

## Meeting of the Council 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – Order Of Business

1. Prayers
2. Mayor's Communications (if any)
3. Declarations of Interests.
4. Petitions – None received
5. Proceedings of the Meetings of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> February and 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

*Motions, amendments and questions of which notice has been given and items upon which comment will be made*

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<b>6. Changes In Committee Membership and Appointments To Other Bodies</b>  None					
<b>7. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(a)</b>					
28 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020 08:32 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Hayes	Finance of the Council	<p>I appreciate that the situation is changing day by day, but there is considerable concern that it is estimated that 8 out of 10 upper tier Councils are at risk of bankruptcy.</p> <p>Can the Leader please give up to date figures/estimates on</p> <p>a) The costs Bolton Council has so far incurred or committed as a direct result of dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic;</p>

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					<p>b) The Government grants given or firmly promised to Bolton Council to deal with the Covid 19 pandemic;</p> <p>c) The anticipated additional future costs to Bolton Council by changing methods of working or other pressures as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic;</p> <p>d) The anticipated future loss of income to Bolton Council as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. This to include (but not exclusively) lost business rates, lost Council Tax, lost Dividend from Manchester Airport, lost income from leisure and other facilities.</p> <p>Can the Leader confirm whether there is any risk of Bolton having to issue a section 114 notice or consider an emergency budget as a result of the pandemic?</p> <p>Will the Leader undertake to regularly update Council as the situation changes or becomes more clear?</p>
10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 16:05 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Ismail	Council Finances	<p>Since I became a Councillor in 2016, the Leader of the ruling group has informed the Council, at each Budget Meeting, of the burdensome pressures faced by the Council in terms of making cuts and balancing the books. Covid-19 has had a significant impact on all Councils, with some Councils facing bankruptcy.</p>

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					<p>Please can you confirm the current status of the Council's finances, and, in particular, confirm the following:</p> <p>(i) the total capital reserves that were held by the Council at the start of this Municipal Year which were the Council's own reserves as opposed to funds held on behalf of others;</p> <p>(ii) the release of the Council's capital reserves, if any, and the balance as at 15th July 2020;</p> <p>(iii) the total revenue reserves that were held by the Council at the start of the Municipal Year which were the Council's own reserves as opposed to funds held on behalf of others;</p> <p>(iv) the release of the revenue reserves, if any, and the balance as at 15th July 2020;</p> <p>(v) total cumulative Covid-19 related costs incurred by the Council to date, including details on any amounts which have not been, and will not be, reimbursed by Central Government;</p> <p>(vi) the reserves used to fund the Covid-19 related costs detailed at (v) above;</p> <p>(vii) anticipated Covid-19 related costs to the end of the Municipal Year, and how these will be funded, whether from capital and/or revenue reserves, please specify which revenue reserves; and</p>

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					(viii) subject to (i) and (vii) above, the current forecasted closing reserves for the Council as at the end of this Municipal Year, with a breakdown between capital and revenue reserves?
10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 16:05 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Ismail	Council Finances	<p>Please can you confirm:</p> <p>(i) the budgeted income for the Council for this Municipal Year, with a breakdown by capital asset class for investments and shareholdings, and a breakdown for the different revenue income streams; and</p> <p>(ii) the current projected outturn of revenue income for the Municipal Year, with a breakdown by capital asset class for investments and shareholdings, and a breakdown for the different revenue income streams?</p>
13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 11:12 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Zaman	Council Finances	<p>The Government has, to date, failed in its promise to ensure that local councils are not left out of pocket as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. In Bolton's case, the current estimate is a £39 million deficit to our budget. The solution to this situation rests with the Government.</p> <p>The people of Bolton and all members of the Council have a stake in the future finances of our Council, and need to be told the stark</p>

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					truth about the real possibility of service cut and job losses, therefore the time for confidentiality is over. Will the Leader of the Council commit to bring to the attention of all members of the Council the full scale of the financial crisis that this council is facing, and what measures the council intends to bring forward to ensure that we do not face a 'deficit budget' in 2021/22.
1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2020 10:24 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor McMulkin	Climate Emergency	<p>Following the resolution of this Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 with reference to declaring a climate emergency, I have had a number of meetings with Cllr Greenhalgh, Tony Oakman and Jon Lord which I thought were of a constructive nature. A plan was developed which would have been part of the public engagement across the Borough. However, the Covid-19 pandemic and its ongoing effects ruled out much of that plan.</p> <p>I would therefore like to ask Cllr Greenhalgh for his assurance that we will, at the earliest opportunity, reconvene those meetings and reassess how we can deliver on the climate emergency motion passed in August last year.</p>
10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 16:05 p.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing (Councillor Baines)	Councillor McMulkin	Covid-19 Cases Per Ward	The Government has disclosed to all Councils the granular detail for all Covid-19 cases. Please can the Executive Cabinet Member confirm the number of Covid-19 cases per Ward in the Borough?

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13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 01:30 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Brady	Basketball and Street Football Court in Old Station Park	In June 2016, permission was given to contractors to use the basketball and street football court in Old Station Park for a period of 12 months. The Leisure Centre was opened in December 2017 but to date, the court remains fenced off and unusable. Could the Executive Cabinet Member provide a date when the fencing and piles of construction materials will be removed, the basketball and street football equipment is replaced and the court made available again for a free outdoor amenity.
13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 01:30 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Wright	Public Gatherings	With the uncertainty about public gatherings due to Covid-19, could the Executive Cabinet Member advise is there any Bolton Council guidance for planning forthcoming events such as VJ Day on 15th August, or the Remembrance Sunday parades and ceremonies held around the borough and in Bolton Town Centre?
13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 08:37 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care (Councillor Morgan)	Councillor Veevers	Care Homes	With nearly 20,000 care home residents confirmed to have died with Covid-19, and estimates suggesting this number may in fact be even higher, there has been widespread criticism about a lack of PPE, testing and clear guidelines for the sector.

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					<p>Around 25,000 patients were discharged from hospitals into care homes without being tested for coronavirus.</p> <p>Agency staff were found to have spread the virus between homes, but a health department plan, published in April, mentioned nothing about restricting staff movements.</p> <p>All this considered, does the Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care support the assertion from the PM that “too many care homes didn’t really follow the procedures in the way that they could have”?</p>
13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020 08:37 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor McGeown	Free parking for NHS Staff	<p>The Leader of the Council will be aware of the government decision to allow free car parking for NHS staff at hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic to help them to avoid public transport.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council will also be aware of the government’s decision to terminate free parking for NHS staff.</p> <p>Will the Leader of the Council agree that there is substantial public support for NHS staff to retain their free car parking?</p> <p>Will the Leader of the Council agree to write to the relevant government ministers, including the Prime Minister, calling on the government to reverse this decision and to retain free parking for NHS staff?</p>

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13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 08:37 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Wilkinson	Home Working	<p>The Leader of the Council will be aware of the success of allowing people to work from home during the Covid crisis, for both local authorities and businesses. There have been additional benefits such as less travelling time and a positive impact on our environmental footprint.</p> <p>Can the Leader of the Council give any indication whether the council will allow home working to continue to help protect the health of employees and provide greater flexibility for them as long as council business can be completed satisfactorily?</p>



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13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 08:37 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport (Councillor Haslam)	Councillor Wilkinson	Cycle Provision	<p>The Executive Cabinet Member will be aware of the government's decision to award additional cycle funding for the provision of sheltered cycle parking at Horwich Parkway station of nearly £35,000 and at Bolton train station for £66,000.</p> <p>The Executive Cabinet Member will also be aware of the question I asked last year about the removal of cycle provision at Bolton station from platforms 2, 3 and 4 which had been funded by government grant. Can the Executive Cabinet Member give details of the new cycle provision and give any assurances that this will not be more government funding wasted?</p>
13th July, 2020 10:21 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Flitcroft	Rock Hall in Moses Gate	In June, the Bolton News ran two stories on the condition of the once magnificent Rock Hall in Moses Gate Country Park. This is an emotive topic for Farnworthians and means so much to us that we included the hall as a priority in the 25 Point Plan Agreement.

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					<p>We are aware that several interested groups have come forward with business plans for Rock Hall and that to date none have been successful with their proposals.</p> <p>Can the relevant Executive Cabinet Member please give an update and advise on the steps that the Council is taking to ensure a successful outcome for Rock Hall?</p>
13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 10:21 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader (Councillor Cox)	Councillor Sanders	Regeneration of Farnworth Town Centre	Can the Deputy Leader of the Council please update the residents of Farnworth and Kearsley and fellow council members of the latest progress being made on the regeneration of Farnworth Town Centre?
13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 10:21 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Pattison	Digital Working	<p>The 25 Point Plan Agreement states a commitment to a full review of digital working and to explore agile working where welfare rights officers, universal credit advisors and other officers are available at designated hubs in outlying towns like Kearsley.</p> <p>In recent months, the council's response to the COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the relative ease and overall success of remote working.</p> <p>Therefore, can the relevant Executive Cabinet Member give any indication as to when this review may take place, and should a pilot scheme of agile working be trialled, can I request that Kearsley is considered in the first instance?</p>

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13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 11:40 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Greenhalgh)	Councillor Gibbon	Shopmobility	<p>Council will be aware of my support and concerns as to the demise of the Shopmobility service which for many years has served our town well, The service started to struggle before the Covid outbreak and staff where issued redundancy notices some time ago.</p> <p>Will the Leader agree to meet me and the Executive Cabinet Member to see what can be done to save and re adapt the service with a view to relocating it or helping to create a new type of service fit for todays climate in</p>

					the town centre or the interchange.
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<b>8. Questions/Comments under Standing Order 9(c)</b>					
13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020 08:37 a.m.	Council Summons	Question to the Spokesperson for Greater Manchester Police (Councillor Muslim)	Councillor Hayes	Speedwatch	<p>Speedwatch has been on trial in the Tonge area of Bolton with a view to rolling it out across the Borough. It seems to have been a success and popular with residents.</p> <p>Can the spokesperson please confirm that Greater Manchester Police supports the roll out of the scheme to other areas of Bolton and if so, how quickly will that be done?</p>
<b>9. Committee Proceedings</b>					
<b>Planning Committee</b> Motion to be moved by Councillor Walsh ( <b>See Section C</b> ).  <b>Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee</b> Motion to be moved by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough ( <b>See Section D</b> ).					
<b>10. Scrutiny Committees</b>					
Composite Motion to be moved by Councillor Silvester					
<b>(A) Place Scrutiny Committee (See Section E)</b>					

<b>(B) Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (See Section F)</b>					
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<b>(C) Joint Place and Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (See Section G)</b>					
<b>11. Items referred to Council from Scrutiny Committees</b>					
8 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Sherrington	Community Meals and Catering Services Review	<p>This motion is to call in the community meals and catering service review.</p> <p>This Committee agrees to refer the decision to full Council with a recommendation to reconsider its decision</p>
15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	Council Summons	Amendment	Councillor Morgan	Community Meals and Catering Services Review	That this Council notes the Cabinet decision following the review of the community meals and catering services for the reasons set out in the report.
8 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	Council Summons	Motion	Councillor Peel	Free Parking initiative in Bolton Town Centre	That the Council request that the Executive Cabinet Member rescind his decision to scrap the free parking initiative in Bolton Town Centre. Council notes that since 2013, when the scheme was introduced, shoppers and visitors to the town centre had increased hugely. Council therefore requests that a task and finish Policy Development Group be established that would examine the economic consequences on the retail sector, that charging would cause.

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14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	Council Summons	Amendment	Councillor Cox	Free Parking initiative in Bolton Town Centre	<p>The global Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on local economies across the globe and Bolton has been no exception. As we come out of lock down the Executive has to do all it can to within constrained resources to stimulate economic activity particularly in town centre's across the borough where many jobs are at risk.</p> <p>Included in this package of measures is to reverse previous plans to end free parking at weekends and to go one step further by extending the free parking at weekend scheme to cover every day of the week for up to two hours. Furthermore to maintain this scheme until the festive period parking scheme comes into force in November.</p> <p>Council welcomes the deputy leader's decision to reverse the called-in decision and requests that the deputy leader reviews this policy in the new year in the light of the prevailing economic data at the time and brings proposals to a future executive member meeting of the deputy leader early in the new year.</p>

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<b>12. Motions Under Standing Order No 4</b>					
(a)	Flooding at Prestolee, Stoneclough and Ringley Motion to be moved by Councillor Pattison				
(b)	Care Workers Vs Covid-19 Campaign Motion to be moved by Councillor Sherrington				
(c)	Northern Rail Franchise Motion to be moved by Councillor Wilkinson				
(d)	Building Safety Fund Motion to be moved by Councillor Silvester				
(e)	Use of Fireworks Motion to be moved by Councillor Veevers				
(f)	Neighbourhood Management Funding Motion to be moved by Councillor Peel				
(g)	Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review Ten Years On' Motion to be moved by Councillor Haworth				
(h)	Care Workers Pay Motion to be moved by Councillor Sherrington				

