

COUNCIL
17/05/2017 at 12.00 pm



Present: The Mayor – Councillor Qumer (Chair)

Councillors Ahmad, Akhtar, A. Alexander, G. Alexander, Ali, Azad, Ball, S Bashforth, Bates, Blyth, Briggs, Brownridge, Chadderton, Chauhan, Cosgrove, Dean, Dearden, Fielding, Garry, Gloster, Goodwin, Haque, Harrison, Heffernan, Hewitt, Hudson, A Hussain, F Hussain, Iqbal, Jabbar, Jacques, Kirkham, Klonowski, J Larkin, Malik, McCann, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Price, Rehman, Roberts, Salamat, Shuttleworth, Stretton, Sykes, Toor, Turner, Ur-Rehman, Williamson, Williams and Wigglesworth

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Ames, M. Bashforth, Brock, Harkness and Sheldon.

2 TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE 2017/18 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Councillor Ahmad MOVED, Councillor Blyth SECONDED and Councillor Hudson SUPPORTED the election of Councillor Shadab Qumer as Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

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

Councillor Qumer then made and signed the declaration required by law which enabled him to act in the office of Mayor.

The retiring Mayor (Councillor Derek Heffernan) invested the newly elected Mayor (Councillor Shadab Qumer) with the chain of office; the Mayoress was then presented with her chain.

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

The Mayor then made a speech of acceptance of office.

Councillor McCann MOVED, Councillor Ahmad SECONDED and Councillor Hudson SUPPORTED a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

RESOLVED that:

1. Councillor Shadab Qumer be appointed Mayor of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.
2. The sincere thanks and appreciation of the Council be recorded to Councillor Heffernan for his valuable services during his term of office as Mayor of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.



3 **TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2017/18 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Councillor Stretton MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED the election of Councillor Javid Iqbal as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

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

Councillor Iqbal then made and subscribed the declaration required by law which enabled him to act in the office of Deputy Mayor.

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

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor adjourned the meeting for lunch.

4 **TO ORDER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND MARCH 2017 BE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

The meeting reconvened at 3.30 p.m.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd March 2017 be agreed 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 17 – Members Allowance Scheme 2017/18 – 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 17.

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 Mayor made reference to the recent death of Councillor Tony Larkin. Councillors James Larkin, Stretton, Roberts, Jabbar, Blyth, Hudson and S. Bashforth spoke in remembrance of Councillor Tony Larkin. The Mayor also made reference to the recent death of former Councillor Peter Jepson.

Council held a minutes silence in memory of Councillor Tony Larkin and Peter Jepson.



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LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT AGREED BY COUNCIL JANUARY 2016

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 Jean Stretton as the Leader of the Council from 27th January 2016 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.

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APPOINTMENT OF 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 Cabinet for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that the appointment of the Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Members, the allocation of portfolios to Cabinet Members and the determination of delegations to executive functions for 2017/18 be noted as outlined below:

Councillor Jean Stretton	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member, Economy & Enterprise
Councillor Abdul Jabbar	Deputy Leader of the Council Cabinet Member, Finance & HR
Councillor Amanda Chadderton	Cabinet Member, Education & Early Years
Councillor Shoab Akhtar	Cabinet Member, Employment & Skills
Councillor Jenny Harrison	Cabinet Member, Social Care & Safeguarding
Councillor Eddie Moores	Cabinet Member, Health & Wellbeing
Councillor Barbara Brownridge	Cabinet Member, Neighbourhoods & Cooperatives
Councillor Fida Hussain	Cabinet Member, Environmental Services

Councillor Fazlul Haque	Deputy Cabinet Member, Economy & Enterprise
Councillor Hannah Robers	Deputy Cabinet Member, Education & Early Years
Councillor Paul Jacques	Deputy Cabinet Member, Enterprise & Skills
Councillor Ginny Alexander	Deputy Cabinet Member, Social Care & Safeguarding
Councillor Vita Price	Deputy Cabinet Member, Health & Wellbeing
Councillor Cath Ball	Deputy Cabinet Member, Neighbourhoods & Cooperatives
Councillor Shaid Mushtaq	Deputy Cabinet Member, Environmental Services
Councillor Ateeque Ur-Rehman	Deputy Cabinet Member, Finance & HR

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OPPOSITION NOMINATIONS TO THE SHADOW CABINET

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	Shadow Cabinet Member, Economy and Enterprise
Councillor Julia Turner	Shadow Cabinet Member, Education and Early Years
Councillor Garth Harkness	Shadow Cabinet Member, Employment and Skills
Councillor Rod Blyth	Shadow Cabinet Member, Social Care and Safeguarding
Councillor Chris Gloster	Shadow Cabinet Member, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Diane Williamson	Shadow Cabinet Member, Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives
Councillor Murphy	Shadow Cabinet Member, Environmental Services
Councillor McCann	Shadow Cabinet Member, Finance and HR

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS 2017/18

Councillor Stretton 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 and Housing Act 1989.

RESOLVED that:

1. The composition of the political groups as shown in paragraph 1.1 of the report be noted.
2. The Committees, as detailed at paragraph 1.2 of the report, 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 2017/18 Municipal Year as detailed in paragraph 1.7 of the report be approved.
4. The allocation of seats to the political groups, as set out in the report, be confirmed. 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 as circulated, be approved.
5. With the exception of the Selection and Appeals Committees, the Chair and Vice Chair of each of the various Committees for the 2017/18 Municipal Year be appointed as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.
6. The Co-opted Members as detailed in paragraph 1.10 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. The Chairs to each of the District Executives for the 2017/18 Municipal Year be appointed as listed at Appendix 1 of the report.
8. The Traffic Regulation Order Panel remained outside political balance be confirmed.
9. As in previous years, the waiving of political balance rules related to the Standards Committee to ensure appropriate representation be agreed.
10. 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.

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2017/18

Councillor Stretton MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services which detailed the appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

RESOLVED that:

1. The appointments to the Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2017/18 as listed at Appendix 1 of the report as circulated be approved with the amendment that Councillor Sykes be added as the Liberal Democrat nomination to Oldham Property Partnership Limited.
2. The appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2017/18 as listed at Appendix 2 of the report be delegated to the relevant District Executive. Existing appointments for those bodies listed would remain until the first meeting of the relevant District Executive.
3. Nominations to the AGMA/GMCA Outside Bodies listed in Appendix 3 for the 2017/18 Municipal Year be made.
4. 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.

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which set out the Calendar of Meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that:

1. The meetings of the Council be held on the following dates in the 2017/18 Municipal Year, commencing at 6.00 p.m. unless otherwise shown:
 - 12th July 2017
 - 13th September 2017
 - 8th November 2017
 - 13th December 2017
 - 28th February 2017 (Budget)
 - 28th March 2018
2. The Council's calendar of meetings for the Municipal Year 2017/18 be approved.
3. Approval of any outstanding dates or changes to dates be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

There were no items of Administration Business.

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

There were no items of Opposition Business.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Council was required to consider its Constitution annually to determine whether any amendments were required. Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which detailed proposed constitutional amendments which would now be required as agreed by the Constitutional Working Group and Group Leaders.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Constitutional amendments as outlined at Section 2 of the report be approved and consequently the current Constitution be amended.
2. Approval of any consequential amendments be delegated to the Director of Legal Services.
3. The Council's existing Constitution be reaffirmed.

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MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2017/18

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which set out the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel. The Panel had given consideration to information from the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Main Opposition on special responsibilities and also to schemes within Greater Manchester. The Panel made the recommendation that Members' allowances for 2017/18 remain the same as in 2016/17 but with increases linked to the officer pay increase and the removal of the allowance for the Vice Chair for the Oldham District Executive.

RESOLVED that:

1. The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be noted.
2. The amended Members' Allowance Scheme for 2017/18, as circulated at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

The meeting started at 3.30 pm and ended at 4.07 pm