
 - Councillor Max Woodvine (Conservative);
 - Councillor Sam Al-Hamdani (Liberal Democrat);
 - Councillor Kamran Ghafoor (Oldham Group);
 - Councillor Lewis Quigg (Reform UK); and
 - Councillor Arooj Shah (Labour).
3. The office of Deputy Leader shall also rotate throughout the duration of the arrangement in the following order:
 - Liberal Democrat;
 - Oldham Group;
 - Reform UK;
 - Labour; and
 - Conservative.
4. Council expects the Leader to appoint a politically balanced Cabinet for the remainder of the municipal year to comprise:
 - 3 Labour Members;
 - 3 Reform UK Members;
 - 2 Oldham Group Members;
 - 1 Liberal Democrat Member; and
 - 1 Conservative Member.

5. Council expects that each Leader shall agree to a constitutional convention to resign from office at the conclusion of their agreed period of office to enable Full Council to elect the next Leader in accordance with the agreed rotation set out above.
6. Council further expects that, upon taking office, each Leader shall delegate all appropriate executive powers to the Cabinet collectively, insofar as is permitted by law and the Council's Constitution. This shall include the delegation of authority for principal executive decisions to the Cabinet as a whole, in place of existing arrangements whereby such decisions may be taken by an individual Cabinet Member in consultation with the relevant Executive Director, except where statute or the Constitution requires otherwise.
7. Where the Leader has offered representation on the Cabinet to a Political Group in proportion to arrangements approved by Council for a cross-party administration, and that Political Group declines such representation, their seats would be allocated proportionally to those groups who have accepted Cabinet positions, or the size of the Cabinet can be reduced accordingly.
8. That an addendum be produced to the Constitution to reflect the constitutional convention in place for this municipal year.
9. Council expects all political groups to work collaboratively in good faith to deliver stable, inclusive and effective governance for the Borough throughout the duration of this arrangement.

Date of Council meeting:- 20 August 2026

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

Councillor Proposing: Kamran Ghafoor
Councillor Seconding: Sam Al-Hamdani

Date: 18/08/2026
Time: 12:15