

**COUNCIL**  
**23/05/2018 at 12.00 pm**



**Present:** The Mayor – Councillor Iqbal (Chair)

Councillors Ahmad, Akhtar, A. Alexander, G. Alexander, Ali, Azad, Ball, M Bashforth, S Bashforth, Briggs, Brock, Brownridge, Byrne, Chadderton, Chauhan, Cosgrove, Curley, Davis, Dean, Fielding, Garry, C. Gloster, H. Gloster, Goodwin, Haque, Harkness, Harrison, Heffernan, Hewitt, Hudson, F Hussain, Jabbar, Jacques, Judd, J Larkin, Malik, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Phythian, Qumer, Rehman, Roberts, Salamat, Shah, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Stretton, Sykes, Taylor, Toor, Turner, Ur-Rehman and Williamson

**1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Leach, Councillor Price and Councillor Williams.

**2 TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Councillor Akhtar MOVED, Councillor C. Gloster SECONDED and Councillor Hudson SUPPORTED the election of Councillor Javid Iqbal as Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

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

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

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

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

The Mayor then made a speech of acceptance of office.

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

**RESOLVED that:**

1. Councillor Javid Iqbal be appointed Mayor of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.
2. The sincere thanks and appreciation of the Council be recorded to Councillor Qumer for his valuable services during his term of office as Mayor of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

3 **TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Councillor Fielding MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED the election of Councillor Adrian Alexander as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that Councillor A. Alexander 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 28TH MARCH 2018 BE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

The meeting reconvened at 3.30 p.m.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be approved 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 18, Members Allowance Scheme 2018/19 – 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 18.

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 advised the meeting that the following members had notified their wish to speak about the retiring members:

Councillors Sykes, Harkness, Jabbar, Harrison, Ur-Rehman and S. Bashforth paid tribute to the work of Councillor McCann during his time served on the Council.

Councillor Sykes paid tribute to the work of Councillor Blyth during his time served on the Council.

Councillors Fielding and Williamson paid tribute to the work of Councillor Bates during his time served on the Council.



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**TO NOTE THE REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER ON THE RESULTS OF THE LOCAL ELECTIONS ON THE 3RD MAY 2018**

Consideration was given to a report of the Returning Officer which informed members of the results of the Local Election which had taken place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

**RESOLVED** that the results of the Local Election be noted.

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**APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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.

Councillor Shah **MOVED** and Councillor Jabbar **SECONDED** the nomination of Councillor Sean Fielding to the office of Leader of the Council.

On being put to the **VOTE**, the proposal was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

The Mayor requested and it was **RESOLVED** that Council Procedure 10.7 (Rules of Debate) be suspended to enable the Leader of the Council to address the Council.

The Leader addressed the Council and wished the Mayor well in the Municipal Year ahead and thanked the outgoing Mayor for the work done in the previous year. Acknowledgement was given to the first anniversary of the Manchester attack and the observations made throughout the Borough and how Royton and Greater Manchester had responded. The attack was an event which would never be forgotten and had brought out the best of the borough.

The Leader reflected on Oldham as a great place which included cultural and arts assets, green spaces, heritage and character. The Leader was proud to work with great people, staff and partners. There were challenges ahead and with help success would be made.

The Leader reflected on the election results. The Leader also commented on the concerns raised during the campaign which included highways and regeneration plans which could not be ignored. The Leader recognised the progress made so far with brick and mortar schemes, Warm Homes Oldham and Get Oldham Working and took pride in those achievements. The Leader had written to the Chief Executive on concerns that were as a result of listening to residents during the election campaign and stated that work was underway on that agenda. The Leader highlighted cleanliness, highways investment and a review of the town centre plan. The Leader referred to town centre living

and reflected that the QE Hall and market hall should remain. Transformation would be continued in the Cultural Quarter and it was not intended to stop progress but instead to pause and listen to the views of those represented.

The Leader made reference to his family. The Leader reflected on the shortage of housing in the children who did not have a safe place in which to live, the lack of employment and barriers. The Leaders stated the Council would work hard for excellent education, secure investment and create jobs, the benefits in health devolution would be maximised and the most vulnerable cared for. The Cabinet Portfolios would be refreshed. The Leader reflected on past, present and future investment. Oldham could be a great place to live. By working tougher, Oldham could achieve great things.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. The appointment of Councillor Sean Fielding as the Leader of the Council from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 and ending on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as Councillors subject to the provisions as outlined at Section 2.1 of the report.
2. The Leader's Statement be noted.

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**APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER, CABINET MEMBERS AND DEPUTY CABINET MEMBERS, 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 the Cabinet for the 2018/19 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 2018/19 be noted as outlined below:

Councillor Sean Fielding	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member, Economy and Enterprise
Councillor Paul Jacques	Cabinet Member, Education and Culture
Councillor Amanda Chadderton	Cabinet Member, Children's Services
Councillor Shaid Mushtaq	Cabinet Member, Employment and Skills
Councillor Zahid Chauhan	Cabinet Member, Health and Social Care

Councillor Arooj Shah	Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Neighbourhood Services
Councillor Ateeque Ur-Rehman	Cabinet Member Policing and Community Safety
Councillor Hannah Roberts	Cabinet Member, Housing
Councillor Abdul Jabbar	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member Finance and Corporate Resources
Councillor Martin Judd	Deputy Cabinet Member Economy and Enterprise
Councillor Mohon Ali	Deputy Cabinet Member Education and Culture
Councillor Marie Bashforth	Deputy Cabinet Member Health and Social Care
Councillor Ginny Alexander	Deputy Cabinet Member Neighbourhood Services
Councillor Steve Williams	Deputy Cabinet Member Policing and Community Safety
Councillor Chris Goodwin	Deputy Cabinet Member Finance and Corporate Resources

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**OPPOSITION NOMINATIONS TO THE SHADOW CABINET  
2018/19**

**RESOLVED** that the appointment of the Opposition Leader and Shadow Cabinet as circulated at the meeting and as set out below be noted:

Councillor Howard Sykes	Opposition Leader Shadow Cabinet Member, Economy and Enterprise
Councillor Hazel Gloster	Shadow Cabinet Member, Education and Culture
Councillor Julia Turner	Shadow Cabinet Member, Children's Services
Councillor Garth Harkness	Shadow Cabinet Member, Employment and Skills

Councillor Derek Heffernan	Shadow Cabinet Member, Health and Social Care
Councillor Dave Murphy	Shadow Cabinet Member, Neighbourhood Services
Councillor Diane Williamson	Shadow Cabinet Member, Policing and Community Safety and Shadow Cabinet Member, Housing
Councillor Chris Gloster	Opposition Deputy Leader Shadow Cabinet Member, Finance and Corporate Resources



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### **APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS 2018/19**

Councillor Fielding **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 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 several Committees detailed at paragraph 1.5 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 2018/19 Municipal Year as detailed at paragraph 1.6 of the report be approved.
4. The allocation of seats to the political groups and appointments made to fill the seats in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.
5. With the exception of the Selection and Appeals Committees, the Chair and Vice Chair be of each of the various Committees for the 2018/19 Municipal Year, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.
6. The Co-opted Members detailed at paragraph 1.9 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 2018/19 Municipal Year be appointed as listed at Appendix 1 of the report.
8. The Traffic Regulation Order Panel be confirmed as remaining outside political balance.

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.

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### **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2018/19**

Councillor Fielding MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED a report of the Director of Legal Services which detailed the appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

#### **RESOLVED that:**

1. The appointments to the Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2018/19 listed at Appendix 1 to the report be approved with the amendment that Councillor Shuttleworth be appointed to Oldham Credit Union.
2. The appointments to the Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2018/19 as listed at Appendix 2 to the report be delegated to the relevant District Executive. Existing appointments to those bodies listed would remain until the first meeting of the relevant District Executive.
3. The nominations made to the AGMA/GMCA Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2018/19 as listed at Appendix 3 of the report be approved.
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.

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### **COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MUNICIPAL CALENDAR 2018/19**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Legal Services which set out the Calendar of Meetings for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

#### **RESOLVED that:**

1. The meetings of the Council be held on the following dates in the 2018/19 Municipal Year, commencing at 6.00 p.m. unless otherwise shown:
  - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018
  - 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018
  - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018
  - 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018
  - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Budget)
  - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019
2. The Council's Calendar of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2018/19 be approved.
3. The date of the Health and Wellbeing Board scheduled on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be moved to 25<sup>th</sup> September

2018 and the date of the Local NJC be moved from 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be approved.



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3. Approval of any outstanding dates or changes to dates be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders.

15 **NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS**

There were no items of Administration Business.

16 **NOTICE OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS**

There were no items of Opposition Business.

17 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

Council was required to consider its Constitution annually to determine whether an 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 proposed amendments/changes to the Constitution as detailed within the report be approved.
2. That any future changes to the Specific Officer Functions be delegated to the Monitoring Officer and reported to the next available Council be agreed.
3. The Council's existing Constitution be reaffirmed.

18 **MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2018/19**

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 Opposition on special responsibilities and schemes within Greater Manchester. The Panel had made the recommendation that the Members' allowances for 2018/19 remain the same as in 2017/18 but with increases linked to the officer pay increase. The relevant officer pay increase was 2% for 2018/19.

Councillor Sykes spoke on the work of Councillor Stretton as Leader of the Council.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be noted.
2. The Members Allowances Scheme for 2018/19 as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

19 **EUROPEAN UNION REFERENDUM - IMPACT ON OLDHAM AND GREATER MANCHESTER**



Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Economy and Skills which provided an update on the potential implications of the vote for Oldham and Greater Manchester and focussed primarily on the recently announced transition period and the key issues of future funding arrangements replacing existing EU funding. The transition arrangement would run from 31 March 2019 to 31 December 2020 and the two sides would work out the finer details of the future relationship that would continue to evolve over the coming years. The transition deal addressed three of the most contentious issues:

- The rights of EU Citizens in the UK;
- Northern Ireland; and
- UK financial contribution.

Funding would be guaranteed by the UK Government up to 2020. Replacement funding would form part of the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

**RESOLVED** that the contents of the updated report on the European Union Referendum – Impact on Oldham and Greater Manchester be noted.

The meeting started at 12.00 pm and ended at 4.16 pm