Notice of Motion for Full Council

Under Paragraph 12 of the Council Procedure Rules

The following Motion to be submitted to Council on the date indicated below:-
Stop Eton Star This Council notes that: • The Department for Education's process for approving free schools doesn't allow for sufficient Council oversight nor scrutiny and doesn't provide the Council with sufficient engagement. There has been no specific consultation with council members, and no consultation with the public. • Eton Star Sixth Form will not provide the educational uplift that Oldham requires, which is primarily at GCSE level. • The intended admissions criteria will not give Oldham young people priority. • The borough will be sacrificing a high-value, town centre commercial, retail or leisure space to benefit young people from other boroughs with better outcomes at GCSE, with no discernible benefit for Oldham. • Eton Star Academy presents a significant threat to the educational outcomes of Oldham's existing sixth form provisions, especially our outstanding Sixth Form College. • A significant number of education professionals elected members, and the public are strongly opposed to Eton Star Academy, and it lacks both cross-party and public support. The Council therefore resolves to: • Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Department for Education seeking clarity on the decision making and consultation around Eton Star that has taken place so far. Request that the Department for Education engage in discussions on the options for and implications of, withdrawal from the Eton Star Sixth Form programme. • Request a cross-party meeting with the Department for Education to discuss Eton Star and look at alternative approaches to providing improvements in the town's secondary educational offering.

Date of Council meeting:	18 November 2026
Notice submitted from (must be received no later than noon, seven working days before the meeting e.g. the Monday before the meeting on Wednesday) The submission must be signed by at least one Member	
Councillor Proposing: Helen Bishop Councillor Seconding: Mark Kenyon	Signature: Signature:

On completion of the above please submit your motion to constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk

Office use only:	
Notice received by Constitutional Services	
Date: Time:	
Notice received and validated by the S151 Officer: Lee Walsh	
Comments:	Date:
Notice received and validated by the Monitoring Officer: Alex Bougatef – including whether the motion has been accepted / not accepted /requires amendment	
Comments:	Date:
Notice shared with the Chief Executive	
Received by:	Date:
Notice shared with the Mayor	
Received by:	Date:
Proposer and Seconder notified that Motion has been accepted / not accepted / requires amendment	
Notified by:	Date:
Notice shared with all Executive Directors for information	
Shared by:	Date:
If the motion requires amendment before being accepted, this should be submitted using this form to constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk and must be received no later than noon, seven working days before the meeting e.g. the Monday before the meeting on Wednesday.	
Date amended motion received: Time:	

Extract of the Council's Constitution

Relevant Sections of Paragraph 12

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 Except for Motions which can be moved without notice under Procedure Rule 12.4, written or electronic notice of every motion, including those motions to be submitted by the Youth Council, signed by at least one Member, must be delivered to the Chief Executive no later than noon, seven working days before the meeting of Council. Such notices will be dated and numbered as received, filed in the office of the Chief Executive and be open to public inspection.

12.2 **Scope**
Every notice of motion will be relevant to some matter over which the Council has an influence.

12.3 **Motions not accepted**
If notice is given of any motion which, in the opinion of the Chief Executive is out of order, illegal, irregular or improper, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and Monitoring Officer, shall determine whether to accept its inclusion on the agenda. If a motion is not deemed acceptable the Chief Executive shall inform the member who gave notice of the item.

12.4 Motions without Notice

The following motions may be moved without notice:

a) to appoint a Chairman of the meeting at which the motion is made;
b) motions relating to the accuracy of the minutes
c) to change the order of business in the agenda
d) to refer something to an appropriate body or individual
e) to appoint a Committee or an individual arising from an item on the summons
f) to receive reports or recommendations of the Executive, Committees or officers and determine any resolutions following from them
g) to withdraw a motion
h) proceed to the next business

Relevant Sections of Paragraph 14

14.7 Withdrawal of Motion

A Member may withdraw a motion which he/she has proposed or of which notice has been given with the consent of the seconder and of the Council, the meeting's consent will be signified without discussion. No member shall speak on the motion after the proposer has asked permission for its withdrawal, unless such permission is refused.

14.8 Right of Reply

a) The mover of a motion shall have a right of reply at the close of the debate on the motion, immediately before it is put to the vote.
b) If an amendment is proposed, the proposer of the original motion is entitled to reply at the close of the debate on the amendment.
c) The proposer of the amendment shall have a right to reply at the close of the debate on the amendment immediately before it is put to the vote.
d) After every right of reply a decision shall be taken without further discussion.
e) A Member exercising a right of reply shall not introduce a new matter.
f) If any business is moved by the Leader of the Council at the closing of the debate the main Opposition Party Group Leader shall have a right to speak prior to the Leader exercising their right of reply.