

## **BOLTON COUNCIL**

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Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Bolton on Wednesday next, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 at 7.00 p.m. when the following business is proposed to be transacted: -

### **1. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 (Section A).

### **2. Constitution**

Motions to be moved by the Leader of the Council:-

(a) That the quarterly report on Executive decisions made under the special urgency provisions of the Access to Information Regulations be noted.

(b) That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel with respect to the payment to the Independent Person with regards to Standards be agreed and that the Members Allowance Scheme be amended accordingly.

### **3. Policy Framework**

Motion to be moved by Councillor Peel:-

That the revisions outlined in the report now circulated be incorporated in the Council's Gambling Act Statement of Principles.

#### **4. Recommendations to Council**

Motion to be moved by the Leader of the Council:-

That the Local Council Tax Support Scheme, as outlined in the report circulated to members, be approved.

#### **5. Changes in Committee Membership and Appointments to Other Bodies**

#### **6. Questions under Standing Order No. 9(a)**

#### **7. Questions under Standing Order No. 9(c)**

#### **8. Committee Proceedings**

To approve the proceedings of the following Committees:-

Planning Committee (See Section B)

Licensing and Environmental Regulations Committee  
(See Section C)

#### **9. Scrutiny Committees**

To receive and consider the proceedings of the undermentioned Scrutiny Committees:-

Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D) (to follow)

Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section E) (to follow)

Adults and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F) (to follow)

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)

## **10. Area Forums**

To receive and consider the proceedings of the under mentioned Area Forums:-

Astley Bridge Area Forum

Bradshaw Area Forum

Brightmet Area Forum

Bromley Cross Area Forum

Crompton Area Forum

Farnworth Area Forum (to be tabled)

Great Lever Area Forum

Halliwel Area Forum

Harper Green Area Forum

Heaton and Lostock Area Forum

Hulton Area Forum

Kearsley Area Forum

Little Lever and Darcy Lever Area Forum

Rumworth Area Forum

Smithills Area Forum

Tonge with the Haulgh Area Forum

Two Towns Area Forum

**11. Motions under Standing Order No. 4**

(a) Motion to be moved by Councillor Hayes:-

Council reiterates its dismay at the cuts made in the Council Tax Support Scheme and its intention to attempt to protect those low income families who would be worst affected.

Council welcomes all party initiatives by the Local Government Association (LGA) which have succeeded in bringing a number of improvements to the scheme, including a transitional grant, which in Bolton's case will amount to £485,000.

Council notes that one of the measures proposed to allow Councils to be more flexible was a proposal to reduce the single person discount for non-pensioner households from 25% to 20%. In Bolton, it is estimated that this could have made an additional £900,000 a year available to help less well-off households. This proposal was supported by the LGA Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent Groups. An amendment to introduce it was moved in the House of Lords on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Council notes with disgust that the Labour Party in Parliament issued a three-line whip instructing its members in the Lords to oppose it, ensuring that it was defeated. Council believes this was an action of political opportunism driven by the belief that without lower income families feeling the pain, Labour would not get electoral gain.

Council notes that the only Labour Member of the House of Lords with the courage to stand by his principles, defy the whip and support the amendment was the Leader of Wigan Council, Lord Smith of Leigh.

Council resolves to write to Lord Smith to congratulate him on his stand.

(b) Motion to be moved by Councillor Critchley:-

Bolton has a proud Industrial Heritage that made major contributions to the Industrial Revolution, which transformed this country.

There is a wonderful heritage of canals, coal, cotton, railways, and includes all the people that made this possible, including The Duke of Bridgewater, Gilbert, Brindley, Richard Arkwright, Samuel Crompton, William Hesketh Lever, and many others.

Today we are still world leaders in many industries, including textiles and construction.

Within this town we have a most highly respected Museum, with its exceptional expertise and its important artefacts. This together with the various Local History Societies, which possess invaluable local knowledge and residents with spinning and weaving skills, using traditional methods and buildings of importance i.e. Hall-ith-Wood, churches, etc.

In addition, within this town we have in the University and College, the expertise in the development of new textiles and construction.

Therefore this Council requests the Cabinet to consider, with its partners, to bring together all the

heritage, expertise, information, skills, to form a Heritage Trail, to enable an application to be made to the Heritage Lottery funding, to form "A Heritage Trail of the Industrial Development of Bolton".

(c) Motion to be moved by Councillor J. Walsh:-

In an attempt to revive their town centres some local councils are introducing schemes like limited free parking for say 20 or 30 minutes. This Council believes such schemes are worthy of consideration and requests the Executive Member to consider a report on the introduction of similar schemes in Bolton all year round not just for Christmas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "S. R. Hariss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

SEAN HARRISS  
Chief Executive  
Town Hall, Bolton

28<sup>th</sup> November, 2012

The proceedings of the Cabinet and Executive Cabinet Member Portfolio meetings from 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012 to 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 are included for information only in a separate volume.

